We Welcome You To
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
A Warm, Welcoming, Inclusive Faith Community
Served by the Carmelites
MARCH 15, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT
1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)
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AAA 2020—Week 6
Assessed Amount: $28,868
Amount Pledged: $21,795
Balance Remaining: $ 7,073

We are at 75% 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 68 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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PARISH OFFICE / MAILING ADDRESS
HOURS—10:00AM TO 4:30PM
390 Missouri St, San Francisco, CA 94107
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PASSINGS
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A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Teresa’s on Friday, March 20 at 10:00am. It will be preceded by Visitation at 9:00am and a Rosary at 9:30am. Interment at Holy Cross will follow.

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PARISH RESPONSE TO COVID-19
Fr. Mike Greenwell has announced some common sense measures in light of concerns about the potential spread of COVID-19. These include having hand sanitizer & tissues available in the church, refraining from handshakes, offering only the Body of Christ during the Eucharist, refraining from holding hands during the Our Father, and suspending coffee and donuts after Mass. Additionally, Faith Formation classes have been cancelled for the remainder of the term. As a further precaution, we ask that business with the office be conducted by phone or email whenever possible.

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

WEEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am

MARRIAGE
Please call 6 months in advance

BAPTISM & RECONCILIATION
Please call for an appointment

PALM SUNDAY
Saturday Vigil, April 4:  4:15pm
Palm Sunday, April 5:   8:30 & 10am

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

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Tuesdays & Fridays in Lent
Mass, 8:30am
Reconciliation & Adoration
March 24, 5—8 pm

Palm Sunday
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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SAMARITANS

Today’s Gospel, taken from the 4th Chapter of John, is the story of the Woman at the Well. When Jesus asks the woman for some water, she responds, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?” The Evangelist informs us that “Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans”, and towards the end of the reading – when the disciples reproach – they, too, are scandalized by Jesus’ behavior. As modern readers, our question is simply this: Why were interactions with Samaritans considered so controversial and scandalous?

The answer lies in the geography and history of Israel. As you can see from the map, Jerusalem is in the South (near the Dead Sea) and Nazareth is in the North (near the Sea of Galilee). In order to travel between Galilee and Jerusalem one must pass through Samaria. So what’s the big deal? The answer to this question lies in Israelite History. A thousand years before Jesus, Saul united the Twelve Tribes of Israel into a single nation and became its first king. David succeeded Saul, and Solomon followed David. After the death of Solomon in 931 BC, the Kingdom divided in two, with Israel in the North and Judah in the South. And although both Kingdoms were Jewish, Israel and Judah had separate kings. Two hundred years later, the Northern Kingdom fell to the Assyrians (721 BC). This Northern Kingdom included the lands of Samaria and Galilee, and, over time, Jews in this region began not only to intermarry with the “foreigners” but also to worship their gods. These two things were a source of scandal to Jews of the time. As such, they were suspicious of Jews in the Mediterranean who spoke Greek instead of Hebrew, and they referred to Jesus’ homeland as “Galilee of the Gentiles” (Mt 4:15). When discussing Jesus, they made the cynical comment, “What good ever came out of Nazareth?” (Jn 1:46)

The interaction between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman scandalized Jews of Jesus’ day. This is evident in today’s reading when the woman herself is taken aback when Jesus initiates the conversation. Later in the reading, when the disciples return, they, too, are shocked when they find Jesus in deep conversation with this Samaritan woman.

In the Gospel of Luke we have the Parable of the Good Samaritan which, like today’s Gospel of the Woman at the Well, offended Jews of first century Judea. In today’s column I tried to supply a historical and geographical lens to frame the “Samaritan problem”. Given this background material, it is not hard to understand why any interaction or contact with Samaritans provoked a hostile Jewish response and also led to controversy regrading the ministry of Jesus.

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