

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

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

Best Wishes to All for a
Blessed, Happy & Safe
New Year
from the Parish Staff

Catholicism Video Saturdays in Parish Hall

The Lay Carmelite Community at St. Teresa's Parish will show Fr. Robert Barron's exceptional documentary series on *Catholicism* at 10:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of 10 successive months in the parish hall, starting Jan. 5.

Fr. Barron, founder of the *Word on Fire* Catholic ministry, is a prominent theologian, author, speaker and cultural commentator. He has been called "one of the Church's best messengers".

Some of series has aired on PBS; others have been shown on EWTN. Each segment lasts an hour. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity for discussion.

THANK YOU . . .

To Fr. Kwiecien and Anarose Schelstrate for organizing the Advent Parish Breakfast.

A thank you also to the Social Committee for their lovely decorations, and to Deacon Chuck for all his hard work

And a special Thank You to an anonymous donor for providing most of the food.

It was a wonderful time to come together as a parish!

HOLIDAY BOOK DRIVE

We have been 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: _____

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

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

DECEMBER 30, 2012
THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



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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.

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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 30 - No Good Shepherd or Faith Formation
Mon, Dec 31 - No SVdP Grocery Distribution
Tue, Jan 1 - Mass for Solemnity of Mary 9:00am
Wed, Jan 2 - Parish Office Re-opens 10:00am
Sat, Jan 5 - Lay Carmelite Meeting 10:00am, Avila Hall
- AA Meeting 7:00pm, Sammon Hall
Sun, Jan 6 - Good Shepherd & Faith Formation, 9:00am

The Parish Office will be closed through New Year's Day We will re-open January 2, 2013 at 10:00am

WEEKEND COLLECTION December 22 & 23 To be announced next week

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

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

Tuesday, January 1

9:00am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, January 4

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, January 5

4:15pm + Rachel Humphrey
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, January 6

8:30am The Sick of the Parish
10:00am + Patty Griffin & Dan Sullivan

SECOND COLLECTION

December 29 & 30

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

January 5 & 6

This Second Collection next weekend benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

ADVENT SOCK DRIVE

Sister Katie and The Circle of Light SCC give thanks to all who donated to its Advent Sock Drive. It's a little thing, a clean pair of socks, but it means so much.

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 or enroll in the monthly donor program.

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 January 5 & 6

| <u>4:15</u> | | <u>10:00 AM</u> | |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Lector: | A. Rose | 1 Lector: | R. Bral |
| Bread: | J. Burns | 2 Lector: | M. Schurr |
| Cup: | E. Perea | 1 Bread: | E. Miller |
| Hosp: | M. Comaich | 2 Bread: | A. Schelstrate |
| | | 3 Bread: | J. Warnock |
| <u>8:30 AM</u> | | 1 Cup: | C. Allen |
| Lector: | E. Dunn | 2 Cup: | R. Labuguen |
| Bread: | Volunteer | Hosp: | J. Warnock |
| Cup: | J. Newman | | |
| Hosp: | J. Propster | | |

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Today – Sunday, December 30th – is the Fifth Day of Christmas. The Fifth Day of Christmas actually began last night – Saturday – at sundown. Tonight – at sundown – the Sixth Day of Christmas begins, and the Sixth Day continues through the daylight hours tomorrow (Monday). Confused? Welcome to the Twelve Days of Christmas!

The Twelve Days of Christmas mark the interval between Christmas (December 25th) and Epiphany (January 6th). This becomes somewhat confusing because, in the Church, the day begins not with dawn but with dusk the night before. Hence, the First Day of Christmas began on Christmas Night and continued through the daylight hours of December 26th. Following this pattern, when you count the days you'll discover that the Twelfth Day of Christmas begins at sundown on January 5th and continues through the day of January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany.

The Twelve Days of Christmas found its way into a Christmas carol of the same name, first published in England (1780). But there is a strong possibility that the carol originated in France, and over the past two centuries people have been intrigued by the carol's lyrics. However, any hidden meaning – if there is one – has yet to be satisfactorily explained.

One of the most common explanations is that the song's lyrics were written as a "catechism song" to help young Catholics learn their faith at a time when practicing Catholicism was criminalized in England (1558 until 1829). In this theory, the "coded lyrics" are as follows:

- A Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ*
Two Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
Three French Hens = The Three Theological Virtues
Four Calling Birds = The Four Evangelists
Five Gold Rings = The Five Books of the Pentateuch
Six Geese A-laying = The Six Days of Creation
Seven Swans A-swimming = The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Eight Maids A-milking = The Eight Beatitudes
Nine Ladies Dancing = The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
Ten Lords A-leaping = The Ten Commandments
Eleven Pipers Piping = The Eleven Faithful Apostles
Twelve Drummers Drumming = The Twelve Points of Doctrine in the Creed

Such an interpretation – as appealing as it may be – simply does not hold under critical scrutiny. First and foremost, there is nothing specifically "catholic" about this analysis. Most Christians agree on the eight beatitudes, ten commandments, eleven faithful apostles, *et al*, so there is no "hidden meaning" that would be obvious to Catholics but hidden from other Christians. Secondly, this interpretation is relatively modern. It was first suggested by Canadian English teacher and hymnologist Hugh McKellar ("How to Decode the Twelve Days of Christmas," published in 1979). In a later article Mr. McKellar stated that the associations are his. Hence, such an interpretation dates not from 1780 but from 1979.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.