

ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesdays in Advent 6:15pm

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th

4:15 Family Mass

9:00 pm, Mass with Caroling Prior

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th

8:30am Mass

10:00 am, Mass with Caroling Prior

AAA UPDATE

As we approach the end of the year, could you please take a moment to complete any outstanding pledge you have made to our Parish's AAA Drive? Remember, any monies in excess of our assessment are returned to the parish.



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.

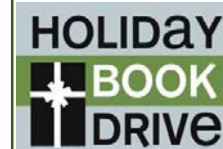
AN INVITATION . . .

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



Thank you to everyone who took a tag from our "Giving Tree". If you have not yet returned your gifts, you can drop them off at the Parish Office through Tuesday, December 18th. The gifts will be delivered to the children before Christmas.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



We will be collecting new and gently used books for the Reading Partners program at Flynn Elementary School in the Mission. Donation bins are set up in the vestibule and will remain until the New Year. Please help a child experience the world of joy & wonder reading can open up to them.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

DECEMBER 16, 2012
THE THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT



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OFFICE HOURS

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1:00pm to 4:30pm

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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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

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 16 - No Good Shepherd or Faith Formation
- Parish Breakfast
Following 8:30 & 10:00am Masses
Mon, Dec 17 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
Tue, Dec 18 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
7:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon
Wed, Dec 19 - Advent Mass, 6:15pm
Sat, Dec 22 - AA Meeting
7:00pm, Sammon Hall
Sun, Dec 23 - No Good Shepherd or Faith Formation

WEEKEND COLLECTION December 8 & 9 \$1,416

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
we include in our prayers:

Saturday, December 15

4:15pm + Giuseppe & Maria Molinari
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 18

8:30am + Frances M. Cheney

Wednesday, December 19

6:15pm The Sick of the Parish

Friday, December 14

8:30am The Canonization of
Frederic Ozanam

Saturday, December 22

4:15pm + Robert Burcina
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, December 23

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

SECOND COLLECTION

December 15 & 16

This will be no Second Collection this weekend.

December 22 & 23

This will be no Second Collection next weekend.

The Parish Office will be closed
December 22 through New Year's Day
We will re-open January 2, 2013
at 10:00am

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.

Donation Envelopes

Donation envelopes for the new Liturgical year are available for pick-up in the back of the church. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to request envelopes or enroll in the monthly donor program.

Calendars

Our St. Teresa of Avila calendars are available in the church. Please take one for yourself and some to give to others!!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week December 22 & 23

4:15		10:00 AM
Lector:	M. L. Green	1 Lector: J. Alber
Bread:	F. Patt	2 Lector: R. Bral
Cup:	M. K. Law	1 Bread: C. Arett
Hosp:	R. Jones	2 Bread: D. Tejada
		3 Bread: J. Warnock
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector:	J. Propster	2 Cup: E. Miller
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup:	J. Marasco	
Hosp:	T. Lando	

THE SHIFT IN THE ADVENT SEASON: GAUDETE SUNDAY

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! Indeed the Lord is near.
- Phil 4:4, 5 (the Introit for Gaudete Sunday)

Gaudete means rejoice, and the Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete Sunday*, so called from the first word of the Introit in today's Mass. *Gaudete Sunday* marks the approximate half-way point in the Season of Advent and there are 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 – are employed, and optional rose-colored vestments (instead of purple) are permitted on this day. 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?

Originally, the season of Advent paralleled Lent and began as a six-week, 40-day preparation for the feast of Christmas. At that time Advent – like Lent – was a penitential season, lasting six weeks and beginning in about mid-November. Over time the Season of Advent was reduced to from six weeks to four, but more importantly 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 anticipation, both of Christ's second coming at the end of time and in the commemoration of his first coming at Christmas.

You may have noticed that the Advent season is "out of sync" with the real world. The real world celebrates New Year's on January 1st; the Church's "new year" begins with the First Sunday of Advent, which this year was the evening of December 1st. In the real world the Christmas celebration seems to begin on "black Friday"; in the Church our Christmas celebration does not officially begin until December 24th. The real world looks at things in chronological order; the Church juxtaposes that order when Advent begins with the *second* coming of Christ (the Gospel of the First Sunday of Advent) and concludes with the *first* coming of Christ (the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas).

This weekend – the Third Sunday of Advent – marks the shift in focus from the second coming to the first. The first two weeks of Advent anticipate the future second coming of Christ; in the third week we shift our emphasis to the upcoming feast of Christmas. The readings for the Third Sunday point to the imminent birth of Jesus, and next week – on the Fourth Sunday – the Gospel reading actually begins 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.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.