



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

The **DONATION ENVELOPES** for those already enrolled in this program are available for pick-up in the back of the church. There are also envelopes for those who recently registered to receive envelopes.

Contact the Parish Office if you would like envelopes.

The **Mass Intention book for 2017** is now available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact Stephani in the Parish Office.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

DECEMBER 24 & 25

\$4,642

DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1

\$1,923

THANK YOU!

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

An overwhelming majority of Catholics in the United States (73 percent) believe that government needs to do more to address the issue of climate change – a sentiment repeatedly expressed by Pope Francis and our Bishops. As members of the Catholic community, we are praying that Trump's presidency may be blessed with wisdom and compassion. Sign the petition to urge Trump to play a critical role in solving this crisis.

<http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/trumppetition>



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

With the wet weather 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?

From the San Francisco SafeHouse Facebook page . . .

"Our holiday homeless outreach efforts were a huge success! Our women gathered to give back to their communities in the largest outreach attempt in our history. We were able to deliver sleeping bags, hot food plates, non-perishable food bags, and toiletry bags to over 250 homeless persons in the Tenderloin, Mission, SOMA, and Bayview neighborhoods. This was truly a community effort and only possible with the help of our outreach partners: [City Hope San Francisco](#) (use of space), [St Teresa Avila San Francisco \(sleeping bags\)](#), [Hilton San Francisco Union Square](#) (hot food plates), [SF-Marin Food Bank](#) (non perishable food), [Calvary Presbyterian Church Youth Group](#) (non perishable food & toiletries) & [Presbyterian Church In Chinatown](#) (toiletries)."

For those not familiar with this organization, San Francisco SafeHouse is a nurturing and empowering living community for homeless women escaping sexual exploitation, prostitution, and sex trafficking.

<http://www.sfsafehouse.org/>

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



JANUARY 8, 2017 THE EPIPHANY 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.*

CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY

In secular terms, an epiphany is an experience of sudden insight or realization. It may 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 occurs when we have a new insight or realization into the mystery of God. For example: in the New Testament, epiphany moments occur when John the Baptists points to Jesus and says, "Behold! the Lamb of God!" (Jn 1:29b), or when Peter blurts out, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!" (Mt 16:16).

During this time of year, 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.

For many people, it comes as a surprise to learn that Christians did not celebrated Christmas on December 25th until sometime in the fourth century. Christmas is rooted 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, and they called this feast Epiphany. However, this celebration was not limited to Christ's birth. It may also have included the visit of the Magi, the finding in the Temple, and even the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan and the Wedding Feast at Cana!

By the end of the fourth century, the Western (Latin) Church established December 25th as the date for celebrating the Birth of Christ, and the Feast of the Epiphany was 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 flavor. 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.

Today, the Orthodox Churches celebrate Epiphany on January 6th, but the focus is on the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. The epiphany moment occurs when the Spirit descends upon Jesus and a heavenly voice proclaims, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

In the Roman Catholic Church, January 6th emphasizes the Visit of the Magi and their presentation of the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. After the Second Vatican Council, the revised liturgical calendar moved the Epiphany from January 6th to the Sunday after New Year's. The Baptism of the Lord is then celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany or (as in this year when Epiphany falls on a Sunday), on January 9th.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 7 & 8

There will be no second collection this weekend.

January 14 & 15

There will be no second collection next weekend.

YEAREND TAX REPORTING

Letters acknowledging donations for 2016 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.

The Ministers' Schedules for January & February were emailed on January 6th. There are copies available in the Ministers' Sacristy. Please contact Stephani if you would like to receive via email.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week January 14 & 15

4:15 PM		10:00 AM	
Lector:	R.M. Ostler	1 Lector:	D.B. Bernstein
Bread:	J. Daddio	2 Lector:	C. Arett
Cup:	E. Perea	1 Bread:	J. Schelstrate
Hosp:	J. Marasco	2 Bread:	J. Warnock
		3 Bread:	K. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	T. Lang	2 Cup:	G. McGrath
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp:	J. Warnock
Cup:	S. Lang		
Hosp:	T. Lando		

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

- 4:15pm **Saturday, January 7**
† Cecelia A. Greenwell
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, January 8**
The People of the Parish
10:00am † Vincent Cocciolone
- 8:30am **Tuesday, January 10**
The Sick of the Parish
- 8:30am **Friday, January 13**
The Deceased of the Parish
- 4:15pm **Saturday, January 14**
† William J. Burns
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, January 15**
The People of the Parish
10:00am † Patty Griffin & Dan Sullivan

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Jan 8 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
- Mon, Jan 9 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
- Tue, Jan 10 - SVdP Meeting, 9:00am
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Hall
- Pastoral Council
7:00pm, Avila
- Sat, Jan 14 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Sun, Jan 15 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

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