SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK There is no second collection

NEXT WEEK the second collection is for the Campaign for Human Development (ArchSF). Donate here.

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

OCIA

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.**



Walgreen's Flu Shots at Saint Teresa's
Sunday November 22 | 9:00am till Noon
Location: on the upper patio

If you'd like to receive a flu shot, there's a signup sheet in the lobby so Walgreen's can get an idea of the supplies needed.

Thanks to MaryKate (Geradine's daughter) who is bringing Walgreen's to Saint Teresa's to offer flu shots to everyone.

Shots are Free!



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!



Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Parish

MISSOURI STREET and 19TH | SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

"God accords great favor with anyone placed with good companions."
- St. Teresa of Avila

November 08, 2026 | 32 Sunday in Ordinary Time



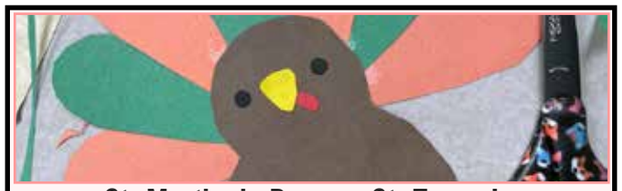
Pet Blessing Teamwork

The new rector of Saint Gregory's Episcopal Church, Rev Stephanie and Father Gregory teamed up along with Anarose to bestow 'Saint Francis of Assisi Pet Blessings' during the Farley's Pet Parade. Over 100 dogs, 1 cat, and 1 chicken were blessed.



Congratulations to Sister Laryn

Our heartfelt congratulations and prayers go out to Sister Laryn of the Verbum Dei sisters (who often attends the 10am mass). Sister Laryn professed Final Vows in the Verbum Dei congregation on Sunday (Nov. 1).



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

Next Sunday (November 15th) you'll find twenty turkeys on the lobby bulletin board. Each turkey, decorated by our RE youngsters, is a request from Saint Martin de Porres House for a frozen turkey. If you take a turkey bring back a frozen turkey next weekend. These will be roasted and served for the unhoused and poorer clients of Saint Martin de Porres House for their Thanksgiving dinner.



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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Reading Between the Lines in Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

"We would have you be clear about those who sleep in death . . . those who have died in Christ will rise first. Then we, the living, the survivors, will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air."
– 1 Thes 4:13, 16b-17

Since October 18th our second reading has been taken from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians. This letter bears the distinction of being the earliest writing in the New Testament. Dated as early as 46 AD, it was written within 15 years of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, and it predates the earliest Gospel (Mark) by at least two decades.

Before we get to today's reading from 1 Thessalonians, we should note that Paul never intended that his letters would be regarded as Sacred Scripture. Paul wrote them to address specific problems in specific communities, and here's how that came about.

When Paul went on his missionary journeys, he would establish churches in cities on the Mediterranean (Corinth, Philippi, Thessalonika, etc.). Once a Church was established, Paul would remain with that community for a period of time (a few months to a few years) until local leadership was in place. Once that was accomplished, Paul would continue his missionary activity and move on to another locale.

Not surprisingly, after Paul left a community, questions, issues, and problems would arise, and the leaders would write to Paul, asking what to do. Paul would write back, and it is these written responses (letters) that have been included in what is now the New Testament. We do not have the original letters written to Paul, but we do have Paul's responses. When we examine these responses, we can glean what questions were being asked.

Today's reading is fascinating because, by "reading between the lines," can conclude that the Thessalonians are concerned about what happens to those who have died. The question is not about heaven or hell; rather, it's about the fate of those people who die before Jesus returns! Between the lines we have an underlying assumption – made by both by Paul and the Thessalonian community – that Christ was expected to return in their lifetime! In fact, when Paul writes,

". . . we, the living, . . . will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord. . . ." ,

he is including himself among "we, the living." When 1st Thessalonians was written, Paul believed that he would be alive for the Second Coming of Christ, and in the early Church the assumption was made that the return of Christ was imminent.

Paul lives for about two decades following 1st Thessalonians, and during that time both Paul and the Church realized that Christ was not coming back in the immediate future. But when we "read between the lines" in First Thessalonians, we learn that not only does the earliest preaching expect the imminent return of Christ, but also that Paul believed that he would alive when that day came.

-Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, November 8
08:30am ✝ Francesca Lodolo Beltran
10:00am ✝ Mariano & Daniel Lee

Monday, November 9
08:30am Lolita & Dante Jacobe (Sp. Int.)

Tuesday, November 10
08:30am Rudy Villasenor (Sp. Int.)

Wednesday, November 11
08:30am Frank Kingman (Sp. Int.)

Thursday, November 12
08:30am Jeanne Burns (Sp. Int.)

Friday, November 13
08:30am ✝ James J Burns Jr.

Saturday, November 14
04:15pm ✝ Antonio & Ramona Lee

Sunday, November 15
08:30am ✝ Paul Seibel
10:00am ✝ Lawrence V. Galla

This Week At St. Teresa's

Sunday— 8 November
- 11:00am OCIA in the religious Education Room

Monday — 9 November
- 10:30am SVDP meeting

Tuesday — 10 November
- 7:00am Pastoral Council meeting in Avila hall.

Wednesday—11 November
- Zoom Bible Study 7:30-8:30pm contact jvhphd@icloud.com for zoom link and info. Drop-ins welcome.

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

Saturday – 14 November
- Yoga - 9:00AM in the Teresa of Avila room.
- After 4:15 mass gathering in parish hall

ST. TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Make Your Holiday Meals More Sustainable

As the holiday season begins, many of us look forward to gathering with family and friends around the table. Holiday meals are also an opportunity to make thoughtful choices that reduce food waste, packaging, and unnecessary resource use. A few ways to make a difference:

- Plan meals and shopping lists ahead of time to avoid buying more food than you need
- Serve smaller portions initially and invite guests to come back for seconds
- Share leftovers with guests or freeze extra food for later
- Compost appropriate food scraps instead of sending them to the landfill

Planning ahead and making the most of available food can help reduce waste while keeping holiday gatherings meaningful and enjoyable. **Resource**: U.S. EPA — Preventing Wasted Food at Home: https://www.epa.gov/recycle/preventing-wasted-food-home

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

A CATHOLIC PRIESTS TAKES TO THE STREETS

When it comes to gun violence in this country, I am guilty of a certain amount of defeatism. Reasonable gun control seems so far beyond the reach of political compromise that I rarely muster up the energy to get angry about what seems like a permanent state of futility. Of course, I am not alone. Gun control is rarely talked about these days, even in the run-up to tomorrow's election. The tragic (and familiar) shooting at an elementary school in Bend, Ore., just a few weeks ago, did little to change this state of affairs . For today's Cover Story, we are highlighting a different story, one that can serve as an antidote to defeatism. ***Since 2023, Father Mike Murphy, a pastor in Southwest Baltimore, has led a gun buyback program with the help of the Baltimore Police Department and with the support of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. According to John W. Miller, it is the only archdiocese participating in such a program. So far, they have collected about 1,500 weapons. That may not seem like much, given the scale of the problem. Indeed, this has been the criticism leveled at Father Murphy: Why even bother? Father Murphy responds with the kind of stubborn hope that all Christians should aspire to: "If we can save one life because a gun is taken off the street or out of somebody's house, it's worth it," he says.***

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