

## ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Fridays 8:30am

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:15 Family Mass

9:00 pm (Choir); Caroling Prior to Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30am & 10:00am

Caroling Prior to 10:00am Mass

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Thank you to all who chose names from our tree! If you have not done so already, **please wrap the gifts, place the tag on them, and return them to church on or before December 11.** If you have not yet brought your gift to church, you may bring it to the hall during the Pancake Breakfast (ends approximately by noon), or to the Parish Office on Monday.

Thank you for your generosity – be assured you will be making a child very happy.



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

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

## DECEMBER 11, 2016 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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### OFFICE HOURS

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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

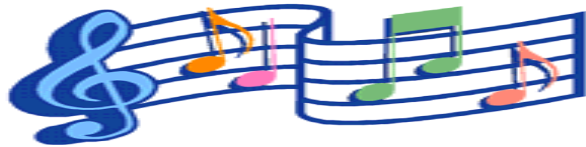
Please call the Parish Office  
for an appointment.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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**You are invited** to attend parishioner Therese Labuguen's piano recital this Sunday, December 11 at 3:00pm here at St. Teresa's. Come and enjoy listening to her students and members of the Labuguen family as well!

The **DONATION ENVELOPES** for those already enrolled in this program are available for pick-up in the back of the church. There are also envelopes for those who recently registered to receive envelopes.

Contact the Parish Office if you would like envelopes.

## ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

As the temperatures start to drop, rather than turning on the furnace, opt for grabbing a warmer sweater instead. Additionally, install draft stoppers in doorways or window sills that are prone to letting cold air inside. Not only will you save energy, but you'll save money as well.

## YOU'RE INVITED!!

December 11th 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 breakfast of sausage, eggs, and pancakes. (vegetarian/vegan options available)

We promise plenty of food and fellowship, please join us.

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

DECEMBER 3 & 4

\$1,758

THANK YOU!

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

We are in need of Liturgical Ministers for the 4:15 & 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses and for the 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses on Christmas Day. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

## 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.*

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

- 4:15pm **Saturday, December 10**  
† Giuseppe & Maria Molinari  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, December 11**  
† Vincent Cocciolone  
10:00am † Dory Yochum  
The People of the Parish
- 8:30am **Tuesday, December 13**  
† Phyl Fawsitt
- 8:30am **Friday, December 16**  
† Rafael Perez de Tagle
- 4:15pm **Saturday, December 17**  
† Mike Comaich  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, December 18**  
The People of the Parish  
10:00am † Francine Berry

**Parish Calendar**

- Sun, Dec 11 - Pancake Breakfast, 9am-noon  
- Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
- Mon, Dec 12 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
- Tue, Dec 13 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Hall  
- Pastoral Council  
7:00pm, Avila
- Sat, Dec 17 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Sun, Dec 18 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**December 10 & 11**

**Aging religious need your help.** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

**December 17 & 11**

Next week's second collection benefits the Carmelite Seminary Fund.



Due to the holidays and our Parish Secretary taking vacation time, the Parish Office will be closed December 21 — January 4

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week  
December 17 & 18**

<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector: A. Rose		1 Lector: R. Pitts
Bread: J. Burns		2 Lector: G. Femec
Cup: J. Daddio		1 Bread: G. McGrath
Hosp: L. Lechich		2 Bread: M.K. Law
		3 Bread: J. Warnock
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: K. Causey		2 Cup: Volunteer
Bread: P. English		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: R. Kingman		
Hosp: T. Lando		

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY**

*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!”*

– Philippians 4:4

*Gaudete* is the Latin word for *rejoice*, and the Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete Sunday*. This year – because Christmas falls on a Sunday – *Gaudete Sunday* marks the exact half-way point in the Season of Advent.

You may notice a few subtle differences in today's liturgy. In the tradition of the Church, the organ and flowers – normally not used during the Advent season and reserved until Christmas Eve – may be reintroduced on this day, and rose-colored vestments may be worn in lieu of the familiar Advent purple. Rose is the color of the third candle in the Advent wreath, and the hymn, *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*, is most appropriate for today's liturgical celebration. Why does the Church do this?

When we look at the history and evolution of the liturgical year, we note that, in the early Church, the major feast was Easter. Christmas did not appear on the liturgical calendar until about the fourth century, and, when it did, it was preceded by the season of Advent. Initially, Advent paralleled Lent in that it was a 40-day preparation for a major feast, and at that time Advent – like Lent – was a considered a penitential season. Originally, it began in November and lasted six weeks, a practice which still exists in parts of the Archdiocese of Milan.

Two things happened rather quickly. First, the Season of Advent was reduced from six weeks to four, and, secondly, the *tone* of the season changed. Whereas Lent was a penitential season that focused on prayer, penance, almsgiving, and fasting, Advent developed into a season of longing, both for the anticipated second coming of Christ at the end of time and the commemoration of his first coming with our celebration of his birth at Christmas.

You may have noticed that the season of Advent and the liturgical year are “out of sync” with the rest of the world. In the secular world, the new year is celebrated on January 1<sup>st</sup>, whereas the Church marks the beginning of the new year on the First Sunday of Advent (which this year fell on the evening of November 26<sup>th</sup>). In the secular world it seems that the Christmas season begins with Macy's Thanksgiving Parade and “Black Friday”, whereas the Church does not officially begin her Christmas celebration until Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>. The secular world looks at things in chronological order, but the Church seems to juxtapose that order: the Gospel for First Sunday of Advent focuses on the *second* coming of Christ, and it is not until three weeks later, on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, that we shift our focus to the *first* coming of Christ. We begin to tell the Christmas story on that Sunday, several days before the actual celebration of his birth on December 25<sup>th</sup>.

This weekend – the Third Sunday of Advent – marks the shift from Jesus' second coming to the first. For the first two weeks of Advent, the liturgy has focused on the future, second coming of Christ; in this, the third week of Advent, we shift our focus to the upcoming feast of Christmas. The readings begin to point to the imminent birth of Jesus, and next week – on the Fourth Sunday of Advent– the Gospel reading actually serves as a prelude to the Christmas Story. This shift in focus from Christ's second coming to the first is symbolized by the shift in color, music, and tone that we experience on this day.

In the spirit of rejoicing on *Gaudate Sunday*, it has been our recent custom in the parish to have a free pancake breakfast. We hope that you are able to join us downstairs after the liturgy.

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