

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

WEEKDAY MASSES
 Monday—Friday 8:30am


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AAA 2026 - WE HAVE OUR TARGET
 We have received our goal for the 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal; namely, \$31,288. Yes, this is higher than the past few years, but this is based on our collections, and those have been strong last year. I'd rather not 'preach' this appeal, so I'm hoping that you can support this as you have in past years. **-Fr Greg**



Here are the two ways you can donate to St Teresa online



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SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK's second collection will benefit the St Teresa Society Charity Fund. Donate [here](#).

NEXT WEEK's Today's second collection for Catholic Home Missions provides financial assistance to underfunded rural dioceses throughout the United States. Here in California this includes the Diocese of Fresno and the Diocese of Stockton. Donate [here](#).


Welcome to St. Teresa of Avila's Parish Community

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us. Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish, we thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below, or complete the form on our website.


Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

New Parishioner New Address and/or phone On-Line Giving

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
 "For just as there are many mansions in heaven, there are many paths."
 – Saint Teresa of Avila
MAY 03, 2026
 The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Pope Leo's Prayer for Disarmament and Peace

Lord of Life, you shaped every human being in your image and likeness. We believe you created us for communion, not for war, for fraternity, not for destruction.

You who greeted your disciples saying, "Peace be with you," grant us the gift of your peace and the strength to make it a reality in history. Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy.

Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation. Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.

Lord, enlighten the leaders of the nations, so they may have the courage to abandon projects of death, halt the arms race, and place the lives of the most vulnerable at the center. May the nuclear threat never again dictate the future of humanity.

Holy Spirit, make us faithful and creative builders of daily peace: in our **hearts**, our **families**, our **communities**, and our **cities**. May every kind word, every gesture of reconciliation, and every choice for dialogue be seeds of a new world.

Amen

The lay organization, Communion and Liberation, will lead a rosary along with this prayer at 7:00pm today (Sunday) inside the church.

Please join us for the in-person "Sitting for Peace/Standing" for Justice on the steps of San Francisco City Hall this Thursday at 12PM.
<https://www.sfsangha.org/peace.html>


NAME TAG SUNDAY!
 INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW; AND FIND OUT THEIR NAME; AND GIVE THEM A BIG WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS. AND MAYBE SIT NEXT TO THEM DURING COFFEE-AND-DONUTS.

Follow Us

Each month Saint Teresa's features a parishioner in The Potrero View. Tell that parishioner you saw him/her in The View. Similarly, please "like" Saint Teresa's Facebook page. www.fb.com/stteresasf.

Eucharistic Ministers Workshop
 All the parish's Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers are invited and encouraged to attend a Workshop on Sunday, May 17th. We'll begin during coffee-and-donuts after the 10 o'clock Mass (and everyone can attend this part) and then move upstairs to the church. Deacon Chuck will assist.

Pope Leo has called on the Church to pray for peace and disarmament. Each Sunday evening at 7 o'clock throughout the month of May Sofia and Carlo will lead us in the rosary (kinda in an Italian style) and we will close with Pope Leo's "Prayer for Peace and Disarmament." In the church.



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Reading “between the lines” in the Acts of the Apostles

The normal pattern for the Sunday readings is the first reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, a psalm response, the second reading from the New Testament, an acclamation, and the Gospel. The lectionary follows this pattern on virtually every Sunday of the year, as well as on every major feast . . . except during the Easter season. For the seven weeks of Easter, the first reading is taken, not from the Hebrew Scriptures, but from the *Acts of the Apostles*.

The Evangelist Luke wrote the *Acts of the Apostles* as the “companion book” to his Gospel. Written about 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, Acts describes the “missionary period” of the early church. This 30-year period begins with the Ascension/Pentecost event (about 33 AD) and ends with the deaths of Peter and Paul (about 64 AD).

Luke’s writing in *Acts* gives us a “window” into the early Church, but it is important to note that, in Luke’s window, the Evangelist always “puts the best face forward.” In both his Gospel and Acts, Luke tries to portray the early Church as a harmonious community free of tension and strife. Essentially, Luke controls the narrative and refuses to “air the dirty laundry.”

Nevertheless, by “reading between the lines” we are able to reconstruct situations and gain insight into the early Community and Church. For example, in today’s reading Luke describes a “problem” concerning widows, some who are Greek and some who are Hebrew:

“. . . the ones who spoke Greek complained that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food, as compared with the widows of those who spoke Hebrew.” (Acts 6:1)

Luke’s “solution” to the problem is the appointment of seven men who will see that food is distributed in a fair and equitable manner. The way Luke tells the story, the issue surrounding the distribution of food gives rise to a ministry which will evolve into the diaconate.

But if we “read between the lines” there is another way to look at the story. If Hebrew and Greek widows were treated differently, does this not mean that discrimination and prejudice were present in the early Christian community? Is there a distinction between “Jewish Christians” and “Gentile Christians?” In today’s reading, Luke’s narrative gives us an unintentional and inadvertent glimpse into a situation that, perhaps, might be considered an embarrassment for the early church. It suggests that the early church experienced tension, division, conflict, and strife regarding Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians.

I think that most Christians naively assume that the early church was “one big, happy family.” In today’s reading – as well as in other sections of Acts – we can “read between the lines” and recognize that even the “ideal early church” experienced growing pains as it expanded, developed, and evolved (we see this in today’s reading regarding the distribution of food). But we also see that, as the Word of God continued to spread and “the number of disciples in Jerusalem enormously increased,” there arose a need for the expansion and development of ministry. This resulted in the appointment of seven men “acknowledged to be deeply spiritual and prudent” to attend to this task. This “new ministry” eventually became the diaconate.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm

MASS INTENTIONS

*As we celebrate Mass together we
include
in our prayers:*

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| 4:15pm | Saturday, May 2
<u>Joseph Constantano(Spc Int)</u> |
| 8:30am | Sunday, May 3
<u>Vincent Mokrani(Spc Int)</u> |
| 10:00am | † <u>Alfonso Talmadge & June Ottoboni</u> |
| 8:30am | Monday, May 4
† Diana & Peter Lodolo |
| 8:30am | Tuesday, May 5
† Mary Ellen Healy |
| 8:30am | Wednesday, May 6
† Walter Maxwell Miller |
| 8:30am | Thursday, May 7
<u>St Teres of Avila Parish(Spc Int)</u> |
| 8:30am | Friday, May 8
† Raymond McGrath |
| 4:15pm | Saturday, May 9
<u>Joseph Constantano(Spc Int)</u> |
| 8:30am | Sunday, May 10
† June Ottoboni |
| 10:00am | † Alfonso Talmadge |

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

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[Homicide/Murder/Unintentional/DGU 1 4,013](#)
[Mass Shootings 2 126](#)
[Mass Murders 2 7](#)
[Number of Children \(age 0-11\) 1 Killed 70 Injured 130](#)
[Number of Teens \(age 12-17\) 1 Killed 262 Injured 734](#)
[Officer Involved Incident 1 Killed 17 Officer Killed or Injured Injured 98](#)
[Officer Involved Incident 1 Killed 462 Subject-Suspect Killed or Injured Injured 226](#)
[Defensive Use 2 263 Unintentional Shooting 2 398](#)
[Murder/Suicides Incidents 2 167](#)

Gun violence and crime incidents are collected/validated from 5,000+ sources daily – Incident Reports and their source data are found at the gunviolencearchive.org website.
Data Sources Verified: April 25, 2026

This Week at Saint Teresa

- Sunday – 3rd May**
- 7:00pm Rosary
- Monday – 4th May**
- 6:30pm Choir Practice (church)
- Tuesday – 5th May**
- 5:30pm Green Team Meeting
- Wednesday – 6th May**
- 10:30am Gun Safety Team Meeting
- 7:30pm Online Scripture Study (Google Meet)
- Thursday – 7th May**
- 12:00pm SVDP Food distribution(Lower Hall)
- 12:00pm Sitting for Peace (City Hall)
- 7:30pm YAC Bible Study
*To attend by Google Meet, please email Deigo, dvill079@ucr.edu, and he will send you the link
- Saturday – 9th May**
- 9:30am Yoga (Avila Hall)
- Sunday – 10th May**
- 7:00pm Rosary

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ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

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**Everyday Choices, Real Impact:
Lowering Your Personal Footprint**

Addressing climate change can feel overwhelming—but daily habits make a measurable difference. Small shifts in how we eat, move, and consume can significantly reduce emissions over time.

Try starting with:

- Eating more plant-based meals during the week
- Choosing walking, biking, or transit for short trips
- Reducing food waste by planning meals and storing food properly

Consistency matters more than perfection. When sustainable choices become routine, they create lasting impact without added stress.

Resource: <https://www.drawdown.org/>