

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Whitney Hyun-Joo and Calder Hyun-Soo Yang, the children of Austin & Margaret Yang.

Whitney and Calder will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10:00am Mass.

Operation New Socks for the Homeless



Warm their hearts by warming their feet!

Starting next weekend (Jan 3 & 4) 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 18 — December 30

YEAREND TAX REPORTING

Letters acknowledging donations for 2014 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.



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 Thursday, Jan. 1st at 9:00am.

This year the Solemnity of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

THANK YOU FOR THE SHOES....the St. Teresa's Men's Shoe Drive collected 95 (including 14 Women's) pairs that were delivered to SVDP Help Desk on Monday, December 8th! Bins still inside entrance if you cleared your closet, but didn't have time to drop off yet!

The SVDP Help Desk was very appreciative, last month they were open to clients 14 days, and served 722 people, 2/3 were men.

AAA UPDATE

As we approach the end of the year, could you please take a moment to complete any outstanding pledge you have made to our Parish's AAA Drive? Remember, any monies in excess of our assessment are returned to the parish.

GARDEN FUND

Did you have a great year? If so, you may have a need to donate before year's end. We have started a fund earmarked for upgrades to our churchyard, turning it into a more usable space. Won't you please consider making an end-of-year donation to this worthy cause, sure to benefit the entire parish community!

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

DECEMBER 28, 2014

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND 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 28 - No Faith Formation
 Mon, Dec 29 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Dec 30 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 2:00pm, Sammon
 Thur, Jan 1 - Mass, 9:00am
 Sat, Jan 3 - Lay Carmelite Meeting
 10:00am, Avila
 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Jan 4 - No Faith Formation

MASS INTENTIONS

*As we celebrate Mass together
 we include in our prayers:*

Saturday, December 27

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

Sunday, December 28

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + John Warnock

Tuesday, December 30

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Thursday, January 1

9:00am Those Suffering in Hunger

Friday, January 2

8:30am An End to Homelessness

Saturday, January 3

4:15pm The People of the Parish
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, January 4

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

SECOND COLLECTION

December 27 & 28

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

January 3 & 4

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

REVIEWS, PLEASE

'Tis the season when folks are on the look-out for a great place to embrace the season. Won't you please take a moment to write a review (or update) of our parish on Yelp? Let others in on the St. Teresa "secret".

Ministers' schedules were emailed on Wed, Dec 17. Copies are available in the Sacristy.

If you did not receive one via email and would like to in the future, please send Stephani an email:
stephani@stteresasf.org

Ministers Schedule for Next Week January 3 & 4

4:15 PM		10:00 AM	
Lector: R. Ostler		1 Lector: C. Arett	
Bread: F. Patt		2 Lector: V. Flores	
Cup: B. Noelke		1 Bread: R. Labuguen	
Hosp: L. Lechich		2 Bread: J. Warnock	
		3 Bread: Volunteer	
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen	
Lector: K. Causey		2 Cup: G. McGrath	
Bread: M. Morey		Hosp: J. Warnock	
Cup: R. Kingman			
Hosp: T. Lando			

CELEBRATING BAPTISM AT SUNDAY MASS

Beginning this Sunday at the 10 o'clock Mass, we have scheduled infant baptisms through the last Sunday of January. If you are a regular parishioner, you have probably been present when we have celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism during the Sunday liturgy, and in this week's column I'd like to review a few of the theological and liturgical underpinnings as to why this practice is so appropriate at Sunday Mass.

Fifty years ago, the Second Vatican Council implemented the most sweeping reforms since the Council of Trent (1545-1563). The most visible change involved the liturgy, with the president turning away from the wall to face the assembly and the vernacular language replacing the traditional Latin.

But the reforms of the Second Vatican Council extended well beyond the liturgy. Many of the most significant reforms involved the Sacraments, and chief among these was the restoration of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA), a practice that existed in the early church but which had largely disappeared by the 5th century. The RCIA process – which usually takes place over a year – is a very public process for initiating new (adult) members into the Church. Throughout the year catechumens and candidates are present at the Sunday liturgy, but they are usually dismissed after the homily to continue their catechesis and formation. Over the course of the year those preparing for the Easter Sacraments experience several rites celebrated during Sunday Mass, and these cumulate with the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil.

Underlying the RCIA process is a very important premise: that Christian Initiation and formation is the responsibility of the baptized community. Christians are made, not born, and they are formed and shaped by their community. The first place where a Christian is "formed" is in the family – the "household church" – but formation also takes place in the assembled community, which is most frequently experienced in the local parish.

Vatican II also emphasized the notion that – with the exception, perhaps, of private confession – sacraments are *public* events in the life of the Church. In any sacrament the community is present to support and witness the celebration of sacraments by its members. When this is done in a public setting, those receiving sacraments are strengthened by the presence, faith and support of the community. At the same time, the community is strengthened by the faith, witness and commitment of those celebrating sacraments.

When we celebrate infant baptism at Sunday Mass we, as a parish, are telling the baptismal parents that they are not alone in the rearing and formation of their children. Through our communal presence and support, we recognize our responsibility to be an example of how to live the Christian life by following in the footsteps of Jesus. At the same time, we are inspired and strengthened by the faith and commitment of the Christian parents who are presenting their child for baptism. These ecclesial, communal dimensions of baptism are often not experienced when the sacrament is celebrated privately . . . which is why it makes liturgical and theological sense to celebrate sacraments publicly during the Sunday Eucharist.

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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