



**St. Teresa
of Avila**
Catholic Church

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2011**

**Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.**

— *Mark 1:3*

**Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
Masses on
December 8, 2011
are
7:30 am & 7:00 pm**

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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Are You Ready?

In Mark's Gospel there are no descriptions of Jesus' ancestry or his birth. Instead, Mark jumps right in: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). Jesus is Hebrew for "the Lord saves" and Christ is Greek for Messiah ("anointed one"). Anointing was a sacred act conferred on kings. So God is here to save the people through this anointed one, the descendent of kings and a King himself. Jesus' arrival is announced by John, the "voice . . . crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3). John knows that he is not the Messiah; his task is to announce him. John baptizes with water, but the one who is to come will give his life for the forgiveness of sins and will baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit. The question we must ask ourselves is, are we ready to receive this coming savior? To receive him means being prepared to follow him and do his will.



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Living Stewardship Now

Advent is a season of patient waiting. Make an effort to cultivate patience. Pray for patience with family, especially small children, with people who are hard to take, with the petty annoyances of everyday life.

¿Estás Listo?

En el Evangelio de Marcos no se describen los antepasados de Jesús ni su nacimiento, sino que Marcos entra de prisa: "Éste es el principio del Evangelio de Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios" (Marcos 1:1). Jesús significa "el Señor salva" en hebreo y Cristo en griego es "Mesías" (ungido). La unción era una acción sagrada conferida a los reyes. Así es que Dios está aquí para salvar al pueblo por medio del Rey ungido, descendiente de reyes. La llegada de Jesús es anunciada por Juan, la "voz . . . que clama en el desierto" (Marcos 1:3). Juan sabe que él no es el Mesías, sino que su tarea es anunciarlo. Juan bautiza con agua, pero el que ha de venir dará su vida por el perdón de los pecados y bautizará a sus discípulos con el Espíritu Santo. La pregunta que debemos hacernos es: ¿estamos listos para recibir al Salvador que viene? Recibirlo quiere decir estar preparados a seguirlo y hacer su voluntad.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

Adviento es un tiempo de espera paciente. Haz un esfuerzo para cultivar la paciencia. Recen en familia para adquirir la paciencia, especialmente para ser pacientes con los niños, con las personas que no nos son fáciles de soportar y con las insignificancias de cada día.

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.

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



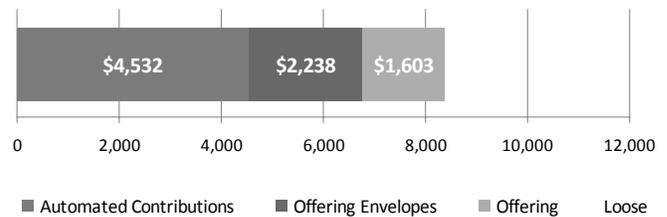
The Pantry is in need of three volunteers to help shop for groceries twice a month. Please contact Mike Usiak usiak@sbcglobal.net or the Parish Office to sign up.

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 27, 2011

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,532	\$2,238	\$1,603	\$8,373

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



We are currently running a \$3,627 surplus of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the week-end of November 27, 2011. As of November 30, 2011 we are flat with collections from last fiscal year.

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 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

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Today's Readings

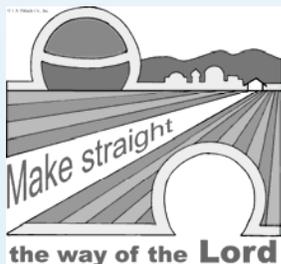
First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

God's Delay



In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, “Where is God? Why hasn’t your Lord come to save you now?”

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today’s second reading: the “delay” of the Lord’s second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God’s

patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a “straight highway” for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God’s Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Treasures from Our Tradition

From outer space, the United States must seem peculiarly aglow these nights: we have strung lights on every tree within reach. Sometimes, even tieltacks and earrings twinkle with “microlights.” Clearly, something is afoot: there is a deep-down yearning for the world to change. Yet, John the Baptist would probably be unplugging most of these lights if he had the chance. In today’s Gospel he turns people away from his baptism of repentance. “Give some evidence that you mean to reform!” he cries.

What meaning do our holiday lights convey for you? In the deep and dark countryside, a single candle glowing in a window can be seen for miles. It signals welcome and readiness; it is a beacon guiding strangers to the door, a token of a warm hearth, a loving embrace, a sign that those who have placed the candle are awake and waiting. This year, set the timers aside, and each night as you light the candles in your windows, pray: “May Christ find an eager welcome here. May this household be filled with the light of his word.” One candle at a time, our faith community can reclaim the meaning of the lights of Advent hope. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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La Tardanza de Dios

En tiempos de grandes dificultades los burlesos se mofan diciendo: “¿Dónde está Dios? ¿Por qué no viene tu Dios a salvarte ahora?”.

Y nosotros, gente de fe, respondemos casi igual como lo hizo Pedro en la segunda lectura de hoy: la “tardanza” de la segunda venida del Señor no es ningún tipo de castigo ni un fallo en la promesa divina, sino un signo de amor de la paciencia de Dios. Dios está dando a todo el mundo la oportunidad de buscar el arrepentimiento.

Dios no hace la vida más difícil. Más bien, una vez más disminuye la carga para los judíos exiliados que regresan a su país después del cautiverio en Babilonia. Fue Dios quien personalmente los guió, preparándoles una “calzada recta” para ellos a través del desierto.

Nos unimos a nuestros antepasados en la fe, que esperaban poder ver al Escogido de Dios delante de ellos y que finalmente se dieron cuenta de que el Señor también caminaba a su lado. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Prepara el camino del Señor; proclama la buena nueva (Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11).

Salmo — Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos tu salvación (Salmo 85 [84]).

Segunda lectura — El Señor no tarda en guardar su promesa donde está la justicia de Dios (2 Pedro 3:8-14).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista apareció proclamando un bautismo de arrepentimiento (Marcos 1:1-8).

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El día 9 de diciembre conmemoramos a san Juan Diego de México. Hace un par de años este indígena mesoamericano fue canonizado por su misión en las apariciones Guadalupanas. Hubo controversia alrededor de su canonización porque había quienes insistían que Juan Diego nunca existió. Después de investigar, el Vaticano decidió que no sólo existió, sino que fue y es santo, digno de ser modelo e intercesor.

Las investigaciones encontraron que el nombre indígena de Juan Diego era Cuatitlatoatzin, es decir “Águila que habla”. Tal vez por este nombre tan significativo fue que los franciscanos lo bautizaron Juan Diego. El nombre Juan recuerda al apóstol, quien escribió el evangelio más místico y cuyo símbolo es el águila. Diego viene del apóstol Santiago o san Diego quien evangelizó a los españoles durante el siglo I. De cualquier manera, Juan Diego Cuatitlatoatzin se convirtió en el “Águila que habla” y anuncia el evangelio místico según Guadalupe, es “Águila que habla” de amor, paz, consuelo y desafío en una tierra conquistada, oprimida y llena de promesa.

— Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Is 35:1-10; Lc 5:17-26
Martes:	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Miércoles:	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Jueves:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
Viernes:	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Sábado:	Eclo 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Domingo:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lc 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Tes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



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December Baptisms



Kellen Matthew Browne (12-4-11)

Kellen Thomas Spoerer (12-4-11)

Leah Ann Khayum (12-11-11)

St. Teresa says...



“May the Lord, because of who He is, give us light to follow His will in everything, and there will be nothing to fear.”

The Seven 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

Calendar at a Glance

December 4, Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent • Segundo Domingo de Adviento

- 9:00 am, PC1-2-3-4, Breakfast with Santa
- 9:00 am, REC, Nine A.M. Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC4, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:15 am, Rectory, Bible Study
- 10:30 am, REC1-2-3 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 12:00 pm, REC1, RCIC Spanish

December 5, Monday

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

December 6, Tuesday

St. Nicholas • San Nicolás

- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 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
- 7:30 pm, Kitchen, SPRED Agape

December 7, Wednesday

St. Ambrose • San Ambrosio

- 5:30 pm, PC1-2, Church, CCFC Christmas Celebration

- 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

December 8, Thursday

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary •
La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María

- 7:30 am, Church, Mass on Immaculate Conception
- 4:30 pm, PC3-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Wreath-Making
- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 7:00 pm, Church, Mass on Immaculate Conception

December 9, Friday

St. Juan Diego • San Juan Diego

- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 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

December 10, Saturday

- 9:00 am, APB, 12-Step SA
- 10:00 am, PC1-2, Church, First Reconciliation

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Mass Intentions

December 3

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

December 4

9:00 am Dominic Incandela
 10:30 am Felix Lopez
 12:00 noon All Deceased Members of the Parish
 6:00 pm Lino Stefani

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 & 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>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>George Maroquin</i>	<i>Ruth Schmitz</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>Mima Tome</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>Michael Woyan</i>
<i>Geneva Gorgo</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Frank Neki</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
12-10-11 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Becky Francis	Jane Bronson	Kari Richardson Liza Marquez
12-11-11 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Geneva Gorgo	Annie Monak Gavin Rehkemper Mary Beth Hughes	Bernadette Diaz Frank Swiderski Valerie Williams
12-11-11 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Jacob Dumont	Tony Rivera Betsy Velazquez	Josefina Gomez	Josie Gomez
12-11-11 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Tony Dosen	Raquel Bech	Tom Kineslla	Alice Morales-Villenas Myrna Gomez-Kinsella
12-11-11 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Christine Villoch	Luke Kolman Leigh Hartley Nancy Van Grinsven	Mark Van Grinsven Jane Ott Eileen Raia Wendy Tynan

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Martin the monk and Saint Benedict

There's a wonderful story about an old monk and Saint Benedict. Just to give a very brief introduction, Saint Benedict was born in Italy around 480 and lived for 67 years or so. The great Roman Empire that we read about in the New Testament was in ruins. Society was basically a two class system: land owners and surfs. Christianity and Judaism were the only two main religions in the Western world.

At that time there were no monasteries as we know them today and the major Catholic religious orders did not yet exist. If someone was "called" to religious life, they headed for the hills, actually, the caves, to live a life of solitude, fasting and prayer. Benedict was called to such a life, which he pursued for many years. At some point, he was called to establish small communities of men would pray and fast together and support one another in their journey toward becoming Christ in the world.

The story about the old monk goes as follows: there was a hermit named Martin that had chained himself to the side of his solitary cave. When Benedict heard of it, he sent Martin this message, "If you are indeed a servant of God, do not chain yourself with chains of iron. But rather, let Christ be the chain that binds you."

This wonderful little story speaks to two dynamics of the spiritual journey: to purge oneself from the self-inflicted chains that bind one, and to purge oneself of one's ego. Martin was singled mindedly wed to the concept that to be Christ in the world meant to suffer as Christ suffered. Benedict was asking Martin to let go of his ideas, his suffering and his ego so that Christ could fully enter his heart and help Martin become the true light of Christ in the world. Timely for advent is this story of purging oneself in order to be reborn anew.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, December 13
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.

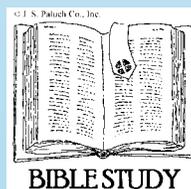
This event has been blending faith, knowledge and skills to transform parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago since 1984. It will feature keynote addresses by renowned speakers; opportunities for participants to dialogue with Cardinal Francis George; more than 90 workshops presented in English, Spanish 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 December 4th

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: December 4 and 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

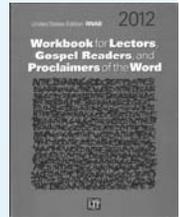


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Pick Up New Lector Workbooks

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 log-book when they pick up their copy.

The Cardinal's New Question

Ken Jaszczor and Tom Kinsella are the St. Teresa of Avila Parish representatives to our Deanery, the organizational level between the Archdiocese and the Parish. They have been tasked to obtain your ideas, concerns and suggestions. Specifically, Cardinal George is seeking your help to develop concrete actions to address the problems facing our community of faith. We will be presented with several issues to consider throughout the year.

Please take time to pray over and consider the current question:

“List some specific things that parishes can do to help people better understand the Sunday Mass.”

Ken and Tom are to present our Parish suggestions in the next Deanery meeting in January. Please provide your suggestions and ideas by speaking to them directly or using the specially marked collection container to deposit your written ideas.

2011 Christmas Giving Tree



Thank you for your enthusiastic response to the St. Teresa Christmas Giving Tree.

This year, St. Teresa is again working with the St. Vincent de Paul Center (Halsted and Webster) to make the Christmas of 185 needy children between the ages of 5 and 13 a little merrier and brighter.

Please return the gifts wrapped with their giving tree tags by December 14th so they can be given to all the children before Christmas. Please drop off your packages in the Church or at the parish off at 1930 N. Kenmore.

Office are from 9:00 am to 7:30pm Monday through Friday and from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday.



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Worth Waiting For

Advent is a time of waiting. We are waiting for the twofold coming of Christ: at Christmas and at the end of the world. That is one reason why Christianity is a religion of waiting, of hope, of expectation. No matter what wonderful things God has done in the past, we expect even more wonderful things in the future.

This religious attitude fits well with our national character. Americans are above all a hopeful, future-oriented people. A survey showed that 80 percent of us are waiting for some significant thing to happen: getting married, having a baby, finding a job, retiring. At every stage of life, we find something to look forward to.

One might think that since we seem to live in expectation, we ought to be experts at waiting. But anyone who thinks that has never waited in a grocery line, waited for a bus, waited for a light to change or the mail to come. We hate to wait. And this frustration with the present time, this eagerness to be somewhere else, often makes us edgy and unpleasant.

But we have to wait, so we might as well get used to it. And we might wait more peacefully if we understood what we were doing and tried to do it better.

First, we must come to terms with the fact of time. Although there is no such thing as time — there are no calendars in the sky, no clocks in space — everything is nevertheless governed by



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it. Grass grows at a certain rate, fruit ripens at a certain speed, people mature in a temporal process. Absolutely everything is governed by time, but only humans *wait*. In exactly the same 10 minutes that puppies play and trees grow, humans anxiously *wait*. That is because puppies and trees naturally know how to live in the present. They are perfectly content to be doing whatever they are doing at any moment. We humans have to accept that everything happens at precisely the right time. The right time for *it* — even if not always the right time for us.

In our quest to understand how to wait, we could also take more control of our lives, at least a

little part of them. We could spend half an hour a day (maybe start with 15 minutes) escaping the demon of time by doing nothing. Not thinking, not planning, not wishing, not worrying — simply nothing. Don't fret about the past or anticipate the future — just be in the present. There is only this timeless instant. Let yourself free-float in the moment.

Work on a jigsaw puzzle. Assign a certain event of your life to each piece: birthday, holiday, wedding. Life can feel like unconnected events, but as you put the puzzle together, see how your life forms a picture. See how things come together. See if you can discover the thread of divine providence.

Finally, while you are waiting for anything, pray about something: your wayward child or aged parent, starving children, people without jobs. There are 7 billion people to pray for. And there are millions of things going on that could use your prayer: the ozone layer, the rainforest, global hunger, the economy, world peace.

With prayer, you get closer to God and help these people and situations. You expand your own heart to billions of people and events. Instead of focusing your attention on fretful waiting, you join all of humanity and all of creation in this single instant and bring them all to God's attention. Now isn't that worth waiting for?

— Fr. James Smith, Celebration Publications

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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.

Counseling Services

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