



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 17.** 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.

ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Fridays 8:30am

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24th

4:15 Family Mass

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25th

8:30am & 10:00am

Caroling Prior to 10:00am Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Monday, January 1st

9:00am

While shopping this season, keep a look-out for inexpensive white athletic socks. We will have our annual **SOCK DRIVE** in January.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Still have some last minute Christmas shopping to do? Consider buying locally-made gifts to contribute to your local economy while reducing your carbon footprint. Also consider avoiding presents that use disposable items, such as batteries.

YOU'RE INVITED!!

December 17th is the Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudate Sunday*. *Gaudate* means "Rejoice!", and it marks the half-way point of Advent. After both 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.



We are in need of volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas. The more volunteers, the quicker we will be done. If you are available on Sunday, December 24, following the 10am Mass, please contact Dn. Chuck or the office.

2018 DONATION ENVELOPES . . .

are available in the back of the church. If you would like to be added to our Envelope Donor program, please contact the Parish Office.

If you would like the convenience of writing just one check per month, please contact the Parish Office to enroll in the Monthly Donor Program.

SANDWICH TUESDAY



The faithful sandwich makers will meet on Tuesdays, December 19 & 26 to make over 200 sandwiches each day for delivery to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter.

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.

We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites

DECEMBER 17, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- Saturday, December 16**
4:15pm † Edward F. Henke
The People of the Parish
- Sunday, December 17**
8:30am † Alberto Salvi
10:00am † Francine Berry
- Tuesday, December 19**
8:30am † Tyler Murray
- Friday, December 22**
8:30am † Tyler Murray
- Saturday, December 23**
4:15pm † Michael J. Comaich
- Sunday, December 24**
8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am † Giuseppe & Maria Molinari
4:15pm † Edward M. Henke
9:00pm † James J. Burns, Jr.

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Dec 17 - Pancake Breakfast
9am—12 noon, Hall
- NO Faith Formation
- Mon, Dec 18 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
- Tue, Dec 19 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Hall
- Young Adults Bible Study
7:00pm, Priory
- Wed, Dec 20 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- Sat, Dec 23 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Sun, Dec 24 - NO Faith Formation

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 16 & 17
There will be no second collection this weekend.

December 23 & 24
There will be no second collection next weekend.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

DECEMBER 9 & 10
\$1,284

THANK YOU!

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — OCTOBER

First Collection (Monthly Donors Only)	\$3,065
Building & Maintenance	\$1,674
St. Patrick's Seminary	\$ 721
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$1,054
Garden Fund	\$2,200
Piano Fund	\$1,210
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,451

Ministers Schedule for Next Week
December 23 & 24

	4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector:	Sr. Marie	1 Lector:	D. Churton
Bread:	E. Perea	2 Lector:	L. Jacklevich
Cup:	B. Noelke	1 Bread:	J. Schelstrate
Hosp:	R. Jones	2 Bread:	J. Warnock
		3 Bread:	M.K. Law
8:30 AM		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	D. Paquette	2 Cup:	G. McGrath
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp:	J. Warnock
Cup:	S. Siebel		
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 named after the first word of the Introit in today's Mass ("*Gaudete!*" = "Rejoice!"). *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 – may be 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 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 Saturday evening, December 2nd). In the real world, the Christmas celebration seems to begin on the day after Thanksgiving ("Black Friday"); in the Church, our Christmas celebration does not officially begin until December 24th. The real world looks at things in chronological order; in the Church, that order is juxtaposed: the Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent is always about the *second* coming of Christ, and, – about four weeks later – the Season of Advent concludes with the *first* coming of Jesus at Christmas.

This weekend – the Third Sunday of Advent – marks the shift in focus from the second coming to the first. For the first two weeks of Advent we have been anticipating the second coming of Christ; now, 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 of Advent – 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.

This enthusiasm and anticipation for the celebration of the Savior's birth is captured in today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah (Is 61:1-2a):

*"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to the brokenhearted,*

*to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the Lord
and a day of vindication from our God."*

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