



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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 25, 2012**

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

— *Jeremiah 31:33*

**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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## Receive it and Pass it One

If you don't sleep well tonight, remember the homeless family with no bed to lie in. When you're stuck in traffic, don't be angry. Millions of people will never have a car to drive. After a bad day at work, think of the man unemployed for a year. Mourning a broken relationship? Remember those with no one to love them. Unhappy because your vacation is over? Think of the mother working twelve hour shifts to feed her family. So you ran out of gas? A paraplegic would love to be able to walk to the service station. Saw a gray hair in the mirror? Think of the patient in chemotherapy with no hair left. If you're the victim of bitterness, ignorance, or worse, remember that this happened to Jesus, too. Use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. Accept that you are a child of God.



### Living Stewardship Now

“We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the gift of God.”

—*Saint Vincent de Paul (1580–1660), French priest, religious founder, servant of the poor*

## Agradece y Difunde

Si no puedes dormir bien esta noche, acuérdate de la familia sin techo y sin una cama donde descansar. Si estás atascado en tráfico, no te enojés. Millones de personas nunca tendrán un coche que manejar. Después de un día pésimo en el trabajo, piensa en el que ha estado desempleado por un año. ¿Afligido por una relación rota? Acuérdate de los que no tienen a nadie que los ame. ¿Lamentas que se te acabaron las vacaciones? Acuérdate de la madre que trabaja turnos de doce horas para mantener a su familia. ¿Así es que te quedaste sin gasolina? Una persona parapléjica le encantaría poder caminar a la gasolinera. ¿Viste una cana reflejada en el espejo? Piensa en la paciente con quimioterapia que ya no tiene cabellos. Si eres víctima de la amargura, la ignorancia o cosas peores, acuérdate que eso también le pasó a Jesús. Agradece los dones que has recibido y difunde el amor que se te ha concedido. Acepta que eres hijo o hija de Dios.

### La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

“Debemos esforzarnos por mantener nuestro corazón abierto a los sufrimientos y desgracias de los demás, y orar continuamente para que Dios nos conceda ese espíritu de compasión, que es al fin un don de Dios”.

—*San Vicente de Paúl (1580–1660), sacerdote francés, fundador religioso, servidor de los pobres*

## 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

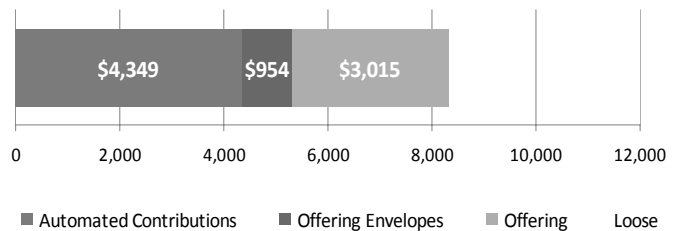
Larger, sturdy paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.



## Weekly Collections Recap For March 18, 2012

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,349	\$954	\$3,015	\$8,318

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](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 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](mailto:esacucci@gmail.com).

We are currently running a \$3,682 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of March 18, 2012. Currently we are at a 1% 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](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@stteresaparish.org](mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org)

# Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* *Ezekiel 37:12-14.*

**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or* *Psalm 130.*

**Second Reading** — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* *Romans 8:8-11.*

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].*



Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday:</b>	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
<b>Sunday:</b>	Mk 11:1-10 <i>or</i> Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

## Treasures from Our Tradition

Ask senior parishioners about this fifth Sunday, and they will share memories of this Sunday years ago, when it was known as "Passion Sunday." In those days, the statues and crucifixes were draped in purple cloth, and a deeply somber atmosphere infused worship. The structure is different today for good reason. The stunning changes in the appearance of the church building drew attention away from the twofold work of Lent: reconciliation and preparing for initiation. Today, this Sunday is given to reflection on the necessity to commit, like Jesus, to the Father's will. Wherever elect are present today, the "A" reading reveals Jesus' compassion in the face of human suffering, and his desire to call us from the tombs of sin, isolation, and even death itself.

As Lent draws to a close over the next ten days, and before the beginning of the Easter Triduum on Holy Thursday, we enter an ideal time for celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Today's old title of "Passion Sunday" has migrated to next Sunday, also called "Palm Sunday." In many places, people prepare their own bundles of branches for next week's liturgy: pussy willow, forsythia, dogwood. If your parish schedules a procession, you may want to prepare these branches at home and bring them along. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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## El Nuevo Pacto



La primera lectura de hoy es un paso muy importante, en la historia del pueblo judío y también para nosotros como discípulos de Jesús que ven en ella un anuncio de la dispensación cristiana. El profeta anuncia que Dios ha escogido perdonar al pueblo, y que como un signo del perdón divino se establecerá una nueva alianza.

Contrastando la nueva alianza con la que Dios hizo con Moisés en el Monte Sinaí, Jeremías dice que el nuevo pacto será inscrito en el corazón del pueblo y no en tablas de piedra. Ya no será la tradición de la comunidad la única portadora de la alianza; a partir de ahora, Dios hablará directa y personalmente a cada individuo, perdonando el pecado y pidiendo un retorno a Él en fidelidad. Ya no bastará el mero cumplimiento de los dictados externos de la ley; a partir de ahora, Dios pide una obediencia que brota de lo más profundo de nuestro corazón.

Precisamente ese tipo de obediencia se destaca en la segunda lectura de hoy, donde el autor de la Carta a los Hebreos describe a Jesús como el mediador del nuevo pacto, cuya obediencia ha hecho de él la fuente de salvación para todos los que, a su vez, le obedecen.

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## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Basándose en las palabras de Jesús, Mariano de Blas, compuso su canto: “Entre tus manos”. Este hermoso canto nos recuerda que “hay que morir para vivir”, es decir, que no es nada fácil ser discípulo de Jesucristo. El mismo Jesús nos pide que nos neguemos a nosotros mismos (Mateo 16:24); que carguemos la cruz para seguirlo (Marcos 8:34); que perdamos nuestra vida por su nombre (Lucas 9:24). Todo esto porque Jesús reconoce que el grano de trigo debe morir para dar vida, para multiplicarse (Juan 12:24).

El canto: “Una espiga dorada por el sol”, de Cesáreo Gabaráin, nos recuerda que los cristianos somos trigo del mismo sembrador. Es Jesús quien nos siembra, nos cultiva, nos cosecha, nos tritura, nos amasa, y nos hace un solo pan consagrado a Dios. Somos granos de trigo que, unidos formamos el pan de la comunión que es comunidad. Para esto, cada uno debe morir a sus egoísmos y preferencias. Morir a sí mismo tiene sentido cristiano, sólo si es para trabajar unidos y en la misión de Cristo, la cual es salvación del mundo y construcción del Reino de Dios. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Giz, OFM, Copyright ©

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## Lecturas de hoy

**Primera lectura** — El Señor hará una nueva alianza con la casa de Israel. (Jeremías 31:31-34) *o Ezequiel 37:12-14.*

**Salmo** — Oh Dios, crea en mí un corazón puro (Salmo 51 [50]) *o Salmo 130 (129).*

**Segunda lectura** — Cristo aprendió obediencia, y los que ahora le obedecen encuentran en él la salvación eterna (Hebreos 5:7-9) *o Romanos 8:8-11.*

**Evangelio** — Si el grano de trigo cae en tierra y muere, da mucho fruto (Juan 12:20-33) *o Juan 11:1-45.*

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38
<b>Martes:</b>	Núm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
<b>Jueves:</b>	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Viernes:</b>	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Sábado:</b>	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
<b>Domingo:</b>	Mc 11:1-10 o Jn 12:12-16 (procesión); Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 (21); Fil 2:6-11; Mc 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

# Sacraments & Ministries

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## St. Teresa says...



“When one is rooted in virtue, the occasions of sin are of little consequence...The devil does a great deal to incapacitate us when he sees a little fear.”

## 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 25, Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent • Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

- 9:00 am, PC1-2, 9 AM 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

### March 26, Monday

Annunciation of the Lord • La Anunciación del Señor

- 12:30 pm, PC1-2, Chicago House
- 7:30 pm, APC, Monday Night 12-Step SA Group

### March 27, 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, REC1, SPRED Preparation
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting AA
- 6:30 pm, PC4, Catholicism Series
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, Kitchen, SPRED Agape
- 7:30 pm, APC, Women's spirituality Group

### March 28, Wednesday

- 5:30 pm, PC1-2, Church, CCFC Easter 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
- 8:00 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Bible

### March 29, Thursday

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

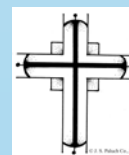
### March 30, Friday

Abstinence • Abstinencia

- 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 31, Saturday

- 9:30 am, APB, 12-Step SA
- 11:00 am, PC3-4, Easter Traditions





# Mass Schedule & Intentions

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## Mass Intentions

## In Our Prayers

### March 24

5:00 pm Kazimierz Ciurus

### March 25

9:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish  
 10:30 am Gabriel Bernal  
 Moises Olgun  
 Annette Vazquez  
 Ana Davila  
 12:00 noon Cheryl Meyer  
 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.

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>Michele Piotrowski</i>
<i>Patricia Chuck</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Irma Rivera</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske &amp; Family</i>	<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>
<i>Kaylee Frederking</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Lori Lyons</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>George Maroquin</i>	<i>Philomena Russum</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Tammy Martin &amp; Family</i>	<i>Ruth Schmitz</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Sally Jo Morrow</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>Natasha McShane</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Geneva Gorgo</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Hilda Williams</i>
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Michael Woyan</i>
<i>Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M.</i>	<i>Frank Nekić</i>	
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Rod Holzkamp</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	
	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
3-31-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	David Kostelansky <u>The Passion</u> Becky Francis (1) David Kostelansky (2) Maggie Kuhlmann (3)	Lisa Marquez	Jean Kostelansky Maggie Juhlmann
4-1-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Tony Dosen	Kotryna Hilko <u>The Passion</u> Elizabeth Rooney (1) Tom Kosnik (2) Dennis Kamalick (3)	Mark Van Grinsven Jennifer Barrett Rose Ohiku	Frank Swiderski Valerie Williams Dan Anderson Geneva Gorgo
4-1-12 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Maria Montes Alex Lopez	Francisco Perez	Carmen Cruz
4-1-12 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Raquel Bech <u>The Passion</u> Amy McCue (1) Raquel Bech (2) Brian Kuhns (3)	Bob Pedro	Colin McCue Alice Morales-Villenas
4-1-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Katie Assell <u>The Passion</u> Karen Melchert (1) Mark Van Grinsven (2) Christine Villoch (3)	Sharon Lindstrom Jonathan Assell Eileen Raia	Jane Ott Wendy Tynan Christine Villoch Mark Van Grinsven

# Parish Life

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## Becoming Naked Before God

During this Lenten season the icon of the *Baptism of Christ* is hanging in the front of church by the Altar. There are many wonderful spiritual things about this icon. The river flows from top to bottom, from heaven to earth. The angels who are witnessing Christ's baptism are in light and bright garb, their hands covered to show reverence and respect. John the Baptist, in darker garb, is representing repentance as well as being from the earth. The Christ figure floats off the canvas and has a facial expression of being singly focused in his intent.

Unlike most all other icons of Christ, in the Baptism of Christ we see Christ dressed in a simple loin cloth. Christ comes to his baptism, and comes to us, almost naked. His nakedness is representative of his disposition to his mission to his Father and to us— that Christ emptied himself to become incarnate in the world for the salvation of the world.

Christ comes to us in his nakedness and leads the way for us in his nakedness this Lent. There is a spiritual thought that if one wants to be one with Christ, if one wants to be totally alive with Christ, than one, as Christ has done, has to become emptied also. There is an old Latin prayer that reads, "*Nudus nudum Christum sequi.*" "Naked to follow the naked Christ."

Our nakedness is not a stripping away of our clothing, but a stripping away of all the things and attachments that get in the way of us becoming one with Christ and becoming one in Christ. We must be willing to put aside and strip away all desire for acquisitions, accomplishments, achievements, recognitions, and with single mindedness become "naked to follow the naked Christ."

**Join us for the next session of  
Men's Spirituality Group  
on Tuesday, April 10th,  
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

## Women's Spirituality

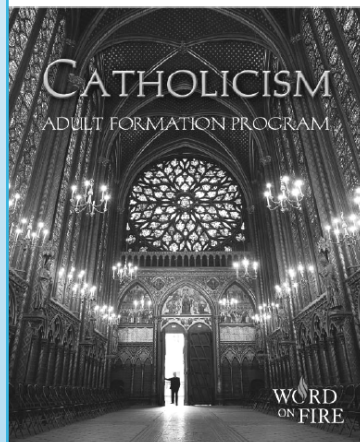
Women of St. Teresa's who seek spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for quiet prayer, reflection and conversation are invited to gather in Avila Place on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:30 pm.

We meet monthly, September through May, generally on the last Tuesday of the month. Hope you can join us. Contact Cathy Flaherty, cgflaherty@aol.com, with any questions.



## CATHOLICISM

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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



### Ignatian Volunteer Corps

#### Semi-Retired? Retired? Eager to give something back?

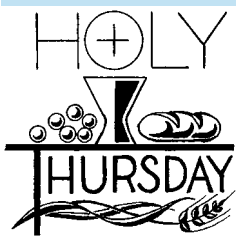
The Ignatian Volunteer Corps may be for you! IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, elderly companions, hospital chaplains, and more.

Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities two days per week (September-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector.

For more information, contact Christine Curran, IVC Regional Director, 773-975-6871, ccurran@ivcusa.org, or visit www.ivcusa.org.



### Holy Thursday Trolley Tour and Tenebrae



St. Teresa of Avila Parish is sponsoring a Holy Thursday Trolley Tour immediately after the 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass.

This year, we will visit seven churches on the North Side and return to the parish for a Tenebrae service shortly before midnight. This traditional devotion mixing prayer, architecture, and city history was highly popular last year and is limited to 32 participants.

Cost is \$50/person or \$35/person if more than one ticket is bought. All proceeds beyond the cost of the transportation to the parish. Please contact Matt Priesbe at 847.729.1220 or mpriesbe@aol.com) to reserve your spot.

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### 2012 Operation Rice Bowl Reflection – The New Covenant



In today's first reading, the prophet Jeremiah describes a new covenant – one which is written on our hearts. As Christians, we believe that this new covenant is fulfilled

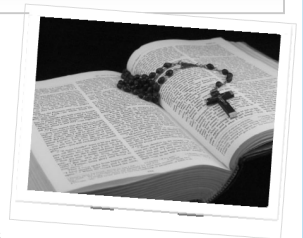
in Jesus.

This week through Operation Rice Bowl, we **learn** about malnourished children and expectant mothers in India whose health has been compromised by their poverty. We **pray** that we may open our hearts to the needs of the poor and vulnerable. We **fast**, not merely from our excess, but from our very substance, so that new life may come to all who suffer from poverty, illness and injustice. We **give** so that CRS-trained health care workers can help improve the lives of women and

### 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

APRIL	MAY
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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

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# Parish Life

March 25 – March 31

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## The Hidden Life of Childhood

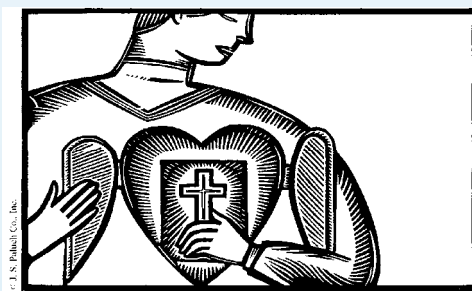
Paul talks about “the days when Christ was in the flesh.” But the Gospels show little interest in the private life of Jesus.

They show even less interest in his childhood. They give him a miraculous birth to put him in the same league with the other great people; there is a story about his being lost in the Temple. They repeat that story probably because it was too well-known to be ignored. Luke turned the incident into a demonstration of how precocious little Jesus was. But for all the rest of his childhood, Luke sums it up with the generic statement: “The child grew in wisdom and grace.”

Childhood was not an important stage of development then, as it is now. All boys were raised together by all mothers of the extended family compound until age 12, when they were turned over to the men. Childhood was merely a time of waiting to take their place as adult members of the community. Nothing special going on, nothing worthy of biography.

And yet, as we now know, a lot goes on in childhood. Some of the most important things happen then, which determine the projection of a whole lifetime. What we call the “hidden life” of Jesus was not hidden to God. All those youthful “hidden” experiences are what prepared Jesus for his very public adult life.

Jesus did not just happen to end on a cross — he earned his way there. He did not one day wake up



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to the fact of being God’s own Son — he gradually arrived at that recognition through daily, intimate prayer with God. Jesus did not suddenly decide that he could perform miracles. That ability grew in him day by day as he gained self-confidence in his union with God.

Scripture says that Jesus “learned obedience by what he suffered.” He also learned patience by waiting to grow up; he learned his own limitations when he lost at games; he learned forgiveness when a playmate gave him a black eye; he learned to handle criticism when his mother called him a dreamer; he learned how to shake off rejection when people questioned his unusual parentage.

It was all of these childhood things — and the way he handled them — that enabled him to grow into a virile adult who could endure crucifixion. It was all of these

simple, ordinary things that empowered him to burst on the scene as the greatest public figure in history.

And the very same thing happens to you and me. We won’t do great public feats, but whatever we do is the flowering of hidden events. We won’t be crucified, but however we die will be the natural conclusion of millions of little life experiences.

Like Jesus, we grow in wisdom and grace. Like Jesus, our growth is largely hidden — even from ourselves. We also grow in obedience by suffering misfortune. We grow in mercy by fixing a broken bird wing; we grow in honesty by admitting to breaking a window.

Jesus was able to do the things he did as an adult because of the way he did things as a child. He did not stumble into history full-blown as the Gospels seem to suggest. No, he doggedly drove himself into celebrity through a daily grind of eating, sleeping, praying, preaching, reaching out, pulling back — doing whatever was called for.

It is the same for us. We gradually grow in grace by traveling the dusty road of everyday events. As Khalil Gibran wrote: “In the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.”

# Directory

## Parish Office

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## Parish Pastoral Council

Dave Wisneski, Chair

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Catherine Kosnik	Tony Rivera
Jessica Marx	

## 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

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