

ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesdays in Advent 6:15pm

Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8th 9:00am

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

Lectors! The 2013 Lector Workbooks are in the Sacristy. All books are labeled with your name. Please pick up your copy before the new liturgical year begins on the weekend of December 1-2.



ADVENT SOCK DRIVE

Sister Katie needs socks for her guests! The Circle of Light will begin its Advent Sock Drive next weekend. 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.

YOU'RE INVITED!!

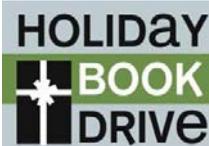
December 16th is the Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudate* Sunday. *Gaudate* means "Rejoice!", and it marks the half-way point of Advent. After the 8:30 am & 10 am Masses we invite you to the Parish Hall to "rejoice" with a catered breakfast of sausage, eggs, and pancakes. We promise plenty of food and fellowship, please join us.



Next week is the First Sunday of Advent and our "Giving Tree" Sunday. The names of children from The Lantern will be on our tree

and you are invited to choose one or more youngsters and be a Secret Santa. 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 by December 16th. 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.

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

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

DECEMBER 2, 2012 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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OFFICE HOURS

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Please visit our website:
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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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 2 - Good Shepherd & Faith Formation, 9:00am
Mon, Dec 3 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
Tue, Dec 4 - SVdP Meeting 9:00am, Avila
- SVdP Grocery Distribution 1:00pm, Sammon
Wed, Dec 5 - Advent Mass 6:15pm
Sat, Dec 8 - AA Meeting 7:00pm, Avila Hall
Sun, Dec 9 - Good Shepherd & Faith Formation, 9:00am

Donation Envelopes

The donation envelopes for the new Liturgical year are available for pick-up in the back of the church. We also offer a Monthly Donor program. Please contact Stephani in the Parish Office if you would like to request envelopes or need more information about/would like to enroll in the monthly donor program.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, December 1

4:15pm + Anne Marie Allio
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, December 2

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + Joanne Oja Knaapen

Tuesday, December 4

8:30am Daniel McFadden (Spec. Int.)

Wednesday, December 5

6:15pm The Sick of the Parish

Friday, December 7

8:30am + Frances M. Cheney

Saturday, December 8

4:15pm + Mark Dailey
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, December 9

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

SECOND COLLECTION

December 1 & 2

This week's Second Collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

December 8 & 9

Next week's Second Collection benefits the Retirement Fund for Religious. Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

November 24 & 25

\$873

Though our attendance has been slowly increasing, our weekly collections have continued to decrease. We are unable to cover our operating costs with the current level of contributions.

DIRECTORIES

We have received the new edition of the Archdiocesan Directory. There are copies in the vestibule for any who would like one.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week December 8 & 9

4:15

Lector: M. Elsea
Bread: J. Daddio
Cup: E. Perea
Hosp: R. Jones

10:00 AM

1 Lector: D. Aikins
2 Lector: B. Doyle
1 Bread: R. Labuguen
2 Bread: J. Warnock
3 Bread: M.K. Law

8:30 AM

Lector: T. Lang
Bread: R. Kingman
Cup: S. Lang
Hosp: T. Lando
1 Cup: C. Allen
2 Cup: S. Miller
Hosp: J. Warnock

ON THE HORIZON: ADVENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

This weekend marks the First Sunday of Advent, and in today's column I'd like to write about several activities and events that are scheduled over the next three weeks. Two activities are traditions that have long been a part of our Advent season, one is a "tradition" that started only last year, and the fourth is a "new tradition" that we begin this year. But first, a few words about our "old traditions".

The Giving Tree is organized by the Circle of Light Small Christian Community. Its purpose is gather gifts for more than 60 children of immigrant mothers who attend training programs at The Lantern Project. Beginning this Sunday, a tree is set up in the rear of the church with cards instead of ornaments. Each card lists a child's name, age, and other information so that you might choose an appropriate gift. Parishioners are asked to take a card, purchase and wrap a gift, and return it to the Church so that it may be delivered to the child in time for Christmas.

Along slightly different lines, Sr. Katie O'Shea works with the homeless, and each year during Advent we participate in her annual sock drive. We need new, white, cotton men's socks, crew or tube style. If you're not able to shop for socks you may donate money and we'll purchase them for you. Just contact Judy Daddio, Mary Katherine Law, or Lynn Jacklevich.

This year we're starting something new. Linda and Sofi Chavez have been parishioners at St. Teresa's for about a year and have been tutoring children at Flynn Elementary in the Mission, participating in a program called Reading Partners. Few of the students actually own books, and they would like to offer each child the opportunity to choose a book to take home to read. When the child has read the book, he or she completes a report and is then allowed to keep the book as part of his or her home library. What is needed, of course, are books, and we'd like to set up a collection bin to receive donations throughout Advent. We are asking parishioners to donate new or gently used books that are appropriate for elementary-age readers. These books will eventually make their way to the homes of deserving students. We will collect books until the beginning of the New Year, at which time the books will be delivered to Flynn Elementary when the school year resumes in January.

Finally, a few words about the Third Sunday of Advent, December 16th.

The Third Sunday of Advent - called *Gaudate Sunday* - is approximately half-way through the Advent Season. *Gaudate Sunday* features rose-colored vestments and is, literally, "rejoicing" Sunday.

Last year on *Gaudate Sunday* - after the 8:30 and 10 am Masses - we offered a free breakfast: eggs, sausage, bacon, pancakes, sweet rolls, juice, and coffee. All free. No Donations. No cost. No gimmicks. Just free breakfast. Last year was a blast. People from the 4:15 Saturday Mass came back on Sunday for breakfast. We had so much fun that we're doing it again.

Only this time, invite others. If you know of Catholics in the area who might be looking for a Church, invite them to breakfast. If you know old parishioners who have moved from the area, invite them back. December 16th, two weeks from today: save the date!

Fr. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.