

The Archdiocese of San Francisco is offering an exciting new program called FORWARD IN FAITH, in collaboration with Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, designed to deepen knowledge and love of the Catholic faith in order to grow in knowledge of God. Beginning with the week of January 17th, twelve parish locations in the Archdiocese will host men and women from neighboring parishes for weekly sessions that will provide online lectures from many of the leading Catholic theologians in the United States, followed by small group discussions focused on the theme of the evening. FORWARD IN FAITH, which will consist of ten sessions during January, February, and March and ten sessions in September, October, and November, will treat four topics: the Jesus whom we encounter in the Scriptures, the identity of the Church, the sacramental life of the Church and the Christian moral life. For more information on this bold initiative in deepening adult Catholic faith and how to sign up for it, go to FORWARD IN FAITH at

<http://sfarchdiocese.org/>
or contact Cindy Gammer at (415) 614-5616 or gammerc@sfarchdiocese.org.

2011 AAA UPDATE

As of December 8:

Assessed Amount: \$26,600
Amount Received: \$17,171 (64.6%)
Additional Pledged: \$ 300 (1.1%)
Amount Needed: \$ 9,129 (34.3%)

We are still in need of donation to close out the Appeal for 2011. Please use the envelopes available in the church, donate online or call the Parish Office if you are able to help us meet out shortfall.

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

RCIA

The St. Teresa Faith community rejoices that:

Fiatao Mulipola
Tafisi Ulugaono
Katalina Toaitiiti
Osooso Toaitiiti

have been accepted into the Order of Catechumens and are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday.

The St. Teresa's Community of Faith welcomes you and will keep you in our prayers.

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK January 8-14

Just as on the road to Emmaus Christ's disciples met him in the guise of a stranger, this year's theme reminds us that Christ makes himself present to each of us in the lonesome traveler, the newcomer and the migrant. We are called to open our hearts and provide hospitality to those in need. It is our duty to create a space of welcome and acceptance to the migrant who finds him/herself far away from home and in a vulnerable situation. Please visit the Justice for Immigrants web-site:

justiceforimmigrants.org

for more information.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



JANUARY 8, 2012 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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OFFICE HOURS

9:30am to 12:30pm
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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 8 - Good Shepherd, 9:00am
 - Faith Formation, 9:15am
 - Rite of Acceptance (RCIA)
 10:00am Mass
- Mon, Jan 9 - Choir Practice, 7:00pm, Church
- Tues, Jan 10 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Sammon Hall
 - Parish Council
 7:00pm, Avila Hall
- Sat, Jan 14 - AA Meeting
 7:00pm, Avila Hall
- Sun, Jan 15 - No Good Shepherd
 - No Faith Formation.
- Mon, Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Day
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents of children in the Good Shepherd and Faith Formation programs are reminded that January 15th is part of a three-day weekend and there are no classes/sessions. We meet again on 1/22/12. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, January 7

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

Sunday, January 8

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

Tuesday, January 10

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, January 13

8:30am The People of the Parish

Saturday, January 14

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

Sunday, January 15

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

SECOND COLLECTION

January 7 & 8

There is no second collection this weekend.

January 14 & 15

There is no second collection next weekend.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

San Damiano Retreat in Danville offers these exciting retreats:

Jan. 20-22 (23), "The Relationship Challenge"

Saturday, Jan. 21, Singles Workshop, "Discovering Mr. or Ms. Right"

Feb. 10-12, Married Couples Valentine's Day Weekend, with Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM, Richard & Karla Obernesser.

More info: katerik@sandamiano.org, or call 925-837-7141

WEEKEND COLLECTION

December 24 & 25

\$2,265

December 31 & January 1

\$1,546

Ministers Schedule for Next Week January 14 & 15

4:15	Lector: B. Baird	10:00 AM	1 Lector: A. Schelstrate
	Bread: M.K. Law		2 Lector: E. Koh
	Cup: J. Kennedy		1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
	Hosp: R. Plut		2 Bread: J. Warnock
			3 Bread: T. Mana
8:30 AM			1 Cup: C. Allen
	Lector: T. Lang		2 Cup: S. Miller
	Bread: Sr. Maureen		Hosp: J. Warnock
	Cup: S. Lang		
	Hosp: T. Lando		

RCIA: THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

This Sunday at the 10 am Mass we are celebrating the *Rite of Acceptance*. This is the first step in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA), the process through which the Church initiates new members. When people go through the Rite of Acceptance they become *catechumens*, an ancient word used in the early Church to describe those who are preparing for Baptism.

The RCIA was restored following the Second Vatican Council, and Christian Initiation usually takes place at the Easter Vigil when catechumens receive the Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This follows the ancient practice of the Church where new members received all three sacraments at the same liturgy, a practice that is still followed in both the Orthodox Churches and the Catholic Churches of the Eastern Rite.

In addition to those preparing for Baptism, we also welcome those who are requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation in order to complete their Christian Initiation. These people have been baptized and, as such, are already members of God's household. Finally, we also have an infant who will be baptized at the end of the month and we anticipate the baptism by celebrating the Rite of Welcome.

The major symbol of this rite is the Cross. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes,

"Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life" (Rom 6:3-4).

Those to be baptized are signed with the cross to symbolize the Christian life and journey they are embracing; those who are already baptized are signed with the cross to remind them of the commitment already made at baptism.

It is also important to note that these rites take place in the midst of the assembly during the Sunday liturgy. The Introduction for the RCIA states that, "The initiation of catechumens is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful." (RCIA, 4). The underlying premise is that people are initiated into a community by living in a community – a person learns how to live the Christian life by living among Christians.

As we move towards Easter we will celebrate additional rites with the catechumens. These, too, take place in the context of the Sunday liturgy.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.