



Giving Tree

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The tree with all of the sparkling ornaments in Church this weekend 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.

ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesdays in Advent 6:15pm
Tuesdays & Fridays 8:30am

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24th
4:15 Family Mass
9:00 pm Choir Mass, Caroling Prior

Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25th
8:30am
10:00 am, Caroling Prior

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 next weekend (Dec. 6 & 7) 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!

YOU'RE INVITED!!

December 14th is the Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* means "Rejoice!", and it marks the half-way point of Advent. After the 8:30 & 10 am Masses we invite you to the Parish Hall to "rejoice" with a catered breakfast of sausage, bacon, eggs, and pancakes (vegetarian/vegan options available).

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

Please check the bulletin boards in the vestibule and hall for events in our Archdiocese, as they are updated weekly.

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.

DISCERNMENT DAY: Are you seeking for Truth? Are you yearning for the infinite and for happiness? Christ is the Answer! Come and See! During the Year of Consecrated Life, the Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery will host a Discernment Day for young women on January 17, 2015. See the flyer for more information.

WE WELCOME YOU TO

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

NOVEMBER 30, 2014

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.

Parish Calendar

Sun, Nov 30 - No Faith Formation,
 Mon, Dec 1 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Dec 2 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 2:00pm, Sammon
 Sat, Dec 6 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Dec 7 - Faith Formation,
 9:00am, Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
 we include in our prayers:

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

Tuesday, December 2

8:30am + Harry & Katherine Law

Wednesday, December 3

6:15pm The People of the Parish

Friday, December 5

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, December 6

4:15pm + Gino Massoni
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, December 7

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

SECOND COLLECTION

November 29 & 30

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

December 6 & 7

The second collection next weekend benefits
 the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 22 & 23

\$1,567

THANK YOU!

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

Workbooks for the new Liturgical Year, which
 started this weekend, are in the Ministers'
 Sacristy.

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

Ministers Schedule for Next Week December 6 & 7

4:15 PM

Lector: R. Ostler
 Bread: F. Patt
 Cup: E. Perea
 Hosp: L. Lechich

10:00 AM

1 Lector: B. Doyle
 2 Lector: M. Schelstrate
 1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
 2 Bread: K. Schelstrate
 3 Bread: M.K. Law

8:30 AM

Lector: R. O'Connor
 Bread: J. Newman
 Cup: J. Marasco
 Hosp: J. Propster

2 Cup: S. Miller
 Hosp: K. Varandas
 B. Cassidy
 L. Mastrangelo

ADVENT: IT'S NOT THE SAME THING AS LENT!

I suspect that, for many Catholics, Advent is like Lent . . . only two weeks shorter! After all, many of the things that happen in Lent occur in Advent as well: we don't sing the *Gloria* or *Alleluia*; we wear purple vestments; and, in many parishes, there are penance services scheduled twice a year, the first during Advent and the second in Lent.

Despite such surface similarities, Advent and Lent are actually two completely different seasons. Lent emphasizes fasting and penance in anticipation of Easter, whereas Advent is a season of hope and longing in anticipation of Christmas.

In the history of the Church the season of Lent underwent a three-fold development. Originally, Lent was a 40-day fast in preparation for Easter, which was then followed by 50-days of rejoicing between Easter and Pentecost. This was the original and earliest understanding of Lent, and it can be traced back to the earliest first-century Christian communities.

The season of Lent took on a different flavor when it evolved into the *Period of Purification and Enlightenment*, a time when catechumens went through their final spiritual preparation before receiving the Initiation Sacraments at Easter. This phase dates from the early church until about the 5th century. Then it suddenly disappeared . . . only to be restored about 40-years ago with the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

Finally, Lent evolved into a period of penance, 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. This understanding of Lent – focusing on sin and conversion – is probably the “Lent” that most Christians are familiar with.

Advent has a completely different tone from Lent. Instead of fasting and penance, Advent is about anticipation and longing. I'd like to suggest that, perhaps, the best analogy for Advent is 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. 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, filled with joy and happiness? Or will it be marked by suffering and sadness, tragedy and pain? During the nine months of pregnancy, parents vacillate between 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, yet we also know “the rest of the story”: that the life of Jesus ends in suffering, crucifixion, and death. The fact that this tragedy of death is triumphed by Resurrection does not diminish the tragedy. Hence, in the Paschal Mystery, 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.

As you can see, there is quite a bit of difference between Advent and Lent. In some of the non-Catholic Christian denominations – especially in the Anglican and Lutheran Churches – this difference is emphasized by a change in the color of vestments. During Advent midnight blue vestments are worn instead of purple, and this subtle color shift from purple to blue highlights the difference between these two liturgical seasons. The Roman Catholic Church does not allow the wearing of midnight blue vestments, only purple; perhaps this is why Catholics so often think that Advent and Lent a the same season!

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: _____

- New Parishioner New Address New Phone
 Send Sunday envelopes Send Monthly Donor Form Moving—remove from mailing list