

Operation New Socks for the Homeless



Warm their hearts by warming their feet!

UPDATE

We are on our way to meeting our goal with the collection of **299** pairs of socks as of Friday, January 13!


Throughout the remainder of January, there will be baskets throughout the church and hall awaiting your donations of **new, white athletic socks**. Remember, you can order socks on-line and have them directly shipped to St. Teresa's, 390 Missouri St, SF, CA 94107

With the promise of more rain this 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 2,000 pairs before the end of January?

Please keep Pascual "Sonny" Castro & his family in your prayers.

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:

 Frederick Lucas Cheng, the son of Jeffrey & Tina Cheng. Frederick will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10 am Mass.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Scott Pruitt, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) wants to repeal the Clean Power Plan. This plan is a critical step toward reducing our climate pollution, and being responsible stewards of Creation. In line with Laudato si', a swift and equitable transition to clean energy is a moral imperative, and cleaning up our nation's power plants is a critical first step. As stewards of Creation, we must do better if we are to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. Leave your comments with the EPA by Tuesday January 16th to let our leaders know that you oppose the recent proposal to repeal the Clean Power Plan!

KEEP ON GIVING!

Join the Circle of Light in continuing the giving season. We are providing dinner for homeless men, through the Interfaith Shelter program, on January 29 and February 1 at St. Mark's Church on O'Farrell Street. Together, we cook and serve dinner for about 80 men. We cook the meal ahead of time, meet at St. Mark's around 5 to prepare and warm things up; usual serving time is between 6:30 and 7:00. You can shop, cook, serve - any or all. We need 6-8 people for each dinner. We find joy in working together and providing a home-cooked meal to people going through difficult times. There are sign up sheets for each evening or you can contact any of us: Judi Daddio, Jeanne Burns, Mary Katherine Law, Briony Doyle, or Lynn Jacklevich.

SAVE THE DATE

Retirement Luncheon

*for Deacon Chuck
Sunday, January 28
Following 10:00am Mass*



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 15th in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Please check the bulletin board in the vestibule for a Thank You note from the Lantern.

If you have not yet picked up your envelopes for 2018, they are in the back of the church.

YEAR-END TAX REPORTING

Letters acknowledging donations for 2017 will be sent out during the month of January to all Envelope & Monthly donors who contributed more than \$200. If you donated by 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 14, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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.

MASS INTENTIONS
As we celebrate Mass together
we include in our prayers:

4:15pm **Saturday, January 13**
Audrey Rose (Spec. Int.)
† William J. Burns
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, January 14**
The People of the Parish
10:00am † Patty Griffin & Dan Sullivan

8:30am **Tuesday, January 16**
† Eloisa Perea

8:30am **Friday, January 19**
The Sick of the Parish

4:15pm **Saturday, January 20**
† Kathleen Harnack
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, January 21**
The People of the Parish
10:00am Special Intention of Geraldine
McGrath

Parish Calendar

Sun, Jan 14 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
Mon, Jan 15 - Parish Office Closed
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
Tue, Jan 16 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Hall
- Young Adults Meeting
7:00pm, Priory
Sat, Jan 20 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sun, Jan 21 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 13 & 14
There will be no second collection this week.
January 20 & 21
There will be no second collection next week.

WEEKEND COLLECTION
(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)
JANUARY 6 & 7
\$1,731
THANK YOU!

POINSETTIAS

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

The Ministers' schedules for January and February were emailed on Friday, January 12. If you did not receive the email, contact the Parish Office. There are copies in the Sacristy.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week January 20 & 21

	4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector:	R.M. Ostler	1 Lector: T. Labuguen
Bread:	B. Noelke	2 Lector: G. Femec
Cup:	E. Perea	1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp:	L. Lechich	2 Bread: A. Schelstrate
		3 Bread: J. Warnock
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector:	D. Canzoneri	2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Bread:	S. Perez	Hosp: E. Gries
Cup:	A. Lopez	M. Gries
Hosp:	T. Lando	

WHO WERE THE FIRST DISCIPLES? AND WHERE WERE THEY "CALLED"?

Today's passage from the Gospel of John opens with John the Baptist and two of his disciples walking near the town of Bethany. As Jesus walks by, the Baptist suddenly proclaims, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!", whereupon the two disciples leave John's company in order to follow Jesus. As the passage continues, one of the disciples is identified as Andrew (the brother of Simon Peter), but the text does not reveal the identity of the second disciple.

The two disciples spend the afternoon with Jesus before Andrew leaves to seek out his brother, Simon. Andrew brings Simon to Jesus, who looks at him and says, "You are Simon, son of John; your name shall be Cephas (which is rendered Peter)." *Peter* is a word-play involving "Rock", and in the Gospel of Matthew we learn that Peter is the "Rock" on which Jesus builds his Church.

The call of the first disciples is found each of the four Gospels, but what most of us probably do not know is that today's passage from the Gospel of John differs considerably from the parallel accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The first major difference involves *geography*. In today's Gospel, the evangelist tells us that the call of the first disciples took place near Bethany. This differs from the synoptic tradition where the call takes place near the Sea of Galilee. What's the big deal? Well, Bethany is located in the southern part of Judea, about one and a half miles east of Jerusalem. The sea of Galilee is about seventy miles north of Jerusalem. In other words, the distance from Bethany to the Sea of Galilee is 20 miles more than the distance from San Francisco to San Jose!

The second major difference involves *who* were the first disciples called. In Matthew and Mark, Jesus calls Andrew and Peter, followed by James and John. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus first calls Peter, followed by James and John (no mention is made of Andrew). And in today's Gospel, Jesus first calls Andrew, who later introduces Simon (Peter) to Jesus. Additionally, today's Gospel does not mention James and John, the sons of Zebedee.

To further complicate matters, John's gospel was written *after* Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This means that John completely revised the synoptic accounts. Not only does he change the location where the call of the first disciples took place, but he also changes the disciples who are first called. In the synoptic tradition, Peter, James and John are the first disciples; in John, it is Andrew. Why does John do this?

The subtle reason is unearthed when we "read between the lines" in today's Gospel. At the beginning of today's passage, notice that the two disciples were followers of John the Baptist. It is only with John's urging that they leave the Baptist to follow Jesus. In other words, the author of the Fourth Gospel maintains that first followers of Jesus were originally disciples of John the Baptist. Why would the Evangelist go to such lengths to make such a claim?

What follows is not from scripture or tradition but is from historical reconstruction and speculation. Many scholars believe that, even after the death/resurrection of Jesus and the establishment of the Church, there was a first-century group that followed the tradition of John the Baptist. This group, perhaps, questioned the legitimacy and authenticity of Jesus as the Messiah, and what John the Evangelist is attempting to do is incorporate these followers of the Baptist into the fold of the Church. He does this by giving John the Baptist a position of honor: it is the Baptist who identifies Jesus as the "Lamb of God," and it is two of the Baptist's disciples – Andrew and the unnamed disciple – who leave the Baptist to become the first disciples "called" by Jesus.

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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