



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2012

I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods besides me.

—Exodus 20:2a, 3

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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Number 9



In 1984 Dr. Greer was a young resident in a Miami Hospital. The police brought in a homeless man with such advanced tuberculosis that he was unable to speak. He was identified only by the “Number 9” at the end of his bed. There were no relatives or

friends to comfort the man, who soon died alone. Patient Number 9 left his mark on Dr. Pedro José Greer, who realized that every patient has a story and a soul. Soon afterward, Dr. Greer opened Camillus Health Concern in Miami, which now serves ten thousand homeless people annually. Greer’s Saint John Bosco Clinic treats six thousand immigrants every year in a sympathetic setting. For Greer, diagnosis and treatment must be matched with compassion. He has won three presidential awards, two papal awards, and the MacArthur Foundation Genius Fellowship, yet his mission remains the same. Patient Number 9 is never forgotten. Everyone has a name. Everyone is treated with care and kindness.

Living Stewardship Now

If you have medical experience, try volunteering in a parish or community clinic that serves the poor. If you speak a second language, share your time with new immigrants, teaching them English or helping them to adjust to life in this country.

El Número 9



En 1984 el doctor Greer era un joven residente en un hospital de Miami. La policía trajo a un vagabundo con una tuberculosis tan avanzada que ya no podía hablar. Su única identificación era un letrero que decía “Número 9” a los pies de su

cama. No había parientes ni amistades que identificaran al señor y murió pronto y solo. El paciente número 9 dejó sus huellas en el doctor Pedro José Greer, que se dio cuenta que todo paciente tiene una historia y un alma. Poco después el doctor Greer abrió *Camillus Health Concern* en Miami, que en la actualidad presta sus servicios médicos a diez mil personas vagabundas cada año. La Clínica San Juan Bosco del doctor Greer atiende a seis mil inmigrantes cada año dentro de un ambiente amable. Para Greer el diagnóstico y el tratamiento tienen que emparejarse con la compasión. Él ha recibido tres reconocimientos presidenciales, dos reconocimientos papales y el *MacArthur Foundation Genius Fellowship*, pero su misión continúa siendo la misma. El paciente número 9 nunca se olvida. Toda persona tiene su nombre propio. Toda persona es tratada con esmero y compasión.

La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

Si tienes alguna experiencia médica, ¿por qué no ofreces tus servicios gratuitos en una clínica de la comunidad o de la parroquia que atiende a los pobres? Si hablas un segundo idioma, comparte tu tiempo con los inmigrantes enseñándoles inglés o ayudándoles a ajustarse a la vida de este país.

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.

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

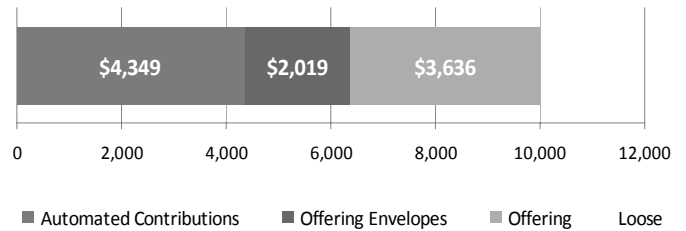
Larger, sturdy paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.



Weekly Collections Recap For March 4, 2012

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,349	\$2,019	\$3,636	\$10,004

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



Please check the expiration dates on all food items before donating them; we discard anything 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 Counting Team Needs You!

Do you have a few hours once a month that you can dedicate to the church? Of course you do! One of the ministries that is always in need of help is the Counting Team.

The counters help to organize and deposit the church's funds on a weekly basis. Without them, the finances would come to a halt.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Erica at (773) 528-6650 or esacucci@gmail.com.

We are currently running a \$1,996 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of March 4, 2012. Currently we are at a 2% increase over 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@stteresaparish.org

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

First Reading — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3; 7-8; 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
	Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Total Allegiance

DESTROY
THIS TEMPLE
AND
IN THREE DAYS
I WILL
RAISE
IT UP



In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God's protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

On this Sunday, our attention is drawn to an enriched diet of scripture readings in the liturgy's three-year cycle. Forty years ago, there was merely one set of readings for Sunday: two readings only, an Epistle, and a Gospel. Each Sunday of the year had two readings, and they never varied from year to year. In the late 1960s, we received an enriched book of readings (a *lectionary*) keyed to a course of readings over three years, named A, B, and C. The architects of this new plan realized that in Jesus' time, it took three years to read through the Law and the Prophets completely in synagogue worship. With the renewed liturgy, our worship has embraced this same rhythm that Jesus experienced in public prayer.

This year we are using the readings from Year B. The readings for Year A, however, are closely attuned to the Church's work of preparing to celebrate baptism at Easter. When the worship assembly includes people in the final stages of preparation, the Year B readings will often be set aside in favor of the readings from Year A, which this week include the story of the woman at the well. She is a fitting companion for those thirsting for living water. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

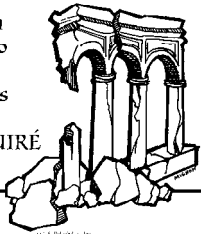
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Lealtad Total

Destruyan
este templo
y
en tres días
LO
RECONSTRUIRÉ



En semanas anteriores hemos visto cómo el tema de la alianza, en preparación para la alianza bautismal que se celebra en Semana Santa, ocupa un lugar importante en nuestro ciclo de lecturas de Cuaresma. La noción de una alianza como una relación entre dos partes lleva consigo la expectativa de la responsabilidad mutua y la fidelidad a los términos del pacto. Cuando

Dios forjó la alianza con el pueblo judío en el monte Sinaí, se trataba de una promesa de la protección de Dios, y que siempre les permitiría el acceso familiar como Pueblo Escogido. Por su parte, el pueblo judío debería observar los requisitos de la ley, que se resumen aquí en los Diez Mandamientos. Para estar en una relación de pacto con el Señor Dios requiere una relación exclusiva, al igual que ser discípulo de Jesús —que expresamos ritualmente en el Bautismo— exige una total lealtad a Él y a ningún otro. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El tiempo de cuaresma se caracteriza por los ayunos y las abstinencias. Recuerdo que como niño mis padres me inculcaron la necesidad de dejar de comer golosinas durante la cuaresma, de abstenerme del dulce para compartir la amargura del sufrimiento que Cristo sostuvo por mis pecados. Eventualmente en la parroquia, el sacerdote nos animó a guardar el dinerito que ahorrábamos no comprando dulces para mandarlo a los niños pobres. El ayuno y la abstinencia no sólo eran para acompañar a Jesús en su dolor histórico sino para animarlo y consolarlo en sus adoloridos hijo e hijas.

Muchos padres ya no animan a sus hijos e hijas a que hagan abstinencia, no les enseñan la necesidad de dejar algo innecesario para ayudar a los que no tienen o tienen menos. Es una realidad triste porque casi todas las religiones tienen sus prácticas de ayuno y abstinencia, para purificar el templo de nuestro cuerpo. Ciertamente esta forma de penitencia abre el alma a la presencia divina, por lo cual animar a sus hijo y a sus hijas en esta práctica es darles la oportunidad de encontrarse con Dios y con los pobres. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Dios entrega los mandamientos al pueblo por medio de Moisés (Éxodo 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) o *Éxodo 17:3-7*.

Salmo — Señor, tú tienes palabras de vida eterna (Salmo 19 [18]) o *Salmo 95 (94)*.

Segunda lectura — Pablo proclama a Cristo crucificado; Cristo es el poder y la sabiduría de Dios (1 Corintios 1:22-25) o *Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Evangelio — Jesús echa a los mercaderes del templo y predice su resurrección (Juan 2:13-25) o *Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	2 Re 5:1-15b; Lc 4:24-30
Martes:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Miércoles:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Jueves:	Jer 7:23-28; Lc 11:14-23
Viernes:	Os 14:2-10; Mc 12:28-34
Sábado:	Os 6:1-6; Lc 18:9-14
Domingo:	2 Cr 36:14-16, 19-23; Sal 137 (136); Ef 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Lecturas alternativas (Año A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22); Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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St. Teresa says...



“What hope can we have of finding rest without of ourselves if we cannot be at rest within...”

Ministry of Care

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.

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

March 11, Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent • Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

- 9:00 am, PC1-2, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC4, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:30 am, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 12:00 pm, REC1-2-3, RCIC Spanish
- 4:00 pm, PC3-4, Seder Celebration

March 12, Monday

- 7:00 pm, PC1-2, Parish Council Meeting
- 7:30 pm, APC, Monday Night 12-Step SA Group

March 13, Tuesday

- 6:15 am, PC3, Men's Spirituality Group
- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:30 pm, Rectory, RCIA
- 6:00 pm, REC 1, SPRED Total Community
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting AA
- 6:30 pm, PC4, Catholicism Series
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

March 14, Wednesday

- 5:30 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis
- 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

March 15, Thursday

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

March 16, Friday

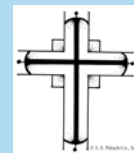
Abstinence • Abstinencia

- 11:00 am, REC4, Parent-Baby Journey
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Stations of the Cross
- 7:30 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

March 17, Saturday

St. Patrick • San Patricio

- 9:30 am, APB, 12-Step SA



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

March 10

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

March 11

9:00 am Joseph Kachnik
All Deceased Members of the Parish

10:30 am Gabriel Bernal
Domingo Maldonado

12:00 noon Bro. Charles Krupp, CSC

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 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, Phyllis Carlino, Gaspar Diaz, Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano, Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez, Donald Grabarczyk, Sr. Joan Granzeier, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Michael Kinsella, Laura Lee, Isabelle Martinez, Melory Mizicko, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben & Susan Patrasso, Lino Stefani, Jim Teterycz, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

<i>Johnnie Mae Alexander</i>	<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Nella Palazzolo</i>
<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Theresa Jabaley</i>	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>
<i>Patricia Chuck</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Irma Rivera</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Kaylee Frederking</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Lori Lyons</i>	<i>Philomena Russum</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 & Family</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Sally Jo Morrow</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>Natasha McShane</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Geneva Gorgo</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Michael Woyan</i>
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	
<i>Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M.</i>	<i>Frank Nekic</i>	
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	
<i>Rod Holzkamp</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	
	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	

Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
3-17-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Luke Kolman	Kari Richardson	Becky Francis Leigh Hartley
3-18-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Dennis Kamalick	Frank Swiderski Annie Monak Rose Ohiku	Bernadette Diaz Dan Anderson Nancy Van Grinsven Mark Van Grinsven
3-18-12 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Benjamin	Tony Rivera Betsy Velazquez	Josefina Gomez	Josie Gomez
3-18-12 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Tom Kosnik	Colin McCue	Bob Pedro Aimee Jaszczor
3-18-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Karen Melchert	Jane Ott Eileen Raia Brian Kuhns	Christine Villoch Kathy Richgels Lina Hilko Wendy Tynan

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Take From Death Before It Takes From Thee

I belong to a small book club. We meet once every two months to discuss a book that we have read. The book is typically spiritually based. Our current read is from Joan Chittister. She has written a number of spiritual books and she is excellent.

In one of her books that I am currently working through she quotes an Oriental Proverb that teaches, "Take from death before it takes from thee." For some reason, this proverb has stopped me in my tracks and I have been thinking about it quite a bit.

I have little question about the end, death. I know that a time will come when my presence on earth will cease to exist. I do have, however, a lot of questions about everyday death.

What has me thinking is my role in day-to-day death. In a very real way I experience death everyday through my decisions. A simple example is: I choose a particular thing for lunch and I have put to death a multitude of other choices. And again, what has me thinking is my part in day-to-day death through my decisions.

Truth be told, it has been years since I have given something up for Lent. I don't really know why. I have tried the technique of doing something good through Lent, but this has not stuck either. Day-to-day death through my decisions happens when I say something mean to my wife or when I bug my kids in a bad way or when I take part in gossip or when I don't take the high road which seems to present itself often. I am thinking, for the rest of Lent, to try to "take from death, before it takes from me".

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

Reflections on Haiti on March 18th

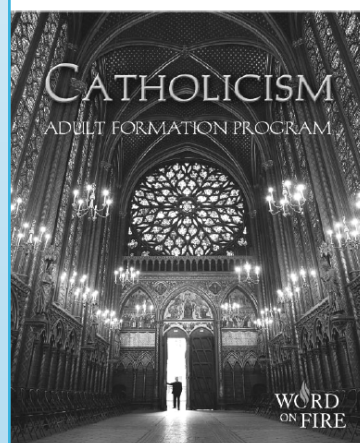
Join us on Sunday, March 18 to hear all about the experiences of Christine and Patrick Murray, Brad McCormick, and Kevin Carlino in their travels to Haiti, and discover the potential opportunities for you to volunteer on behalf of St. Teresa's during a future parish trip!

With all of your support, St. Teresa's is helping to build a church in collaboration with the wonderful people of Ste. Rose de Lima parish in Haiti. The needs of the Haitian people are great, and there are many different ways our parishioners can help.

Find out more on March 18 when presentations are given after the 9:00 am and 6:00 pm Masses at St. Teresa. You won't want to miss this!

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Tuesdays During Lent & Easter Season

6:30pm to 8:30pm

February 28 • March 6, 13, 20, 27 • April 10, 17, 24 • May 1, 8

Refreshments Served

Sign Up for La Cuisine du Coeur

A CELEBRATION OF REGIONAL FRENCH FOODS



St. Teresa of Avila Parish, in cooperation with our French Community, is sponsoring an afternoon luncheon featuring an assortment of home-made regional French specialties accompanied by wine and beer and French musicians.

Proceeds will be used to maintain the parish, including the purchase of kitchen supplies and equipment that support our social outreach ministries.

We cordially invite you to join us for a celebration of regional French cooking on Sunday, March 25th, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the parish center.

Tickets can be purchased for:

Adults — \$50

Children (16 and under) — \$10

Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses.

Support for Job-related Stress

Employment stress can create problems outside of work. We spend a large chunk of our time at work and when we're unhappy there, it can lead to problems in our relationships and health. A bad day at work may make us more irritable with our significant others or kids, leading to feelings of guilt, depression, or anxiety. We may feel too run down after a long day to participate in activities we usually enjoy. If the bad days add up, it can turn into chronic stress and result in physical health problems such as headaches, digestive problems, or a weakened immune system. However, therapy can provide support and help you figure out how to handle job-related stress or decide if this is the right career for you. Maybe you've recently been laid off and would like to take this opportunity to go in a different direction but are not sure how. No matter the reason, working with a therapist can help you figure out what is best for you.

Melanie McNally is a licensed therapist, currently working with the Claret Center. She is available to meet with you weekdays, weeknights, and weekends in a private office at St. Teresa. Sliding scale is available. Call or email to schedule an appointment to attain better mental health. (773) 643-6259, ext. 38 or maxwellmelanie@yahoo.com

2012 Operation Rice Bowl Reflection – Rights and Responsibilities

In today's scriptures, we hear the commandments given to Moses after God brings the Israelites out of slavery. These commandments represent fundamental rights and responsibilities for all of God's people. This week through Operation Rice Bowl, we **learn** about communities in El Salvador that lack clean and safe water, which is a basic human right.

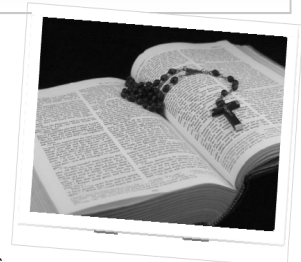
We **pray** for those whose health is compromised by contaminated water, and we **fast** from wasting and polluting this precious resource. We **give** so that CRS can improve access to clean water in communities throughout the world.



You're Invited to a Bible Study!

Sunday Mornings at 10:15am – 11:45am

- Join at any time
- No preparation required
- Convenient time between morning masses
- Childcare available (call to arrange)
- Bring your coffee, breakfast, and bible!



Our Presenter: Tom Kosnik

Tom comes to us with a Masters of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union. Tom spent four months in Israel studying scripture and has hosted several well received bible studies at St. Teresa in his 15 years at the parish.

Future Bible Study Dates

MARCH	APRIL	MAY
	1	6
18	15	20
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Praise from Current Students

"Bible Study opens your heart to hear God's word in a way you never have before. Tom leads us into the history and meaning of the familiar and unfamiliar parables, miracles and stories that totally changes how you hear the readings each week." - Theresa Jabaley

"The thing I have enjoyed the most about the bible study is digging deeper into scripture and learning so much more than I could on my own. It's a wonderful opportunity to get connected with other parishioners and with each meeting I leave feeling rejuvenated and excited for the next lesson!" - Lindsey Hayes

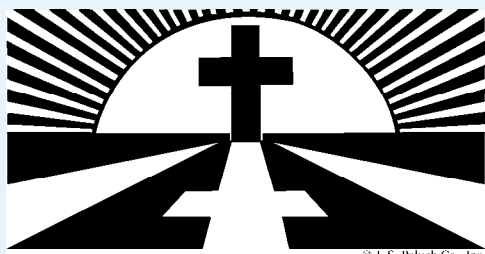
For more information contact Kate Garwood at (601)454-0837 or katiemgarwood@gmail.com

Divine Jealousy

The Lenten readings are specifically chosen to instruct us. During the first week of Lent, we followed Jesus into the desert and witnessed his triumph over temptation. Last week, we went up a mountain and glimpsed the glory of God. Today we enter the Temple and witness the results of indulged temptation as well as a concrete manifestation of what a temple dedicated to the glory of God should really look like.

John places the cleansing of the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel, consciously foreshadowing all that is to come. As the story unfolds, John didactically interrupts to make sure the reader understands the potent symbolism. First, John assures us that Jesus cleanses the Temple to fulfill the words from Psalm 69: “Zeal for your house will consume me.” More importantly, John tells us that Jesus is the true Temple and will rise on the third day. John links the beginning of Jesus’ ministry with his passion and death. His Gospel is filled with sweeping thematic fulfillment intent on revealing Jesus to his readers.

Taken literally, the scene in this Gospel is alarming, graphic and violent. Jesus makes a whip, drives out the animals and overturns the tables of the moneychangers, scattering their coins. As the Temple is cleansed, so is our image of a gentle, compassionate and loving Jesus. All four Gospels record the story of Jesus cleansing the Tem-



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ple, so we know it must have held great significance. So how do we reconcile this angry Jesus with his peaceful message of forgiveness and love?

Revisit the first reading from the Book of Exodus. God has just issued his commandments, and proclaims that he is a jealous God (v. 5). Jealousy, as we know it in human terms, is a powerful passion that can lead to destructive behavior. We witness Jesus consumed with just such a jealousy as he stomps around the Temple destroying everything in sight. In the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul tells us that Jesus is both the power and the wisdom of God, which often appears to us to be foolishness. Could Jesus’ action in the Temple be a vivid demonstration of the foolishness of God?

How often we feel powerless against the lure of sin. We resolve not to gossip, yet are drawn

into a destructive conversation. We would never steal from a store, yet we trample on others to strengthen our reputation at work. We would never kill, yet we hurt a child’s self-esteem with a critical word. We need to be confronted with a cleansing love that is stronger than our sin.

Jesus knows how to cleanse us of our sin without destroying the essence of who we are. Just as we might correct a child for their own good, so Jesus rebukes us. Shame leads to conversion. After cleansing the temple, our interior self is renewed. We are once again on holy ground.

Lent is our time for repentance and renewal. We invite Jesus into the temple of our souls. We confess our sins and allow him to sweep away the debris. We ask him to probe our motives and intentions with his holy word. It penetrates our hearts like a two-edged sword, revealing our crooked inclinations and misplaced intentions.

Even as this cleansing causes us pain, with the evangelist John, we proclaim Jesus as Lord. It is because he is our Savior that we can welcome him. He loves us and claims us with divine jealousy.

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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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