



Sacrament of Anointing

ANOINTING

This weekend, November 26 & 27, we are offering the Sacrament of Anointing at all our Masses.

YOU'RE INVITED!!

December 11th 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.

WEEKEND COLLECTION NOVEMBER 19 & 20

\$1,662

THANK YOU!

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Brianne Joyce Early, the daughter of Brian J. Early & Ladylynn L. Yabut. Brianne was baptized by Deacon Antonio Reyes at 1:00pm this Saturday; and,

Carson Frederick Rising, the son of Miranda & Russ Rising. Carson will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10 am Mass.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

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

Beginning November 27, the tree with all the sparkling tags is our annual Giving Tree. Each child has 2 tags, with the name & age of the child along with clothing sizes or something practical on one tag; the other tag has a toy the child desires. There is no need to buy both, unless you take 2 tags for the same child. Some ask for **gift cards**—please be thoughtful in your selection of card & amount (to be age appropriate). We suggest the \$25-\$50 range.

Please take one or two (not more so everyone gets an opportunity) and **return the wrapped package, with tag attached, no later than Sunday, December 11** 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.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Don't know what to give friends and family this season? Rather than buying last minute presents, try giving them experiences. Massage reservations, museum passes, or theater tickets are great alternatives to traditional gifts.

CALLING 4:15 MASS ATTENDEES

We would like to begin quarterly gatherings after Mass, so those attending this Mass will have an opportunity to form community.

In order to have these events, we need some volunteers who will organize, set-up, and clean-up. We have tentatively scheduled a Wine & Cheese Night for December 3rd.

Please see either Fr. Michael after Mass or call the Parish Office to volunteer.

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




**NOVEMBER 27, 2016
FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

**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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 26 & 27

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

December 3 & 4

Next week's collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

Parish Calendar

Sun, Nov 27 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
 Mon, Nov 28 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
 Tue, Nov 29 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Hall
 Sat, Dec 3 - Lay Carmelite Meeting
 10:00am, Avila
 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
 Sun, Dec 4 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

Ministers Schedule for Next Week December 3 & 4

4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector: T. Jackson	1 Lector: T. Labuguen
Bread: E. Perea	2 Lector: C. Arett
Cup: J. Burns	1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: R. Jones	2 Bread: K. Schelstrate
	3 Bread: G. McGrath
8:30 AM	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: D. Canzoneri	2 Cup: S. Miller
Bread: R. Kingman	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: P. English	
Hosp: T. Lando	

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Suppose that today, on the First Sunday of Advent, you were not at St. Teresa's but were instead attending services at a Lutheran or Episcopal Church. If you were attentive to the environment, you might notice a subtle difference in the liturgy: Instead of purple, the liturgical color would be royal or midnight blue. Blue, as a liturgical color, is not permitted in the Catholic Church. This is unfortunate, because the shift in color from purple to blue nuances the difference between the Seasons of Lent and Advent.

I suspect that many Catholics believe that Advent is just like Lent . . . only two weeks shorter! After all: both seasons use purple as the liturgical color; in each season the liturgy is muted in that we neither sing the *Gloria!* nor use festive music; and many parishes celebrate penance services twice a year, once in Advent and again in Lent. Both seasons point towards a major feast, Lent preparing us for Easter and Advent focusing on Christmas. Essentially, there are many parallels between the two seasons.

Despite such surface similarities, Advent and Lent are actually two completely different seasons. In Lent the focus is on fasting and penance. Originally, Lent was a 40-day fast in anticipation of Easter, and the season took on a different character when it became a time of final spiritual preparation for those who would be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Additionally, Lent evolved into a penitential season, a time of metanoia when people took inventory of their lives, repented and confessed their sins, and prepared for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery at Easter.

The Season of Advent has a completely different tone. Instead of fasting and penance, Advent is about anticipation and longing. My favorite analogy is to compare Advent to the period of pregnancy. As a couple journeys through the nine months which will cumulate with the birth of their child, they experience a plethora of emotions. On the one hand, there is incredible joy and longing as they anticipate the birth of their child. However, this joy and longing walks hand in hand with incredible anxiety and fear. Will there be complications with the pregnancy and birth? Will the child be healthy? And what about the child's future? Will the child's life be meaningful and fruitful, or will it be marked by suffering and sadness, tragedy and pain? During the nine months of pregnancy, parents vacillate between the emotions of hope-joy and anxiety-fear.

Advent is like pregnancy. During the darkest, coldest time of the year – the winter solstice – we anticipate the Light of Christ, the Son of God, coming into our darkened, sinful world. We anticipate and hope that the presence of Christ can and will make a difference. We rejoice at the Incarnation, the Birth of Christ in history and time. Yet we also know the rest of the story: the life of Jesus will end in suffering, crucifixion, and death. The fact that the tragedy of death is triumphed by the Resurrection does not diminish the tragedy, and it is here, in the Paschal Mystery, that we experience both sadness and joy. This is true for the life of Jesus; this is true for each of our lives; this is true for those waiting to be born.

Lent and Advent are really quite different. The Protestants "got it right" with their subtle shift in the liturgical color from purple to blue.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

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

Saturday, November 26

4:15pm † Gregory Lewis
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, November 27

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am † Deceased Priests of the
 Archdiocese, especially Deceased
 Pastors of St. Teresa of Avila: Rev.
 John Kemmery, Rev. Patrick
 O'Connell, Rev. John Hamerr, Rev.
 Thomas Heretin, Rev. John Hunt,
 Rt. Rev. Peter Flynn, Rev. Harold J.
 O'Day, Rev. Peter J. Sammon, Rev.
 Edward K. Murray

Tuesday, November 29

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, December 2

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, December 3

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

Sunday, December 4

8:30am † Joyce Huddleston
 10:00am † Mary Sullivan

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

Workbooks for the new Liturgical Year, which starts November 27th, are in the Ministers' Sacristy. Please note you have picked-up your book on the provided sheet. Thank you!

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