We Welcome You To
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
Served by the Carmelites

APRIL 28, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER

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(CHURCH)
LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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Website: stteresasf.org

ST TERESA’S GREEN TEAM
Have you heard the news? - St. Teresa’s parish building is ENERGY STAR certified! ENERGY STAR, a free U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) program, is the only energy-efficiency certification that is based on actual, verified energy performance. Earning this certification means that the St. Teresa’s parish building performs better than 75% of similar buildings nationwide.

There are currently only two ENERGY STAR certified churches in San Francisco, one of which is St. Teresa’s of Avila.

WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO..."”
• our Liturgists for the many hours of preparation given by them to provide us with very beautiful and meaningful Liturgies during Lent & Easter;
• our musicians and choir for the beautiful music and our ushers and devoted laity for providing their time and gifts;
• those responsible for transforming our church into a wonderful environment in which to celebrate; and
• that special someone who donated all the beautiful lilies, tulips & azaleas.

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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Help Us Celebrate Earth Day at St. Teresa’s!
If you are able to join us for coffee and donuts after Mass, please enjoy some fresh fruit and make sure that the scraps go into the compost bin! A friendly reminder, all coffee cups, juice cups, napkins, and left-over donut crumbs are compostable and shouldn’t be sent to the landfill. Bonus points if you bring a reusable coffee cup!

Parish Office Hours
The Parish Secretary, Stephani, will be on vacation April 30—May 3. The Parish Office will be open during that time, but with limited hours. Please call before coming to the office. Phone messages and emails will be checked on a daily basis.

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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St. Teresa’s Mission Statement
As members of St. Teresa’s Parish we fulfill our baptismal commitment by being the hands and heart of Christ in our world. We achieve this commitment by accepting the human dignity of all persons, and by advocating for and serving those oppressed in our society.

The community of St. Teresa’s finds its strength to fulfill this through participation in the Eucharist, prayer, learning the building of relationships, and action for Justice.
As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

April 27 & 28

Officially, last Monday, April 22nd, was Earth Day. But since last Sunday was Easter, we’ve moved our Earth Day Liturgy to this weekend. Ironically, today’s Gospel focuses on the doubting Thomas, and a strange component of our political discourse is a debate as to whether global warming and climate change are real. We hear about climate change deniers on the local, national and global scale, and we may take comfort in the knowledge that we believe in the science that informs us of the ever-increasing effects of human activity on our ecosystem.

Today, perhaps more than ever, we are each called to challenge our own beliefs, habits and practices. Pope Francis, through the encyclical, Laudato Si, calls us to be stewards of the planet that we inhabit. Earth Day challenges us to act, asking what within us still resists fully embracing our climate reality. What further evidence or experience do we need before taking additional, meaningful steps to decarbonize our lives? In our action, how do we become environmental role models for our family, friends, and broader spheres of influence? How does the doubting Thomas show up in our lives, even if subtly and under the surface? Earth Day raise such reflective questions, reminding us that as stewards of creation we are responsible to God.

As a parish, St. Teresa’s has been responding to the challenges put forth by Pope Francis in Laudato Si. The most visible response has been the installation of solar panels for the parish office and priory. And, on a weekly basis, our bulletin announcements remind parishioners what small things can be done to combat the degradation of our environment.

We are asking for your help in developing additional responses to the pope’s challenge. We are looking for some activity that goes beyond our parish boundaries and involves working not only in our Potrero Hill community, but also, perhaps, with other like-minded people beyond our parish borders. Our response would address two major concerns of the encyclical— the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor— and would involve environmental work and social justice issues. Possible activities might include:

- An event that brings in others in community to share ideas and resources for improving our environment
- A joint activity involving other religious groups who share our vision that working for a better environment is part of our calling as religious people.
- A study/action group that regularly meets to discuss the Pope’s encyclical and how we might respond to it.

As part of Earth Month, we celebrate our common call to be stewards of this earth, leaving the world a healthier place for our children and grandchildren. We ask you to consider what you think the parish should be committed to in the ongoing effort to respond to the challenges put forth by Pope Francis in his encyclical. You can make your suggestions known by contacting the parish’s Green Team (GreenTeam@stteresasf.org), which has a weekly spot in the parish bulletin.

- Stephen Miller, Gail Kendall & Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

Parish Calendar

Sun, Apr 28 - No Faith Formation
Mon, Apr 29 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall
-church Practice, 6:30pm, Church
Tue, Apr 30 - SVP Sandwich Tuesday
9am, Parish Kitchen
-SVP Grocery Distribution
1pm, Hall
Wed, May 1 - AA Meeting, 7:30am, Avila
-AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sat, May 4 - Lay Carmelite Meeting
10am, Avila
-AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
-Chamber Music Concert
8pm, Church
Sun, May 5 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

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: _______________________ Cty: ______________ Zip: _ _____________
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