

**January 11, 2014
National Human Trafficking
Awareness Day**

Human trafficking is “modern day slavery” because it uses force, fraud or coercion to make people do things they don’t want to do. Women, children and men are all affected by this crime. They are enslaved throughout the world through forced labor and/or commercial sex. Many times they are right in our own communities.

If you are aware of a situation in which someone is being coerced to work against their will for the benefit of others, please call:

U.S. Department of Justice
Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-428-7581

or report your concerns to:

National Human Trafficking
Resource Center’s 24/7 Hotline
1-888-373-7888

For more information:

The Campaign to Rescue
and Restore Victims of
Human Trafficking:

www.afc.hhs.gov/trafficking

State of California:

www.safestate.org/trafficking

Monthly electronic newsletter, *Stop
Trafficking!*

www.StopEnslavement.org



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.

The Parish Office will be closed
January 6 & 7
as our Parish Secretary will be
taking some vacation time.

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 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.

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

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



**JANUARY 5, 2014
THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD**



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OFFICE HOURS

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

Please visit our website:
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.

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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 5 - Religious Education
9:00am, Parish Hall
- Mon, Jan 6 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- Tue, Jan 7 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon Hall
- Sat, Jan 11 - AA Meeting
7:00pm, Sammon
- Sun, Jan 12 - Religious Education
9:00am, Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, Jan 4

4:15pm Our Lady of Mt Carmel Community (Sped. Int.)
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Jan 5

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

Tuesday, Jan 7

8:30am Intention of Presider

Friday, Jan 10

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

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

SECOND COLLECTION

January 4 & 5

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

January 11 & 12

The is no second collection next weekend.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

December 28 & 29

\$1,084

THANK YOU!

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



Sacrament of Anointing

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

Ministers Schedule for Next Week January 11 & 12

4:15 PM

Lector: D. Aikins
Bread: T. Allio
Cup: E. Perea
Hosp: L. Lechich

10:00 AM

1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
2 Lector: D.B. Bernstein
1 Bread: S. Miller
2 Bread: J. Warnock

8:30 AM

Lector: K. Causey
Bread: J. Newman
Cup: Volunteer
Hosp: J. Propster

1 Cup: C. Allen
2 Cup: G. McGrath
Hosp: J. Warnock

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

CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY

In secular terms, an epiphany is an experience of sudden and striking realization. It is often used to describe a scientific breakthrough, a religious or philosophical discovery, or any circumstance in which a problem or situation is understood from a new or deeper perspective.

In theological terms, epiphany refers to the “shining forth” or “revelation” of God to the human race in the person of Jesus Christ. Given this definition, the entire Christmas season is a season of Epiphany. Epiphany moments include Elizabeth’s recognition of Mary as the bearer of the Christ (the Visitation); the angels’ appearance to shepherds to announce Jesus’ birth; the appearance of the Star of Bethlehem; the Wise Men who, upon following the star, find the newborn King; the aged Simeon’s recognition of the infant Christ at his Presentation in the Temple; the finding of the 12-year old Jesus in the Temple; and the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. In each of these examples, someone experiences an “epiphany moment” in which Jesus shines forth, is revealed, or is understood in a new and different way. Of course, the “epiphany moment” *par excellence* is the actual birth of Jesus, but the date on which this happened is by no means certain.

The Feast of Christmas has its roots in the Feast of the Epiphany, and here is where the story gets both interesting and complicated. Initially, it appears that the Eastern (Orthodox) Churches celebrated the Birth of Christ on January 6th, with the feast being called Epiphany. The celebration of Christmas on January 6th probably comes as a surprise to most Christians, but the fact is that the feast of Christmas wasn’t officially celebrated on December 25th until the fourth century.

By the end of the fourth century, the Western (Latin) Church established December 25th as the date for celebrating the Birth of Christ. The Feast of the Epiphany was then celebrated on January 6th, twelve days after December 25th (this is the origin of the Twelve Days of Christmas). In many cultures, December 25th was reserved as a religious feast, whereas January 6th took on a more secular favor. As Epiphany narrowed its focus to the visit by the Magi, the custom of gift-giving evolved to parallel the wise men’s presentation of the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Thus, in some cultures, gift exchange does not take place on Christmas; rather, it takes place on the Feast of the Three Kings.

In the Orthodox (Eastern) Churches, January 6th – the Feast of the Epiphany – focused on the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. The epiphany moment occurred when the Spirit descended upon Jesus, accompanied by a heavenly voice: “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

In the Latin (Roman Catholic or Western) Church, January 6th emphasized the Visit of the Magi and their presentation of the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. After the Second Vatican Council, the liturgical calendar was revised, with the Feast of the Epiphany being moved from January 6th to the Sunday following the New Year (in the case when New Year’s falls on a Sunday, the Epiphany is celebrated on Friday, January 6th). The Baptism of the Lord is then celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany, and it is this feast which concludes our celebration of the Christmas season.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.