

Soon, a priest came walking by. He saw the hurt man lying there, but instead of helping, he crossed to the side of the road and kept going. Next, a temple helper—a Levite—came by. He also saw the man. But he looked the other way and walked on. Then, someone else came down the road. He was a Samaritan. Now, Samaritans and Jewish people didn't usually get along. But this Samaritan didn't care about that. When he saw the man, his heart filled with compassion. He hurried to the man, cleaned his wounds with oil and wine, and bandaged them gently. Then, he lifted the man onto his donkey and took him to an inn. "Please take care of him," the Samaritan told the innkeeper. "Here is money for his stay. If it costs more, I will pay you when I come back."

Jesus looked at the man who had asked the question. "Which of these three was a neighbor to the man who was hurt?" Jesus asked. "The one who showed mercy," the man replied. Jesus said, "Go, and do the same."

The Lesson

Jesus wants us to be like the Good Samaritan. It doesn't matter where someone is from or what they look like—we are all God's children. When we see someone who is hurt or lonely or sad, Jesus calls us to help, to be kind, and to love with our whole hearts. Every time you care for others, you are loving Jesus too. Can you think of a way to be a Good Samaritan today?

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+ Patrick Mulderigg

10:30am + Patricia Wilkoff 4:00pm

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+ Richard Tanshi

Thursday 7/17 8:30am + MiriamRuth Hueftle

Friday

7/18 8:30am

Leo Baustian

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

July 19th & 20th, 2025

Saturday, 5:00pm: Gabe Barnes

Jack & Matt Durant, Sunday, 8:30am:

Gianni D'Amico

Sunday, 10:30am: Alana & Chase Grafe.

Easton King

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 5:00pm: Mary Jo Buettner, Claudia

Beckwith, Luciana Curtis,

Steve McCullough,

Suzanne Palacios, Nabih

Haddad

John Broumas, Laura Sunday, 8:30am:

> Tattershall, Anne Jones, Tamara Bernal, Bill Knapp

Sunday, 10:30am: Lori & Greg Belanger,

Steve Meis, Missy rawford, Mary Aguilar, Nabih Haddad

Lectors

Saturday, 5:00pm: Carol Stryker, Vern Psuty Tom & Cindy Fossum Sunday, 8:30am: 10:30am: Paul & Teri Musser Sunday,

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Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680)

Feast Day: July 14

Patron Saint of: ecology, the environment, Native Americans, and people in exile

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, often called the "Lily of the Mohawks," was born in 1656 in what is now upstate New York, to a Mohawk father and an Algonquin Christian mother. At age four, a smallpox epidemic swept through her village, claiming the lives of her



parents and younger brother. Kateri survived but was left with weakened eyesight and facial scarring.

Raised by her uncle, a Mohawk chief who opposed Christianity, Kateri encountered Jesuit missionaries in her teenage years. Deeply moved by their teachings, she converted to Catholicism at the age of 19 and was baptized on Easter Sunday in 1676, taking the name Kateri (from Catherine). Her choice to follow Christ was met with resistance and persecution from her community, leading her to flee to a Christian mission near Montreal, Canada.

At the mission of St. Francis Xavier, Kateri lived a life of deep prayer, penance, and care for the sick and elderly. She took a vow of virginity, dedicating her life to God. Known for her purity, humility, and devotion, she died at the young age of 24.

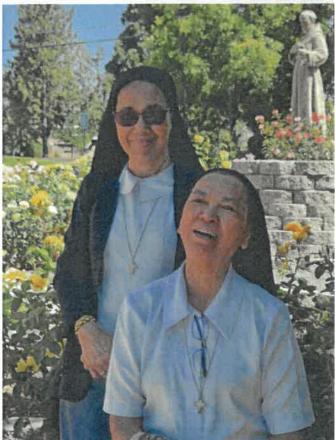
Witnesses reported that shortly after her death, the smallpox scars on her face miraculously vanished, and her face became radiant. Her holiness continued to inspire devotion, especially among Native and Indigenous Catholics.

Saint Kateri was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012, becoming the first Native American saint.

Legacy

Saint Kateri is a powerful symbol of faith, courage, and cultural identity. She is especially honored by Indigenous peoples and those who care for the earth. Churches, schools, and shrines across North America bear her name, and she continues to inspir those seeking a life of holiness and peace with nature.





More Graduating Altar Servers

Summer is always bittersweet at St. Teresa's because the Altar Servers which have been with us the longest, which have become part of the warp and woof of our lives in the parish, start leaving us for college or business pursuits. This summer we may lose two senior altar servers, Jimmy Huckins and Gabe Barnes.



Jimmy's picture goes here. Jimmy Huckins is one of the unflagging Huckins' clan, and especially with his brother Ricky could be counted on for daily Mass serving either at St. Teresa's or St. Joseph's. Jimmy was home-schooled, and has already left to try his hand at

Santiago Catholic Trade School, a very selective twoyear training program in the trades. Including the full range of construction, and heavy metals and automotive disciplines all provided in a consistent Catholic environment, with daily Mass offered. He will be back in August while he waits to confirm he has been accepted—and then off in September We all wish him well, but will miss him and hope that when he is home he will continue to serve Mass!



Gabe's picture goes here. Gabe Barnes has been serving at St. Teresa's since third grade, in St. Joseph's School and has just graduated from Christian Brother's High School in Sacramento. Gabe regularly serves the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, and special Holy Days Masses. Gabe has accept-

ed an offer from the University of Dallas in Irving Texas, and his Major is in Politics and Minor is Music.
Gabe's last Mass serving at St. Teresa's will have to be the Feast of the Assumption because classes start August 22. Gabe recently joined the local Knights of Columbus and plans to join the local chapter at U Dallas

during the school year in Texas, as well as the Univer sity's ministry team to continue altar serving at their daily Masses while going to school there. Gabe hope to be home for the Christmas, Easter and summer holidays, and we hope to see him still helping with Masses.

Altar servers are important in church celebrations especially in the Catholic and other liturgical Christia traditions, for several reasons:

1. They Assist the Priest and Deacons

Altar servers help with the practical aspects of the liturgy, such as carrying the cross, candles, incense, and sacred vessels.

This allows the priest and deacons to focus on the spiritual leadership of the celebration.

2. They Help Maintain Reverence and Order

By performing their duties with discipline and care, altar servers help ensure the Mass flows smoothly and reverently.

Their presence encourages a sense of solemnity and sacredness, enhancing the worship experience for the whole congregation.

3. They Represent the Community

Servers often include children or youth, which show the active participation of all ages in the life of the Church.

Their service is a visible sign of the laity's role in the Church's mission.

4. It's a Form of Spiritual Growth

Serving at the altar helps deepen the server's under standing of the Mass, the sacraments, and the litury

It often fosters a stronger relationship with God and sense of vocation or calling—sometimes even to the priesthood or religious life.

Saint Bonaventure (1221–1274)

Feast Day: July 15

Doctor of the Church

Patron Saint of: theologians, those with bowel disorders, and Franciscan educators

Saint Bonaventure was a 13th-century Franciscan friar, theologian, philosopher, and bishop, known for his wisdom, humility, and deep love for God. Born in 1221 in Bagnoregio, Italy, he was baptized as Giovanni di Fidanza. According to tradition, as a



child he was gravely ill but was miraculously healed through the intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi, after which he was given the name "Bonaventure," meaning "good fortune."

Franciscan and Scholar

Bonaventure joined the Franciscan Order in his early twenties and studied at the University of Paris, where he became a close contemporary of St. Thomas Aquinas. He eventually became a leading teacher and theologian, known for combining intellectual brilliance with deep spiritual insight.

In 1257, Bonaventure was elected Minister General of the Franciscan Order. He helped unify and spiritually strengthen the Franciscans during a time of internal tension and growing influence. His leadership was marked by humility, reform, and a strong return to the simplicity and spirit of Saint Francis.

Cardinal and Theologian

In 1273, Pope Gregory X appointed Bonaventure as a Cardinal and Bishop of Albano. Bonaventure played an important role at the Council of Lyon, which aimed to reunite the Eastern and Western Churches, though he died during the council in 1274.

He was canonized in 1482 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1588 by Pope Sixtus V, recognizing his profound contributions to theology and spirituality.

Legacy

Saint Bonaventure is often called the "Seraphic Doctor" because of the warmth and devotion found in his theological writings. He emphasized that true knowledge of God comes not only through study but through love and personal relationship with Christ. His works, such as The Journey of the Mind to God (Itinerarium Mentis in Deum), continue to inspire both scholars and believers.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, You speak to us and nourish us through the life of this church community. In the name of Jesus, we ask you to send your



Spirit to us so that men and women among us, young and old, will respond to your call to service and leadership in the church.

We pray, especially, in our day, for those who hear your invitation to be a priest, sister, brother, or deacon.

May those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call be encouraged and strengthened through our enthusiasm in your service. Amen.

Oración por las Vocaciones

Dios amoroso, Tú nos hablas y nos alimentas a través de la vida de esta comunidad eclesial.

En el nombre de Jesús, te pedimos que nos envíes tu Espíritu para que hombres y mujeres entre nosotros, jóvenes y mayores, respondan a tu llamado al servicio y liderazgo en la Iglesia. Oramos especialmente, en nuestros días, por aquellos que escuchan tu invitación a ser sacerdotes, religiosas, religiosos o diáconos. Que quienes están abriendo su corazón y su mente a tu llamado sean alentados y fortalecidos por nuestro entusiasmo en tu servicio. Amén.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Theme: "Go and Do Likewise"

This Sunday we hear one of the most beloved and powerful parables Jesus ever told: the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It begins with a question from a scholar of the law: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

It is a question that still lives in our hearts today. It's a question about heaven, about meaning, about what truly matters. And Jesus, as He often does, responds by



turning the question back to the man: "What is written in the Law?" The man answers well: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart... and your neighbor as yourself." But then he asks, "And who is my neighbor?" It's a clever question—one that tries to limit love. The man is essentially asking: Whom am I required to love? Who can I safely ignore?

So Jesus tells the story of a man beaten and left for dead on the road to Jericho. A priest passes by. Then a Levite. Both were religious men—respected, righteous by appearances—but neither stopped to help. And then comes a Samaritan. Now, this would have shocked Jesus' listeners.

Samaritans were despised outsiders, considered heretics by the Jewish people. But it is this man—an outsider—who is moved with compassion. He stops. He cares. He heals. He gives of his own money and promises to return. Jesus then asks the question: "Which of these

three was a neighbor to the man?" And the scholar answers, "The one who showed mercy." And Jesus responds: "Go and do likewise."

So What Does This Mean for Us?

First, being a neighbor is not about geography, but about mercy. A neighbor is not just the person who lives next door. A neighbor is anyone in need. The person who is wounded, forgotten, ignored, or rejected—especially the ones we are tempted to avoid or judge.

Second, Jesus is teaching us that love is not abstract—it is concrete.

It's not enough to feel bad for someone. The Samaritan didn't just say, "Poor man," and move on. He acted. He got his hands dirty. He gave of himself, his time, and his resources.

Third, this parable is not just a lesson—it is a portrait of Christ Himself.

Who is the one who finds us beaten and broken by sin? Who comes to heal our wounds, to carry us when we cannot walk, to pay the price for our healing? It is Jesus. He is the Good Samaritan of our souls. And He calls us to follow His example: to love as He loves, to see with His eyes, to act with His compassion.

Practical Questions

Who in my life right now needs mercy?

Am I willing to cross the road—to step out of my comfort zone—to help someone different from me?

Do I sometimes try to "limit" my neighbor, as the scholar of the law did?

Conclusion

The command is clear: "Go and do likewise." This is not just a moral suggestion. It is the path to eternal life. May we see Christ in the wounded around us—and may others see Christ in us, through our mercy, our compassion, and our love. Amen.

Announcements

1. A fellowship meeting to read and discuss writings related to our Catholic Faith will begin on August 12th at 7:00pm in the Beatitude Room. Details and contact information can be found in next weeks bulletin.

The Well-Read Catholic Reading Group at St. Teresa Parish. Come join fellow Catholics to share fellowship and great Christian writings. Everyone of any age is welcome to join us in reading and discussing selected classics of Christian literature, church documents, and other fun stuff related to our faith. Join Joseph and Anne-Martine Moore in the Beatitudes Room every 2nd and 4th Thursday starting on August 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Joseph and Anne-Martine Moore have led a number of reading groups over the last 4 decades, including at St. Francis Church in Concord, and the Chesterton Societies of both the Bay Area and Sacramento. We both love to read and talk about books, and love to share our Catholic faith!

Contact Joseph with any questions

jsmooremezzo@gmail.com, or text or call 925-595-0402

Examples of what we might read include:

- -The Writings of the Church Fathers
- -The Screwtape Letters
- -Recent Encyclicals
- -Fr. Brown Mysteries
- -The Writings of the Saints

And much more!

2. Class registration for Faith Formation and Sacramental Prep has begun and continues until September 1st. Be sure to stop by the parish office to pick up registration forms.

Vocations

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

This is an increasingly popular way to pray for vocations. Dioceses that do it are blossoming with seminarians and novices for religious life. This prayer can be done before the tabernacle in the church, or it can be done during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Many parishes have holy hours and other special times when people can come to pray before the monstrance. You can turn these occasions into valuable opportunities to pray for vocations. If your parish does not have organized prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, think about starting it (with permission from the pastor, of course).

Fasting for Vocations

Many people fast privately for a variety of causes: world peace, the welfare of their children, a special intention. Make vocations one of those intentions. Fasting can be a form of sacrifice for the good of others—in this case, the future of the church--and as such is a very powerful prayer before the face of Almighty God. It can take different forms: abstaining from meat either on Fridays or Wednesdays or both; just eating less or making do with simple foods; giving up doing something they enjoy.

Prayers of the Sick

Ask those who are sick to pray for vocations and offer up their sickness for this intention. By doing this the sick can become a powerhouse of prayer for vocations. A "sick person's prayer for vocations" can be found in the Parish's Vocations Committee binder. To get this prayer out to the sick, enlist the help of your ministers of the sick, assuming they are the ones visiting the sick every week. A sample letter, which a chairperson can send to ministers of the sick in the parish, can be found in the binder. Also included are sample vocation commitment cards. If priests visit the sick, ask them to give the prayer cards to the sick and seek their commitment to pray.

Dear Parishioners

Call for Volunteers – Church Cleaning and Grounds Work

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As stewards of God's house, we are all called to care for our church where we gather to worship, pray, and grow in faith together. Our parish is truly blessed with a beautiful church and grounds, and we are reaching out to invite your help in keeping it that way.

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with regular church cleaning on Monday morning and Saturday morning, which include tasks such as dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, and grounds maintenance anytime of the week which includes light gardening, trimming, and general upkeep. These small acts of service make a big difference in maintaining a welcoming and reverent environment for all who enter our parish.

Whether you are able to help weekly, monthly, or occasionally, your time and effort would be deeply appreciated. Families, individuals, youth, and seniors — everyone is welcome to lend a hand.

If you are willing to serve or would like more information, please contact the office at 530-889-2254 or fr_arbel @yahoo.com or sign up (sign up folder near the baptismal font) after Mass.

Let us work together, not just to maintain our physical church, but to reflect the care and devotion we have for the spiritual community we share. May God bless you for your generosity and willingness to serve.

In Christ's love,

Father Arbel

Enrolling children in catechism

classes can offer several benefits, especially for families who want to pass on their faith traditions. Here are some of the main reasons why it's considered good:

1. Faith Formation

Catechism classes provide a structured way for children to learn the fundamentals of the Christian (often Catholic) faith — such as the Bible, sacraments, prayers, and moral teachings.

2. Moral and Ethical Foundation

These classes often emphasize values like kindness, honesty, forgiveness, and responsibility, helping children develop a strong moral compass.

3. Sense of Belonging and Community

Children build friendships and feel part of a faith community. This helps them understand they are not alone in their beliefs and values.

4. Preparation for Sacraments

For Catholic families, catechism classes are essential for preparing children to receive sacraments like First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation.

5. Spiritual Growth

Children are introduced to prayer, scripture, and worship practices that can deepen their personal relationship with God.

6. Support for Parents

Parents are the primary educators of faith, but catechism classes provide support, structure, and resources to help reinforce that at home.

7. Lifelong Learning and Discipleship

Starting early helps lay a foundation for lifelong spiritual growth and participation in the Church.

If you're considering enrolling your child, it's also helpful to visit the program, talk to the catechists, and see how it aligns with your family's values and faith journey.

Forty Beds in Forty Nights

Karen and I have returned from our seven-week pilgrimage retreat to Spain and Portugal. We completed our six-week walk on the Camino to Santiago de Compostela on June 30 (forty beds in forty days). We then took a bus tour to Finisterre (the "end of the earth") before heading to Portugal.



We went to Fatima on Karen's birthday and participated in the nightly rosary and candlelight procession with a large crowd of pilgrims. We toured the Basilica in Fatima where the three shepherd children (Sr. Lucia, St. Francisco and St. Jacinta are buried in the side chapels. Francisco and Jacinta died during the Spanish Flu pandemic in 1919 and 1920 and were canonized in 2017. Sr. Lucia died at the age of 97 and is being considered for canonization.





We also went to the town of Santarém which is about an hour from Lisbon. Santarém is considered by many to be the second most important Eucharistic miracle site after Lanciano, Italy. This Eucharistic miracle took place in the 13th century when a consecrated host was stolen from a church and began to bleed. The host was returned to the church and placed in a reliquary which is contained in a tabernacle high above the alter of the Church of Saint Stephen (now called the Santuário de Santíssimo Milagre).



Two separate scientific tests were conducted in the 1970's and 1997. Both confirmed that the host had transformed into cardiac tissue and the blood was type AB+ which is consistent with the Lanciano miracle. We were allowed to view the reliquary, but we were not allowed to take a picture although images are available

on the internet.



We had previously visited another Eucharistic miracle site in O Cebreiro along our Camino route in June.

We believe that we have been spiritually refreshed as a result of our Camino experience, the many people we met along the way, our visit to Fatima and two Eucharistic miracle sites. It was indeed a "buen Camino".



Deacon John and Karen





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