



Giving Tree CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

There are still tags on the tree waiting for generous donors. Each tag has a child's name and their desired gift(s).

Please remember to giftwrap your presents and **attach the tag with the name of the child** (so it goes to the right child).

Be sure to **return the wrapped package no later than next Sunday, December 13** to ensure that Santa is able to make timely deliveries.

AID FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

This year our Parish Council is adding envelopes to the tree. If you wish to make a donation to refugee families—mothers, fathers, and children—please put a check in the envelope made out to St. Teresa of Avila. All funds received will go to the refugees c/o Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR). All donations are tax-deductible.

The **DONATION ENVELOPES** for those already enrolled in this program are available for pick-up in the back of the church.

Contact the Parish Office if you would like envelopes.



ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Fridays 8:30am

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24th
4:15 Family Mass

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

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th
8:30am & 10:00am

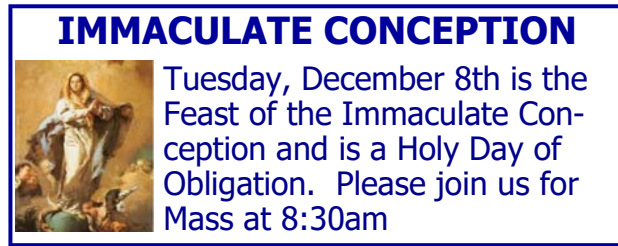
Caroling Prior to 10:00am Mass



YOU'RE INVITED!!

December 13th 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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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

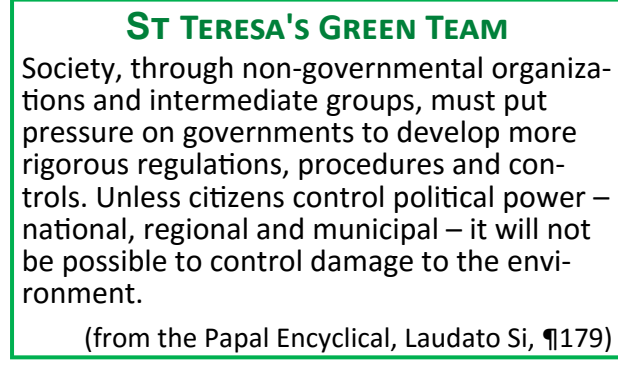


Catholic Charities Christmas Volunteer Opportunities within San Francisco

Volunteers needed to assist with a holiday luncheon on December 22

Donate \$25 Target Gift Cards for Low-Income Families and Individuals Needed by Friday, December 11

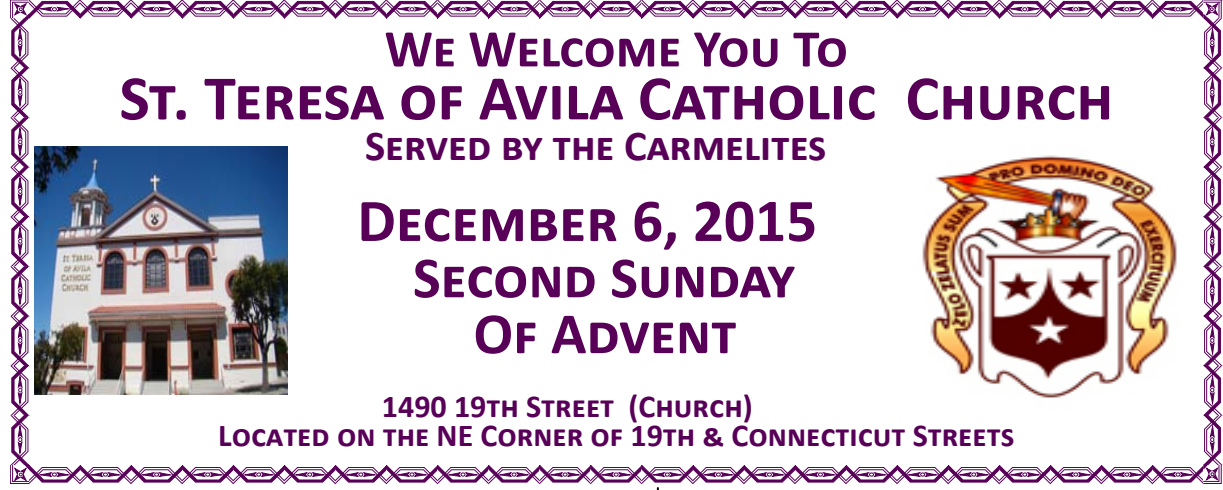
To volunteer or donate gift cards, please contact Diana Contreras at dcontreras@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or 415 972 1297.



ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Society, through non-governmental organizations and intermediate groups, must put pressure on governments to develop more rigorous regulations, procedures and controls. Unless citizens control political power – national, regional and municipal – it will not be possible to control damage to the environment.

(from the Papal Encyclical, Laudato Si, ¶179)



WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

DECEMBER 6, 2015 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)
LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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1:00pm to 4:30pm

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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am

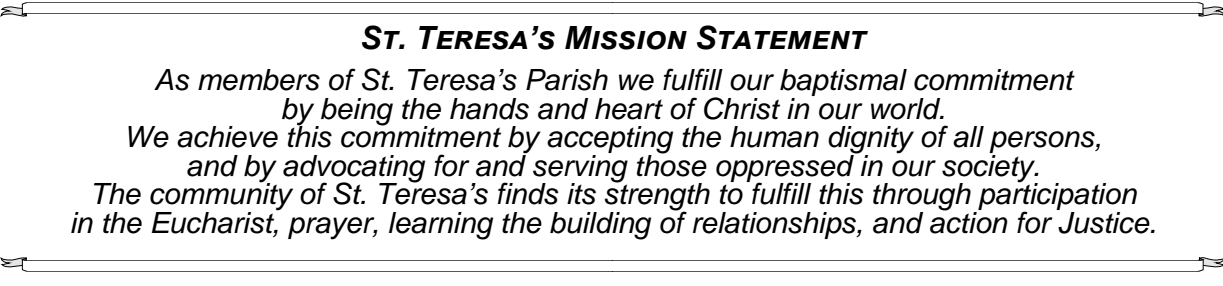
WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am

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 6 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
 Mon, Dec 7 - AA Meeting, 6:30pm, Avila
 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception Mass
 8:30 am
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Hall
 - Pastoral Council, 7pm, Avila
 Sat, Dec 12 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall
 Sun, Dec 13 - No Faith Formation
 - Pancake Breakfast, 9:45am

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- 4:15pm **Saturday, December 5**
 Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, December 6**
 † Raul Rekow
 The People of the Parish
- 10:00am † Mary & Frank Sullivan
- 8:30am **Tuesday, December 8**
 † Gregory Lewis
- 8:30am **Friday, December 11**
Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)
- 4:15pm **Saturday, December 12**
 † Maria & Giuseppe Molinari
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, December 13**
 The People of the Parish
- 10:00am † Vincent Cocciolone

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 5 & 6

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

December 12 & 13

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 28 & 29

\$1,839

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week December 12 & 13

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: A. Rose		1 Lector: G. Femec
Bread: F. Patt		2 Lector: B. Doyle
Cup: B. Noelke		1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: L. Lechich		2 Bread: M. Suisala
		3 Bread: J. Warnock
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: D. Paquette		2 Cup: R. Labuguen
Bread: J. Newman		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: S. Lang		
Hosp: T. Lando		

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

HOW CAN WE CARE FOR CREATION THIS CHRISTMAS?

-Stephen Miller (Pastoral Council) and Gail Kendall (Parishioner)

Christmas is traditionally a time of giving. The Christmas season is an excellent opportunity to care for God's creation, as well as each other, by rethinking the nature of the gifts we give. Here are some gift ideas that can be heart warming without adding to global warming:

- food, plants and flowers, something prepared or grown by you,
- tickets to performances, special outings to enjoy together,
- museum memberships, passes for National Parks,
- hand-made items, especially if made by you,
- necessary items made of all natural or recycled materials,
- a song you sing, a poem you read aloud,
- a few extra hours of child or elder care,
- cash, particularly for those who need it,
- planting a tree, or sponsoring a tree planting,
- charitable donations and acts of kindness done in the recipient's name.

A handwritten letter, a phone call, a short visit to someone who doesn't get out much - these acts of love can warm hearts immeasurably. One of the greatest gifts we can give our loved ones is time spent together.

Perhaps this is the year for conversations among circles of gift-givers about responsible giving. This might also be the year to modernize celebrations by reducing excess, re-using decorations, making the extra effort to recycle cans, bottles and paper, and, when there are more people than plates, switching from plastic to compostable tableware that is now readily available. A person who brings this up will likely find that others share these same concerns, including the children.

And this year, like every year, is a time to reflect on the relationship between lifestyles and global climate change. We close with some inspiring quotes about lifestyle from Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si*.

"A person who could afford to spend and consume more but regularly uses less heating and wears warmer clothes, shows the kind of convictions and attitudes which help to protect the environment. There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, ... such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices." (¶1211)

"We must not think that these efforts are not going to change the world." (¶1212)

If you have other ideas on celebrating an earth-friendly Christmas, please let us know at: info@stteresasf.org

Numbers in parentheses indicate quotes taken from numbered paragraphs in the Papal Encyclical, *Laudato Si*, On Care for Our Common Home, signed May 24 and issued on June 18, 2015