ST TERESA’S GREEN TEAM
Easter is a time to celebrate Jesus rising from the dead after a terribly painful and ignoble death. The empty tomb and living Jesus represent a symbol of the possibilities of individuals rising from their own depressions and small psychospiritual deaths into a renewed sense of Christ’s spirit of hope and joy within them. As Pope Francis said in Laudato Si’, “Jesus reminded us that we have God as our common Father and that this makes us brothers and sisters. Fraternal love can only be gratuitous... This same gratuitousness inspires us to love and accept the wind, the sun and the clouds, even though we cannot control them... Saint Therese of Lisieux invites us to practice the little way of love, not to miss out on a kind word, a smile or any small gesture which sows peace and friendship... In the end, a world of exacerbated consumption is at the same time a world which mistreats life in all its forms.” Let us remember that Pope Francis interwove care for the environment into the moral values at the heart of Christianity. We cannot consistently care for humanity and be indifferent to the environment within which God has placed us.

ALL CHILDREN (toddlers-12 yrs.) are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt after the 10am Mass!

ST. TERESA’S WILL OBSERVE EARTH DAY ON APRIL 28TH WITH A SPECIAL LITURGY. ON THAT DAY, WE ASK THAT YOU BRING YOUR OWN MUG TO COFFEE & DONUTS.

RCIA
Welcome to the newest members of our community who were initiated or completed their initiation at the Easter Vigil:

Amare Ferrey
Michelle Fishberg
Ryan Kennedy

ADULT CONFIRMATION
Adult Confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, at the 11:00am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. Any adults who need to be confirmed should see Fr. Michael Kwiecien. A reminder: in order to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor you need to be Confirmed.

REGISTERED . . . ?
Are you a registered parishioner? If not, please take a moment to go to our website: stteresasf.org and fill out the registration form.

We use this information to keep our parishioners informed of events in the parish & diocese that affect our community. This information is never shared outside of the parish office. We rarely send out more than one email per month.

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We welcome you to St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church Served by the Carmelites

APRIL 21, 2019
EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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Website: stteresasf.org

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

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am

MARRIAGE
Please call six months in advance.

BAPTISM & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

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Welcome to St. Teresa’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.

Name: __________________________ Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________
Address: _________________________ City: ________________ Zip: ________________
☐ New Parishioner ☐ New Address ☐ New Phone
☐ Send Sunday envelopes ☐ On-Line Giving

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SECOND COLLECTIONS.

April 20 & 21
There are be no second collections this weekend.

April 27 & 28
Next week’s second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Do you know that there are special Children's Bulletins available in the vestibule every week? There are 2 versions available: for ages 3-6 or for ages 7-12. There is also a link to on-line games, etc. on most bulletins.

Parish Calendar
Sun, Apr 21 - No Faith Formation
- Easter Egg Hunt, 11am, Church
Mon, Apr 22 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall
- Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Church
Tue, Apr 23 - SVDP Sandwich Tuesday
9am, Parish Kitchen
- SVDP Grocery Distribution
1pm, Hall
Wed, Apr 24 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sat, Apr 27 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sun, Apr 28 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

The Mass Intention book for 2019 has many dates available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

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WHY DOES THE DATE OF EASTER CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR?

Last year we celebrated Easter on April 1st. This year, Easter falls on April 21st, and in 2020 we celebrate Easter on April 12th. Why does the date of Easter change from year to year, and how is the date calculated?

Three things determine the date of Easter: Passover, the spring equinox; and the full moon.

In Jesus’ day, thousands of Jews made the pilgrimage from the diaspora to Jerusalem to celebrate Judaism’s most important feast in its most sacred city. During Passover, the population might double or triple in size, and it is entirely possible that many pilgrims were included in the crowds that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. From the Scriptures we learn that the Last Supper, Crucifixion, and Resurrection took place during Passover.

The Passion accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke describe how Jesus instructed the disciples to secure the “upper room” so that he could eat the Passover Meal with his disciples. At this Last Supper, Jesus irrevocably transformed the Passover Meal into the Eucharist: the Bread and Wine of the Passover became Christ’s Body and Blood of the New Covenant. Jesus was arrested later that same evening. On the next day, before sundown, he was tried, convicted, crucified and buried. From the origins of Christianity, the Passion and Death of Jesus has been linked to Passover, which is why Christians celebrate Holy Week at the same time that the Jewish community commemorates Passover. Easter is linked to Passover, but why do the dates of Passover and Easter change from year to year?

In the Jewish calendar, Passover is connected to the first full moon after the spring equinox. Christianity follows this practice, and the Council of Nicaea (325 CE) established the date of Easter as the first Sunday following the first full moon following the spring equinox. What does this mean?

• Because the spring equinox is March 21st, if there is a full moon on that day then the earliest possible date for Easter is March 22nd. The last time that this happened was in 1818 when there was a full moon on Saturday, March 21st. Easter was celebrated on March 22nd, and this will not happen again until the year 2285, a span of 467 years!
• In 1943 there was full moon on Saturday, March 20th... which meant that the first full moon after the spring equinox would not be until Sunday, April 18th. That year, Easter was celebrated on Sunday April 25th – the latest possible date – and this will not happen again until 2038.

The situation is further complicated by which calendar is used. The Orthodox Churches follow the Julian Calendar, whereas the Latin Churches (i.e., Roman Catholic) follow the Gregorian Calendar. What does this mean? Well, it usually means that the Orthodox Churches celebrate Easter one week later than the Western Churches... except for every four years, when Easter falls on the same date for the Latin and Orthodox Churches.

Confusing? For an astronomer, no; for the rest of us, yes. That is why there are tables, charts, and calendars that we consult to find out the date of Easter, leaving the calculation of the actual date to the astronomers and mathematicians.

The date of Easter shapes the entire liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday is forty days before Easter, and Pentecost follows fifty days after Easter. Easter determines how many Sundays of Ordinary Time (i.e., green vestments) fall between the Easter Season and the First Sunday of Advent, as well as how many Sundays of Ordinary Time there are between the Christmas Season and Ash Wednesday.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.