SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK the second collection is for St. Patrick Seminary (ArchSF). Donate here.

NEXT WEEK there is no second collection.

Donate here to support our Charity Fund.
The charity fund is considered Restricted.

Bulletins by email or text:

text "B"
to 84576

stteresasf.flocknote.com/bulletins

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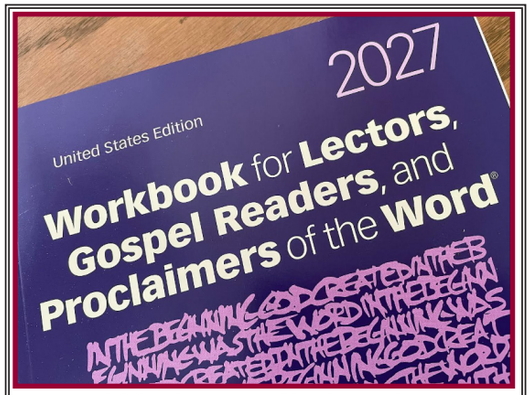
Online donation
Here are the two ways you can support St. Teresa's

OSV Regular

MEETING TODAY
In the Hall RE Room (follow the signs)

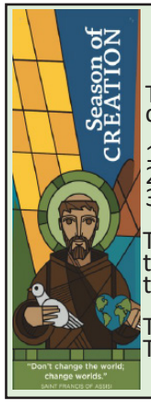
Help the Parish get back on Instagram

If you know who set up the Instagram for **@stteresasf** (yes, that's the parish's 'handle'), the Pastoral Council would like to fire it back up and link it to the parish's Facebook page. **please see anyone on the Pastoral Council and/or Father Gregory.**



2027 Lector Workbooks

The new Lector Workbooks for 2027 are available after Mass in the sacristy. If you are a parish lector, please pick up your workbook after Mass.



Season of Creation

The banners in the rotunda commemorate:

1) the year of Saint Francis,
2) the Season of Creation,
3) and Saint Francis' feast-day.

The quotation is Saint Francis' call that we do something (anything) to make the world a better place.

The banners will stay up until Thanksgiving.

Pope Leo XIV Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus, you conquered death without weapons or violence: you shattered its power with the strength of peace. Grant us your peace, as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning, as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear. Send forth your Spirit, the breath that gives life and reconciles, that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters. Inspire in us to trust in Mary, your mother, who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart,firm in the faith that you would rise again. May the madness of war cease and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still know how to bring forth, protect and love life.

Hear us, Lord of life!

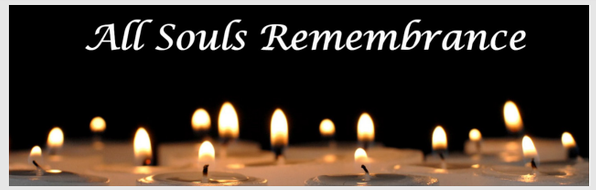


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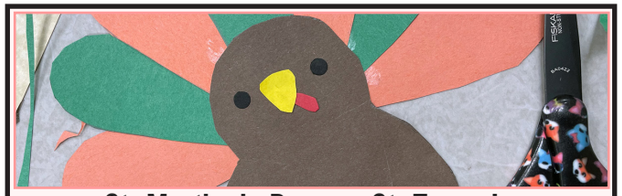
MISSOURI STREET and 19TH | SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

"Do not let your sins cause you to despair; God can make saints out of the greatest sinners." - St. Teresa of Avila

November 01, 2026 | Solemnity of All Saints



During the 10am Mass, November 1st, after the homily, we will commemorate the recently deceased of the parish.



St. Martin de Porres - St. Teresa's Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

Saint Martin de Porres House of Hospitality (16th and Potrero) is asking us to help with their Thanksgiving dinner for the unhoused. The Religious Education youngsters are decorating turkey artwork and these will be on the bulletin board next week. If you want to help with this food drive, take one home and follow the directions.

NOV 1

When: 11:30am (after the 10am mass)
Where: Downstairs – St. Teresa of Avila Room
How Often: This is the last of 6 sessions

Pope Leo's Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity)
ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TIME OF AI
Study Group



Commemorating our Beloved Deceased

Bring in a photograph of your deceased friends and family members. These will be on display by the baptismal font until the First Sunday of Advent (November 29)

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 4:15 pm | Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday—Friday 8:30am

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All Saints, All Souls, & All Hallows' Eve

Yesterday was Halloween, a celebration which, with its spirits, ghosts, and goblins, is decidedly "pagan". November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints, and on November 2nd – a Monday this year – we remember All Souls. The later two days are, obviously, religious in character. How these three days connected, and why they follow each other on the calendar, is the subject of this week's column.

Beginning with the religious feasts, All Saints' Day (November 1st) is, in a way, much like our American holiday of Veteran's Day. Just as we celebrate and honor all veterans (without naming names), so do we celebrate the "nameless saints" who are with God. From a Catholic perspective, a saint is anyone who has "made it" to heaven, and this group includes the "official saints" (who have been canonized by the Church), as well as the "unknown saints" (such as our relatives and friends) whom we hope and believe are with God. The unknown saints remain "nameless" only because they have not been officially canonized by the Church.

On All Souls' Day (November 2nd), we remember and pray for those who are in the process of becoming saints. In Catholic theology we have a doctrine of purgatory which, simply stated, refers to the time following death when the soul is purged or purified before entering the kingdom of heaven. Souls in purgatory are in transition between earthly existence and heavenly glory. When we pray for the dead, we do so with the intention that they might be delivered from purgatory and admitted to heaven. On All Saints' Day, we honor those who are already saints with God; on All Souls' Day, we pray for those who are not yet saints but who soon will be.

Christians have honored and venerated the dead (and the saints) since the earliest days of the Church. In first century Rome, for example, Christians gathered in the catacombs of the city, celebrating the Eucharist on tables that stood over the bones of Christian martyrs (this is the origin of the relics that are sealed in an altar at its consecration). During the liturgy, as part of the Creed, we confess our belief in the "Communion of Saints, and, in the Eucharistic prayers, we not only remember "those who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again," but also name "Mary, the virgin Mother of God, Joseph, her spouse, the apostles, martyrs, and all of the saints who have done your will throughout the ages."

The origins of Halloween – or All Hallows' Eve – are more difficult to pin down. In many non-Christian cultures there are feasts or festivals that focus on spirits and the dead. For example, in pre-Christian Great Britain there was a fall festival which saluted Samhain, the "lord of death," who was thought to gather together the souls of the year's dead. Similar festivals occurred in other cultures as well, and it is safe to assume that the Church "baptized" these celebrations, transforming them from pagan celebrations to religious feasts.

A custom that we have recently introduced at St. Teresa's is to commemorate the dead throughout the month of November. We invite our parishioners to bring photos of their deceased loved ones and arrange them around the baptismal font where they remain on display until the First Sunday of Advent. Additionally, we have a special commemoration for those who have died during the past year or have been buried from this parish. Their names are inscribed on a banner which is on display in the sanctuary throughout the month of November, and at the 10 o'clock Mass on the first Sunday of the month, we read their names aloud as we light candles in their memory.

-Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 31
04:15pm ✝ Judy Finelli-Thomsen
✝ Emmanuel V. Lee

Sunday, November 1
08:30am ✝ Paul Seibel
Sandra Seibel (Sp. Int.)
10:00am ✝ Sr. Patricia Mahoney, BVM

Monday, November 2
08:30am Paul Spruell (Sp. Int.)
✝ Emmanuel V. Lee

Tuesday, November 3
08:30am Sr. Laryn Kovalik (Sp. Int.)
✝ Emmanuel V. Lee

Wednesday, November 4
08:30am Rose Marie Ostler (Sp. Int)
✝ Emmanuel V. Lee

Thursday, November 5
08:30am Judi Daddio (Sp. Int.)

Friday, November 6
08:30am Geraldine McGrath (Sp. Int.)

Saturday, November 7
04:15pm ✝ Steven Joseph Diaz

Sunday, November 8
08:30am ✝ Francesca Lodolo Beltran
10:00am ✝ Fr. Peter Sammon

This Week At St. Teresa's

Sunday— 1 November
- 11:00am OCIA in the religious Education Room
- 11:30am Pope Leo's AI Encyclical Study Group.
- 07:00pm Rosary for Peace and Disarmament

Tuesday —3 November
- 7:00am - 8:00pm Voting in the parish hall (try to limit access to the hall to voters and election workers).

Wednesday—4 November
- Zoom Bible Study 7:30-8:30pm contact jvhphd@icloud.com for zoom link and info. Drop-ins welcome.

Thursday – 5 November
- Sitting for Peace - 12:00—1:0 0pm on City Hall Steps

Saturday – 7 November
- Yoga - 9:00AM in the Teresa of Avila room.
- Lay Carmelites - 9:30am - 4:00pm in the Hall
- Potrero Hill History Night - 5:30pm - 9:00pm at Pier 70 Building 12, 1070 Maryland Street. More info
- Physicians Organizing Committee Dinner Celebration - 6:00pm - 10:00pm in the hall.

ST. TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Plug-In or Balcony Solar

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 868 (the Plug and Play Solar Act), making plug-in balcony solar legal starting January 1, 2027 through January 1, 2030.

- Portable solar panels connect directly into a standard indoor or outdoor wall outlet without needing a complex rooftop installation.
- Systems are capped at a maximum of 1,200 watts of aggregated AC output per dwelling unit.
- Systems must carry a UL or equivalent national lab safety certification and include an automatic grid-down shutoff feature.
- The exemption from utility interconnection rules remains in effect until January 1, 2030
- Renters and homeowners can plug small solar kits directly into a standard indoor or outdoor three-pronged wall outlet to lower monthly electricity bills.

Resource: CalMatters (SB868)

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

A few weeks ago, a shooting at Silver Rail Elementary School in Bend, Oregon, took the lives of three children and a teacher. Two more people were critically wounded. It has reignited a familiar debate about gun violence and gun safety laws. Oregon has several gun safety measures in place, including universal background checks, a red flag law, and restrictions on ghost guns That doesn't mean gun safety laws don't save lives measured by their overall impact, not by whether they prevent every individual tragedy. Even when someone intervenes heroically during a shooting, that doesn't change the need to prevent violence before it starts. We cannot build a public safety strategy around hoping an armed bystander will be in the right place at the right time. And allowing more guns into schools and other public spaces can introduce additional risks rather than eliminate them. We need comprehensive gun safety laws, responsible firearm storage, effective enforcement, and sustained investments in violence prevention. We need to keep working even when the progress is difficult and the results aren't immediate.

VOTE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3

(The Parish Hall is a polling location from 7:00am - 8:00pm)