

## Diaconate Formation Informational Evenings

The Office of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate will hold Informational Evenings for men considering the possibility of serving the Church as Permanent Deacons. The evening will include discussion of the ministry of the Deacon in the Church, the Formation program and the application process. The San Francisco meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at the Archdioceses of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way. A flyer on the bulletin board has more information.

## Walk for Life West Coast 2020

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 16th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 25, 2020. There will be Mass at 9:30AM at St. Mary's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Alexander Sample from Portland, OR. The rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down Market Street, begins at 1:30PM. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. For complete information about the Walk, visit: [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or call 415-658-1793.

## ON-LINE GIVING



To make a **one time gift**, scan the QR code, scroll past the log in, click on **Quick Give**. To **register for the program**, scan the QR code and complete the log in, etc.

## Welcome to St. Teresa of Avila'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, or complete the form on our website.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner  New Address and/or phone  Send Sunday envelopes  On-Line Giving



## POINSETTIAS

A big **Thank You** to our anonymous donor for all the beautiful plants. They truly bring a Christmas feel to our church every year.

## SERVICES FOR GENEVIEVE VIDA

(updated since email was sent)

Service have been scheduled, as follows:

9:30—10:15 am Viewing & Visitation  
 10:15—12 noon Service  
 1:30—2 pm Interment at Olivet  
 3:00—5:00 pm Celebration of Life at Eric's Chinese Restaurant

Viewing & Service to be held at Duggan Welch Funeral Home, 3434 17th Street. Please see notice on the bulletin board for more information.

## AAA 2020

We have recently been notified that our goal for 2019 is **\$28,860**. We will kick-off the campaign February 1 & 2. More information to follow.

## ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Many times over the Holidays people are filled with holiday cheer and will spend their time volunteering and giving donations. However, after the Holidays and for the rest of the year, nonprofits still need your support. This year, consider volunteering your time with your favorite charities throughout the year!

# We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church A Warm, Welcoming, Inclusive Faith Community Served by the Carmelites



**JANUARY 12, 2020  
THE BAPTISM  
OF THE LORD**

**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

### MARRIAGE

Please call 6 months in advance

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 8:30 am  
 Friday 8:30 am

### BAPTISM & RECONCILIATION

Please call for an appointment

### PARISH OFFICE / MAILING ADDRESS

**HOURS—10:00AM TO 4:30PM**

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## Operation New Socks for the Homeless



We are on our way to meeting our goal with the collection of **589** pairs of socks as of Friday, January 10! Throughout the remainder of January, there will be baskets throughout the church awaiting your donations of **new, white athletic socks**.

Remember, you can order socks on-line and have them directly shipped to St. Teresa's, 390 Missouri St, SF, CA 94107

With the promise of more rain 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 of socks?

## YEAREND TAX REPORTING

Letters acknowledging donations for 2019 will be sent out during the month of January to all **Envelope** donors who contributed more than \$200. If you donated by checks in the basket and would like a tax letter, please email Stephani.

If you donate **on-line**, you can print a record of your donations directly from the donation site. Instruction are on pages 11 & 26 of the On-line Giver Users Guide, located near the bottom of your homepage. If you have any questions, please call Stephani in the Parish Office. If you also donated via envelopes or "checks in the basket", email Stephani@stteresasf.org and a separate record of those donations will be sent out.

## 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

#### January 11 & 12

There will be no second collection this weekend.

#### January 18 & 19

Next week's second collection will benefit the Church in Latin America.

Please check the bulletin boards in the church vestibule and Parish Hall for upcoming events or special notices from the Archdiocese.

### MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- 4:15pm **Saturday, January 11**  
 † William J. Burns  
 Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, January 12**  
 † Sr. Kathleen Healy  
 The People of the Parish
- 10:00am † Patty Griffin & Dan Sullivan
- 8:30am **Tuesday, January 14**  
 † Margaret Wittorp
- 8:30am **Friday, January 17**  
 The Sick of the Parish
- 4:15pm **Saturday, January 18**  
 † Eloisa Perea  
 Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, January 19**  
 The People of the Parish
- 10:00am Geraldine McGrath (Spec. Int.)

### Parish Calendar

- Sun, Jan 12 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall  
 Mon, Jan 13 - Choir Practice, 7pm, Church  
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall  
 Tue, Jan 14 - AA Meeting, 7:30am, Avila  
 - SVdP Meeting, 9am, Hall  
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
 1pm, Hall  
 - Pastoral Council, 7pm, Avila  
 Wed, Jan 15 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Hall  
 Sat, Jan 16 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila  
 Sun, Jan 17 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall  
 - Sandwich Sunday, 11am, Hall

### PARISH SURVEY

In order to know and better understand our Catholic people and their needs, the Archdiocese has asked that each parishioner complete a short survey, which we will be handing out this weekend. This survey is anonymous and may also be completed on-line:

[sfarchdiocese.org/parish-survey-english](http://sfarchdiocese.org/parish-survey-english)

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week January 18 & 19

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>4:15 PM</b>    | <b>10:00 AM</b>         |
| Lector: Sr. Maire | 1 Lector: L. Schoendorf |
| Bread: J. Daddio  | 2 Lector: S. Gomes      |
| Cup: R.M. Ostler  | 1 Bread: JS. Miller     |
| Hosp: R. Jones    | 2 Bread: M. Ta'aga      |
|                   | 3 Bread: J. Warnock     |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>    | 1 Cup: C. Illich        |
| Lector: T. Lang   | 2 Cup: A. Schelstrate   |
| Bread: P. English | Hosp: J. Warnock        |
| Cup: S. Lang      |                         |
| Hosp: T. Lando    |                         |

## THE THEOPHANY AT THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, the feast which brings to a close the Christmas Season. Since we are in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from Matthew, and in today's text, when Jesus comes out of the water,

“. . . the sky opened and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove and hover over him. With that, a voice from the heavens said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him." (Mt 3: 16b - 17)

These circumstances surrounding Jesus' baptism – the descent of the Spirit and a voice from the heavens – are an example of a *theophany*. Simply put, a *theophany* is a Greek word that describes the manifestation of a deity to a human being.

In the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, theophany takes on a more nuanced and refined meaning. In our Judeo-Christian tradition, a theophany refers to the manifestation of God through an extraordinary sign, usually involving nature. In the Hebrew Scriptures, examples of theophanies include:

- The *Burning Bush* where God reveals himself to Moses (Ex 3:1ff)
- The *pillar of cloud by day and fire by night* which led the Israelites through the Sinai (Ex13:21–22)
- The *thunder and lightning on Mount Sinai* that occurs when Yahweh gave Moses the Ten Commandments (Ex 19:16-25)
- The *storm* described in the Song of Deborah (Judges 5:2-31)

The common element in these examples is that each describes an event in nature which is then interpreted as a manifestation of God. This concept of theophany is carried over from the Hebrew Scriptures to the New Testament. Here are several examples:

- A *star* announces the Birth of Jesus and directs the Magi to his birthplace in Bethlehem (Mt 2:2)
- Jesus mysteriously *calms the sea*, which prompts the apostles to ask, "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?" (Mt 8:23-27)
- The *earthquake* and the *tearing of the sanctuary veil in two*, events that take place at the moment of Jesus' death (Mt 27:51)
- The *earthquake* on Easter Morning when the women approach the tomb (Mt 21:2)
- And, of course, there is today's Gospel when *a voice from heaven* proclaims, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him." (Mt 3:17)

In our modern world, what was formally called a *theophany* is now often referred to as a *coincidence*, and as we become more secularized we tend to dismiss theophanies as something belonging to more primitive and unsophisticated era. Yet there is another way to look at these phenomenon: theophanies question our scientific, rational approach to the world. They challenge us to look at the world "with different eyes", with eyes that are open to wonder and mystery. Wonder and mystery properly belong to the realm of faith, and for this reason we should be cautious to dismiss theophanies as simply the product of a more primitive age.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.