We Welcome You To
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
A Warm, Welcoming, Inclusive Faith Community
Served by the Carmelites
FEBRUARY 23, 2020
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)
LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

AAA 2020—Week 2
Assessed Amount:  $28,868
Amount Pledged:  $11,570
Balance Remaining:  $17,298
We are at 40% of our goal! Thank you to all who have donated & pledged. Last year we had AAA wrapped up in 6 weeks (including pledges to be paid over the year) and received donations from 75+ parishioners/families. We would like to receive pledges from 100 people this year. So far we have received donations from 35 individuals/families.
Please check with your employer to see if they provide matching funds for charitable donations.
You can donate through the Archdiocesan website:  https://sfarch.org/aaa
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FIRST & SECOND COLLECTIONS
JANUARY
WEEKEND MASSES
First Collection $9,474
Building & Maintenance $ 969
St. Vincent de Paul $1,039

On-Line Giving
First Collection $3,115
Building & Maintenance $1,121
St. Vincent de Paul $ 290

COMBINED
Garden Fund $ 925
Solemnity of Mary $ 83
Church in Latin America $ 689

St Teresa's Green Team
Would you like to be a part of the movement led by Catholic youth and young adults making the moral call for climate action? In 2020, the Catholic Climate Covenant is launching the US Catholic Climate Project, an initiative to gather Catholic faithful from across our Church to make these calls this spring during the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day and 5th Anniversary of Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato Si’. For more information, please visit: https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/

St Teresa of Avila Church is an EPA ENERGY STAR® certified building.

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Address: ____________________________________________________________
City: __________ Zip: __________ Email: __________________________
□ New Parishioner □ New Address and/or phone □ Send Sunday envelopes □ On-Line Giving

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mass with Distribution of Ashes
12:15 pm & 7:30 pm

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

Baptism & Reconciliation
Tuesday 8:30 am Friday 8:30 am

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On-Line Giving
To make a one time gift, scan the QR code, scroll past the log in, click on Quick Give. To register for the program, scan the QR code and complete the log in, etc.

On-Line Giving

CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES LEELAND HOUSE RESIDENTS; OR PROVIDE COMPANIONSHIP
Bring sweets and birthday cards to celebrate the birthdays happening that month for formerly homeless residents living with chronic HIV/AIDS at Catholic Charities Leeland House in San Francisco.
Contact Volunteer Manager Carol Laughlin at CLaughlin@catholiccharitiessf.org or 415.972.1236 to sign up for the monthly celebration or to learn more.

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FEBRUARY 26th
Mass with Distribution of Ashes
12:15 pm & 7:30 pm
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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Together with Christmas and Easter, Ash Wednesday is, perhaps, the busiest day of the year. Rectory doorbells ring from morning till night, announcing parishioners who couldn’t make the Ash Wednesday service but are “stopping by” to receive ashes. The crowds at Ash Wednesday liturgies are often larger than Sundays, and any priest foolish enough to walk the streets wearing clerical garb will inevitably be stopped by those seeking ashes “on the fly”. A case can be made that receiving ashes is the most popular devotion among Roman Catholics — which forces us to ask, how did this devotion and practice develop? and why is it so popular?

The most prominent example of “wearing ashes” can be found in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the book of Jonah we read:

“... the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.” (Jonah 3:6)

In this passage, the king’s action was a direct response to the prophet’s call to repentance. In the Old Testament, it is well established that sackcloth and ashes were linked to public repentance for sin. The early Christian tradition incorporated this practice into its liturgical life.

As early as the second century, Christians who had committed serious sin performed public penance in order to be reconciled to the Church. On Ash Wednesday, the bishop blessed hair shirts that penitents would wear throughout Lent, and the penitents were then sprinkled with ashes made from burning the palms from the year before. These penitents were turned away from the Eden because of their disobedience — and were not readmitted to the assembly until Holy Thursday. At that time they received sacramental absolution and were welcomed once again at the Eucharistic Table.

This practice of sprinkling penitents with ashes gradually evolved into a liturgical practice whereby all the faithful were so marked. As people were being signed, the minister would say, “Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return,” language which focuses on the inevitability of death, proclaiming that only God can conquer death, resurrect our bodies, and give us eternal life. Note that this focus on the inevitability of death is significantly different from the original reason for ashes, namely, to call us to repentance and conversion.

Following the Second Vatican Council, the restored liturgy suggests different words when signing with ashes: “Repent, and believe the Gospel.” Notice that this option is more in tune with the ancient tradition of using ashes to emphasize repentance, conversion, and metanoia.

Ashes used in the Ash Wednesday liturgy are made by burning palms leftover from the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. On Ash Wednesday these ashes are blessed with Holy Water and incense before distribution to the faithful.

Catholics are not alone in their observance of Ash Wednesday. Worship services and the distribution of ashes are also held in Anglican, Lutheran, and other Protestant denominations.

Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, nor is the reception of ashes a sacrament. However, Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence, as are all Fridays in Lent.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 22 & 23
This weekend’s second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

February 29 & March 1
Next weekend’s second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Parish Calendar

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Mass Intentions

The book for Mass Intentions for 2020 has available Masses. If you would like to reserve a Mass for a loved one on a specific date, please call or email the Parish Office.