



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 Wednesday, January 1st at 9:00am.

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

The January and February schedules for Liturgical Ministers were emailed on Friday, December 27th. There are copies available in the Ministers' Sacristy.

Due to the holidays and our Parish Secretary taking vacation time, the Parish Office will be closed December 30—January 1 January 6 & 7

ADVENT SOCK DRIVE



Sister Katie and The Circle of Light SCC give thanks to all who donated to its Advent Sock Drive. We had a huge response to the request this year and greatly appreciate everyone who took the time to shop and bring socks for this most worthy charity.

"It's a little thing, a clean pair of socks, but it means so much."

Best Wishes to All for a Blessed, Happy & Safe New Year from Fr. Greenwell, O. Carm., Fr. Kwiecien, O. Carm., and all the The Parish Staff!

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
December 24 & 25
\$4,311

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Beginning the week of January 14, 2014 the Archdiocese is presenting a new FORWARD IN FAITH speaker series: **The Theology of Pope Francis**. The program will consist of live lectures given at three locations:

- St. Mary's Cathedral**, San Francisco on Tuesday nights;
- St. Hilary's**, Tiburon on Wednesday nights; and
- St. Bartholomew's**, San Mateo on Thursday nights

and will run through the week of February 11. Go to www.sfarchdiocese.org and click on the home page FORWARD IN FAITH banner tab for speaker and a registration information or contact Cindy Kilpatrick at (415) 614-5616.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

DECEMBER 29, 2013
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



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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.

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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 29 - No Religious Education
 Mon, Dec 30 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Dec 31 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen-
 Wed, Jan 1 - Mass, 9:00am
 Sat, Jan 4 - Lay Carmelite Meeting
 10:00am, Avila
 - AA Meeting
 7:00pm, Sammon
 Sun, Jan 5 - Religious Education
 9:00am, Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, Dec 28

4:15pm + Stanley "Sunny" Michaels
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Dec 29

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

Tuesday, Dec 31

8:30am Intention of Presider

Wednesday, Jan 1

9:00am Virginia Ferreras (Spec. int.)

Friday, Jan 3

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, Jan 4

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

Sunday, Jan 5

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone

SECOND COLLECTION

December 28 & 29

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

January 4 & 5

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION

December 21 & 22

\$1,508

THANK YOU!

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.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week January 4 & 5

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: R. O'Connor	1 Lector: J. Alber	
Bread: J. Burns	2 Lector: E. Koh	
Cup: B. Noelke	1 Bread: R. Labuguen	
Hosp: M. Comaich	2 Bread: A. Schelstrate	
	3 Bread: K. Schelstrate	
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: T. Lang		2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Bread: R. Kingman		Hosp: K. Varandas
Cup: S. Lang		B. Cassidy
Hosp: T. Lando		

THE CHRISTMAS STORIES IN MATTHEW & LUKE

During the Sundays of Advent the pattern of Gospel readings is always the same. On the First Sunday of Advent we begin the liturgical year with a Gospel about the Second Coming of Christ. The second and third Sundays follow with stories about John the Baptist, and the Gospel of the fourth Sunday of Advent serves as a prologue to the Christmas story. In last Sunday's Gospel (Mt 1:18-24, cycle A), we heard how Joseph learned of Jesus' identity when an angel spoke to him in a dream. In the next two years – Cycles B and C – we will read from the Gospel of Luke, hearing stories of the Annunciation and Visitation.

What most Christians do not realize is that these infancy narratives – the stories surrounding Jesus' birth – appear in only two of the four Gospels, Matthew and Luke. Mark's Gospel opens with the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist, and – in the Gospel of John – a long prologue introduces the Baptist before moving to the Baptism of the Lord. That the infancy narratives appear in only two of the four Gospels is one surprise for Christians; an even bigger surprise rests in the fact that the stories in Matthew and Luke are quite different, so different, in fact, that they cannot be reconciled.

In Matthew's Gospel a long genealogy traces Jesus' ancestry from Abraham through David to Joseph, and, as we heard last Sunday, the narrative surrounding Jesus' birth focuses on Joseph. Joseph plans to "divorce Mary quietly," but when he learns in a dream the origins and true identity of Jesus, he accepts both Mary as his wife and Jesus as his son. Matthew's account includes the star of Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, Herod's plot to murder the infant Jesus, the holy family's flight into Egypt, the slaughter of the innocents, and, following the death of Herod, the return of the holy family from Egypt to Nazareth.

Luke's Gospel focuses, not on Joseph, but on Mary. The Gospel of Luke contains the story of Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, who conceives in her old age. This story parallels the Annunciation story in which Jesus is conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Luke's Gospel contains the Visitation, as well as the familiar elements surrounding the Birth of Christ (e.g., manger, stable, swaddling clothes). But instead of a star giving directions to astrologers from the east, there are angels in the sky who announce the Birth of Jesus to shepherds. There is no evil King Herod, no murder of innocent children, and no flight into Egypt. Instead, eight days after his birth Jesus is presented in the temple, after which the holy family returns to Nazareth.

Why are the infancy narratives in Matthew and Luke so different? They're so different because they were not written as "history" but as *theology*. These stories were not written to convey historical facts; rather, they were written to convey theological truths. Here three things are important: first, Jesus is a descendant of David; second, he was born in Bethlehem and raised in Nazareth; and third, he was born of a virgin. These are the theological truths that the infancy narratives try to convey, and the other elements of the stories – divine messengers (angels), extraordinary circumstances surrounding the birth (the star), and revelation to people who wouldn't expect it (i.e., shepherds and magi) – are introduced in order to emphasize that there was something special and unique about Jesus, aspects that were evident from the very beginning of his life on earth.

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.

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