



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The tree with all of the sparkling ornaments that will be in Church beginning on 11/29 is

our annual Giving Tree. Each ornament has the name of a child along with clothing sizes, or a toy which is the child's wish.

Please take one or two (not more so everyone gets an opportunity) and return the wrapped package no later than Sunday, December 14. The gifts need to be delivered on 12/16 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.

YOU'RE INVITED!!

December 14th 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 catered breakfast of sausage, eggs, and pancakes (vegetarian/vegan options available).

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

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Diego Wood Gallegos, the son of Armando & Shannon Gallegos. Diego will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10:00am Mass.



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING AT 10:00AM NOVEMBER 27TH

In observance of Thanksgiving, the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.

DONATION ENVELOPES

The envelopes for those who are already enrolled in this program are available for pick-up in the back of the church.

If you do not currently have envelopes but would like to use them to keep track of your donations, please contact the Parish Office.

Men's Shoe Drive for St. Vincent de Paul's Help Desk

Clear your Closets before the Holidays... (All sizes welcome, greater need for larger sized shoes.)

"Got a spare pair to share, or a pair you rarely wear?" Please consider donating just one pair on December 6th & 7th before or after Mass. Containers are located inside the entrance of the church & parish hall.

To be given to St. Vincent de Paul Help Desk for homeless and those individuals that are on their way to no longer being homeless...

Have more Men's shoes, pants, shirts, belts, ties, small household items to spare that you no longer use/wear, please drop them off at StVdP Help Desk (1175 Howard St.) between 9am - 2:30pm M-W & F

<http://svdp-sf.org/what-we-do/help-desk/> (Entrance Left on Sumner St. between 7th & 8th)

Thank you!

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

NOVEMBER 23, 2014

OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS



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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 23 - Faith Formation,
9:00am, Parish Hall
 Mon, Nov 24 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tues, Nov 25 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Thanksgiving Distribution
9:30am, Sammon
 Thur, Nov 27 - Thanksgiving Mass, 10:00am
 - Parish Office Closed
 Fri, Nov 28 - Parish Office Closed
 Sat, Nov 29 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Nov 30 - No Faith Formation

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, November 22

4:15pm + Eloisa Perea
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, November 23

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + John Warnock

Tuesday, November 25

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Thursday, November 27

10:00am The People of the Parish

Friday, November 28

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, November 29

4:15pm + Deceased Members of the St.
Vincent de Paul Society
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, November 30

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + Earl Schneider

SECOND COLLECTION

November 22 & 23

There will be no second collection this week-end.

November 29 & 30

The second collection next weekend benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 15 & 16

**\$1,364
THANK YOU!**

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

Workbooks for the new Liturgical Year, which starts November 30th, are in the Ministers' Sacristy.

Please note you have picked-up your book on the provided listing. Thank you!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week November 29 & 30

4:15 PM

Lector: A. Rose
Bread: J. Daddio
Cup: E. Perea
Hosp: L. Lechich

10:00 AM

1 Lector: D. Aikins
2 Lector: D.B. Bernstein
1 Bread: S. Miller
2 Bread: G. McGrath
3 Bread: Volunteer

8:30 AM

Lector: D. Paquette
Bread: R. Kingman
Cup: J. Newman
Hosp: T. Lando

2 Cup: R. Labuguen
Hosp: K. Varandas
B. Cassidy
L. Mastrangelo

IN MEMORY OF JAMES AND JULIA GAFFNEY: THE WINDOW OF CHRIST THE KING

This weekend is the Last Sunday in Ordinary Time. It marks the end of the liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King. Today, I'd like to focus on the Christ the King window, found in the northwest corner of the church. This is the last of twelve major windows in the main worship space, windows which illustrate events from the life and ministry of Jesus. However, two of these windows seem a bit out of place: the first window (Adam and Eve being expelled from the Garden) and the last window (Christ the King). Why are these windows included in a sequence that focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus?

What is interesting about the Adam and Eve window is that it is not a historical rendition of the Genesis text. Rather, it offers a theological interpretation of the Genesis story, an interpretation, developed by Christians over the centuries, which understands the roots of salvation in the fall of Adam. In other words, because Original Sin entered the world through Adam, it was necessary that a Redeemer (Jesus) enter human history and "undo" Adam's sin. Adam's sin necessitated the Incarnation, but this could not have taken place had not Mary said "Yes" to God. The window conveys this theological understanding, and the image of Mary emphasizes her central role in Salvation History.

Which brings us to the twelfth window: Why is the last window Christ the King? Granted, Christ the King emphasizes Christ's conquering of sin and death, as well as his subsequent rule over all creation. But the last window could just as easily have been the Ascension into Heaven or the Second Coming of Christ. Why did the artist choose Christ the King to complete the sequence?

As much as we could speculate regarding the theological reasons for choosing Christ the King, I think that the actual reasons are much more historical, contextual, and practical. The Feast of Christ the King is a relatively modern feast. Established in 1925 by Pius XI, it was assigned to the last day of October. After the Second Vatican Council it was elevated to the rank of Solemnity and moved to the Last Sunday of Ordinary Time.

The Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when the Church felt that its authority was being questioned and challenged. If we examine the 150-year period prior to 1925, we notice that it was a period marked by political revolution. In 1776 the American colonies rejected the kingship of George III, and in 1789 the French Revolution sent shockwaves throughout Europe. In each case monarchies were rejected in favor of republican democracies, and in 1917 the revolutionary spirit cumulated with the toppling of the czarist regime in Russia.

The parallels between a monarchy and the papacy are quite striking, and the Church was very suspicious of these political movements. Given this historical context, it is not surprising that the Church developed and maintained a defensive stance against the world. In 1925, when the Church established the Feast of Christ the King, it was making a theological statement against what it felt was a secularization of the culture wherein divine right was being replaced by democratic rule.

The fact that this "idea feast" was permanently enshrined in our stained glass window gives us a snapshot of the theological environment of the day. And, because the Feast of Christ the King did not exist before 1925, it means that the twelve windows in the main part of the Church were installed *after* that date (In fact, we believe they date from the 1930's, probably between 1934 and 1940).

The two "bookend" windows – Adam and Eve being banished from the Garden and the Window of Christ the King – are the only two windows awaiting restoration. Our plan is complete this restoration in the Spring of 2015.

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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