We Welcome You To
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
A Warm, Welcoming, Inclusive Faith Community
Served by the Carmelites
SEPTEMBER 29, 2019
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PASSENGERS
Cardinal William J. Levada, Archbishop Emeritus, died on September 25 at his home in Rome, Italy. Services will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Mary. Visitation will be held on October 23, from 5-7pm, with a Vigil Service to follow. Funeral Mass will be at 10am on October 24.

EUGARISTIC 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

Please speak with one of the Eucharistic Ministers at your Mass to volunteer, or call the Office.

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: ___________________ Zip: ___________ Email: __________________________
City: _______________ Phone: __________________________

GRIEFSUPPORTGROUPS AT UCSF MISSION BAY
Spiritual Care Services at UCSF Mission Bay will be offering two different 8 week support groups in the coming months:

Learning to live with the loss of a loved one: This group is specifically geared to those who have experienced the death of an adult loved one. Group will meet on Wednesdays, starting October 16th and running through December 11th. These meetings will be held on the Mission Bay Campus from 5:30—7:00pm.

Grief Support Group for Parents: This group is specifically geared to parents who have experienced the death of a child. Group will meet on Thursdays, starting November 21st. There will be no meeting on November 28th, December 26th or January 2nd.

Both groups are open to all and offered FREE OF CHARGE.

For more information, please see the flyers posted on the bulletin boards in the church vestibule or hall.
In today’s first reading the prophet Habakkuk laments:
How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen!
I cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not intervene.
Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?
Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord.

— Habakkuk 1:2-3

Many of us may share this sentiment as we observe the frequent and severe weather patterns in our ever-changing climate. So much of our nightly news focuses on weather: droughts, high winds, heat waves, wetter rainy seasons, intense hurricanes and wildfires. As we observe this, we, like Habakkuk, ask where God is in this crisis. Why does God let such a scary and dangerous cycle play out? Why are we living in a violent climate era, and what can we do to stem the tide of destruction that we see playing out before us? As is so often the case, we only have to look at ourselves to find agency for taking corrective action. God can show us the path forward, but it is up to us as individuals with free will to choose to act accordingly.

On Saturday, October 5th, St. Teresa’s parish hosted a workshop to explore how people are working in coalitions to respond to our climate challenge and how we can support and join their efforts. The Saturday morning gathering in the parish hall included a series of presenters, each with unique perspectives. Sister Jane Remson, from the Carmelite NGO, spoke on her work at the United Nations as part of the international response to climate change. Whitney Larsen, co-leader of the San Francisco chapter of Citizen’s Climate Lobby, offered a presentation on her group’s efforts to introduce legislation that will reduce carbon pollution quickly and on a large scale. Liore Milgrom-Gartner, a Bay Area representative for Interfaith Power and Light, offered a presentation highlighting efforts to support coalitions of faith-based organizations in order to help repair the environment.

On this weekend we celebrate St. Francis, and it’s appropriate that we spend time raising our collective awareness and engagement around caring for our earth. To read about the California Conference of Catholic Bishops’ approach to the environment, follow the link to the website:
https://www.cacatholic.org/common-home

The St. Teresa Parish Green Team welcomes your ideas for ways that our faith community can come together to care for our community and our planet. We have a “virtual meeting” via conference call on the first Tuesday of each month. If you would like to participate, please reach out to us at GreenTeam@stteresa.sf.org.

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