



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

WEEKEND COLLECTION
DECEMBER 10 & 11
\$1,752
THANK YOU!

We are in need of volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas. If you are available on Wednesday, December 21, please come to the church after 11am. We expect to be done by 3:00pm.

SOCK DRIVE

Throughout the month of January, there will be baskets throughout the church and hall awaiting your donations of new, white athletic socks.

With the wet weather, a pair of new socks can make a huge impact on the lives of those without resources.

Won't you help us meet or exceed our goal of 2,000 pairs before the end of January?

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Are you dreaming of a green Christmas? St. Teresa's Green Team sure is! Every year the holidays bring additional waste and consumption. Think wrapping paper, toy packaging, elaborate meals, freshly chopped trees and seasonal lights. We can still celebrate the holidays while being mindful of how we do it. Some helpful tips include:

- Recycle holiday gift wrap or consider using reusable holiday gift bags
- Consider giving gifts that can be experienced, like tickets to a baseball game or a home-made dinner, where you can minimize wrapping.
- Recycle fresh Christmas trees after the season, to avoid them going to landfill and optimize their reuse as garden material.
- When decorating with lights, upgrade to the newer LED varieties, that use a fraction of the energy and can offer a greater choice of color patterns than traditional lights.

For more suggestions and background, visit: **Green Christmas Tips for an Eco-Friendly Holiday**

http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/12/1220_041220_green_christmas.html

ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Fridays 8:30am

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24th

4:15 Family Mass

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25th

8:30am & 10:00am

Caroling Prior to 10:00am Mass

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all who donated so generously to the kids on the Giving Tree. You brightened the Christmas of more than 100 children.

Thanks also to the elves – who worked to make this happen so smoothly!



WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



DECEMBER 18, 2016 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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.

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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:

4:15pm	Saturday, December 17 † <u>Mike Comaich</u> Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
8:30am 10:00am	Sunday, December 18 The People of the Parish † <u>Francine Berry</u>
8:30am	Tuesday, December 20 † <u>Ruby Sanchez</u>
8:30am	Friday, December 23 † <u>Elena Natividad</u>
4:15pm 9:00pm	Saturday, December 24 † <u>Edward Henke</u> † <u>James Burns, Jr.</u> Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
8:30am 10:00am	Sunday, December 25 † <u>Joyce Huddleston</u> † <u>Mike Comaich</u>

Parish Calendar

Sun, Dec 18	- Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
Mon, Dec 19	- Choir Practice, 6:30pm - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
Tue, Dec 20	- SVdP Sandwich Tuesday 9:00am, Parish Kitchen - SVdP Grocery Distribution 1:00pm, Hall
Sat, Dec 24	- AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sun, Dec 25	- NO Faith Formation

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: _____

<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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 17 & 18
This week's second collection benefits the Carmelite Seminary Fund.

December 24 & 25
Next week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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.

THANK YOU . . .

To Fr. Kwiecien, Anarose Schelstrate, and Deacon Chuck for organizing the wonderful parish breakfast last Sunday. A thank you also to the volunteers who helped with serving. And a Special Thank You to our anonymous parishioners, who donated most of the food served!

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week
December 24 & 25**

Special Sign-up for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

December 17th – 23rd: 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, yes, 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, 8th century Latin plainchant has captivated me since I was a boy, and I suspect that many of you are also intrigued by its mysterious, haunting melody. 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 as the Magnificat Antiphons in Advent Vespers from December 17th – 23rd. During this octave before Christmas the Advent liturgy undergoes a subtle and remarkable metamorphosis. The second Advent Preface – which we begin to use on December 17th, the same day as the first *O Antiphon* – shifts the focus from the second coming of Christ at the end of time to the remembrance of Christ's first coming at Christmas. This shift takes place in two places: first, in the Mass of the Day, and secondly, in the Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers).

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.

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

Notice that the *O Antiphons* end on the evening of December 23rd, not the 24th. That's because, for the Church, the day begins, not at dawn, but at sundown the day before. This means that, at sundown on December 24th, Christmas begins on Christmas Eve.

The exact origin of the *O Antiphons* is not known, but we think that they were developed in Benedictine monasteries. 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 in mind. Referring to the above table, start with the last title (*Emmanuel*) and move backwards, take the first letter of each title – **E**mmanuel, **R**ex, **O**riens, **C**lavis, **R**adix, **A**donai, **S**apientia. Notice that the acrostic spells out the Latin words *ero cras*. Translated, this means, "Tomorrow, I will come".

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.