

AN INVITATION . . .

Please join with Parish Staff and your fellow parishioners for breakfast this Sunday, December 11th. This is the Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* means "Rejoice!", and it marks the half-way point of Advent. After the 8:30 am and 10 am Masses we invite you to the Parish Hall to "rejoice" with a catered breakfast of sausage, eggs, and pancakes. We promise plenty of food and fellowship, so please join us.

2011 AAA UPDATE

As of December 8:

Assessed Amount: \$26,600
 Amount Received: \$17,171 (64.6%)
 Additional Pledged: \$ 300 (1.1%)
 Amount Needed: \$ 9,129 (34.3%)

The 2011 Appeal is ending December 31st. *This is a great opportunity to receive a tax deduction for next year's taxes.* Remember, any monies not raised will need to be paid from our general funds.



All parents with children in pre-school and/or lower grades are encouraged to come to the 4:15pm Mass on December 24th, Christmas Eve. We are planning to have the children involved in the liturgy.

ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

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

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th 4:15* & 9:00 pm

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th 8:30 & 10:00 am

* Children & Family Mass

Thank You

to all of the generous parishioners who are participating in the Giving Tree. The children will be receiving their gifts at a party this week. Their parents all take classes in English, Computer, etc. at the Lantern program which is offered by the Sisters of the Presentation.



ADVENT SOCK DRIVE

Sister Katie needs socks for her guests! The Circle of Light has begun its Advent Sock Drive. 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.

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

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

DECEMBER 11, 2011 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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OFFICE HOURS

9:30am to 12:30pm
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Please visit our website:
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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.

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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 11 - Parish Breakfast, following 8:30 & 10am Masses
 - Good Shepherd & Faith Formation, following 8:30 Mass, Church
 - RCIA, 11:00am
- Mon, Dec 12 - Choir Practice, 7:00pm, Church
- Tues, Dec 13 - SVdP Grocery Distribution 1:00pm, Sammon Hall
 - Pastoral Council 7:00pm, Avila Hall
- Sat, Dec 17 - AA Meeting 7:00pm, Avila Hall
- Sun, Dec 18 - No Good Shepherd
 - No Faith Formation



Good Shepherd and Faith Formation classes do not meet during times when the public schools are on break. Parents will receive e-mail reminders to return to classes on January 8th, 2012.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, December 10

4:15pm Little Children's Aid
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, December 11

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Giuseppe & Maria Molinari

Tuesday, December 13

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, December 16

8:30am The People of the Parish

Saturday, December 17

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

Sunday, December 18

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Vincent Ceccarelli

SECOND COLLECTION

December 10 & 11

Retired religious need your support. By 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Please give generously to today's second collection. Most importantly, please remember in your prayers the more than 700 women and men religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

December 3 & 4

There is no second collection next weekend.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

December 3 & 4

First Collection \$ 1,460

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — November

First Collection	\$ 2,710
Building & Maintenance	\$ 904
Campaign for Human Devel.	\$ 447
All Saints	\$ 147
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 762

We are in need of Liturgical Ministers for the 4:15 pm Christmas Eve Mass and for the 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses on Christmas Day. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week December 17 & 18

4:15		10:00	
Lector:	A. Rose	1 Lector:	D.B. Bernstein
Bread:	J. Daddio	2 Lector:	R. Pitts
Hosp:	J. Burns	1 Bread:	J. Schelstrate
	R. Jones	2 Bread:	T. Mana
		3 Bread:	B. Robinson
Lector:	T. Lang	1 Cup:	C. Allen
Bread:	J. Newman	2 Cup:	R. Labuguen
Cup:	S. Lang	Hosp:	B. Cassidy
Hosp:	J. Propster		

The Callahan Window: The Expulsion from Eden

At St. Teresa's there are twelve windows in the main body of the Church. Beginning in the northeast corner, windows two through eleven focus on events in the life of Christ. Window twelve celebrates Christ the King, and window one illustrates the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden. The inscription, "She shall crush thy head and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel," is a reference to Genesis 3:15b: "He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel."

At first, the Adam & Eve window appears out of place, disjointed from the other eleven windows which focus on Jesus Christ. Yet a closer examination of this window reveals that there is indeed a link between the Fall (through the sin of Adam) and Redemption (through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus).

The key to this link lies in the inscription. The complete biblical text states: "I will put enmity between you (the snake) and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head while you strike at his heel." (Gn 3:15) In the biblical passage, *he* refers to *offspring*, and the author of Genesis is describing the interaction between Eve's offspring (human beings) and snakes. Snakes crawl on their bellies and strike at the heel; human beings fend off snakes and retaliate by using the heel to strike at the head.

Returning to the window, notice how the artist not only changes the biblical text (from "He will strike at your head . . ." to "She shall crush thy head . . .") but also has Mary the Mother of God crushing the head of the serpent! This illustrates both a particular interpretation of the Genesis account as well as a significant theological development regarding the meaning of the Genesis text. Because Jesus is both God and man he is a descendent of Adam and Eve; his mother, Mary, is a descendent of Adam and Eve as well. But to put Mary in the Garden, crushing the head of the serpent, is quite a stretch of the biblical text!

Before we get bent out of shape about artistic license, it is important to note that the images contained in the window represent not a historical rendition of the Genesis text but a *theological* interpretation of the Genesis story. This interpretation, developed by Christians over the centuries, understands the roots of salvation in the fall of Adam. This is the theological point that the window wants to make. The winged sphere with the word "God" is an interesting symbol, but the central dominance of the Marian image emphasizes not only the Catholic tradition of the centrality of Mary in Salvation History but also the significant role she enjoys in that same tradition.

Notice that Adam and Eve are leaving the Garden; they have been banished. The fact that they have covered their nakedness and have eyes and heads cast down (with Adam covering his face) conveys that they are aware of their transgression and are experiencing shame. The tree with its forbidden fruit is present in the upper right quadrant; notice, too, that there is also a snake coiled around the tree.

The window is dedicated to the memory of Julia Callahan. In searching through the parish records we were unable to locate a baptismal, marriage, or burial date. Any information you can provide about the identity of Julia Callahan or her family will be greatly appreciated.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.