



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 25, 2011

**Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus.**

— *Philippians 2:5*

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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Do it now!

Anyone who has ever had to deal with teenagers knows the foot-dragging that can go on over a simple request to do something. “I’ll do it in a minute!” Parents know that adolescent “minutes” can be hours. Jesus tells of a father who asked his sons to work in his vineyard. One said “Later” but did the work; the other said “Yes” but did not. Jesus is not concerned with postponement, but with how people respond to him. Jesus’ disciples were often distracted and misunderstood him. And the so-called “good” Jews would not even listen to Jesus. The people “good” Jews shunned, such as tax collectors and prostitutes, heard Jesus and grasped a great truth: wholeheartedly doing God’s will trumps laws and commandments, and offers freedom and peace of heart. Are you going through the motions of being a Christian, not taking it to heart? What’s dragging at your feet? Become a real disciple today.

Living Stewardship Now

The best way to be a follower of Jesus Christ is to be with other believers. Strengthen your faith by joining a parish group that prays, studies or serves together. Look in the parish bulletin or handbook to find what would suit you best.



¡Hazlo Ahora!

Cualquiera que haya tenido alguna vez que lidiar con adolescentes sabe que arrastran sus pies para hacer algo que se les pida. “¡Lo haré en un minuto!” Los padres saben muy bien que los “minutos” de los adolescentes pueden ser horas. Jesús cuenta de un padre que le pidió a sus hijos que fueron a trabajar en su viña. Un hijo le dijo: “más tarde”, pero fue a hacer el trabajo; el otro le dijo a su padre que sí iría, pero nunca fue. Jesús no está interesado en si las cosas se posponen o no, sino en cómo las personas responden a sus enseñanzas. Los discípulos de Jesús a menudo estaban distraídos y malentendían a su Maestro. Aun los judíos que se autollamaban “buenos” ni siquiera escuchaban a Jesús, pero las personas

que esos “buenos” judíos rechazaban, como los cobradores de impuestos y las prostitutas, escuchaban a Jesús y entendieron una gran verdad, esto es, que hacer la voluntad de Dios sin reservas está por encima de leyes y mandamientos, y que además es donde se encuentra la libertad y la paz interior. ¿Eres un cristiano de reglamentos o de corazón? ¿Qué se te hace pesado? Comienza a ser hoy un verdadero discípulo.

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

La mejor manera de ser un discípulo de Jesucristo es en compañía de otros creyentes. Fortalece tu fe uniéndote a un grupo parroquial que rece, estudie y sirva. Busca en el boletín o folleto parroquial para ver qué grupo te viene mejor.

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.

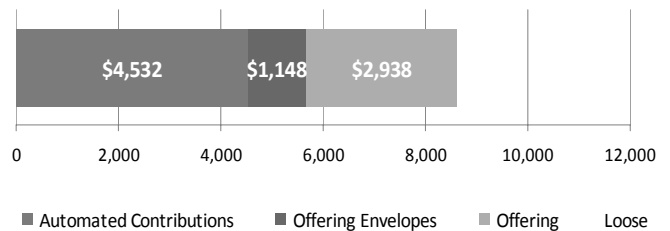
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| Pasta Sauce (26 oz.) | Canned Soup (10 oz.) |
| Canned Beans (15 oz.) | Canned Vegetables (15 oz.) |
| Canned Fruit (15oz.) | Spaghetti O's (15 oz.) |
| Peanut Butter (18 oz.) | Chili (15 oz.) |
| Tuna | Cereal |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Pasta |
| Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.) | |

Sizes are the Maximum

Weekly Collections Recap for September 18, 2011

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,532	\$1,148	\$2,938	\$8,618

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



We are currently running a \$3,382 surplus of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of September 18, 2011. As of August 31, 2011 we are at a 14% increase over last year's offertory.

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.



The next Food Pantry Committee meeting is Monday, December 5th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend.

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@stteresaparish.org

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Today's Readings

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

Familiar Insights



Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before? — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

The Lord's Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great "Amen," the acclamation of assent by the assembly. Then the Communion rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. We pray this prayer in many contexts, both inside and outside the Church's liturgy. Here, in the context of the Mass, the Lord's Prayer is profoundly Eucharistic. When we ask for our "daily bread," we are asking for the gift of the Eucharist. When we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others, we are seeking forgiveness and purity of heart before we approach the altar to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood—"so that what is holy may, in fact, be given to those who are holy" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 81).

At Mass, a prayer for peace is inserted between the prayer and the doxology. In this prayer, called the embolism, the Church asks God for freedom—freedom from sin and all anxiety and distress. We are living in an in-between time; even as we rejoice in Christ's presence, we await his coming in joyful hope. — Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



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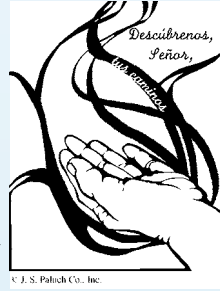
Enseñanzas Familiares

Los maestros espirituales suelen repetir sus enseñanzas, y repetir las de otros maestros. Quizás no existen muchas verdades diferentes que decir. Sólo muchos seres humanos lentos y aletargados, como nosotros, que necesitan oír lo básico una y otra vez. Considera, por ejemplo las lecturas de hoy.

La gente se queja de que Dios no es “justo” y Ezequiel responde que Dios es más que justo. Las personas eligen su propio destino, y las personas pueden cambiar. Hasta los malhechores pueden cambiar de rumbo, hacer lo que es justo, y vivir. “Los hechos valen más que las palabras”. ¿Un nuevo discernimiento? Para nada.

Pablo dice a los filipenses que lo llenarían de alegría si los que claman ser creyentes, de hecho, buscan el interés de los otros y no el propio. “Obras son amores y no buenas razones”. ¿Una idea novedosa? No lo creo.

En el relato de Jesús del viñador y sus dos hijos, todos saben que el que dijo que no trabajaría, pero lo hizo le lleva la delantera al que dijo que trabajaría, pero no lo hizo. “Fácil es hablar”. ¿Ya lo oíste antes? — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Apártate del pecado para que vivas (Ezequiel 18:25-28).

Salmo — Recuerda tus bondades, oh Señor (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — Guarda en ti la misma actitud que está también en Cristo Jesús (Filipenses 2:1-11 [1-5]).

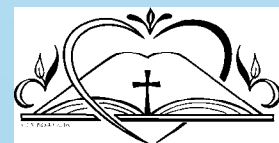
Evangelio — El que obedece al Señor aunque sea con resistencia, es el que hace la voluntad del Padre (Mateo 21:28-32).

Eucaristía y Justicia

Al celebrar la Eucaristía siempre podemos caer en la tentación de desencarnarla de la vida diaria, sobre todo de lo que implique organización social, educación, promoción humana, justicia, en fin, todo lo que es pro vida, a favor de la vida. San Juan Crisóstomo nos lo recuerda casi a manera profética: “¿Deseas honrar el cuerpo de Cristo? No lo desprecies, pues, cuando lo encuentres desnudo en los pobres, ni lo honres aquí en el templo con lienzos de seda, si al salir lo abandonas en su frío y desnudez. Porque el mismo que dijo: “esto es mi cuerpo”, y con su palabra llevó a realidad lo que decía, afirmó también: “Tuve hambre y no me disteis de comer”, y más adelante: “Siempre que dejasteis de hacerlo a uno de estos pequeñuelos, a mí en persona lo dejasteis de hacer” [. . .]. ¿De qué serviría adornar la mesa de Cristo con vasos de oro, si el mismo Cristo muere de hambre? Da primero de comer al hambriento, y luego, con lo que te sobre, adornarás la mesa de Cristo»: San Juan Crisóstomo, *Homilias sobre el Evangelio de Mateo*, 50, 3-4: PG 58, 508-509. — Miguel Arias, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Zac 8:1-8; Lc 9:46-50
Martes:	Zac 8:20-23; Lc 9:51-56
Miércoles:	Neh 2:1-8; Lc 9:57-62
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Viernes:	Bar 1:15-22; Lc 10:13-16
Sábado:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lc 10:17-24
Domingo:	Is 5:1-7; Sal 80 (79); Fil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



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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.

Catechesis Begins October 4th

There are still a few openings in the Tuesday and Thursday classes (4:30-6:00 pm). The Sunday classes are full.

We're in need of assistant catechists on Sundays 10:30-11:45 to work with trained catechists, and we're also looking for adults to work with teens Sundays 10:30-11:45 am on service projects.

Contact Kate Lynch at (773)528-6650 ext. 232 or klynch@stteresaparish.org

October Baptisms



Abigail Jeanette Griffiths (10-2-11)
Morgan Urban (10-2-11)
Jake Michael Wald (10-2-11)
Sophia Noelani Zamora (10-8-11)
Eoin Patrick Fingleton (10-9-11)
Trey Michael Anderson (10-15-11)
Oliver George Johnson (10-16-11)
Alivia Evangeline Jacinto (10-16-11)

Calendar at a Glance

September 25, Sunday

Twenty-sixth Sunday Ordinary Time • Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 9:15 am, PC1-2, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality

September 26, Monday

Ss. Cosmas and Damian • Santos Cosme y Damián

- 12:30 pm, PC1-2, Chicago House
- 7:30 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting

September 27, Tuesday

St. Vincent de Paul • San Vicente de Paul

- 6:15 am, PC3-4, Men's Spirituality Group
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting
- 6:00 pm, PC3-4, Virtus Training
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

September 28, Wednesday

St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and His Companions • San Wenceslao; San Lorenzo Ruiz y Compañeros

- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step RA Meeting
- 6:30 pm, PC3, Cuisine du Coeur 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

- 8:00 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Bible Study

September 29, Thursday

Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels • Los Arcángelos Miguel, Gabriel y Rafael

- 7:00 pm, St. Teresa Family Game Night

September 30, Friday

St. Jerome • San Jerónimo

- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

October 1, Saturday

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Saturday • Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús; Primer sábado

- 9:00 am, PC4, CCFC Catechesis
- 9:00 am, APB, 12-Step SA
- 9:00 am, PC1-2, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 10:00 am, PC1-2, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:00 pm, Church, Our Lady of Fatima Devotion
- 5:00 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Registration & Catechesis
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass

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Mass Intentions

September 24

5:00 pm Joanne Paula Chirichiello
Anita Jean Kustok

September 25

9:00 am Aine Jones
10:30 am All Deceased Members of the Parish
12:00 noon All Deceased Members of the Parish
6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

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.

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Alfonzo Ardana, Amalia Bech, Greg Bruce, Ethel Brumleve, John Breault, Gaspar Diaz, Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano, Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez, Donald Grabarczyk, Sr. Joan Granzieier, 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...

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

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
10-1-11 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Raquel Bech	Maggie Kuhlmann	Lisa Marquez Kari Richardson
10-2-11 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	George Halloran	Geneva Gorgo Dan Anderson Ruston Brouossard	Katie Broussard Phyllis Halloran Annie Monak Tom Kosnik
10-2-11 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Maria Montes Alex Lopez	Francisco Perez	Carmen Cruz
10-2-11 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Wendy Tynan	Dennis Kamalick	Alice Morales-Villenas Colin McCue
10-2-11 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Jane Ott	Maggie Malone Kathy Richgels Karen Melchert	Mark Van Grinsven Becky Frances Nancy Van Grinsven Leigh Hartley

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God's Irritating Call

We have all heard the expression “the truth hurts.” We usually hear it when we don’t want to accept the truth about ourselves; usually when we believe we have broken an annoying habit or grown beyond one of our idiosyncrasies, then comes a comment from a spouse, from a child, or a friend, and wham! There it is: “The truth hurts.” I have certainly been there.

The call of God can be a bit like the hurting truth. At least this is how the prophet Isaiah sees it — basically Isaiah tells us that we know the call of God is upon us when we are irritated. I guess it is a certain kind of irritation. The call of God can be something like a consistent prick in our side, a stone in our shoe, or an out of place manufacturer’s tag in our underwear; it moves us and nudges us to a certain place or space, or to take a certain action.

In the book of Genesis the call of God is certainly irritating and almost even violent. We read in the first creation story that the earth was formless and empty and that darkness was over the deep and God’s Spirit hovered over the water in darkness. Darkness! Been there? And then, God speaks, and out of God’s speaking creation happens. Creation turns out to be a changing, an altering, a birthing of something out of nothing. I can only imagine land and sky and animals and humanity being created out of nothing. It must have been mildly to highly violent.

At times, God’s call does not come to us as a whisper of sweet nothings in our ear. At times, God’s call does not come to us as a warm intuitive feeling of satisfaction or appreciation or gratitude. Rather, God’s call to us, at certain moments, comes to us as irritations, pricks in the side, flies that won’t buzz off, people and things that cannot be subdued.

Just a thought. It might benefit us to raise our spiritual antennas when we are sensing a low frequency irritation and try to think from a different perspective, for God’s uninterrupted call to us may very well be coming to us as something irritating.

**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

SHARP AS A TACK'S

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



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- Care of God's Creation

Countdown to 2011 TOYL November 18th, 2011

The *Time of Your Life* is now less than two months away. We are in the final stages of procuring items for our Live and Silent Auctions. We are still taking items, but need them soon! If you or someone you know are able to donate restaurant certificates, hotel stays, theater tickets and other local experiences, please contact Deana LaBrosse at drlabrosse@sbcglobal.net.

If you have not already donated to the Instant Wine Cellar, please consider making a donation of \$25 or more. Speak to a TOYL representative after mass, or donate through our website www.st-teresa.net.

Ticket sales will begin next week. Consider purchasing a table of 10 and inviting friends and family to join you. As always, TOYL promises to be a fun, exciting and inspiring evening. Tickets have sold out the last two years, so please reserve early!

Fatima First Saturday – Fátima Primer Sábado

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday devotion to Our lady of Fatima on October 1st at 4:00 pm in the church.

Todos estan invitados a la devoción a la Virgen de Fátima el 1 de octubre en la iglesia Santa Teresa de Avila a las 4:00 pm.

Thank You Devincio!!

Our thanks go out to John and Chris of Devincio, Inc., Buffalo Grove, Illinois, for donating their considerable time and talent in the recent installation of St. Teresa's projection home theater system in the Parish Center.

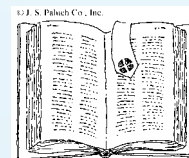
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BIBLE STUDY

St. Teresa's Bible Study plans to meet twice a month and will be using a top-rated bible study resource. Bible study will meet on Sundays from 10:15am to 12:00 noon on the following Sundays in the Rectory:

October 9	October 23
November 6	November 20
December 4	December 18

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



Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAYS

7:00-8:30PM



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“I look forward to the Resurrection”

As we pray the Nicene Creed during Mass, we state, “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead.” This Creed, written in the fourth century, is our basic statement of faith. We have an opportunity with the revised translation of *The Roman Missal* to ponder again what the words we proclaim every Sunday tell us about our faith and what we believe.

It may seem strange to us that one should “look forward to” any aspect of death. The phrase does not mention only death, but Resurrection. The words of the Creed suggest that we should have hope in the Resurrection of the dead.

In our colloquial speech we often hear expressions that it is God’s will that he takes life in death. When my grandfather died, about 80 percent of the people at his vigil said one of two things: 1) God must need him in heaven or 2) it is God’s will. Neither of those statements comforted me. Rather, they made me angry. Granted, I realized later that we really don’t have—colloquially—adequate words in the mystery of death. That day I asked, “Why would God want death?” “Isn’t God the Creator, the one who wants life?” Sin, death, inequity are not what God wants for human persons. God wants for us life, equity, and our participation in his very life (the opposite of sin which breaks down our communion with God). Jesus’ own death by humans was not the end. Rather, God exulted him, resurrected him. Death would not be the end, but rather the mystery of God’s gift of Resurrection.



The same holds true for us. In the accounts of the Gospel, Christ gave us hope that death would not be the end, but rather God will resurrect us, raise us up at the end times. This is, indeed, a reason for hope, a reason to “look forward to the resurrection of the dead.” Notice the words “the dead.” It is not “a dead person.” Christ will resurrect not one person, but will resurrect human persons which we know as the final judgment. Through Baptism, we entered into the communion of the Church and participation in God’s life. The communion of the Church spans time, space, and history. Baptism, this communion with the Church and with God, incorporates us with those who have gone before us throughout history and those who will be baptized that have not yet been born. Communion with God

and the Church is not broken in death. Rather, throughout all of life, death, and the final Resurrection of the dead, the baptized are in communion with God and the Church. At the Resurrection of the dead, our whole beings—mind, body, and spirit—will be resurrected in order to be in total communion with God and the Church. As long as sin infects human persons, total communion cannot be possible for us with God. Sin breaks down communion. This is why we “look forward to the resurrection of the dead.” We, with hope in our good and loving God, will join the communion of saints and be in total communion with God’s very self.

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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

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

Weekday Masses

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

**Communion Service only*

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

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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