

AID FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

This year our Parish Council added envelopes to the Giving Tree. If you wish to make a donation to refugee families—mothers, fathers, and children—please put a check made out to St. Teresa of Avila in the envelope. All funds received will go to the refugees c/o Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR). All donations are tax-deductible.

Operation New Socks for the Homeless



Starting next weekend (Jan 2 & 3) and continuing through the month of January, there will be baskets throughout the church and hall awaiting your donations of new, white athletic socks.

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

Won't you please help us meet or exceed our goal of 1,000 pairs before the end of January?

Due to the holidays and our Parish Secretary taking vacation time, the Parish Office will be closed December 17 — December 29

THANK YOU . . .

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



Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Please join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God with a New Year's Day Mass on Friday, Jan. 1st at 9:00am.

January 1, 2016 is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

YEAREND TAX REPORTING

Letters acknowledging donations for 2015 will be sent out during the month of January to all Envelope & Monthly donors who contributed more than \$200. If you donated by checks in the basket and would like a tax letter, please email Stephani.

Recently a short video about the Sanctuary Movement was filmed in our church. To view, please visit

<https://vimeo.com/146736382>

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

At the UN COP21 meeting in Paris, 195 countries reached an agreement that aims to keep global temperature increase well below 2C (3.6F) and to pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5C (2.7F). While the signatory countries' current commitments are insufficient -- they would limit the increase to 2.7C (4.9F) -- the agreement inspires new hope for a stable climate. More than 900,000 Catholics worldwide had signed a petition for the limit of 1.5C, and its inclusion in the final agreement is a major achievement.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

DECEMBER 27, 2015
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



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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.

Parish Calendar

Sun, Dec 27 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
 Mon, Dec 28 - AA Meeting, 6:30pm, Avila
 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Dec 29 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Hall
 Fri, Jan 1 - Mass, 9:00am
 Sat, Jan 2 - Lay Carmelite Meeting
 10:00am, Avila
 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall
 Sun, Jan 3 - No Faith Formation

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
 we include in our prayers:

Saturday, December 26
 4:15pm † James J. Burns, Jr.
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
Sunday, December 27
 8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am † Dory Yochum
Tuesday, December 29
 8:30am † Gregory Lewis
Friday, January 1
 9:00am The Sick of the Parish
Saturday, January 2
 4:15pm Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
Sunday, January 3
 8:30am The Deceased of the Parish
 10:00am The People of the Parish

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 26 & 27

The second collection this weekend benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

January 2 & 3

The second collection next weekend benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

DECEMBER 19 & 20

**TO BE REPORTED IN JANUARY
 THANK YOU!**

SANDWICH TUESDAY

The faithful sandwich makers will meet on Tuesday, December 29 following the 8:30am Mass to make over 200 sandwiches for delivery to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week January 2 & 3

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: R.M. Ostler		1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Bread: J. Daddio		2 Lector: D. Churton
Cup: B. Noelke		1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: M. Perea		2 Bread: J. Warnock
		3 Bread: A. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: T. Lang		2 Cup: G. McGrath
Bread: R. Kingman		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: S. Lang		
Hosp: T. Lando		

THE 1908 HOOK & HASTINGS ORGAN

Over the last few months, parishioners attending the 4:15 Saturday Vigil Mass have intermittently been treated to organ accompaniment for the hymns and mass parts. One of our new parishioners, Francis Ricci, served as a church musician in his previous parish, and, since coming to St. Teresa's, he has been playing (and singing!) at the 4:15 Mass. Hopefully, he will continue to serve us with his music ministry.

Which brings us to the organ. Five years ago, when I first arrived at St. Teresa's, one of my first columns was titled the "Treasure in the Balcony." Now that we are beginning to use the organ on a more regular basis, I thought it might be a good idea to revisit that previous article.

Our pipe organ is 107 years old, having been built in 1908 by the Hook & Hastings Company of Kendall Green, Massachusetts. It is a small organ in that it only has five ranks of pipes. But it is also a *tracker* organ, which makes it unique, rare, and valuable.

First, a few basics about pipe organs. A *rank* is a set of pipes where each pipe in the rank corresponds to one key on the keyboard. Our keyboard has 61 keys, so each of the first four ranks has 61 pipes. The fifth rank is the pedal keyboard. Our pedal has 30 keys, which means that the fifth rank has 30 pipes. Doing the math, there are 274 pipes contained in wooden chest and console that sits in the middle of our choir loft.

A rank of pipes is called a *stop*. Basically, a stop mimics a particular instrument. For example, you could have a flute stop or a trumpet stop. Our instrument has five stops: 8' Geddeckt, 4' Flute, 8' Dolce, 8' Diapason, and a 16' Bourdon (pedal).

Most modern pipe organs are electro-mechanical. This means that, when the organist depresses a key, an electric current trips a relay which opens a valve that allows air to pass into the pipe, creating the sound. Our organ is not electro-mechanical; it is a *tracker* organ. In a tracker organ the entire mechanism is mechanical, which means that when the organist depresses a key, the action from the key to the pipe is conveyed mechanically, not electrically. The organist – not an electric relay – opens the valve to send air to the pipe. In playing a tracker organ, as the organist opens more stops, more physical effort is required to play the instrument. Also: because a tracker organ is mechanical, it is not unusual to hear clicking noises when the organ is played, especially at low volume. And although some people might consider our instrument small, it is totally adequate for our worship space, given both that we have such fine acoustics in the church and that the primary use of the organ is for accompaniment, not performance.

What is the organ worth? That is hard to say. I have been told that, should we want to replace this instrument, the cost (including installation) would be in the neighborhood of about \$200,000. However, for historic reasons the instrument might be worth far more than its replacement cost. It is a finely made musical instrument that is more than 100 years old, and it is also an important historical artifact. Very few organs of this type remain anywhere in the country, and hardly any of them are as perfectly original as this one.

Because we have recently started to use the organ again, we consulted with an organ builder, Schoenstein & Co., of Benicia, CA, regarding the repair and/or restoration of the instrument. Schoenstein & Co. Performed some temporary repair work on the regulator (which maintains constant air pressure), and if we continue to utilize the organ we will certainly investigate undertaking a more thorough restoration.

—Fr. 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: _____

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