

We will be offering the Sacrament of Anointing at all Masses next weekend, **January 18 & 19.**

Sacrament of Anointing



Please join us in welcoming Mareliņa Leotiņa Tuiāfono to our parish community. Mareliņa, the daughter of Numeņā Tuiāfono and Koleka Matautia, will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10am Mass.

Beginning the week of January 14, 2014 the Archdiocese is presenting a new **FORWARD IN FAITH** speaker series: **The Theology of Pope Francis.** The program will consist of live lectures given at three locations:

- St. Mary's Cathedral**, San Francisco on Tuesday nights;
- St. Hilary's**, Tiburon on Wednesday nights; and
- St. Bartholomew's**, San Mateo on Thursday nights

and will run through the week of February 11. Go to [www.sfarchdiocese.org](http://www.sfarchdiocese.org) and click on the home page **FORWARD IN FAITH** banner tab for speaker and a registration information or contact Cindy Kilpatrick at (415) 614-5616.

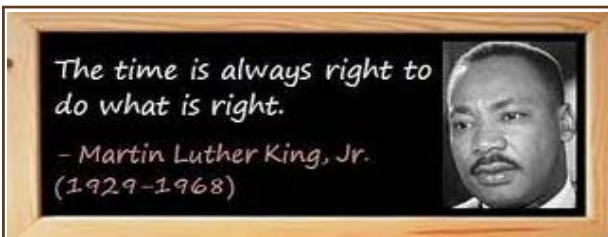
**Fr. Greenwell will be attending Tuesday nights at the Cathedral and invites parishioners to join him. Scholarships are available.**



As we close the books on 2013, please contact the parish office if you are in need of a year-end statement of your donations. We are able to provide statements to parishioners who have donated via envelopes or monthly forms. We are also able to provide statements to those who donated by putting checks in the collection basket.

**POINSETTIAS**

Everyone is welcome to take home as many of the poinsettias as they like.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — December**

First Collection (Monthly Donors)	\$2,884
Building & Maintenance	\$3,574
Philippines Typhoon Relief	\$2,771
Religious Retirement Fund	\$1,857
Initial Offering	\$ 141
Immaculate Conception	\$ 70
Christmas (includes previously published amounts)	\$4,791
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,085

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

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

**JANUARY 12, 2014**  
**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



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**OFFICE HOURS**

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1:00pm to 4:30pm

Please visit our website:  
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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 12 - Religious Education  
9:00am, Parish Hall

Mon, Jan 13 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm

Tue, Jan 14 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Sammon Hall

- Pastoral Council  
Forward in Faith  
7:00pm, St Mary Cathedral

Sat, Jan 18 - AA Meeting  
7:00pm, Sammon

Sun, Jan 19 - Religious Education

### MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together  
we include in our prayers:

#### Saturday, Jan 11

4:15pm + Luis Megid, Sr.  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, Jan 12

8:30am The People of the Parish  
10:00am + Joseph "Giuli" Ferrando

#### Tuesday, Jan 14

8:30am Little Childrens Aid

#### Friday, Jan 17

8:30am + Eloisa Perea

#### Saturday, Jan 18

4:15pm + William J. Burns  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, Jan 19

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

## SECOND COLLECTION

### January 11 & 12

There is no second collection this weekend.

### January 18 & 19

The second collection next weekend will benefit St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park. St. Patrick's relies upon the generosity of its benefactors and the parishioners its seminarians will one day serve as priests in order to provide its quality program of priestly formation.

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

### January 4 & 5

**\$1,575**

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated to the stained glass window fund and enabled us to meet the matching fund challenge.

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week January 18 & 19

<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector: J. Kennedy	1 Lector: R. Pitts	
Bread: A. Rose	2 Lector: C. Arett	
Cup: B. Baird	1 Bread: J. Schelstrate	
Hosp: R. Jones	2 Bread: C. Galvez	
	3 Bread: D. Tejada	
	1 Cup: C. Allen	
<b>8:30 AM</b>	2 Cup: R. Labuguen	
Lector: D. Paquette	Hosp: K. Varandas	
Bread: R. Kingman	B. Cassidy	
Cup: J. Marasco		
Hosp: T. Lando		

## THE THEOPHANY AT THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This weekend celebrates the Baptism of the Lord, the feast which brings to a close the Christmas Season. Since we are in Cycle A, the Gospel is from Matthew, and when Jesus comes out of the water,

“. . . the sky opened and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove and hover over him. With that, a voice from the heavens said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him." (Mt 3:16b - 17)

What we have in today's gospel is an example of a *theophany*. The word *theophany* comes from the Greek, and it refers to the appearance of a deity to a human being. In the Hebrew Scriptures, theophany takes on a more nuanced and refined meaning. In our Judeo-Christian tradition, a theophany refers to the manifestation of God through an extraordinary sign, usually involving nature. Examples of theophanies include:

- The *Burning Bush* where God reveals himself to Moses (Ex 3:1ff)
- The *pillar of cloud by day and fire by night* which led the Israelites through the Sinai (Ex13:21-22)
- The *thunder and lightning on Mount Sinai* that occurs when Yahweh gave Moses the Ten Commandments (Ex 19:16-25)
- The *storm* described in the Song of Deborah (Judges 5:2-31)

The common element in these examples is that each describes an event in nature which is then interpreted as a manifestation of God. This concept of theophany is carried over from the Hebrew Scriptures to the New Testament; following are several examples:

- A *star* announces the Birth of Jesus and directs the Magi to his birthplace in Bethlehem (Mt 2:2)
- The mysterious *calming of the sea*, which prompts the apostles to ask, "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?" (Mt 8:23-27)
- The *earthquake* and the *tearing of the sanctuary veil in two*, events that take place at the moment of Jesus' death (Mt 27:51)
- The *earthquake* on Easter Morning when the women approach the tomb (Mt 21:2)
- And, of course, there is today's Gospel when a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him." (Mt 3:17)

In our modern world, what was formally called a *theophany* is now often regarded as a *coincidence*, and there is a modern tendency to dismiss theophanies as something belonging to more primitive and unsophisticated peoples. Yet there is another way to look at these phenomenon: theophanies question our scientific, rational approach to the world. They challenge us to look at the world "with different eyes", with eyes that are open to wonder and mystery. Wonder and mystery properly belong to the realm of faith, and for this reason we should be cautious to dismiss theophanies as simply the product of a more primitive age.

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