

## 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

**Parking for all Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses will be available in the ACTCM parking lot. Enter on Connecticut Street between 19th & 20th Streets.**

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.

## 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.

Due to the holidays and our Parish Secretary taking vacation time, the Parish Office will be closed  
December 16 & 17  
December 23— January 1  
January 6 & 7

## AN INVITATION . . .

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, bacon, eggs, & pancakes. We will also have options for vegans. We promise plenty of food and fellowship, so please join us.

## NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO? CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO COUNSELING SERVICES CAN HELP!

Are you or a loved one feeling overwhelmed by stress at home or work? Grief? Job Loss? Family crisis? Addiction? Depression? Catholic Charities CYO's Counseling Services in San Francisco serve adults, children and couples who cannot afford to pay full fees charged by other providers. Our trained, professional therapists provide confidential services through an affordable sliding scale, according to each person's ability to pay. Services include individual counseling for adults and children, couples and families.

Please call 415.564.7882 if you have questions or to schedule an appointment. You can also visit [www.cccyo.org/sfcounseling](http://www.cccyo.org/sfcounseling)



Thank you to all who chose names from our tree! As a reminder, 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 15** so that the gifts may be delivered to the children before Christmas. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

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

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

DECEMBER 15, 2013  
THIRD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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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

Jim Schelstrate Judy Warnock  
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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 15 - No Religious Education  
 Mon, Dec 16 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
 Tue, Dec 17 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen  
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
 1:00pm, Sammon  
 Wed, Dec 18 - Mass, 6:15pm  
 Sat, Dec 21 - AA Meeting  
 7:00pm, Sammon  
 Sun, Dec 22 - Religious Education  
 9:00am, Parish Hall

### MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

#### Saturday, Dec 14

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

#### Sunday, Dec 15

8:30am + Clare & Clara Foss  
 10:00am + Giuseppe & Maria Molinari

#### Tuesday, Dec 17

8:30am + Ruben Madrid

#### Wednesday, Dec 18

6:15pm Intention of the Presider

#### Friday, Dec 20

8:30am + Emmanuel Madrid

#### Saturday, Dec 21

4:15pm + Anita Sorokolit  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, Dec 22

8:30am + Michele Foss, Ray Cooke, Paul  
 Beaumont  
 10:00am + Dan Sullivan  
 The People of the Parish

## SECOND COLLECTION

### December 14 & 15

The second collection this week benefits our Building & Maintenance Fund.

### December 21 & 22

There will be no second collection next week-end.

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

### December 7 & 8

**\$1,464**

### THANK YOU!

## MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — November

First Collection (Monthly Donors)	\$3,657
Building & Maintenance	\$1,645
All Saints/All Souls	\$ 234
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 648
Archdiocese for Military St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 995
	\$2,989

## Ministers Schedule for Next Week December 21 & 22

4:15 PM		10:00 AM	
Lector:	R. O'Connor	1 Lector:	J. Alber
Bread:	J. Daddio	2 Lector:	B. Doyle
Cup:	A. Rose	1 Bread:	R. Labuguen
Hosp:	L. Lechich	2 Bread:	K. Schelstrate
		3 Bread:	C. Galvez
		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	T. Lang	2 Cup:	J. Schelstrate
Bread:	J. Newman	Hosp:	K. Varandas
Cup:	S. Lang		B. Cassidy
Hosp:	T. Lando		

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner       | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address             | <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send Sunday envelopes | <input type="checkbox"/> Send Monthly Donor Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving—remove from mailing list |

## DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup>: THE "O" ANTIPHONS & O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL!

*"O come, O come, Emmanuel! And ransom captive Israel  
 That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!"*

Advent—Christmas: I love everything about this season. I love the chants, the carols, the readings, the colors, the wreaths, the smells, the lights, and the darkness. And, for as long as I can remember, I have been spellbound by the ancient Advent hymn, *O come, O come, Emmanuel!* The beautiful, e-minor plain chant has captivated me since I was a boy, and I suspect that many of you are also intrigued by this mysterious, haunting melody. I originally wrote this column last year, and we reprint it because I think you'll find the origin and history of the text to be as haunting and fascinating as the music.

The text is a setting of the *O Antiphons*, which are used in Advent Vespers from December 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. During this octave before Christmas the Advent liturgy undergoes a subtle and remarkable metamorphosis. The second Advent Preface – which we begin to use on the same day as the first *O Antiphon* (December 17<sup>th</sup>) – shifts the focus from the second coming of Christ at the end of time to the imminent celebration of Christ's first coming at Christmas. While this shift in focus takes place in the Mass of the Day, the Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) anticipates Christmas with the *O Antiphons*. The importance of these antiphons is twofold. First, each antiphon is a title of the Messiah, and secondly, each antiphon refers to a prophecy from the Prophet Isaiah.

Latin Word	Date	English Word	Hymn Verse (Scripture Reference)
<i>Sapientia</i>	Dec 17th	Wisdom	Wisdom from on high (Is 28:29; 11:2-3)
<i>Adonai</i>	Dec 18th	Lord	Lord of might (Is 11:4-5; 33:22)
<i>Radix Jesse</i>	Dec 19th	Root	Rod of Jesse (Is 11:1)
<i>Clavis David</i>	Dec 20th	Key	Key of David (Is 22:22)
<i>Oriens</i>	Dec 21st	Morning Star	Dayspring from on high (Is 9:2)
<i>Rex Gentium</i>	Dec 22nd	King	Desire (King) of nations (Is 9:6; 2:4)
<i>Emmanuel</i>	Dec 23rd	Emmanuel	Emmanuel (Is 7:14)

Notice that the *O Antiphons* end on December 23rd. This is because, in the Church, the day begins, not at dawn, but at sundown the day before. What does this mean? It means that we begin to celebrate Christmas at the Vigil Masses on December 24th, just as we celebrate the first Sunday liturgy at evening on Saturday night.

The exact origin of the *O Antiphons* is not known, but we think that they were developed in Benedictine monasteries. We do know that they may have appeared as early as the sixth century, and, by the eighth century, they were used in liturgical celebrations in Rome. In medieval times the usage of the *O Antiphons* was so prevalent in monasteries that the phrases "Keep your O" and "The Great O Antiphons" were common parlance.

On a final note: the Benedictine monks arranged these antiphons with a definite purpose. Referring to the above table, if one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one – Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia – the Latin words *ero cras* are formed, meaning, "Tomorrow, I will come".

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.