



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The tree with all of the sparkling ornaments in Church is our annual Giving Tree. Each ornament has the name of a child along with clothing sizes, or a toy which is the child's wish.

Please take one or two (or more if you desire) and return the wrapped package no later than Sunday, December 14. The gifts need to be delivered on 12/16 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.

YOU'RE INVITED!!

December 14th is the Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* means "Rejoice!", and it marks the half-way point of Advent. After the 8:30 & 10 am Masses we invite you to the Parish Hall to "rejoice" with a catered breakfast of sausage, bacon, eggs, and pancakes (vegetarian/vegan options available).

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

**WEEKEND COLLECTION
NOVEMBER 29 & 30
\$1,598
THANK YOU!**

DONATION ENVELOPES

The envelopes for those who are already enrolled in this program are available for pick-up in the back of the church.

ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesdays in Advent 6:15pm
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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 8:30am and 6:15pm.

GARDEN FUND

We have started a fund earmarked to upgrading our churchyard into a more usable space. Won't you please consider making an end-of-year donation to this worthy cause, sure to benefit the entire parish community!

'Tis the season when folks are on the lookout for a great place to embrace the season. Won't you please take a moment to write a review (or update) of our parish on Yelp? Let others in on the St. Teresa "secret".

Men's Shoe Drive for St. Vincent de Paul's Help Desk

Clear your Closets before the Holidays...
(All sizes welcome, greater need for larger sized shoes.)
"Got a spare pair to share, or a pair you rarely wear?" Have more Men's shoes, pants, shirts, belts, ties, small household items to spare that you no longer use/wear, please drop them off at StVdP Help Desk (1175 Howard St.) between 9am - 2:30pm M-W & F
<http://svdp-sf.org/what-we-do/help-desk/>
(Entrance Left on Sumner St. between 7th & 8th)

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

DECEMBER 7, 2014

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS



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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 7 - Faith Formation, 9 am
 Mon, Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception Mass
 8:30 am & 6:15 pm
 - Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
 Tue, Dec 9 - SVdP Meeting, 9 am, Sammon
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 2:00pm, Sammon
 - Pastoral Council, 7 pm, Avila
 Wed, Dec 10 - Advent Mass, 6:15pm
 Sat, Dec 13 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Dec 14 - Faith Formation, 9 am

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, December 6

4:15pm + Gino Massoni
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, December 7

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

Monday, December 8

8:30am The End of Conflict in the Holy Land
 6:15pm The End of Conflict in the Holy Land

Tuesday, December 9

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, December 10

6:15pm The People of the Parish

Friday, December 12

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, December 13

4:15pm + Joe Padilla
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, December 14

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

SECOND COLLECTION

December 6 & 7

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

December 13 & 14

Next weekend, the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken. 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 630 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 are sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week December 13 & 14

4:15 PM

Lector: A. Rose
 Bread: J. Daddio
 Cup: J. Burns
 Hosp: M. Comaich

10:00 AM

1 Lector: D. Aikins
 2 Lector: V. Flores
 1 Bread: R. Labuguen
 2 Bread: A. Schelstrate
 3 Bread: M.K. Law

8:30 AM

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

1 Cup: C. Allen
 2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
 Hosp: K. Varandas
 B. Cassidy
 L. Mastrangelo

THE JESSE TREE

Over the years, one of the “traditions” that has developed at St. Teresa’s is the decoration of the Jesse Tree on the Second Sunday of Advent. This is done by children in our catechetical program, and this weekend we do it at the 10 o’clock Mass. But what is the Jesse Tree?

The Jesse Tree is, primarily, a catechetical tool for children that puts them in touch with Salvation History. The tree is named after Jesse, the father of King David, and most of us are at least tacitly aware that Jesus was a descendent of David. The Gospels make a big deal of Jesus being born in the City of David (Bethlehem), and on numerous occasions people address Jesus with the salutation, “Son of David”. The question for us is, “Why is David of such central importance with respect to Jesus?”

King David was, without a doubt, the most beloved King in the History of Israel. David lived about 1000 years before Jesus, and perhaps the most well-known story about David was when, as a boy, he slew the giant Goliath. Later, when David became king, he ruled during a period of unprecedented peace and prosperity, and in the Hebrew imagination David became a legend. The Israelite hope was that – when the Messiah came – he would be like King David. In fact, Hebrew prophecy held that the Messiah would be a descendent of David. We read in the Prophet Isaiah (11:1-2):

“And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots; and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.”

Isaiah wrote this passage several hundred years after David’s death, and the “rod out of the stem of Jesse” referred, not to David, but to one of David’s descendants. In the Hebrew imagination, the expectation was that the Messiah would be a descendent of David.

One might think that the “Jesse Tree” is a family tree that traces Jesus’s ancestry back to David, but that’s really not the case. The Jesse Tree traces, not the ancestral line from David to Jesus, but Salvation History from Creation to Christ. In this way, the Jesse Tree serves as a catechetical tool.

At an early age children learn the Christmas story, but “the rest of the story” involves what happened before the Birth of Christ. This is called Salvation History, and it consists of those great stories from the Hebrew Scriptures that lead up to the Christmas story. These stories include: Creation, Adam & Eve, and the Fall; Noah and the Great Flood; the Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Moses and the Exodus from Egypt; conquering the Promised Land; the emergence of the kings (especially stories involving King David); and the appearance of the Prophets (who foretold Christ’s coming). As a group, these stories of Salvation History focus on why it was necessary for the Messiah to be born so as to redeem the world, and that is what the Jesse Tree celebrates.

In planning the Jesse Tree there are nearly thirty stories to chose from, and for each of these stories, a symbol is suggested that may be hung upon the tree. At St. Teresa’s, we focus on the Jesse Tree on the Second Sunday of Advent, but the Jesse Tree may also be decorated in a family setting, with a different story being told (and a different ornament being hung) on each day of Advent.

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: _____

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 Send Sunday envelopes Send Monthly Donor Form Moving—remove from mailing list