

## YOU'RE INVITED!!

December 15th 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 catered breakfast of sausage, eggs, and pancakes (vegetarian/vegan options available). We promise plenty of food and fellowship, please join us.

## ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesdays in Advent 6:15pm  
Tuesdays & Fridays 8:30am

### *Christmas Eve*

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:15 Family Mass  
9:00 pm Choir Mass, Caroling Prior

### *Christmas Day*

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am  
10:00 am, Caroling Prior



## 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.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION**  
**November 30 & December 1**  
**\$1,511**  
**THANK YOU!**

Make your Holiday shopping count. When you shop on Amazon.com – please go to [amazonsmile.com](http://amazonsmile.com)  
(Please note there was a typo in last week's bulletin for the web address)  
and choose San Francisco Safehouse as your recipient. By doing so your purchase will link a donation directly to this program. It is a great deal to be able to gift something for nothing – and you will be doing a great service to this wonderful program for women. If you do not know this non-profit – please visit them at [www.sfsafehouse.org](http://www.sfsafehouse.org)

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS UPDATE



Recently, two additional windows have been sent out for restoration. We need to raise \$3,800 to enable us to pay for this work without dipping into operating funds. Please see Fr. Greenwell if you would like to contribute.

## Thank You

The St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to express their gratitude for your generous gifts of food and financial donations which allow them to fulfill their calling to feed the hungry in our parish. Please take a moment to read the Certificate of Appreciation on the bulletin board in the vestibule.



Thank you to all who chose names from our tree! As a reminder, the tags include all the necessary information you need to choose your gift. **Please wrap the gifts, place the tag on them, and return them to church on or before December 14** so that the gifts may be delivered to the children before Christmas.

# WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

DECEMBER 8, 2013  
SECOND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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### OFFICE HOURS

10:00am to 12:30pm  
1:00pm to 4:30pm

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 8 - Religious Education  
9:00am, Parish Hall
- Mon, Dec 9 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- Tue, Dec 10 - SVdP Meeting  
9:00am, Sammon
- SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Sammon
- Pastoral Council  
7:00pm, Avila
- Wed, Dec 11 - Mass, 6:15pm
- Sat, Dec 14 - AA Meeting  
7:00pm, Sammon
- Sun, Dec 15 - No Religious Education

### MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together  
we include in our prayers:

#### Saturday, Dec 7

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

#### Sunday, Dec 8

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

#### Tuesday, Dec 10

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

#### Wednesday, Dec 11

6:15pm Intention of the Presider

#### Friday, Dec 13

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

#### Saturday, Dec 14

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

#### Sunday, Dec 15

8:30am + Clare & Clara Foss  
10:00am + Giuseppe & Maria Molinari

## SECOND COLLECTION

### December 7 & 8

Help aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. "Each year the need to provide for our elderly (members) becomes more pressing, and we are ever more grateful for these providential funds," writes a religious sister about the financial assistance received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation helps provide necessities such as prescription medication and nursing care. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

### December 14 & 15

The second collection next week benefits our Building & Maintenance Fund.

## DONATION ENVELOPES

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

If you do not currently have envelopes but would like to use them to keep track of your donations, please contact the Parish Office.

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week December 14 & 15

#### 4:15 PM

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

#### 10:00 AM

1 Lector: D. Bernstein  
2 Lector: L. Jacklevich  
1 Bread: J. Schelstrate  
2 Bread: D. Tejada  
3 Bread: J. Warnock

#### 8:30 AM

Lector: D. Paquette  
Bread: R. Kingman  
Cup: J. Marasco  
Hosp: J. Propster

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, & THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

This year, December 8<sup>th</sup> – the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – falls on a Sunday. It is supposed to be celebrated with special readings, white vestments, the *Gloria* and the Creed. Why, then, are we wearing purple vestments and celebrating the Second Sunday of Advent?

The answer is both complicated and messy. It stems from the fact that, within the Church, we have not one but *two* liturgical calendars. One calendar looks at the Church Year from a *seasonal* perspective (e.g., Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time); the other looks at the year from a *sanctoral* perspective (e.g., feast days such as St. Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup>, or the Feast of St. Francis, October 4<sup>th</sup>). These two calendars are in tension with one another, and at times we are faced with a dilemma: Which should we celebrate? The season? Or the saint?

The general rule is that the *season* trumps the *saint*, which means that the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence over the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. In practice, the Church usually follows the *seasonal* calendar; in fact, liturgical law dictates that it must do so during Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

The tension between the two calendars, I believe, mirrors a tension found among believers. Many Catholics have great devotion to saints, and they are at a loss when a saint seems to be "ignored" because of the season. The best example of this is St. Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup>, which always occurs during Lent. For many of Irish ancestry, March 17<sup>th</sup> is, in effect, a religious and national holiday, and they seem a bit confused (and upset!) when the presider will not substitute green vestments for the purple vestments normally worn during Lent. (As an aside: if the presider did wear a different colored vestment it would be white because Patrick was a bishop, not green because he was Irish!)

Just as St. Patrick's Day always occurs during Lent, the Immaculate Conception always occurs during Advent. Usually it is a Holy Day of Obligation, and is celebrated with special readings, white vestments, the *Gloria*, and the Creed. However, when December 8<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday, the Season of Advent takes precedence. That's why today's vestments are purple and the readings are taken from the Second Sunday of Advent. In years when this happens, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is moved to the following day, Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>, but it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

To change the subject, next Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, is the Third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete Sunday*). It features rose-colored vestments and is, literally, "rejoicing" Sunday. For the past two years – after the 8:30 and 10 am Masses – we offered a free breakfast: eggs, sausage, bacon, pancakes, sweet rolls, juice, and coffee. No donations. No cost. No gimmicks. Just free breakfast. The past two years have been great, and it's been so successful that we're doing it again.

If you know of Catholics in the area who might be looking for a Church, invite them to Mass and breakfast. If you know old parishioners who have moved from the area, invite them back. But be sure to join us next week for breakfast following the Sunday morning Masses.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

If you wish to participate in a more personal way in the survey the Vatican has mandated for its 2014 Synod of Bishops (Extraordinary Synod on the Family), please go to the website:

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/synodonfamilyus](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/synodonfamilyus)

This site will remain open through December 15. Our Pastoral Council will take up the survey at its meeting this week.

## 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