

## YOU'RE INVITED!!

December 15th is the Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudate* Sunday. *Gaudate* means "Rejoice!", and it marks the half-way point of Advent. After the 8:30 am & 10 am Masses we invite you to the Parish Hall to "rejoice" with a catered breakfast of sausage, eggs, and pancakes (vegetarian/vegan options available). We promise plenty of food and fellowship, please join us.

## ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesdays in Advent 6:15pm  
Tuesdays & Fridays 8:30am

### Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:15 Family Mass  
9:00 pm Choir Mass, Caroling Prior

### Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am  
10:00 am, Caroling Prior



## ADVENT SOCK DRIVE

Sister Katie needs socks for her guests! The Circle of Light will begin its Advent Sock Drive next weekend. Socks must be **NEW WHITE** cotton men's socks, crew or tube style. If you cannot get out and shop, you are welcome to donate to the purchase of socks. Please talk to Judi Daddio, Mary Katherine Law or Lynn Jacklevich. It's a little thing, a clean pair of socks, but it means so much.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION**  
**November 23 & 24**  
**\$1,378**  
**THANK YOU!**

Make your Holiday shopping count. When you shop on Amazon.com – please go to [amazon.smile.com](http://amazon.smile.com) and choose San Francisco Safehouse as your recipient. By doing so your purchase will link a donation directly to this program. It is a great deal to be able to gift something for nothing – and you will be doing a great service to this wonderful program for women. If you do not know this non-profit – please visit them at [www.sfsafehouse.org](http://www.sfsafehouse.org)

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS UPDATE



Recently, two additional windows have been sent out for restoration. We need to raise \$4,000 to enable us to pay for this work without dipping into operating funds. Please see Fr. Greenwell if you would like to contribute.



This is the First Sunday of Advent and our "Giving Tree" Sunday. The names of children from The Lantern are on our tree and you are invited to choose one or more youngsters and be a Secret Santa. The tags include all the necessary information you need to choose your gift. **Please wrap the gifts, place the tag on them, and return them to church on or before December 14** so that the gifts may be delivered to the children before Christmas.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## DONATION ENVELOPES

The envelopes for those who are already enrolled in this program are available for pick-up in the back of the church.

If you do not currently have envelopes but would like to use them to keep track of your donations, please contact the Parish Office.

# WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

DECEMBER 1, 2013  
FIRST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT



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### OFFICE HOURS

10:00am to 12:30pm  
1:00pm to 4:30pm

Please visit our website:  
[stteresasf.org](http://stteresasf.org)

### SUNDAY MASSES

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

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 8:30 am  
Friday 8:30 am

### MARRIAGE

Please call six months in advance.

### BAPTISM &

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please call the Parish Office  
for an appointment.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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## 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.

## Parish Calendar

Sun, Dec 1 - No Religious Education  
 Mon, Dec 2 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
 Tue, Dec 3 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
 1:00pm, Sammon  
 Sat, Dec 7 - Lay Carmelite Meeting  
 10:00am, Avila  
 - AA Meeting  
 7:00pm, Sammon  
 Sun, Dec 8 - Religious Education  
 9:00am, Parish Hall

Please take a moment to read a wonderful message in the vestibule to all parishioners from our St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

### MASS INTENTIONS

*As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:*

#### Saturday, Nov 30

4:15pm The sick & troubled seeking Frederick Ozanam's intercession Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, Dec 1

8:30am The People of the Parish  
 10:00am + Rosalie Mae Rathbun

#### Tuesday, Dec 3

8:30am The People of the Parish

#### Friday, Dec 6

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

#### Saturday, Dec 7

4:15pm The People of the Parish  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, Dec 8

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish  
 10:00am + Rosalie Mae Rathbun

## SECOND COLLECTION

### November 30 & December 1

This week's second collection benefits the victims of the recent disasters in The Philippines. All monies raised will be directed to Catholic Relief Services for immediate use.

The second collection for our **Building & Maintenance Fund** has been moved to December 14 & 15 to accommodate this very worthy cause.

### December 7 & 8

Support elderly religious. A donor writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

### ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

Workbooks for the new Liturgical Year, which starts December 1st, are in the Ministers' Sacristy. Please note when you pick-up your book on the provided listing. Thank you!

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week November 30 & December 1

<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector:	D.B. Aikins	1 Lector: J. Alber
Bread:	J. Daddio	2 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Cup:	B. Noelke	1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp:	R. Jones	2 Bread: J. Warnock
	M. Perea	3 Bread: D. Tejada
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector:	S. Cabatic	2 Cup: C. Arett
Bread:	L. Foss	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup:	J. Marasco	
Hosp:	J. Propster	

## ADVENT: WE MIGHT WEAR PURPLE VESTMENTS BUT IT CERTAINLY IS NOT LENT!

I suspect that – for many Catholics – Advent is like Lent . . . only two weeks shorter! After all, many of the things that happen in Lent occur in Advent as well: we don't sing the *Gloria* or *Alleluia*; we wear purple vestments; and, in many parishes, there are penance services scheduled twice a year, the first during Advent and the second in Lent.

Despite such surface similarities, Advent and Lent are actually two completely different seasons. In Lent the focus is on fasting and penance. Originally, Lent was a 40-day fast in anticipation of Easter (which was then followed by 50 days of rejoicing between Easter and Pentecost!). The season took on a different flavor when it evolved into the *Period of Purification and Enlightenment*, a time when catechumens went through their final spiritual preparation before receiving the Initiation Sacraments at Easter. Finally, Lent became a period of penance, a time of metanoia when people took inventory of their lives, repented and confessed their sins, and prepared for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery at Easter.

Advent has a completely different tone from Lent. Instead of fasting and penance, Advent is about anticipation and longing. I'd like to suggest that, perhaps, the best analogy for Advent is the period of pregnancy. As a couple journeys through the nine months which will cumulate with the birth of their child, they experience a plethora of emotions. On the one hand, there is incredible joy and longing as they anticipate the birth. However, this joy and longing walks hand in hand with incredible anxiety and fear. Will there be complications with the pregnancy and birth? Will the child be healthy? And what about the child's future? Will the child's life be meaningful and fruitful, or will it be marked by suffering and sadness, tragedy and pain? During the nine months of pregnancy, parents vacillate between hope-joy and anxiety-fear.

Advent is like pregnancy. During the darkest, coldest time of the year – the winter solstice – we anticipate the Light of Christ, the Sun of God, coming into our darkened, sinful world. We anticipate and hope that the presence of Christ can and will make a difference, yet we also know "the rest of the story": that the life of Jesus will end in suffering, crucifixion, and death. The fact that this tragedy of death is triumphed by Resurrection does not diminish the tragedy. Hence, in the Paschal Mystery, we experience both sadness and joy. This is true for the life of Jesus; this is true for each of our lives; this is true for those waiting to be born.

As you can see, there is quite a bit of difference between Advent and Lent. In some of the non-Catholic Christian denominations – especially in the Anglican and Lutheran Churches – this difference is emphasized by a change in the color of vestments. During Advent midnight blue vestments are worn instead of purple, and this subtle color shift from purple to blue highlights the difference between these two liturgical seasons. Unfortunately, the Roman Catholic Church does not allow the wearing of midnight blue vestments.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

## Welcome to St. Teresa's Parish Community

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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

- New Parishioner       New Address       New Phone  
 Send Sunday envelopes       Send Monthly Donor Form       Moving—remove from mailing list