



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This year we are again delighted to be working with The Lantern to distribute Christmas cheer.

Beginning this weekend, the tree with all the sparkling tags is our annual Giving Tree. Each child has 2 tags, with the name & age of the child along with clothing sizes or something practical on one tag; the other tag has a toy the child desires. There is no need to buy both, unless you take 2 tags for the same child. Some ask for **gift cards**—please be thoughtful in your selection of card & amount (to be age appropriate).

Return the wrapped package, with tag attached, no later than Sunday, December 17 to ensure that Santa is able to make timely deliveries.

Thank you for your generosity – be assured you will be making a child very happy.

ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Fridays 8:30am

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24th

4:15 Family Mass

9:00 pm (Choir); Caroling Prior to Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25th

8:30am & 10:00am

Caroling Prior to 10:00am Mass

SOLSTICE is delighted to come back to sing our eclectic mix of old and new holiday songs and carols in the beautiful acoustics of Saint Teresa, 8 pm., Saturday December 16. Donation \$15-20, no one turned away for lack of funds. We hope you will join us!

While shopping this season, keep a look-out for inexpensive white athletic socks. We will have our annual **SOCK DRIVE** in January.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

We are in need of Liturgical Ministers for the 4:15 & 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses and for the 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses on Christmas Day. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church.



ANOINTING

This weekend we will be offering the Sacrament of Anointing at all our Masses.

We are in need of volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas. The more volunteers, the quicker we will be done. If you are available on Sunday, December 24, following the 10am Mass, please contact Dn. Chuck or the office.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please join us for Mass at 8:30am or 7:00pm.

YOU'RE INVITED!!

December 17th 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 breakfast of sausage, eggs, and pancakes. (vegetarian/vegan options available)

We promise plenty of food and fellowship, please join us.

You are invited to attend parishioner Therese Labuguen's piano student recital on Sunday, December 10 at 3PM in our church. Come and enjoy the music!

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Is your home rain ready? Be aware of low-elevation spots that could flood and protect your home before the winter rains come. San Francisco's Department of Public Works is providing San Francisco residents and business up to 10 free sandbags leading up to and during severe rainstorms. Sandbags can be retrieved Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Public Works' operations yard, Marin Street/Kansas Street gate. (Remember to bring proof of address!) Sandbags also are sold at many local hardware and home improvement stores.

We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites

DECEMBER 3, 2017 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, December 2

4:15pm The Four Intentions of SVdP
(The Church, The Pope, The USA, The Society)
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, December 3

8:30am † Earbon Trihub
10:00am † Mary Sullivan
The People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 5

8:30am † Bea Cocciolone

Friday, December 8

8:30am † Sonny Greenwell

Saturday, December 9

4:15pm † Vincent Cocciolone

Sunday, December 10

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am † Dory Yochum

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Dec 3 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
- Mon, Dec 4 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
- Tue, Dec 5 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Hall
- Green Team Virtual Meeting
6:00pm
- Young Adult Meeting
7:00pm, Priory
- Wed, Dec 6 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- Fri, Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception Masses
8:30am & 7:00pm
- Sat, Dec 9 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Sun, Dec 10 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 2 & 3

This week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

December 9 & 10

Next week's second collection benefits the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift will help defray some of the costs needed to care for our elderly religious and relieve the genuine financial crisis in many religious congregations. Whatever you give will be greatly appreciated. Most importantly, please remember in your prayers the more than 500 women and men religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

Workbooks for the new Liturgical Year, which starts this weekend, are in the Ministers' Sacristy. Please note you have picked-up your book on the provided sheet. Thank you!

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week
December 9 & 10**

	4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector:	C. Groepper	1 Lector:	D. Churton
Bread:	E. Perea	2 Lector:	T. Labuguen
Cup:	R. Groepper	1 Bread:	J. Schelstrate
Hosp:	R. Jones	2 Bread:	J. Warnock
		3 Bread:	E. Kudyba
	8:30 AM	1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	T. Lang	2 Cup:	G. McGrath
Bread:	S. Siebel	Hosp:	L. Gauna
Cup:	S. Lang		
Hosp:	T. Lando		

DECEMBER 8TH: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Quick quiz: Which of these three statements best describes what we mean by the doctrine of the *Immaculate Conception*?

- a) *Jesus was miraculously conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.*
- b) *Mary, like Jesus, was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.*
- c) *Mary was born without Original Sin.*

I am amazed at how many people incorrectly choose answer "a". A surprising number of Catholics think that the Immaculate Conception refers the miraculous conception of Jesus. Properly speaking, the doctrine of the *virgin birth* addresses the issue of Jesus' conception; the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is entirely different as it involves Mary and Original Sin.

The second most popular (and incorrect) answer is "b". From a biological perspective, our Catholic tradition teaches that Mary was the daughter of Joachim and Anne, and in this sense there was nothing extraordinary about her biological conception and birth.

The correct answer is "c": Mary was born without Original Sin. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception states that, from the moment her of conception. Mary was kept free from Original Sin. This doctrine – which is almost uniquely Roman Catholic – has an interesting history and development.

The doctrine of Original Sin dates from the 5th century and can be traced to St. Augustine. According to Augustine, all human beings are born with Original Sin, a consequence of the transgression committed by our first parents, Adam and Eve. Because of their sin, not only did suffering and death enter the world, but also their descendants (i.e., all human beings) would be born with Original Sin. In Augustine's theology, Original Sin was hereditary: children inherited Original Sin from the parents, just as they inherited eye or hair color. In Augustine's theology, Original Sin was transmitted from mother to child in the very act of childbirth.

Once the doctrine of Original Sin was in place it was only a matter of time before a new problem emerged: the problem of Jesus. If all human beings were born with Original Sin (and Jesus was a human being), then wouldn't Jesus also have Original Sin? With some fancy footwork, theologians danced around this thorny issue. Their solution? the extraordinary circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth – especially being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit – allow us to claim that Jesus was born without Original Sin. . . which only leads to a further complication: if Original Sin is passed on from mother to child, did not Jesus "inherit" Original Sin from Mary?

The solution to the problem of Mary is the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. Since late antiquity there has been a widely held belief that Mary did not have Original Sin, but it was not until 1850 that Pius IX formalized this belief. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was proclaimed on December 8th, 1850, in the papal bull *Ineffabilis Deus*. The doctrinal statement is expressed near the end of the document:

We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of Original Sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful.

The Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the Americas. It is a holy day of obligation which is celebrated on December 8th.

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: _____

- New Parishioner
- Send Sunday envelopes
- New Address
- Send Monthly Donor Form
- New Phone
- Moving—remove from mailing list