



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 1, 2012

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

— *Philippians 2:8*

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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We Don't Go Alone

Jesus, the humble village carpenter, frequently attracted large crowds with his preaching. A moment of apparent triumph and glory came when these same people in Jerusalem acclaimed him as king, probably hoping he would be a new military leader and overthrow the occupying Romans. This “triumph” was brief, however. In a few days the same crowds turned on him. Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, didn't know what to make of him. Jesus was obviously no common criminal. He spoke truthfully and was not cowed in Pilate's presence. Yet Pilate finally gave up and had Jesus put to death. Ever since that first Good Friday, those who pass through the darkest nights know they don't go alone. For each of us Jesus obediently and willingly entered the pain and sorrow of humanity. He counted the milestones along the way of despair, and fell into the abyss of death. There are no dead-end streets anymore. For us, at the end of every road, there shines the light of Christ.

Living Stewardship Now

“Christianity is not about ideas, but about deeds inspired by love.” —*Blessed Frederic Ozanam (1813–1853), lay founder of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, servant of the poor*

No Vamos Solos

Jesús, el humilde carpintero de la aldea, atraía frecuentemente grandes multitudes con su prédica. Hubo un aparente momento de triunfo y gloria cuando estas multitudes lo aclamaron como rey en Jerusalén, probablemente esperando que él fuera un nuevo líder militar que depusiera la ocupación de los romanos. Sin embargo, este “triumfo” fue breve. Unos pocos días más tarde esta misma gente se reviró contra él. Poncio Pilato, el procurador romano, se sentía confundido. Obviamente Jesús no era un criminal común. Hablaba con la verdad y no se acobardaba en presencia de Pilato. Sin embargo, Pilato finalmente se dio por vencido y condenó a muerte a Jesús. Desde ese primer Viernes Santo todos los que pasan por tiempos tenebrosos saben que no van solos. Por voluntad propia Jesús asumió el dolor y la angustia de la humanidad y de cada uno de nosotros. Él venció por el camino del dolor y bajó al abismo de la muerte. Ya no hay callejones sin salida para nosotros. Al final de cualquier camino brilla para nosotros la luz de Cristo.

La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

“La cristiandad no se trata de ideas, sino de buenas obras inspiradas por el amor”. —*Beato Federico Ozanam (1813–1853), fundador laico de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, 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.

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

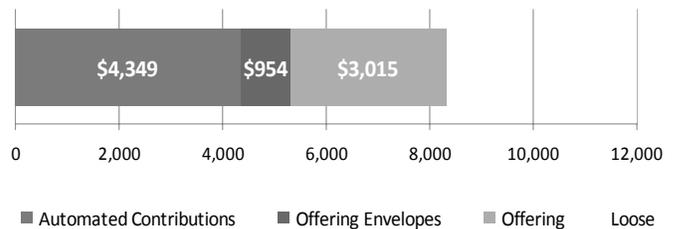
Larger, sturdy paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.



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.

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 \$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.

Due to the Easter bulletin publishing schedule, this bulletin repeats information from bulletin of March 25th.

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

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

Holy Week



For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	<u>Lord's Supper:</u> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday:	a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mk 16:1-7
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Treasures from Our Tradition

Although the procession with palms has an unforgettable grip on our imagination, the real emphasis of this day's liturgy is contained in its name: The Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Since 1955, the old custom of a blessing of palms with procession of the people has marked the entry of the Church into a time so rich that it is called "Holy Week." The center of today's liturgy, however, is the solemn reading of the Passion, this year taken from Mark's Gospel. Our community is to be transformed by its celebration of Easter, and so this week everything is made new. Soon, the bishop will celebrate the "Chrism Mass" when the holy oils for the sacraments will be completely replenished and blessed, and transported from the cathedral to every parish. Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. Be on the lookout later this week for this "paschal" moon, rising in the east at the precise moment the sun sets in the west. Imagine: a day when there is not a single moment when the earth is not bathed in light from the heavens. We are on the threshold of the three great days (Triduum): Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, beginning at sunset on Thursday when the parish gathers in response to the Lord's command: "Do this in memory of me." — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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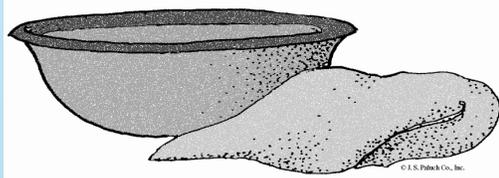
Semana Santa

Por el Evangelio del Domingo de Ramos, volvemos al Evangelio según San Marcos. El relato de la Pasión ocupa casi un tercio de todo el Evangelio según Marcos y, de todos los evangelistas, él es quien presenta los detalles más gráficos. Marcos representa la humanidad de Jesús con mayor intensidad, describiendo sus sufrimientos a fondo. Presenta a Jesús como el cumplimiento completo del “Siervo sufriente” de Isaías, el esclavo humilde y obediente que muere en la cruz y de quien Pablo habla a los filipenses. Pero es importante recordar que a esto lo llamamos “Semana Santa” y no “semana triste” o “semana de sufrimiento”, porque cada una de las lecturas de hoy, incluso los lamentos del Salmo, terminan con la promesa de la fuerza y la esperanza que son otorgadas por Dios a los que fielmente dan de sí mismos en amor. A medida que entramos a esta semana por vía de estas lecturas, debemos reflexionar profundamente sobre los sufrimientos de Jesús, pero con la tranquilidad de la alegría de la vida resucitada y eterna que nos espera a todos los que fielmente caminamos con él durante estos días. –Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Esta es Semana Santa, semana en la cual los cristianos conmemoramos con palmas, y ramos los eventos centrales de nuestra fe; eventos que alimentan nuestro espíritu con el pan y el vino del amor divino; eventos que se clavan en nuestras almas como Cristo en su cruz; eventos que nos hacen resucitar de nuestros problemas con la esperanza pascual de la liberación de todo aquello que nos perjudica, que nos agobia, que nos oprime y nos deprime.

Estaremos allí con nuestros parientes y con gente que no conocemos pero que son nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo gracias a los eventos de la semana en que Jesús entró glorioso a Jerusalén, partió el pan, falleció en el árbol de la cruz y fue sepultado. Esta Semana nos une al misterio pascual de Jesús. Celebrando estos ritos antiguos y variados por todo el mundo. Durante esta semana el tiempo y el espacio se cancelan para unirnos a los misterios que celebramos, a nuestras familias, a los cristianos por todo el mundo y a través de los siglos. –Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Lecturas de hoy

Evangelio para la procesión de las palmas — ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! (Marcos 11:1-10 o Juan 12:12-16)

Primera lectura — No oculté el rostro a insultos y salvazos, porque sabía que no quedaría avergonzado (Isaías 50:4-7).

Salmo — Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado? (Salmo 22 [21]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús se despojó totalmente y Dios lo llenó de exaltación (Filipenses 2:6-11).

Evangelio — La versión de la Pasión y Muerte de Jesús que nos da Marcos (Marcos 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39])

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Martes: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Miércoles: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Jueves: **Cena del Señor:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Sal 116 (115); 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Viernes: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Sal 31 (30); Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Sábado: a) Gn 1:1-2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Éx 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
Domingo: Hch 10:34a, 37-43; Sal 118 (117); Col 3:1-4 o 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 o Mc 16:1-7 o (en misas de la tarde o la noche) Lc 24:13-35

Sacraments & Ministries

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April Baptisms

Ava Rhiana Merced (4-8-12)
Isaac Adrian Merced (4-8-12)
Patrick Baumann Pierce (4-15-12)
Jeffrey Joseph Chianello III (4-21-11)
Andre Raymond O'Brien (4-21-12)
Caelan Thomas Gaubatz (4-22-12)
Alice Marguerite Price (4-28-12)

St. Teresa says...



“I truly believe that the Lord highly favors the one who has real determination. Be certain that the Lord will never fail...”

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

April 1, Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion • Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor

- 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

April 2, Monday

Monday of Holy Week • Lunes de la Semana Santa

- 7:30 pm, APC, Monday Night 12-Step SA Group

April 3, Tuesday

Tuesday of Holy Week • Martes de la Semana Santa

- 5:30 pm, Rectory, RCIA
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting AA
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

April 4, Wednesday

Wednesday of Holy Week • Miércoles de la Semana Santa

- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step RA Meeting
- 7:30 pm, APC, 12-Step AA Meeting
- 7:30 pm, APB, 12-Step SA Meeting

April 5, Thursday

Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum • Jueves Santo; Triduo Pascual

- 7:00 pm, Church, Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 8:00 pm, GS, Holy Thursday Trolley Tour & Tenebrae

April 6, Friday

Friday of the Passion of the Lord; Fast & Abstinence • Viernes Santo; Ayuno y abstinencia

- 3:00 pm, Church, Living Stations of the Cross
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion

April 7, Saturday

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday • Sábado Santo; Vigilia Pascual

- 9:00 am, Church, Parish Easter Cleaning
- 9:00 am, PC4, CCFC Catechesis
- 9:00 am, GS, PC1-2, Food Pantry First Saturday
- 9:30 am, APB, 12-Step SA
- 4:30 pm, PC1-2, CCFC First Communion Preparation
- 5:30 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis
- 8:00 pm, Church, Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

March 31

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

April 1

9:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish

10:30 am Gabriel Bernal

Ethel and Maurice Brumleve

12:00 noon All Deceased Members of the Parish

6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

Our Mass intentions have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 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 Patrosso, Lino Stefani, Jim Tetrycz, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

*Johnnie Mae Alexander
Alicia Anderson
Berta Billalvazo
Patricia Chuck
Basilio Diaz
Jackson Fineske & Family
Padraig Gallagher
Eloisa Gallegos
Michael Gibbons
Angela Goldberg
Kaylee Gommel
Les Gordon
Genevieve Gorgo
Geneva Gorgo
Mrs. Grabarczyk
George Halloran
Kellar Harris
Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M.
David Hoffman*

*Chuck Jabaley
Theresa Jabaley
Pat Johnson
Betty LaCour
Adolfo Lorenzana
Carmen Dolores Lorenzana
Carmen Felicita Lorenzana
Miguel Lorenzana
George Marroquin
Jose Marroquin
Tammy Martin & Family
Sally Jo Morrow
Margaret Sue Meadors
Bill Mobley
John Monier
Elda Myers
Angel Nieves
P. A. O'Neil
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill
Honorata Alicea Peña*

*Michele Piotrowski
Hector J. Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez
Ray Romero
Jeffrey Roscoe
Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.
Jack Schank
Ruth Schmitz
Mima Tome
John Wagner
Bernadine Walters
Hilda Williams
Jack Williams
Michael Woyan*

Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
4-7-12 Saturday Easter Vigil	8:00 pm	Fr. Frank	David Kostelansky— Genesis Tony Rivera—Exodus Geneva Gorgo—Isaiah Alex Lopez—Ezekial Mary Beth Hughes—Romans Intercessions—Deacon Hector	Deacon Hector Tom Kosnik Josefine Gomez	Dennis Kamilick Jean Kostelansky Francisco Perez Carmen Vazquez
4-8-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Mark Trinkka	Deacon Hector Frank Swiderski Jane Ott	Rose Ohiku Karen Melchert Sharon Lindstrom Valerie Williams
4-8-12 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. John Rybolt	Maria Montes Alex Lopez	Francisco Perez	Carmen Cruz
4-8-12 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Luke Kolman	Bob Pedro	Brendan Lynch Aimee Jaszczor
4-8-12 Sunday	No 6:00 pm Mass				

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Becoming Integrated into God

In the icon of the *Baptism of Christ* hanging by the Altar this Lent, there is what appears to be golden arrow coming from the top of the icon toward Jesus. This shape represents what iconologists call the Arch of God. And within the Arch of God is a golden circle; within the golden circle, there is a dove. The dove, as you can guess, represents the Holy Spirit. The circle within the Arch of God represents unity. That is, unity between God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus.

The face of Jesus in the *Baptism of Christ* actually looks sad. The face of Jesus, however, is less about sadness and more about being totally emptied of his self-will in order to be totally united with God's will.

As we know, at the moment of Jesus' baptism, he went through a bit of a conversation. Immediately after his baptism, Jesus was tempted; after suffering through temptation, he begins his public ministry of bringing the healing mercy of God into the world and taking on the evils of death.

Being in unity with God, as our icon of the *Baptism of Christ* shows us, is not all joy. There is serious recollection of self that must occur; there is a purging of the self-will to endure; there is temptation after temptation that one must suffer through, all on the way of becoming united in Christ.

Integration, that of being united with God's will for us in mind, body and soul, is difficult work. So difficult that it can make us sad. It is easy to compartmentalize various aspects of our life—there is family life, work life and life with friends life, etc. Such compartmentalizing appears to help us alleviate the difficulty of pursuing God's will for us. It actually only prolongs our pain of separation that we feel in our heart. But like Lent, our sadness will come to an end as we let go more of our own will and become more integrated into God's will.

**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



Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAYS

7:00-8:30PM

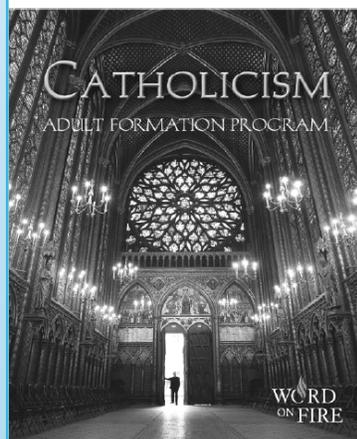


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Refreshments Served

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.

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.



2012 Operation Rice Bowl Reflection – The Passion



As we reflect on the passion of Christ, we remember that more than 44 million people in the United States are living in poverty. While 75% of our gifts to Operation

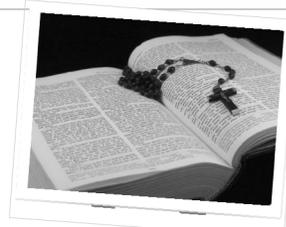
Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services' programs around the world, 25% of our contributions remain in our diocese to support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

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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

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15	20
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Next Bible Study is
Sunday, April 1st

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

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The Verdict Is In

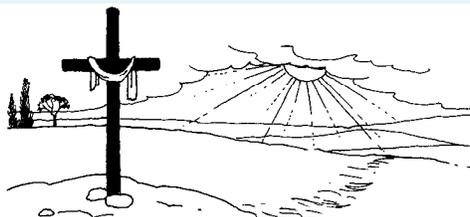
To know why Jesus was killed, we have to start at the beginning. In the beginning, the Jews were a network of 12 tribes descended from the 12 sons of Jacob. But, because a loose confederation of tribes was no match for an organized enemy kingdom, they wanted to have their own king.

The prophets told them that was a bad idea, since God alone was their king. But when they persisted, God made Saul their first king. Then David took over to expand and enrich the kingdom. In spite of his glaring misdeeds — he was a bloody warrior and seduced his general's wife — David remained the ideal king.

David's son Solomon further increased Israel's power, wealth and reputation. He probably overreached, since his successor could not hold the kingdom together. About 1,000 years before Jesus, Israel divided into two separate kingdoms: 10 tribes in the north and two tribes in the south.

Thus weakened, they were ready for takeover. Seven hundred years before Jesus, Assyria invaded the northern kingdom, destroying and dispersing the population. Then, about 100 years later, Babylon defeated the southern kingdom, forcing the populace into exile. The kingdom of Israel was over; only a remnant was left.

But the Jews kept the memory of their past glory alive in their tradition. They longed for that day when Israel would again be a great



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kingdom. And as with many dreams, their hopes were exaggerated. They expected that all nations would bow to their renewed kingdom, bringing tribute and obedience to it.

As centuries passed and Israel fell subject to one foreign king after another, the dream was spiritualized. The new king would be God himself, and it would be a kingdom of justice and peace. God would rule on earth as he did in heaven. Israel would be the instrument of the kingdom of God.

This brings us to the time of Jesus and tells us why he chose 12 apostles, to symbolize the 12 tribes of Israel. This was a symbolic action. If Jesus were seriously gathering the tribes to establish a new earthly kingdom, he would have chosen a representative from each of the old tribes. His kingdom was not of this world.

But it had earthly implications. A rival kingdom of peace had no place within Roman control. And it was dangerous to speak of a Jewish king, even symbolically, if the Roman Caesar/king could hear it. There was already an uneasy alliance in Jerusalem. Pilate and the Jews hated each other. Pilate spent time in his seaside palace, coming to Jerusalem only when he had to, as at Passover.

Meantime, the Sanhedrin governed the Jews, both in religious and political ways. They interpreted the Mosaic Law and judged civil cases. Jesus threatened to upset this status quo. He trumped the religious leaders and ignored Rome.

If he were allowed to get more popular, Rome would get worried and take over everyday affairs. The Sanhedrin would lose its job; the Jews would be directly under Rome.

The evidence is all in. It is time for the verdict: History says that Jesus was killed as a result of gathering forces. Sociology says that every society offloads its guilt onto a scapegoat. Jesus said that he was killed to prove his great love by laying down his life for his friends.

Ladies and gentleman of the jury, what say ye?

— 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.

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