



UPDATE

We are well on our way to meeting our goal with the collection of 256 pairs of socks last weekend!!

Through the month of January, there will be baskets throughout the church and hall awaiting your donations of new, white athletic socks.

With the promise of a wet winter, a pair of new socks can make a huge impact on the lives of those without resources.

Won't you please help us meet or exceed our goal of 1,000 pairs before January ends!

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — December

First Collection (Monthly Donors)	\$5,581
Building & Maintenance	\$2,263
Initial Offering	\$ 162
Retirement for Religious	\$2,169
Christmas (All Collections)	\$5,301
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,445



Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:
 Quentin Kazuya Yoshimura, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Randall Yoshimura. Quentin will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10:00am Mass.



POINSETTIAS

Thank you to our anonymous donor for all the beautiful plants. Parishioners are invited to take home one (or more) of these plants.



Please keep our parishioner Carmen Castro in your prayers. Carmen is recovering from an automobile accident.

If you want to send her a card or note, the address is:

Lytton Gardens Rehabilitation Center
 437 Webster St, Room 217B
 Palo Alto, CA 94301

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

DECEMBER 20 & 21
\$2,024

DECEMBER 27 & 28
\$2,019

JANUARY 3 & 4
\$1,393

THANK YOU!

YEAREND TAX REPORTING

Letters acknowledging donations for 2014 will be sent out during the month of January to all Envelope & Monthly donors who contributed more than \$200. (If you contributed less, but would like a letter, let us know.)

If you donated by putting checks in the basket and would like a tax letter, please email Stephani.



WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

JANUARY 11, 2015

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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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, Jan 11 - Faith Formation
9:00am, Parish Hall
- Mon, Jan 12 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- Tue, Jan 13 - SVdP Meeting
9:00am, Sammon
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
2:00pm, Sammon
- Pastoral Council
7:00pm, Avila
- Sat, Jan 17 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
- Sun, Jan 18 - Faith Formation
9:00am, Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
we include in our prayers:

Saturday, January 10

4:15pm + Eloisa Perea
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, January 11

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

Tuesday, January 13

8:30am Mike Walters (Spec. Int.)

Friday, January 16

8:30am + Doug Hall

Saturday, January 17

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

Sunday, January 18

8:30am + Vincent Cocciolone
10:00am + John Warnock

SECOND COLLECTION

January 10 & 11

There will be no second collection this weekend.

January 17 & 18

The second collection next weekend benefits St. Patrick Seminary and University in Menlo Park. St. Patrick's relies primarily on the generosity of parishioners to cover the costs of the education, training, and formation of Diocesan Priests.

Our Facebook page needs some updated posts. Won't you take a moment to write about your experience at our parish? Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/stteresasf>

Ministers Schedule for Next Week January 17 & 18

<u>4:15 PM</u>		<u>10:00 AM</u>	
Lector:	R. Ostler	1 Lector:	D.B. Bernstein
Bread:	J. Daddio	2 Lector:	L. Jacklevich
Cup:	A. Rose	1 Bread:	S. Miller
Hosp:	R. Jones	2 Bread:	A. Schelstrate
		3 Bread:	K. Schelstrate
<u>8:30 AM</u>		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	T. Lang	2 Cup:	J. Schelstrate
Bread:	M. Morey	Hosp:	J. Warnock
Cup:	S. Lang		
Hosp:	T. Lando		

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The liturgy this weekend celebrates the Baptism of the Lord, a feast which brings to a close the Christmas Season. In this week's column I'd like to focus both on why we celebrate this feast at this time of year, as well as on how the Baptism of the Lord found its way into the liturgical calendar.

First, the Baptism of the Lord is one in a series of *manifestation feasts*. What does this mean? Well, when we broadly examine the readings of the Advent-Christmas season, the theme of *manifestation* emerges. We were introduced to this theme on the Fourth Sunday of Advent when, three weeks ago, we read the story of the Annunciation. Mary responded to the angel Gabriel by consenting to be the Mother of Christ, and the unusual circumstances surrounding Jesus' conception and birth (which include Elizabeth's conception of John the Baptist in her old age) are examples of God's "manifestation" among us in extraordinary ways.

This manifestation theme continues throughout the Christmas season. In the Midnight Mass Gospel, angels and shepherds recognize Jesus on the night he was born, and, on the Sunday after Christmas, Simeon and Anna recognize Jesus when he is presented in the temple just days after his birth. On New Year's Day, Luke's Gospel repeats part of the familiar Christmas story, ending with Mary observing what has taken place and keeping these things in her heart. Last Sunday – on the Feast of the Epiphany – Magi from the East followed the star and recognized the significance of this newborn child, offering him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Which brings us to this Sunday, the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, the sky is rent in two and the Spirit descends on Jesus like a dove, whereupon a voice proclaims, "You are my Beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This manifestation of Jesus in the waters of the Jordan brings the Christmas season to a close, and the crux of the readings challenges us to recognize the presence of Christ in our midst.

Originally, the Baptism of the Lord was one of three events celebrated at the Epiphany (the other two being the Visit of the Magi and the Wedding Feast at Cana). It was not until 1955 that Pope Pius XII instituted a separate feast in commemoration of Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan, a feast that was to be celebrated on January 13th. In 1969, 14 years after Pius XII established the feast, Pope Paul VI made the Baptism of the Lord a moveable feast, celebrated on the first Sunday after the Epiphany. Thus, although the Baptism of the Lord has long been celebrated in the Church, its "official date" as the Sunday after Epiphany has been around for only four decades.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the Baptism of the Lord marks the official "end" of the Christmas Season. However, in other Churches – such as the Anglican (Episcopal) Church – the Christmas season lasts for 40 days, beginning with Christmas on December 25th and concluding with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd.

Pope John Paul II initiated a custom whereby on this feast the Pope baptized babies in the Sistine Chapel. In many Catholic Churches throughout the world, infant baptisms are celebrated on this day. St. Teresa's is no exception: this Sunday, at the 10 am Mass, we celebrate the baptism of Quentin Kazuya Yoshimura, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Randall Yoshimura.

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: _____

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