

## AN INVITATION . . .

Please join with Parish Staff and your fellow parishioners for breakfast next Sunday, December 11th. This will be the Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* means "Rejoice!", and it marks the half-way point of Advent. After the 8:30 am and 10 am Masses we invite you to the Parish Hall to "rejoice" with a catered breakfast of sausage, eggs, and pancakes. We promise plenty of food and fellowship, so please join us.

## THANK YOU!

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference would like to thank all parishioners who contributed food and money this year, particularly the Faith Formation children and their families. Your generosity enabled them to provide 125 boxes filled with food to make a holiday meal, as well as providing groceries on a weekly basis throughout the year.



Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who took tags from our "Giving Tree"! There are still tags on the tree waiting for a generous soul to "adopt" them. **The return date for your gifts is Dec 11.** Please make sure that your tag is on the gift.



## WELCOMING WEEKEND

Welcome to all Parishioners, guests and newcomers at St. Teresa's. This weekend we celebrate our monthly "Welcome" Masses. You are always warmly welcome, but the first Saturday and Sunday of each month we make a special point of spending time to get to know one another. If you are here early and reading your bulletin, please take a moment to say hello to someone sitting close by, particularly if you have not met before. Join us after the 10am Mass on Sunday for refreshments and fellowship in our Parish Hall.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and Masses will be at 8:30am and 6:15pm. A Vigil Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:15pm.



## ADVENT SOCK DRIVE

Sister Katie needs socks for her guests! The Circle of Light has begun its Advent Sock Drive. Socks must be **NEW** white cotton men's socks, crew or tube style. If you cannot get out and shop, you are welcome to donate to the purchase of socks. Please talk to Judi Daddio, Mary Katherine Law or Lynn Jacklevich. It's a little thing, a clean pair of socks, but it means so much.

## 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

ADMINISTERED BY THE CARMELITES



## DECEMBER 4, 2011 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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### OFFICE HOURS

9:30am to 12:30pm  
 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Please visit our website:  
[stteresasf.org](http://stteresasf.org)

### 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.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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 4 - Good Shepherd & Faith Formation, following 8:30 Mass, Church  
 - RCIA, 11:00am  
 Mon, Dec 5 - Choir Practice, 7:00pm, Church  
 Tues, Dec 6 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
 1:00pm, Sammon Hall  
 Wed, Dec 7 - Mass, 6:15pm  
 Thur, Dec 8 - Mass, 8:30am & 6:15pm  
 Sat, Dec 10 - AA Meeting  
 7:00pm, Avila Hall  
 Sun, Dec 11 - Parish Breakfast, following 8:30 &  
 10am Masses  
 - Good Shepherd & Faith Formation, following 8:30 Mass,  
 Church  
 - RCIA, 11:00am

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

#### Saturday, December 3

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

#### Sunday, December 4

8:30am + Te-Kium Peter Pan  
 10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone

#### Tuesday, December 6

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

#### Friday, December 9

8:30am The People of the Parish

#### Saturday, December 10

4:15pm Little Children's Aid  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, December 11

8:30am The People of the Parish  
 10:00am + Giuseppe & Maria Molinari

## 2011 AAA UPDATE

As of November 8:

Assessed Amount: \$26,600  
 Amount Received: \$15,096 (56.8%)  
 Additional Pledged: \$ 450 (1.6%)  
 Amount Needed: \$11,054 (41.6%)

Did you know that AAA is eligible for matching grants from employers? Please check to see if your employer provides this benefit.

## Donation Envelopes

The donation envelopes for the new Liturgical year are in the back of the church. Please contact Stephani in the Parish Office if you would like to request envelopes, need more information about/would like to enroll in the monthly donor program.

## SECOND COLLECTION

### December 3 & 4

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

### December 10 & 11

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "We thank God for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God." 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. Please be generous. Most importantly, please remember in your prayers the more than 700 women and men religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

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 is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

### November 24, 26 & 27

First Collection \$ 1,443

## Ministers Schedule for Next Week December 10 & 11

### 4:15

Lector: D. Aikins  
 Bread: F. Patt  
 Hosp: E. Perea  
 R. Plut

### 8:30

Lector: S. Cabatic  
 Bread: R. Kingman  
 Cup: S. Lang  
 Hosp: T. Lando

### 10:00

Lector: B. Doyle  
 2 Lector: C. Arett  
 1 Bread: R. Labuguen  
 2 Bread: M. K. Law  
 3 Bread: J. Warnock  
 1 Cup: C. Allen  
 2 Cup: J. Schelstrate  
 Hosp: J. Warnock

## The Windows of St. Teresa's Church

When we began the process of painting the exterior of the church, we discovered that many of the stained glass windows were in a serious state of disrepair. In some instances glass had been broken and needed to be replaced; in other windows the leading had deteriorated; and in one window we were told that – with a strong westerly wind – the glass would literally fall out of the frame! Finally, in most of the windows, years of exposure to the elements had caused the entire window to bow. Fortunately, we not only caught the imminent danger "in time", but also were able to secure both the services of an excellent restoration firm (Hogan Glass of San Jose) and generous donations to cover the cost of these initial restorations. At the present time, five of our stained glass windows have been removed to be restored. We hope that, in the course of the next several years, we will be able to restore all of the stained glass windows in our building.

In this restoration process I have learned not only about the art of making and restoring stained glass but also about the history of these windows in St. Teresa's Church. Every four weeks I plan to dedicate the pastor's column to a "window of the month," providing not only background material on the window's image from scripture and tradition, but also information about the window's history, installation, and donors. Between now and next December we'll look at the twelve windows in the main body of the Church. Next week I'll write about the Creation and Fall window in the northeast front of the worship space. For the next twelve months we'll work our way around the building, ending with the Christ the King window at the northwest corner. But first a little background about stained glass windows in general.

Perhaps the single, most important thing to remember about stained glass windows is that they are supposed to tell a story. Stained glass windows have their origin in the Dark and Middle Ages, a time when – with the exception of the clergy – most people were illiterate. Stained glass pictures told a story, and as people looked at and talked about the windows they learned the history of salvation. Windows usually portrayed people and events from the bible, events from the life of Christ, important aspects from the tradition of the Church, and lives of the Saints. Looking at our windows, for example, we notice that the overriding theme is the Life of Christ. The first window – with Adam and Eve being expelled from the Garden – addresses the need for a Redeemer, and the subsequent windows illustrate events in the life of Christ up to and including his Death and Resurrection. The last window – Christ the King – emphasizes Christ's conquering of sin and death and his subsequent rule over all creation.

As a suggestion, I'd like to invite parents to take their young children on a tour of the windows. Each month, examine a window and tell the story, pointing out the different symbols used by the artists to transmit our story of faith. Next week I'll go into greater detail on the first window (The Fall), and on Christmas Day I'll focus on the second window (which illustrates the Birth of Christ). Young children especially are fascinated by the color and light of stained glass, and when you use the windows to teach your children about the faith you'll be utilizing a catechetical process that has been in place for hundreds of years.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.