We Welcome You To
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
A Warm, Welcoming, Inclusive Faith Community
Served by the Carmelites

AUGUST 25, 2019
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)
LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
We are in need of volunteers to serve as either Bread or Cup Ministers at all weekend Masses, but especially for the 8:30am Mass. All training will be provided at Mass. Below is a brief description of the duties:

Eucharistic Ministers are divided into Cup and Bread Ministers. You can volunteer for either or both.

Commitment:
- Bread Minister #1 arrives about 20 minutes ahead of Mass
- All other ministers report to Bread Minister #1 before Mass
- Greet the assembly as they leave Mass
- Help put away the cups, bowls etc.
- Find your replacement if you will not be at your assigned Mass

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Eucharistic Ministers

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St. Teresa’s Green Team
Learn how to make your very own compost! The backbone of every healthy garden, compost improves all soil types and can be the difference between success and failure with many plants! The SF Department of Environment hosts classes that teach you how to make compost in your backyard, and introduce you to worms that make their own special fertilizer. Come learn what you can do to improve your garden and prevent organic waste from ending up in the landfill! Visit their website for more information: gardenfortheenvironment.org/workshops

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS
RCIA is the process where new members are incorporated into the Church. The preparation takes nearly a year, beginning in the Fall and culminating at the Easter Vigil with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, please have that person contact Fr. Mike Kwiecien or the Parish Office. The Easter Vigil is on April 11, 2020 and we’d like to begin the catechumene as soon as possible!

F I T H
FORMATIONS
We have begun making preparations for the upcoming Religious Education programs.

Letters/emails will be sent out to parents of students enrolled in the programs last year. For families new to our programs, forms will be available in the vestibule.

PLEASE return all forms and payments to the Parish Office, either by mail or by dropping in the collection basket.

We encourage all parents to register early. Please note the parish expectation that parents and guardians participate in our Sunday Eucharistic celebrations and attend a number of our class sessions. The parents are the primary teachers and we are your helpers.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHURCH CHOIR
The St. Teresa 10:00am Choir is looking for new members. All who have sung in the choir in the past are welcome (and encouraged!) to join us. Those who have never been in the choir and have been interested in becoming a choir member are also encouraged to join. We will be starting up with weekly rehearsals at the beginning of September. No experience required. The choir meets on Mondays (subject to change) evenings starting at 7:00 p.m. For further information, please contact:
Laura Flaviani
St. Teresa Parish Music Director
(415) 386-2722
lflaviani@pacbell.net

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

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

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

PARISH OFFICE / MAILING ADDRESS
HOURS—10:00AM TO 4:30PM
390 Missouri St, San Francisco, CA 94107
Phone: 415.285.5272 Fax: 415.285.8510
E-mail: info@stteresasf.org
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Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ Zip: _______________ Email: ___________________________
City: _______________ New Parishioner: ___________________________
____ New Address and/or phone: ___________________________
□ Send Sunday envelopes: ___________________________
□ On-Line Giving: ___________________________
In July, 2010, Father Greenwell and I arrived at St. Teresa’s. Within a month of our arrival, Sr. Maureen informed us that, on the last Sunday in August, we would be honoring the Madonna della Guardia.

As a cradle Catholic, I am no stranger to Marian Feasts, and, as a liturgist, I know that virtually every Christian country and culture has its particular Marian feast. In Poland, it’s Our Lady of Czestochowa; in Mexico, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Portugal celebrates Our Lady of Fatima, and in France it’s Our Lady of Lourdes. But until I arrived at St. Teresa’s I had never heard of Madonna della Guardia. I was familiar, of course, with LaGuardia Airport in New York, but it seemed unlikely that the Madonna della Guardia was in any way connected with either the airport, the city of New York, or its former mayor.

The celebration of her feast evolved into an annual parish tradition, which we celebrate at St. Teresa’s this weekend.

Mary appeared to Benedetto Pareto August 29th, 1490, and next Thursday marks the 529th anniversary of the apparition. At this week’s 10:00 Mass we will have a brief devotional service as part of the liturgy.

If you would like more information about the Madonna della Guardia, there exists both a website (http://www.santuarioguardia.it) and a magazine (la Guardia). A word of caution, however: both the website and magazine are in Italian! If you don’t speak the language, a better alternative might be to approach one of the elder, Italian members of our parish community who could, perhaps, provide information as to the origins and history of the Madonna della Guardia tradition at St. Teresa’s.

Michael Kwicien, O. Carm.