During lent, many people use fish as a substitute for meat-based meals. Do you know if your seafood is sustainable? To help consumers make better choices, the Monterey Bay Aquarium created a downloadable guide to help find sustainable seafood wherever you are. Check out seafoodwatch.org or download the Seafood Watch app to find out which seafood items are best choices, good alternatives, and items to avoid.

**St Teresa’s Green Team**

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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.

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MARCH 8, 2020
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1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)
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**LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS IN LENT**

Mass: 8:30am

Reconciliation & Adoration

March 24, 5—8 pm

**Palm Sunday**

Saturday Vigil, April 4: 4:15pm

Palm Sunday, April 5: 8:30 & 10:00am

**Easter Triduum**

Holy Thursday, April 9: 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 10: 12:15pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 11: 8:00pm

Easter Sunday,

April 12: 8:30 & 10:00am

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday Vigil

Sunday

**WEEDAY MASSES**

Tuesday

Friday

**MARRIAGE**

Please call 6 months in advance

**BAPTISM & RECONCILIATION**

Please call for an appointment

**PARISH OFFICE / MAILING ADDRESS**

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**AAA 2020—Week 5**

Assessed Amount: $28,868

Amount Pledged: $18,820

Balance Remaining: $10,048

We are at 65% 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 57 individuals/families. Please check with your employer to see if they provide matching funds for charitable donations.

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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:__________________________

City:_________________________ Email:_________________________

☐ New Parishioner ☐ New Address and/or phone ☐ Send Sunday envelopes ☐ On-Line Giving

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MASS INTENTIONS

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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 7 & 8
This weekend Sr. John of the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our Parish, giving us the opportunity to share their ministry to the elderly poor. The Little Sisters care for 86 elderly residents in ‘St. Anne’s Home’ in San Francisco and most of their financial support comes from the generosity of people like you. Any assistance you are able to give will be deeply appreciated. To learn more about their work, please visit: littlesistersofthepoorsanfran.org

March 14 & 15
There will be no second collection next weekend.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

MARCH 14 & 15

4:15 PM 10:00 AM
Lector: A. Rose 1 Lector: B. Doyle
Bread: E. Perea 2 Lector: S. Gomes
Cup: R. Ostler 1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Host: Volunteer 2 Bread: A. Schelstrate
3 Bread: J. Warnock
1 Cup: S. Miller

8:30 AM
Lector: D. Canzoneri 2 Cup: G. McGrath
Bread: R. Kingman Host: J. Warnock
Cup: S. Lang
Host: T. Lando

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.

Parish Calendar

Sun, Mar 8 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
Mon, Mar 9 - Choir Practice, 7pm, Church
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall
Tue, Mar 10 - AA Meeting, 7:30am, Avila
- SDVP Meeting, 9am, Hall
- SDVP Grocery Distribution 1pm, Hall
- Pastoral Council 7pm, Avila
Wed, Mar 11 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Hall
Sat, Mar 14 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sun, Mar 15 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
- Sandwich Sunday, 11am, Hall

The Feast of the Transfiguration is August 6th, but each year we also read the account of the Transfiguration on the Second Sunday of Lent. In today’s homily I'll go into greater detail as to why the Church has us read this text on this Sunday, but in today’s column I’d like to write about the Transfiguration as an example of a theophany.

Theophany is a Greek word which refers to the appearance of a deity to a human being. In today’s Gospel, Jesus is transfigured, and Peter, James, and John see the radiant figures of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. A modern example of a theophany would be Jesus’ appearance to Margaret Mary Alacoque (the Sacred Heart).

In the Judeo-Christian tradition, theophany takes on a more nuanced and refined meaning. In both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, theophany refers to the manifestation of God through an extraordinary sign, usually involving nature. A few Old Testament examples along these lines would include:

• The burning bush where God revealed himself to Moses (Ex 3:1ff)
• The pillar of cloud by day and fire by night which guided the Isrealites on the Exodus through the Sinai desert (Ex13:21–22)
• The thunder and lightning on Mount Sinai that occurred when Yahweh gave Moses the Ten Commandments (Ex 19:16–25)

The common element in these examples is that each describes an extraordinary event in nature which is interpreted as a manifestation of God. This concept of theophany is carried over from the Hebrew to the Christian Scriptures. Here are several examples from the New Testament:

• A star announced the Birth of Jesus and directed the Magi to Bethlehem (Mt 2:2)
• Jesus’ mysterious calming of the sea, which prompted the apostles to ask, “What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?” (Mt 8:23–27)
• The earthquake and the tearing of the sanctuary veil in two, events that took place at the moment of Jesus’ death (Mt 27:51)
• A voice from heaven proclaimed, at the Baptism of Jesus, “This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him.” (Mt 3:17)
• In today’s Gospel, the Transfiguration: Peter, James, and John see the radiant figures of Jesus, Elijah, and Moses

In a modern, secular world, what was formerly understood as a theophany might now be regarded as a coincidence, as there is a modern tendency to dismiss theophanies as something belonging to a more primitive and unsophisticated era.

Yet there is another way to look at these phenomenon. Theophanies challenge our scientific, rational approach to the world. They force us to look at the world “with different eyes”, with eyes open to wonder and mystery. Wonder and mystery properly belong to the realm of faith, and– through the eyes of faith – synchronous events are not “coincidences”. Instead, they are understood and interpreted as “signs” from God.

With respect to phenomenon such as the burning bush or the Transfiguration, these events are “outside” the boundaries of science, history, and reason. Such extraordinary phenomenon, which defy natural laws, can only be interpreted and understood through the eyes of faith.