



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18, 2011

Turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

— *Isaiah 55:7b*



Parish Mission Statement

The Saint Teresa of Avila Parish is a diverse Catholic community of faith that embraces everyone, without exception. We see ourselves as uniquely able to engage in dialogue with people of all faiths and act as peacemakers in our city. Challenged by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist and inspired by the teachings of Saint Teresa of Avila, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's Love, for the salvation of all people.

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God's Economy

Today we hear about a landowner who hired laborers to work in his vineyard. The first hires agreed on a day's pay. When work ended the men were paid, the first hires receiving the same as the late hires. Imagine the grumbling! Fairness and justice in the marketplace are essential. In 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued *Rerum Novarum* ("Of New Things"). This ground-breaking document discussed the relationships and duties of labor and capital, governments and citizens. It called for just wages for people to support families, and the right of labor to unionize. The pope rejected both communism and unrestricted capitalism, and affirmed the right to private property. In the Gospel, Jesus is not addressing these issues, but God's relationship with people. God acts with justice: like the laborers who worked all day, we receive what God promised. God also gives beyond simple justice, giving unexpectedly and lavishly. In God's economy we all get what we deserve and more than we ever bargained for.



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Living Stewardship Now

Decide to work for justice through service to others. A wide range of opportunities is available in the parish and diocese, or tap into the Catholic Network of Volunteer Service at cnvs.org.

La Economía de Dios

Hoy oímos acerca de un propietario que contrató obreros para trabajar en su viña. Los primeros contratados estuvieron de acuerdo con el salario diario que se les ofreció. Cuando se terminó el día laboral todos recibieron la misma paga, según lo acordado, tanto los que empezaron primero como los que llegaron a lo último. ¡Imagínate los gruñidos! Tanto la justicia como la equidad son esenciales en el mundo mercantil. En 1891 el Papa León XIII publicó su encíclica *Rerum Novarum* ("Sobre la Situación de los Obreros"). Este documento innovador abordaba las relaciones y responsabilidades entre el obrero y el capital, y entre el

gobierno y sus ciudadanos. Pedía salarios justos que le permitiera a los trabajadores mantener su familia, así como el derecho a formar sindicatos laborales. El papa rechazaba tanto el comunismo como el capitalismo sin restricciones y afirmaba el derecho a la propiedad privada. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús no se refiere a estos asuntos, sino a la relación de Dios con su pueblo. Dios actúa con justicia y, tal como los obreros que trabajaron todo el día, nosotros recibimos lo que Dios nos promete. Dios también es profusamente generoso más allá de la justicia humana y de lo que podemos esperar. En la economía de Dios nosotros recibimos no lo que tenemos merecido, sino lo mejor e inimaginable.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

Decídete a trabajar por la justicia prestando algún servicio a otras personas. En la parroquia y en la diócesis existe una gran variedad de oportunidades, o podrías también conectarte con la *Catholic Network of Volunteer Service* (Red Católica de Servicios Voluntarios) en su sitio Web: cnvs.org.

St. Teresa of Avila Food Pantry Shopping List

The St. Teresa Food Pantry can always use non-perishable food items such as those listed below.

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pasta Sauce (26 oz.) | Canned Soup (10 oz.) |
| Canned Beans (15 oz.) | Canned Vegetables (15 oz.) |
| Canned Fruit (15oz.) | Spaghetti O's (15 oz.) |
| Peanut Butter (18 oz.) | Chili (15 oz.) |
| Tuna | Cereal |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Pasta |

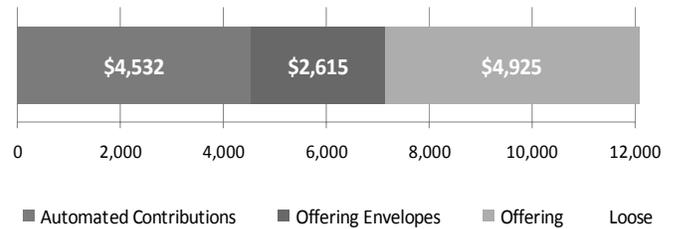
Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.)

Sizes are the Maximum

Weekly Collections Recap for September 11, 2011

| Automated Contributions | Offering Envelopes | Offering Loose | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|
| \$4,532 | \$2,615 | \$4,925 | \$12,072 |

Weekly Sunday Collections (Budget of \$12,000)



We are currently running a \$72 surplus of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of September 11, 2011. We ended last fiscal year, July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011, at a 4% offertory increase over the previous year.

Please check the expiration dates on all food items before donating them; we discard anything that is past the expiration date.

If your family would like to sponsor a large amount of a particular item, please contact Mike Usiak at usiak@sbcglobal.net.



Comments and Concerns

We want to ensure that any questions or concerns are fully addressed. Please contact the Finance Council Chair, Bill Mack, at williamdmack@hotmail.com or (312) 706-4266. Bill can provide you with the latest financial status, projections and key issues.

We also encourage you to attend the monthly Finance Council meetings on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

St. Teresa of Avila Says ...



“The truly humble person always walks in doubt about his own virtues, and usually those he sees in his neighbor seem more certain and more valuable.”

Website & Bulletin Materials

Articles must be submitted by 11:00 am on Monday to be considered for the following Sunday's bulletin or for posting on the Website. Please contact Dean at (773) 528-6650, ext. 230 or dvaeth@sttereseparish.org

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

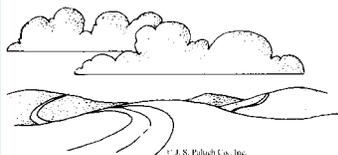
Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

Direction

GOD'S WAYS
ARE ABOVE
OUR WAYS



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Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last. — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20;
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt
9:9-13

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk
9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil
2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-
32

Doxology and Amen

“Doxology” comes from a Greek word meaning “words of praise.” The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology addressed to the triune God:

“Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.” It is an exclamation of praise, honor, and glory to God, reminding us that we receive everything from God through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. At the consecration, the priest held up the host and then the chalice for us to see and adore. During the doxology, the host and chalice are held up again, but this time they are held up and offered to God the Father. With the doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer ends, as it began, with words of praise addressed to the Father: truly, it is right and just to give God praise, and we assent to this in our whole-hearted acclamation, “Amen.” Never was more meaning packed into so short a word. This “Amen,” sometimes and fittingly called “the great Amen,” is our response to the entire Eucharistic Prayer. — Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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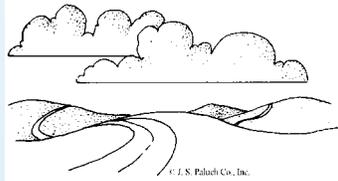
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Isaías nos dice algo que ya sabemos, pero que parecemos olvidar de tanto en tanto. Nos dice, en esencia, que Dios es Dios y nosotros no lo somos. Cuando estamos confundidos, llenos de problemas y no podemos solucionarlo todo, tal vez sea sabio recordar a Isaías (alguien que está más en la sintonía divina que nosotros) hablando en nombre del Señor y explicando que Dios se mueve de maneras que ni siquiera podemos imaginar.

En comparación, san Pablo lo ha resuelto todo. Casi todo. Cuando menos entiende su llamado en esta vida: dar gloria a Cristo en todo lo que hace. Esto debería marcar el rumbo para nosotros. Jesús también nos marca el camino, explicándonos una vez más en la parábola de los viñadores que los últimos serán los primeros, y que los primeros serán los últimos. — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Los caminos del Señor están por encima de los nuestros



Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Así como el cielo está muy alto por encima de la tierra, así son los caminos y los pensamientos de Dios sobre los nuestros (Isaías 55:6-9).

Salmo — El Señor está cerca de todos los que lo llaman (Salmo 145 [144]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo se magnificará a través de mí, sea que yo viva o que muera (Filipenses 1:20c-24, 27a).

Evangelio — Los últimos serán los primeros y los primeros serán los últimos (Mateo 20:1-16a).

La Fracción del Pan

Uno de los primeros nombres que se dio a la celebración eucarística era precisamente este: “la fracción del pan”. De hecho, Lucas es muy preciso al relatarnos que los discípulos de Emaús lo reconocieron “en la fracción del pan”. En la celebración, el sacerdote fracciona la hostia o el pan y deposita una parte menor en el cáliz que contiene la Sangre del Señor, significando así la gloriosa resurrección, un misterio pascual total. Esta acción de partir un mismo pan antes de compartirlo nos recuerda que somos miembros de un solo cuerpo. El pan es precisamente para eso, para compartirse y esta acción de partir el pan nos recuerda la obligación moral que tenemos de compartir nuestro propio pan con quien tiene hambre y, de hacer que la vida propia sea ese mismo pan de vida que comulgamos. El pan ha de ser compartido sin medida alguna, tal y como la vida misma ha de compartirse. Cristo mismo realizó esta acción: “tomó, bendijo, partió y compartió”. Es necesario romper nuestra vida para darla a los demás, a ejemplo de Cristo.

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Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Esd 1:1-6; Lc 8:16-18
Martes: Esd 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lc 8:19-21
Miércoles: Ef 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Jueves: Ag 1:1-8; Lc 9:7-9
Viernes: Ag 2:1-9; Lc 9:18-22
Sábado: Zac 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lc 9:43b-45
Domingo: Ez 18:25-28; Sal 25 (24); Fil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32



Sacraments & Ministries

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Interested in the Catholic Faith?



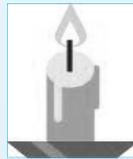
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life.

The RCIA process is for the unbaptized who want to join the Catholic Church; and those who have been baptized either Catholic or in another Christian denomination, and want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

RCIA will begin this Fall. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Frank at (773) 528-6650.



Register Children Now ! 2011-2012 Catechesis



Catechesis Registration has begun for 2011-2012. Registration forms can be found in the back of church and on the St. Teresa Website (st-teresa.net).

Please return the forms to the parish office by September 15th. Classes are set to begin in October.

September Baptisms



Anna Marie Soto (9-3-11)
Paxton Zaki Coram (9-18-11)
Andrew & Conor Bergren (9-18-11)
Eve Dwyer Newberry (9-18-11)

Calendar at a Glance

September 18, Sunday

Twenty-fifth Sunday Ordinary Time • Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 9:15 am, PC1-2, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Capital Campaign
- 1:00 pm, PC1-2, Archdiocesan PR Committee
- 4:00 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:51 pm, PC3-4, "6:51 Club" Hospitality

September 19, Monday

St. Januarius • San Jenaro

- 7:00 pm, PC1-2, Finance Council Meeting
- 7:30 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting

September 20, Tuesday

Ss. Andrew Kim Taegón and Paul Chông Hasang & Companions • Santos Andrés Kim Taegón, Paul Chông Hasang y compañeros

- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting
- 6:30 pm, PC1-2, SPRED Total Community
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 pm, APC, Women's Spirituality Group

September 21, Wednesday

St. Matthew • San Mateo

- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step RA Meeting
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Chicago Catholic Scripture School
- 7:30 pm, APC, 12-Step AA Meeting
- 7:30 pm, APB, 12-step SA Meeting

September 22, Thursday

St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) • San Pio de Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

- 7:00 pm, Rectory, Bible Study
- 5:30 pm, PC3-4, Food Pantry Setup

September 23, Friday

- 10:00 am, PC1-2, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

September 24, Saturday

Blessed Virgin Mary • Santa María Virgen

- 9:00 am, APB, 12-Step SA

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

September 17

5:00 pm Brendan Haggerty, Sr.

September 18

9:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish
 10:30 am Maria Maldonado
 12:00 noon Henrietta Graves
 6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

**Alfonzo Ardana, Amalia Bech, Greg Bruce, Ethel Brumleve,
 John Breault, Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano,
 Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez,
 Donald Grabarczyk, Sr. Joan Granzeier, Timothy Halpin, Lee
 Incandela, Michael Kinsella, Jeanne Kreilkamp, Isabelle
 Martinez, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben Patrasso,
 Victims of the War & Domestic Violence**

Let us also pray for those who are ill, especially...

Our Mass intentions have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office at (773) 528-6650, ext.230 or dvaeth@stteresaparish.org

In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added. We list the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for six months. If you wish the name of a loved one left on the list longer than six months, please contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office.

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| <i>Johnnie Mae Alexander</i> | <i>David Hoffman</i> | <i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i> |
| <i>Alicia Anderson</i> | <i>Rod Holzkamp</i> | <i>Nella Palazzolo</i> |
| <i>Berta Billalvazo</i> | <i>Chuck Jabaley</i> | <i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i> |
| <i>Patricia Chuck</i> | <i>J. D. Kautzer</i> | <i>Irma Rivera</i> |
| <i>Basilio Diaz</i> | <i>Dave Kostelansky</i> | <i>Pedro Rodriguez</i> |
| <i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i> | <i>Betty LaCour</i> | <i>Ray Romero</i> |
| <i>Kaylee Frederking</i> | <i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i> | <i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i> |
| <i>Padraig Gallagher</i> | <i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i> | <i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i> |
| <i>Eloisa Gallegos</i> | <i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i> | <i>Philomena Russum</i> |
| <i>Michael Gibbons</i> | <i>Miguel Lorenzana</i> | <i>Jack Schank</i> |
| <i>Angela Goldberg</i> | <i>Lori Lyons</i> | <i>Ruth Schmitz</i> |
| <i>Kaylee Gommel</i> | <i>George Maroquin</i> | <i>Robert Usiak</i> |
| <i>Les Gordon</i> | <i>Tammy Martin & Family</i> | <i>Karen Breen Vogel</i> |
| <i>Genevieve Gorgo</i> | <i>Natasha McShane</i> | <i>John Wagner</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i> | <i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i> | <i>Bernadine Walters</i> |
| <i>Susan Hanula</i> | <i>John Monier</i> | <i>Jim Zwicky</i> |
| <i>George Halloran</i> | <i>Elda Myers</i> | |
| <i>Kellar Harris</i> | <i>Frank Nekic</i> | <i>Survivors and perpetrators</i> |
| <i>Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M.</i> | <i>Angel Nieves</i> | <i>of sexual abuse</i> |
| | <i>P. A. O'Neil</i> | |

| DATE | TIME | CELEBRANT | LECTOR | EUCCHARISTIC BREAD | EUCCHARISTIC WINE |
|---------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 9-24-11 Saturday | 5:00 pm | Fr. Frank | Raquel Bech | Maggie Kuhlmann | Lisa Marquez Kari Richardson |
| 9-25-11 Sunday | 9:00 am | Fr. Benjamin Aguilar | George Halloran | Geneva Gorgo Dan Anderson Ruston Broussard | Katie Broussard Phyllis Halloran Annie Monak Tom Kosnik |
| 9-25-11 Sunday | 10:30 am | Fr. Benjamin Aguilar | Tony Rivera Betsy Velasquez | Josefina Gomez | Josie Gomez |
| 9-25-11 Sunday | 12:00 noon | Fr. Frank | Wendy Tynan | Dennis Kamalick | Alice Morales-Villenas Colin McCue |
| 9-25-11 Sunday | 6:00 pm | Fr. Frank | Jane Ott | Maggie Malone Kathy Richgels Karen Melchert | Mark Van Grinsven Becky Francis Nancy Van Grinsven Leigh Hartley |

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All Along the Watchtower

In the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament, there are several references to taking up on a watchtower in order to hear God's call. Most often, the reference is made to a community to put men on watchtowers around their cities to both watch and listen and then report what they see and hear. The two senses of seeing and hearing go hand and hand when it comes to an announcement from God.

A very well known watchtower references comes to us from the twenty-first chapter of the book of Isaiah. In this poem from Isaiah, God says, "Go, station a watchman and let him tell what he sees". The watchman, fervently keeping his watch without a break, encounters a couple of someone's who announces that Babylon, Israel's captors, have fallen and all their images of gods are smashed.

In our Christian tradition, many mystics and spiritual writers, encourage Christians to post a watchman over their heart. These mystics believe that the real battle does not exist among nations or cultures or families. Rather, the real battle exists in one's heart. It is in the heart where Christ desires to dwell. And Christ cannot dwell in the heart if it is filled with contempt of neighbor, negative judgment of sibling, hatred of another culture.

Work, hard work, has to be undergone to rid the heart of such negativity and evilness. Some of this work is praying, some of it is fasting, some of it is simply doing good works in the community. Once the heart is clean of such elements and Christ is dwelling in one's heart, the mystics tell us to not put our guard down. Post a watchman to see and hear what announcements are coming to us from God. Keep steadfast in your watch.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, September 27
from 6:15 am to 7:30 am in the parish center.**

Contact Dan Anderson at (773) 844-4494 or dananderson@ameritech.net or Tom Kosnik at (312) 527-2950 or tkosnik@visusgroup.com

— Tom Kosnik

Catechetical Sunday Open House

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday? What does it mean?

The root word, *catechesis*, is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the church's teachings to the world. Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. This celebration is an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

Are you being 'Called' to be a Catechist?

There are many opportunities to hand on our faith. If you are interested in becoming a catechist, we have needs in both our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program (3-12 year-olds), and Confirmation Program (12-15 year-olds). You will not only make a difference in a child's life, but they will make a difference in yours! Contact Kate Lynch at kolynchdre@gmail.com or (773)528-6650 ext. 232.

Tour our 'Atriums' on Sunday after Mass at 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm Learn more about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd!

See this hands-on approach to Christian Formation for 3 - 12 year-olds:

Visit prepared rooms, called Atriums. Atriums provide materials to aid the child in understanding Scripture and Liturgy. The Atrium is designed to be a place of quiet work and concentration – a place where work is prayer.

Learn how the Sacraments and Scripture are broken down into essential components. This makes these aspects of our faith accessible and profoundly relevant to the child. A deep knowing is fostered by allowing the child to freely choose the material and to synthesize it themselves.

Discover why children love this approach. The hands-on materials attract the child to the subject meditated on and encourage active participation and quiet meditation.

Marvel at an approach to moral formation based on love and gratitude. The cultivation of awe and wonder as primary and memorization of information as secondary allows for true moral formation as the child is helped in falling in love with the One who made them.

TOYL 2011: Live Auction Hunt

The Time of Your Life Committee is on the hunt for Live Auction packages.

Do you or people you know work in the sports or entertainment industry? Do you have any connection with the travel industry, celebrity chefs, or other "priceless" experiences? Do you have an abundance of airline miles (25k+)?

If you do, this is your opportunity to contribute something extraordinary to the St. Teresa community without ever needing to attend a single meeting.

Please contact Rebecca O'Brien
(312) 523-8902
rebeccaandree@hotmail.com

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FAMILY GAME NIGHT

St. Teresa of Avila
Thursday, Sept 29th
6:00-8:00



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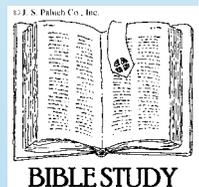
Bible Study in Motion

Interested in learning more about the Bible? Join a great group of men and women from the parish who desire to dig deeper into the Word.

St. Teresa's Bible Study plans to meet twice a month and will be using a top-rated bible study resource.

In September, Bible Study will meet on September 15th and September 22nd (Thursdays) at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

If you're interested, please call Katie Garwood at (601) 454-0837 or email her at katiemgarwood@gmail.com.



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The Doxology and the Great Amen

Doxology means an account (-ology) of glory (doxa-). Doxologies appear in various liturgies of the Church. One of the most familiar is the doxology at the end of the Lord's Prayer: "For the kingdom, / the power and the glory are yours / now and for ever." During the Liturgy of the Hours, there are doxologies at the end of the psalms. The Rosary includes the "Glory be." Hymns, especially ancient ones, have a doxology as the final or part of the final stanza. Finally, there is the doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: "Through him, and with him, and in him, / O God, almighty Father, / in the unity of the Holy Spirit, / all glory and honor is yours, / for ever and ever."

Doxologies are ancient and have been part of the Church's liturgies since the early centuries. Many of the early Church fathers used these doxologies to defend the doctrine of the Trinity. Those who held heretical views denied the divinity of Christ Jesus and/or the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Early theologians reminded those espousing heretical views that the Doxologies give glory and praise to the Triune God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit.

These, like our Creeds, have a Trinitarian structure. The doctrine of the Trinity states that God is One, yet three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We see this doctrine in the structure and theology of the doxology of the Eucharistic Prayer.

"Through him, and with him, and in him," though not apparent in the text itself, is not about Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, rather it is through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, that we worship, praise, and thank God the Father. Then, through the proclamation of these words by the priest, our glory and praise of God is offered: "O God,



almighty Father, / in the unity of the Holy Spirit, / all glory and honor is yours. . . ." We give glory and honor to the Triune God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Through the entire Eucharistic Prayer, we pray to God the Father, through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit that moves us to pray in, with, and through Christ to God the Father. Christ is our mediator. Christ is the one who unites us to communion with God. This is beautifully prayed by the priest and the faithful in the Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I: "But before his arms were outstretched between heaven and earth, / to become the lasting sign of your covenant, / he desired to celebrate the Passover with his disciples." Christ unites heaven with earth: Christ unites himself and God the Father with the entire cosmos in general and humanity in particular.

In the liturgy, words are united to actions or gestures or objects. The priest holds the Body and Blood of Christ throughout the chanting of this particular doxology. If there is a deacon present at the liturgy, the priest holds the Body of Christ and the deacon holds the Blood of Christ. This is when we offer our glory and honor to the God who becomes tangible in our midst: the Body and Blood of Christ. The faithful acclaim this proclamation, that is, they make it their own, with the singing of "Amen." Our "Amen" is our way of giving of, confirming, and believing what the priest chanted, not only in the doxology, but in the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

Doxologies are our way of praising, glorifying, and honoring the Triune God who seeks to unite us to himself. How can we not sing Amen?!

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Infant Baptism

Baptisms are generally celebrated on the first Sunday of the month during mass, and on the third Sunday of the month following the noon mass. Parents are required to attend baptism preparation session. Please call Dean at the parish office (773) 528-6650, ext. 230 to schedule a preparation session and baptism at least three months in advance.

Marriage

Weddings are held at 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm on Saturday afternoons. Call the parish office for an appointment at least six months in advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

For those interested in becoming Catholic or simply desiring to learn more about our Catholic faith, contact Fr. Frank..

Children's Religious Education

Religious education is offered for children from age 3 through 8th grades. Two programs are offered - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (a Montessori program) and a middle school program for 7th and 8th grade. For more information on religious education programs or sacramental preparation, please contact Kate Lynch at the parish office, ext. 232.

Registration

Registration forms are available at the back of church or at the parish office, or on our website at www.st-teresa.net.

Time for Prayer

The church may be opened for private prayer during the day. Please come to the parish office.

Weekend Masses

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| Saturday | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday | 9:00 am |
| <i>en español</i> | 10:30 am |
| | 12:00 noon |
| | 6:00 pm |

Weekday Masses

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| Monday to Thursday | 7:30 am |
| Friday * | 7:30 am |

**Communion Service only*

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

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| Tuesday | 7:00 pm |
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Reconciliation

Please call the parish office to make an appointment with a priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Communion for the Sick

Please call the parish office for arrangements.

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