

The Rose

Santa Teresita's Monthly Newsletter

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Thankful for Thanksgiving

What makes Thanksgiving such a special day? Is it the turkey, the family gathered around, the pumpkin pie, seeing friends that we have not visited all year, or a mixture of all of the above? Undoubtedly, gathering together as family is one of the highest joys of the day (though we enjoy the great turkey dinner, too). For those who live here at Santa Teresita, we have a very special joy that not many receive on this day. We get to see the bright light on each resi-



The Gifts of Gala

The tent rose high on the green as the night of the Gala, our annual fundraiser, began. Many friends and family gathered around as we celebrated the love and friendship of Monsignor Clement Connolly. The most repeated comment as the night progressed was, "This is like one big family gathering." Indeed, the night took on a special flavor of intimacy and friendship as we supped together in the misty weather. Yet, this beautiful night would not have come to life without the wonderful help and support of you, our friends. A special thank you goes out to all who attended the event and those who worked tirelessly on coordinating the night and putting together the last minute touches that made it so special.



dent's face as they recall the things for which they are grateful. The joy begins as each one takes their place around the Eucharistic table at Mass, many of which have family members present. Then, as our wonderful volunteers cheerfully escort the residents to the Madonna Hall, we are all able to sit at table with them and share the wonder of memories and delicious food. We never cease to be grateful for the great gift that each life offers us here at Santa Teresita. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your family and traditions.



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Upcoming Events

**Saturday, December 8th
1:30pm**

Santa Teresita Open House
Tour Bethany, Good Shepherd Cottage, and the Manor
RSVP (626) 408-7802

**Saturday, December 8th
2:00pm**

"Volunteers have Talents"
Christmas Program in Madonna Hall
RSVP (626) 408-7823

**Thursday, December 13th
8:00am**

"In the Fullness of Time" with Hayden
LIFE Breakfast in Madonna Hall
RSVP (626) 256-3059

Friday, December 14th

Hayden Child Care Christmas Show
Madonna Hall

**Sunday, December 16th
following the 10am Mass**

Posadas Prayers and Celebration
Chapel and Pink Room
RSVP (626) 678-6403

**Thursday, December 20th
10:30am**

Senior University Presentation
Madonna Hall

**Tuesday, December 25th
10:00am**

Christmas Mass

**Thursday, December 27th
11:00am**

Christmas Meal and Entertainment
For the Residents of Santa Teresita
Madonna Hall

Catechetical Corner

“Why do we have Holy Water?”

Holy water is what the Church calls a “sacramental”. “These are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments.” (CCC 1667) “Sacramentals do not confer (transmit) the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church’s prayer, they prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it.” (CCC 1670) The reverent use of holy water fosters a remembrance of our Baptismal promises (CCC 1185). Recalling our Baptismal promises is important in the life of faith for “Baptism is “the sacrament of faith” in a particular way, since it is the sacramental entry into the life of faith.” (CCC 1236) That is, belief in the one true God and Jesus Christ His only Son, whom He has sent into the world to be our Savior. Recalling this entry into the life of faith, strengthens one’s resolve to continue on and to foster the growth of this great gift of Faith.



When the Saints Go Marching In

Every year, Santa Teresita traditionally holds a small All Saints Day Party for our Residents and Hayden Children. Not only is this a great time for our children and residents to share joy together, it is also a time of learning. All Hallows Eve was originally a Christian celebration of the vigil of All Saints Day. Instead of focusing on the ghoulish popular celebration of Halloween, we choose to celebrate the great and beautiful examples of the people who have gone before us in the life of faith. These saints come from all walks of life and from various developmental stages as well, even children. The one thing all the saints have in common is an in-

tense love of God, a love that we desire to imitate. Yet, celebrating All Saints Day is not just about remembering those who lived in the past and the wonderful faith-filled lives they lived, but about recalling that the saints still live in heaven and they are real friends to us on earth. They are our number one fans cheering us on to the greatest goal of our life: Heaven! Even though All Saints Day has passed, do not miss the opportunity to call upon these great friends whenever you need them. The next time the song “When the Saints Go Marching In” begins to play, remember that the saints also want you to be in that number with them.



Welcome to Santa Teresita

Among the many privileges we have here at Santa Teresita is welcoming the new members of our family. This month, we would like to officially welcome some of our newest residents to the Manor Skilled Nursing and Bethany Assisted Living. We extend warm welcome to Louise Heydorff, Sally Castro, Joanna Singleton, Mary Jo Fenimore, and Hilary Fox to the Manor. Bethany Assisted Living has the privilege of welcoming Leon C Mott, Anne O'Brien, and Antonio S Vasquez. We truly hope that each of you grows closer to God and receives

love and support you deserve. It is a great joy to have you and your family members as an invaluable treasure of Santa Teresita. Without you, our family would cease to grow and have new life. The unique gift you bring in just being you adds a new richness and depth to our community. Thank you for all the ways that you have already shared yourself with us and for all gifts you will continue to give by allowing us to be a part of your life. We hope that the joy of mutual giving will continue to increase and you will be able to experience the special love of God for you. We also look forward to welcoming our first residents at the Good Shepherd Cottage soon.

