



PLEASE JOIN US
AS WE CELEBRATE
THE EUCHARIST IN
OBSERVANCE OF
THANKSGIVING
AT 10:00AM
NOVEMBER 26TH



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This year we are again delighted to be working with The Lantern to distribute Christmas cheer.

Beginning November 28, the tree with all the sparkling tags is our annual Giving Tree. Each tag has the name of a child along with clothing sizes, or a toy the child desires.

Please take one or two (not more so everyone gets an opportunity) and **return the wrapped package no later than Sunday, December 13** to ensure that Santa is able to make timely deliveries.

Thank you for your generosity – be assured you will be making a child very happy.

AID FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

This year our Parish Council is adding envelopes to the tree. If you wish to make a donation to refugee families—mothers, fathers, and children—please put a check in the envelope made out to St. Teresa of Avila. All funds received will go to the refugees c/o Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR). All donations are tax-deductible.

In observance of Thanksgiving,
the Parish Office will be closed on
Thursday, November 26
and Friday, November 27.

YOU'RE INVITED!!

December 13th is the Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudate Sunday*. *Gaudate* means "Rejoice!", and it marks the half-way point of Advent. After the 8:30 am & 10 am Masses we invite you to the Parish Hall to "rejoice" with a breakfast of sausage, eggs, and pancakes. (vegetarian/vegan options available)

We promise plenty of food and fellowship, please join us.

DONATION ENVELOPES

We are readying the donation envelopes for the next Liturgical Year. This year the boxes will contain envelopes through December 2017, so we may more easily do our accounting for tax purposes. If you do not currently have envelopes but would like to use them to keep track of your donations, please contact the Parish Office.

We also have a Monthly Donor plan. In this plan, a notice of all the collections for the coming month is mailed to you. You just mark what amount you would like to go towards each collection, write one check and put it in the provided return envelope. You may then drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. If you would like to sign up for this Donor plan, please contact Stephani in the Parish Office.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Are you inspired to care for creation? Get in on the ground floor of St Teresa's new Green Team. To find out more about it, send an email to info@stteresasf.org. The first Green Team meeting will be Tuesday, December 1st from 6 to 7 PM at the priory.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



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

NOVEMBER 22, 2015 OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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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, Nov 22 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
 Mon, Nov 23 - AA Meeting, 6:30pm, Avila
 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Nov 24 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Thanksgiving Distribution
 1:00 pm, Church Hall
 Thur, Nov 26 - Mass, 10:00am
 Sat, Nov 28 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall
 Sun, Nov 28 - No Faith Formation

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
 we include in our prayers:

Saturday, November 21
 4:15pm † Deceased Members of the SVdP Society
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
Sunday, November 22
 8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am † Barbara McGrath
Tuesday, November 24
 8:30am † Eloisa Perea
Thursday, November 26
 10:00am † Gregory Lewis
Friday, November 27
 8:30am † Rich Walsh
Saturday, November 28
 4:15pm † Mike Comaich
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
Sunday, November 29
 8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am † Carlo Gomez

SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 21 & 22

The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity.

November 28 & 29

Next week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 14 & 15

\$1,622

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week November 28 & 29

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: A. Rose		1 Lector: D. Churton
Bread: F. Patt		2 Lector: M. Schelstrate
Cup: J. Burns		1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: R. Jones		2 Bread: K. Schelstrate
		3 Bread: J. Warnock
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: K. Causey		2 Cup: A. Schelstrate
Bread: J. Newman		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: S. Lang		
Hosp: T. Lando		

RCIA: The Rite of Acceptance

This Sunday 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. Generally, Christian Initiation takes place at the Easter Vigil, and between now and Easter we will celebrate additional rites as part of the RCIA.

There are two groups of people who go through Christian Initiation. The first group consists of those who have never been baptized. These people are called *catechumens*, an ancient word used in the early Church to describe those who were preparing to receive all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).

The second group, called *candidates*, have already been baptized, often in another Christian denomination (Methodist or Lutheran, for example). It is important to note that the Church does not speak of these people as "converts" because, to some degree, they are already members of God's household by virtue of their baptism. We neither re-baptize or conditionally baptize candidates; instead, candidates come into full communion with the Catholic Church through a profession of faith. They complete their Christian Initiation when they receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Sometimes, we have a third group who complete their Christian Initiation at Easter. This group consists of people who were baptized as Roman Catholics but never received Confirmation or Eucharist. Generally, the diocesan bishop gives the priest presiding at the Easter Vigil permission to confirm these people. Later in the same liturgy, these individuals complete their Christian Initiation with the reception of First Eucharist.

This process – the RCIA – was restored following the Second Vatican Council, with Christian Initiation normally taking place at the Easter Vigil. This follows an ancient practice of the Church where new members receive all three sacraments at the same liturgy, a practice still followed both in the Orthodox Churches and in the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches.

Today, we celebrate the *Rite of Acceptance*, a rite whose major symbol 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).

In this rite, Catechumens 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.

These rites should be celebrated 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 being that people are initiated into a community by living in a community (i.e., a person learns how to live the Christian life by living among Christians).

This year we do not have any catechumens, but we do have two candidates. **Shane Brentham** was baptized in the Baptist Church and will come into full communion through his profession of faith, Confirmation, and Eucharist. **Anastacio Flores** was baptized in the Catholic Church and will complete his Christian Initiation with Confirmation and Eucharist. The Rite of Acceptance will be celebrated at the 10 o'clock liturgy, and we will be asking members of the assembly to come forward to assist in the signing of the senses.

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address | <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send Sunday envelopes | <input type="checkbox"/> Send Monthly Donor Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving—remove from mailing list |