We Welcome You To
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
Served by the Carmelites
FEBRUARY 3, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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$1,597
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MASS INTENTIONS
As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, February 2
4:15pm † Kathleen Groeper

Sunday, February 3
8:30am The Deceased of the Parish
10:00am The People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 5
8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, February 8
8:30am † Jake Boos
Saturday, February 9
4:15pm † William J. Burns

Sunday, February 10
8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am † Dan Sullivan

SECOND COLLECTIONS.
February 2 & 3
This week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

February 9 & 10
There will be no second collection next week.

YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT!
St Teresa is currently working on a new website. If you have feedback on the current website or are interested in helping beta test the new website, please contact Victoria Michalchuk at VfMMichalchuk@gmail.com

The Mass Intention book for 2019 has 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.

WANTED: 100 pledges of $267

The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) helps fund the overall budget of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Over forty ministries, programs, and services benefit from this appeal, and these include not only parishes within the Archdiocese but also people who are unaffiliated with any parish or even with the Church. Beneficiaries include the Offices of Religious Education, Worship, and Youth Ministries, as well as the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal and the Archdiocesan newspaper, Catholic San Francisco. This year, the Archdiocese hopes to raise $6.865 million dollars.

This year, the assessment for St. Teresa's is $26,642, which represents about a 6% decrease over last year's assessment of $28,244. The word assessment is actually a misnomer because the assessment is really a tax. This means that if we don't raise $26,642 through pledges, the balance is "billed" to the parish and comes out of our operating account. Here are a few things to consider:

- Once we reach our assessed goal, we stop preaching about AAA until next year.
- 100% of funds in excess of the parish assessment are returned to the parish. In the past, these monies have been deposited into designated accounts, such as the windows, piano, or garden fund.
- All AAA contributions are tax deductible to the full extent provided by the law, and are eligible for matching funds if your business or employer has such a program.
- Monies contributed to AAA are used for funding the ministries and services of the Archdiocese. They are not used for legal fees or settlement costs incurred by lawsuits.
- You can spread your pledge over ten months (March through December) using the automatic debit feature (ACH) from your bank account. If you prefer, you can use your credit card to make ten monthly payments, or you may make a one-time gift. Check out the AAA online site (SFArch.org/AAA), or see the form provided in the brochure.

The Carmelites arrived at St. Teresa's in July, 2010, and in every year but one we have met our assessment. Last year, we had a total of 89 pledges, and all who pledged fulfilled their monetary commitment. This year, we are shooting for a goal of 100 pledges of $267 each ($266.42 represents 1% of the total assessment of $26,642).

Fr. Greenwell returns from vacation this week, and next weekend he will be speaking at all the Masses regarding the AAA. This week's column is kind of "prep" for next week's talk. In past years we have met our assessed obligation and have done so quite quickly. This year, Ash Wednesday is on March 6th, and it would be great not to preach about AAA during the six weeks of Lent. Let's try to conclude the AAA drive long before Easter.

Fr. Greenwell and I deeply appreciate the generosity of our parishioners; thank you in advance for your contribution and support.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.