



**St. Teresa**  
*of Avila*  
Catholic Church

**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**  
**November 20, 2011**

**“I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”**

— *Matthew 25:35*

**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.

# Stewardship Matters

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## A King Like No Other

We have not elected God as president. There are no referendums on God's will, and no chance of recall votes. God as King seems strange in our democratic, individualistic society. Jesus experienced oppressive rulers—think of Herod and Pontius Pilate—but he connected his kingly status to humble service, and instructed his followers to be servants. He humbled himself, became human, suffered, and died for us. The Lord of glory hung on a cross of shame to free us from the bondage of sin and death. He is Lord, King, and Judge, but his justice is intended to lead to our repentance and ultimate salvation. We believe “he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.” The scriptures say that God delays Christ's return so we all have time to repent. Christ our King offers us true freedom as the beloved children of God.

### Living Stewardship Now

A Prayer to Christ the King from the liturgy:

Almighty and merciful God,  
you break the power of evil  
and make all things new  
in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe.  
May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory  
and never cease to praise you.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*(The Roman Missal, Opening Prayer for Our Lord Jesus Christ the King)*



## Un Rey Inigualable

No hemos elegido a Dios como presidente. No existen referendos en la voluntad de Dios ni hay la posibilidad de anular votos. Dios, como Rey, le parece ajeno a nuestra sociedad democrática e individualista. Jesús experimentó la opresión de gobernantes tales como Herodes y Poncio Pilato, pero vinculó su estatus de rey con el servicio humilde e instruyó a sus discípulos a ser servidores. Él se humilló, se hizo humano, sufrió y murió por nosotros. El Señor de la gloria colgaba de una cruz ignominiosa para librarnos del pecado y de la muerte. Él es Señor, Rey y Juez, pero el propósito de su justicia es llevarnos al arrepentimiento y a la salvación eterna. Nosotros creemos que él “de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y a muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin”. Las Escrituras nos dicen que Dios dilata la segunda venida de Cristo para darnos tiempo a arrepentirnos. Cristo nuestro Rey nos ofrece la verdadera libertad como hijos e hijas de Dios.

### La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

Una oración a Cristo Rey tomada de la liturgia de esta fiesta:

Dios todopoderoso y eterno,  
que quisiste fundar todas las cosas  
en tu Hijo muy amado, Rey del universo,  
haz que toda creatura, liberada de la esclavitud,  
sirva a tu majestad y te alabe eternamente.  
Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

*(Misal Romano, Oración Colecta para Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo)*

## 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



Larger, sturdy paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.

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](mailto:usiak@sbcglobal.net).

The Food Pantry needs larger, sturdy paper and plastic bags with handles. Please drop them off in the church, parish center or parish office.



**The next Food Pantry Committee meeting is Monday, December 5th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.**

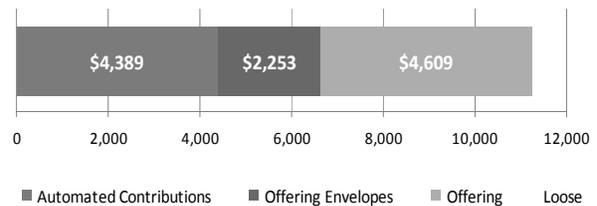
**All are welcome to attend.**

## Weekly Collections Recap For November 13, 2011

11/13/2011

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,389	\$2,253	\$4,609	\$11,251

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



We are currently running a \$749 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of November 13, 2011. We are currently at a 14% increase over last fiscal year to date.

## Comments & 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](mailto: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.

## 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 or [dvaeth@sttereseparish.org](mailto:dvaeth@sttereseparish.org)

# Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

**Gospel** — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28 <u>Thanksgiving Day</u> — <u>Suggested:</u> 1 Kgs 8:55-61; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 1:39-55
<b>Friday:</b>	Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
<b>Saturday:</b>	Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

## The Shepherd King

The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society, kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership.

Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will "shepherd them rightly." We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to "judge between one sheep and another" (Ezekiel 34:17). — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



## Procession

"The Mass is ended, go in peace." At the beginning of Mass, the ministers entered in solemn procession, an emblem of the diverse community that comes together around the altar each week to celebrate the Eucharist. As Mass ends, another procession forms, and the ministers go forth from the church. This concluding procession also acts as an emblem of the entire assembly, who, nourished by the Eucharist, will now go forth to our scattered homes and places of work to be a transforming leaven of the gospel in the world. At the beginning of Mass, the priest kissed the altar as a sign of greeting, a gesture of reverence for Christ. Now, the priest reverences the altar again, this time in a gesture of farewell. We gather our things and go forth as we entered—but not quite. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, we have renewed our commitment to service of Christ our King, and we go forth nourished, strengthened, renewed—changed. — Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

# Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

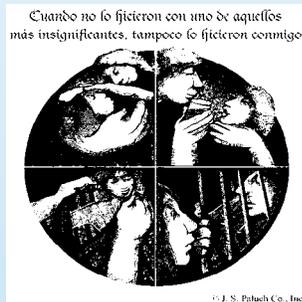
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## El Rey Pastor

La tarea del pastor y la tarea del rey no pueden ser más diferentes la una de la otra. Los pastores están en el último escalón de la sociedad, mientras los reyes están en el más elevado. Pero Dios dice, por medio del profeta Ezequiel, que el Mesías regirá de manera muy diferente a las autoridades de la tierra que oprimen a su pueblo y le causa daño por ser malos gobernantes.

Nuestro Rey asume el trabajo por sí mismo. Cristo, como un pastor, dará reposo a sus ovejas, buscará a la extraviada, traerá de vuelta a las perdidas y dispersas. Curará a las heridas y vendará a las lesionadas. Él no delega, sino que las apacientará “con justicia”. Tenemos a un rey que vela por nosotros y que no tiene miedo de “juzgar entre oveja y oveja” (Ezequiel 34:17). — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



## La Misa No Termina

El sacerdote nos saluda una vez más, como nos saludó al principio. Nos da la bendición y luego, el sacerdote o diácono despide a la asamblea con una encomienda muy propia, ir en paz. La misa no se da por concluida, como quien rompe lo sagrado y lo separa de lo no-sagrado. Es un envío pleno que hace el ministro ordenado para que vayamos al mundo, a nuestra vida diaria a ser el pan que hemos partido y compartido; a ser el vino alegre que lleva a la vida a los ambientes más distantes que, a veces, son los nuestros. La asamblea ha de ir animada por la Palabra de Dios que se le ha proclamado a ser la palabra viva de Dios en medio del pueblo mismo. Vamos fortalecidos por la comunidad eclesial con la que nos hemos hecho uno en comunión y con quienes hemos compartido de un mismo pan; vamos a ser comunidad en nuestros barrios y lugares de trabajo, a compartir nuestro pan con quien tiene hambre y a vivir la comunión aún por encima de nuestra diversidad de pensamiento. Somos enviados a transformar el mundo, a “cristificarlo”, a hacer que sea como Cristo, a quien hemos recibido en la comunión. — Miguel

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## Lecturas de hoy

**Primera lectura** — El pastor-rey busca a los perdidos y sana a los heridos (Ezequiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

**Salmo** — El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

**Segunda lectura** — Cristo nuestro rey ha conquistado la muerte (1 Corintios 15:20-26, 28).

**Evangelio** — El Hijo del hombre se sentará en su glorioso trono y los separará unos de otros (Mateo 25: 31-46).

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lc 21:1-4
<b>Martes:</b>	Dn 2:31-45; Lc 21:5-11
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lc 21:12-19
<b>Jueves:</b>	Dn 6:12-28; Lc 21:20-28 <u>Día de Acción de Gracias (sugerencia):</u> 1 Re 8:55-61; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lc 1:39-55
<b>Viernes:</b>	Dn 7:2-14; Lc 21:29-33
<b>Sábado:</b>	Dn 7:15-27; Lc 21:34-36
<b>Domingo:</b>	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Sal 80 (79); 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mc 13:33-37

# Sacraments & Ministries

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## November Baptisms



*Ryan Patrick Torchen (11-6-11)*  
*Brendon Michael Bell (11-12-11)*  
*Kane Edward Kearney (11-12-11)*

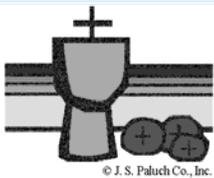


## St. Teresa says...

“ Seek out someone who is very free from the things of the world. For in order to know ourselves, it helps a great deal to speak with someone who already knows the world for what it is.”

## The 7 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- The Call to Family, Community and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity: One Human Family
- Care of God's Creation



The Ministry of Care program at St. Teresa of Avila brings the Eucharist to the faithful who are unable to attend church. If you know of someone who cannot

come to mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Dean Vaeth at (773) 528-6650 to arrange a visit.

## Calendar at a Glance

### November 20, Sunday

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King • Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

- 9:00 am, PC1-2, Nine AM Nursery
- 9:15am, REC4, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:15 am, Rectory, Bible Study
- 10:30 am, REC1-2-3 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 12:00 pm, REC1-2-3, RCIC Spanish
- 6:51 pm, PC3-4, "6:51 Club" Hospitality

### November 21, Monday

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary • La Presentación de la Santísima Virgen María

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

### November 22, Tuesday

St. Cecilia • Santa Cecilia

- 6:15 am, PC3, Men's Spirituality Group
- 5:30 pm, PC-4, RCIA
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting
- 6:00 pm, REC1, SPRED Preparation
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

### November 23, Wednesday

St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro - San Clemente I; San Columban; Beato Miguel Agustin Pro

- 11:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step RA Meeting
- 7:00 am, PC3, Time of Your Life
- 7:30 pm, APC, 12-Step AA Meeting
- 7:30 pm, APB, 12-step SA Meeting

### November 24, Thursday

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and His Companions • San Andrés Dung-Lac y compañeros

- 4:30 pm, PC3-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Wreath-Making
- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 10:00am, Church, Thanksgiving Day Mass
- 12:00am, PC3-4, Thanksgiving Dinner
- 6:00 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Setup

### November 25, Friday

St. Catherine of Alexandria • Santa Catalina de Alejandría

- 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

### November 26, Saturday

Blessed Virgin Mary • Santa María Virgen

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

# Mass Schedule & Intentions

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## Mass Intentions

### November 19

5:00 pm	All Deceased Members of the Parish
<b>November 20</b>	
9:00 am	All Deceased Members of the Parish
10:30 am	All Deceased Members of the Parish
12:00 noon	All Deceased Members of the Parish
6:00 pm	Gabriel Norath

## 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 Granzeier, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Michael Kinsella, Isabelle Martinez, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben & Susan 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>Honorata Alicea Peña</i>
<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Dave Kostelansky</i>	<i>Irma Rivera</i>
<i>Patricia Chuck</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske &amp; Family</i>	<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Kaylee Frederking</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Philomena Russum</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Lori Lyons</i>	<i>Angel Santana</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>George Maroquin</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>Ruth Schmitz</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Tammy Martin &amp; Family</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Natasha McShane</i>	<i>Robert Usiak</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Karen Breen Vogel</i>
<i>Geneva Gorgo</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Michael Woyan</i>
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Frank Neki</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M.</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	
<i>Rod Holzkamp</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	
	<i>Nella Palazzolo</i>	

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.

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
11-26-11 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Open	Open	Kari Richardson
11-27-11 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Michael zost	Geneva Gorgo Deana LaBrosse Rose Ohiku	Mary Beth Hughes Annie Monak Frank Swiderski Valerie Williams
11-27-11 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. John Rybolt	Gerardo Martinez Belen Gonzales	Carmen Vazquez	Bolivar Gonzales
11-27-11 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Wendy Tynan	Bob Pedro	Colin McCue Brendan Lynch
11-27-11 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Kevin Carlino	Karen Melchert Eileen Raia Jane Ott	Sharon Lindstrom Luke Kolman Christone Villoch Open

# Parish Life

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## Contemplative Prayer Easier Said than Done

Recently the Men's Spirituality Group took on the topic of contemplative prayer. We did not talk about what contemplative prayer is or the difficulty involved in developing the practice of contemplative prayer. Instead, we participated in an exercise of doing contemplative prayer.

Praying contemplatively is so unlike most forms of prayer. When we pray, usually we do most of the talking with very little listening. Praying contemplatively reverses this chain of communication between the one praying and God; the one praying attempts to quiet the mind and soul in order to listen to God. Good to do, but difficult to achieve.

In contemplative prayer, God does not actually talk in words to the one praying like two humans having a conversation, but moves us internally toward certain elements in our lives that will bring us deeper into a union with God. Sometimes these elements in our lives are pleasant and we sense the love and mercy of God. At other times, these elements are painful, exposing the faults and weaknesses that we must walk through in order to develop a deeper relationship with God.

Our own Saint Teresa of Avila is considered a contemplative. We believe that she achieved a certain state and union with God and that God inspired her to articulate her experiences to us novices. Sometimes, it is a challenge reading the contemplative saints that are there in their practice of contemplative prayer. It is like trying to read and understand physics when we don't quite have algebra down.

If you are interested in developing a contemplative prayer practice I suggest the following two resources by Martin Laird titled (1) *Into the Silent Land: A Guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation* and (2) *A Sunlit Absence: Silence, Awareness, and Contemplation*. These two resources are modern, easy to read, easy to understand, and addresses most of the issues involved in developing a contemplative prayer practice.

**Join us for the next session of  
Men's Spirituality Group  
on Tuesday, November 22  
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

## Volunteers Needed For Parish Leadership Day

The Archdiocesan Office for Councils and Christ Renews His Parish will present its 2012 Parish Leadership Day on February 18 at Loyola Academy, 1100 Laramie Ave., in north suburban Wilmette.

This event has been blending faith, knowledge and skills to transform parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago since 1984. It will feature keynote addresses by renowned speakers; opportunities for participants to dialogue with Cardinal Francis George; more than 90 workshops presented in English, Spanish and/or Polish by qualified, experienced presenters in the areas of leader formation, spiritual life, parish life, human concerns and education; exhibits by Archdiocesan agencies, groups outside the archdiocese, and merchants; lunch conversation with Cardinal George; and a closing liturgy celebrated by Cardinal George with a special homilist.

Planning for the 2012 Parish Leadership Day is well under way. Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of functions prior to the event, as well as on Leadership Day itself. For more information on how you can help, call Rita Kattner, Executive Director of the Office for Councils/Christ Renews His Parish, at (312) 534 - 8364.

## Bible Study Meets this Sunday

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. Bible study will meet from 10:15 am to 12:00 noon on the following Sundays in the Rectory: November 20, December 4 and December 18.

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



**BIBLE STUDY**

### Women's Group Advent Prayer Tuesday, November 29th

Join the circle of prayer for quiet, candle-lit prayer, meditation and reflection. It is an invitation to slow down, to renew hope, to keep vigil in expectation of Christ's coming. Join us November 29th at 7:30 p.m. in Avila Place, 1930 N. Kenmore Avenue.

### 2011 Christmas Giving Tree



St. Teresa's is working with St. Vincent de Paul Center (Halsted and Webster) who is providing us with the names of 185 needy children between the ages of 5 and 13.

Giving Tree tags will be available on the Feast of Christ the King (November 20). St. Teresa's is being asked to return the gifts wrapped by December 14th so they can be given to all the children before Christmas.

### Blood Drive November 27th

The gift of giving blood is very precious. By donating your blood you are giving another person a chance at life.

St. Teresa tries to host blood drives throughout the year so that we can reach out further into the community and give back.

On Sunday, November 27th we will host a blood drive from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Appointments are recommended. To schedule your appointment, please call the parish office at (773) 528-6650.



### Pick Up New Lector Workbooks

The new liturgical year, Year B, begins with the First Sunday of Advent on November 27, 2011. English and Spanish *2012 Workbook for Lectors* are now available in the sacristy after Mass.

Lectors are asked to sign the logbook when they pick up their copy.

### Claret Center Presents: Emotional Discipline

Allow the surprise – and be ready for it!

- Discover the inner strength that comes with honoring your feelings.
- Learn how to experience rather than avoid difficult emotions.
- Find the way to allow your feelings to connect you with others.
- Explore your history with specific empowering emotions.
- Realize how experiencing your feelings puts unfinished business to rest.
- Allow conscious breathing to enhance awareness of what you are feeling.

Leave the workshop with skills to make all the above a part of your daily life.

**Date/Time:** Saturday March 20, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

**Cost:** \$125. (scholarships available)

**Register:** Call Lupe at (773) 643-6259

**Facilitator:** Allan Schnarr, M.Div., Ph.D.  
Director of Parish Counseling Program  
[www.feelingeverything.com](http://www.feelingeverything.com)

The past is present until I feel the truth of it!



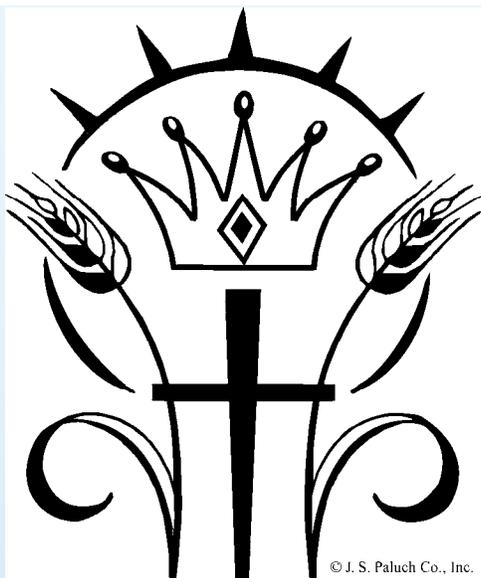
### A Judge Who Reconciles

When you see a dismal-looking person carrying a sign that proclaims, “The End Is Near,” don’t you wonder how he came to that place in life? Did he have a difficult childhood? Did she have a personal crisis? Was he overwhelmed by all the suffering in the world?

All of us have problems. All of us see evil and pain, but happy people and unhappy people inhabit different worlds. There is no reasoning with this modern prophet of doom. He is convinced, determined, perhaps obsessed with his vision of reality. No contrary evidence will dislodge him from his judgment; for him everything is a sign of doom. He’s like the patient taking a Rorschach test. When every image reminds him of sex, the doctor says, “Your problem is that you are obsessed with sex.” To which the patient responds, “It’s not me. You’re the ones showing me dirty pictures.”

The Last Judgment scene is a down-and-dirty picture. More precisely, it is a parable. And the parable is a curveball — it looks like a fastball coming straight at you, but then it slides into your imagination. It is not a static photo of the way things are, but a fluid scene of something going on. To understand the total truth, we must see the whole context.

That context is creation. Before God is a Judge, God is first of all a Creator, an Artist. Creators are primarily interested in life, in success, in fulfillment, in perfection, in beauty. A Creator may later look at what was created and correct



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**For us, judgment means to decide, to determine guilt and allocate punishment. But for God, judgment means to justify, to make good, to reconcile, to make right.**

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a flaw here or there, but the goal is always betterment, not criticism. The intent is always to save his creature, her image, from its inherent faults.

Besides being our Creator and Judge, God is also our Lover. A creator paints a perfect picture, a judge adjusts the picture, but a lover deals with the relationship: that episodic story of intimacy and estrangement, faithfulness and betrayal, grace and sin.

And within that relationship, mercy has pride of place. Saint Thomas Aquinas said that “mercy is the chief attribute of God.” Even its name gives it away: from the Hebrew word for “womb” or

“motherly.” Pope John Paul called mercy “the perfection of justice, the deep sigh in the depths of reality.”

All things come home to roost in the nest of mercy. And at the heart of the mercy seat is God’s own Son, the One who would not break a tender reed or snuff a flickering candle. He chose to be not the Lord of all, but the Shepherd of Being. He was the One who refused to judge even a small matter over a family inheritance. Granted, he has the role of judge at the Last Scene, yet his view of judgment is not the same as ours.

For us, judgment means to decide, to determine guilt and allocate punishment. But for God, judgment means to justify, to make good, to reconcile, to make right. God does not simply decide if we are just. God makes us just. As a printer justifies columns, as a carpenter justifies planks.

Do we suppose that the unpleasant experience of Jesus made him change his view of life, his approach to the human condition? Did he give up on his ideals and decide to get practical, to play by the rules of the world? Did he wish he had let the sick suffer instead of healing them? Did he regret forgiving people who killed him? No. Jesus wanted to reconcile things on a higher level, to justify everything. He died to save us — to give us room and space to live.

— Fr. James Smith, Celebration Publications

# Directory

## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

Monday—Friday: 9:00 am—7:30 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am—12:00 noon

## Staff

### Pastor

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Deacon Hector Rivera

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### Facilities Manager

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## Parish Pastoral Council

Dave Hilko, Chair

Brian Graziano	Tony Rivera
Joe Haley	Mark Matejka
Becky Khayum	Dave Wisneski
Catherine Kosnik	

## 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](http://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.

## Counseling Services

### Theresa Nollette, M.Div., LCSW

Pastoral Counselor  
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### Mary Ellen Moore, Ph.D.

Counseling and  
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