

ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

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

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1st

9:00am Mass

The Parish Office will be closed
December 22 through

New Year's Day

We will re-open January 2, 2013



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.

PASSINGS

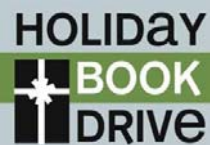
We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the family of Father Edward Murray, former Pastor of St. Teresa's. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Stephens's on Saturday, December 22nd.

All parishioners are invited to join in a Mass celebrating the life of Tilotilo Foa, the son of Albert (Paki) and Maya Suisala. The Mass will be held at St. Teresa's on Saturday, December 29th at 11:00am. All are also invited to a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following.



Thank you to everyone who participated in our "Giving Tree", it was a huge success!

**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: _____

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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 |

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

DECEMBER 23, 2012
THE THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT



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OFFICE HOURS

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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.

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 23 - No Good Shepherd or Faith Formation
 - Choir Practice, 11:00am
- Mon, Dec 24 - SVdP Sandwich "Tuesday"
 7:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 12 noon, Sammon
 - Christmas Eve Mass
 4:15pm & 9:00pm
- Tue, Dec 25 - Christmas Day Mass
 8:30am & 10:00am
- Sat, Dec 29 - Mass in Celebration of Tilotilo
 Faoa, 11:00am
 7:00pm, Sammon Hall
- Sun, Dec 30 - No Good Shepherd or Faith Formation

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

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

Monday, December 24

4:15pm The Sick of the Parish
 9:00pm The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, December 25

8:30am The Sick of the Parish
 10:00am The People of the Parish

Friday, December 28

8:30am + Frances M. Cheney

Saturday, December 29

4:15pm + James T. Burns, Jr.
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, December 30

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am Little Childrens Aid

SECOND COLLECTION

December 22 & 23

This will be no Second Collection this weekend.

December 29 & 30

This Second Collection next weekend benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

December 15 & 16

\$2,247

We are **still** in need of Liturgical Ministers for all the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you are planning to attend any of these Masses, please sign-up this weekend. 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.

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 29 & 30

4:15	Lector: J. Kennedy	10:00 AM	1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
	Bread: J. Burns		2 Lector: E. Koh
	Cup: B. Baird		1 Bread: S. Miller
	Hosp: M. Comaich		2 Bread: D. Tejada
			3 Bread: T. Mana
8:30 AM	Lector: G. Foss		1 Cup: C. Allen
	Bread: J. Newman		2 Cup: Volunteer
	Cup: L. Foss		Hosp: K. Varandas
	Hosp: J. Propster		B. Cassidy

DECEMBER 17TH - 23RD: THE "O" ANTIPHONS

*"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!"*

This week I want to write about one of my favorite hymns. For as long as I can remember I have been spellbound by the familiar 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. Yet most of us probably do not know the background of this 12th century Latin hymn. What follows, then, is "the rest of the story".

The text is a setting of the *O Antiphons*, which are used 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 may be used beginning on December 17th – shifts the focus from Christ's second coming at the end of time to the imminent celebration of his first coming at Christmas. At the same time, 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.

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

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. Hence, we begin to celebrate Christmas with evening masses on December 24th, just as we may celebrate the Sunday liturgy on Saturday night.

The exact origin of the *O Antiphons* is not known, but we think they were developed in Benedictine monasteries. We do know 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.