



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12, 2012

**I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

— *John 6:51*

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.

We are a stewardship parish. Three percent of our operating income is shared with other missions.

Stewardship Matters

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Looking Back, Acting Forward

Una Mirada Hacia Atrás; Caminar Hacia el Futuro

In 2000, Pope John Paul II dedicated the Basilica of Saint Bartholomew in Rome as a shrine to all Christian victims of twentieth-century wars and persecution. In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI visited the basilica and spoke of the great love of those saints, known and unknown, who suffered for Christ. The basilica is in the care of the Community of Sant'Egidio, founded in Rome by high school students in 1968 and now expanded around the world. Pope Benedict was celebrating this community's fortieth anniversary.

These lay people are committed to daily prayer and Bible reading together. They work together to assist the poor, the elderly, the homeless, and the sick. Like the members of the Community of Sant'Egidio, we should observe and value the images of the saints in our church. They serve as a constant reminder of the value of a gospel-centered life, and challenge us to risk whatever it takes to follow Christ.

Living Stewardship Now

The saints and other heroes of faith are meant to inspire and encourage us on the path of discipleship. Let your discipleship bear fruit as the stewardship of your time, abilities, and resources, given freely and regularly.



En el año 2000 el Papa Juan Pablo II declaró la Basílica de San Bartolomé en Roma como santuario dedicado a todos los cristianos del siglo veinte que fueron víctimas de guerras y persecución. En 2008 el Papa Benedicto XVI visitó la basílica y habló en esa ocasión sobre el gran amor de esos santos, conocidos o desconocidos, que sufrieron por Cristo. La basílica está atendida por la comunidad de Sant'Egidio, fundada en Roma por estudiantes de secundaria en 1968 y actualmente extendida por todo el mundo. El Papa Benedicto fue a

celebrar el cuadragésimo aniversario de esta comunidad. Estos laicos están comprometidos a la oración diaria y a leer juntos la Biblia. Ellos trabajan conjuntamente para atender a los pobres, a los que no tienen techo y a los enfermos. Igual que los miembros de la comunidad de Sant'Egidio nosotros debemos imitar y valorar a los santos de nuestra Iglesia. Ellos son un constante recordatorio del valor de una vida centrada en el Evangelio y nos desafían a arriesgarlo todo para seguir a Cristo en nuestra vida diaria.

La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

Los santos y las santas, los héroes y las heroínas de la fe nos inspiran y alientan a seguir el camino del discipulado. Deja que tu discipulado dé frutos al ofrecer gratuita y regularmente tu tiempo, tus habilidades y recursos.

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 Vegetables (15 oz.) |
| Canned Beans (15 oz.) | Spaghetti O's (15 oz.) |
| Canned Fruit (15oz.) | Chili (15 oz.) |
| Peanut Butter (18 oz.) | Cereal |
| Tuna | Pasta |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Jelly |
| Canned Soup (10 oz.) | Canned Chicken |



Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.)

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



Please check the expiration dates on all food items before donating them; we discard anything past the expiration date. The Food Pantry needs larger, sturdy paper and plastic bags with handles. Please drop them off in the church, parish center or parish office.

If your family would like to sponsor a large amount of a particular item, please contact Dave Hilko at dahilko@aol.com.

The next Food Pantry Meeting is September 3rd at 7:00 pm.

Comments & Concerns

We want to ensure that any questions or concerns are fully addressed. Please contact the Chair of the St. Teresa Finance Council, Bill Mack, at williamdmack@hotmail.com or (312) 706-4266. Bill can provide you with the latest financial status, projections and key issues.

The next Finance Council meeting will be held Monday, September 17 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. There is no meeting in August.

Weekly Collections Recap For August 5, 2012

8/5/2012

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,734	\$1,042	\$3,256	\$9,032

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



We had a \$3,543 deficit of our budgeted regular Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of August 5, 2012. The Buck Sunday collection was \$575, further reducing the deficit to \$2,968. Please consider donating through automated contributions to ensure St. Teresa of Avila's well-being during these summer months of travel. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

St. Teresa of Avila Preserving Our Heritage...

Thanks to your generosity, St. Teresa's *Preserving Our Heritage* collection is up and running!

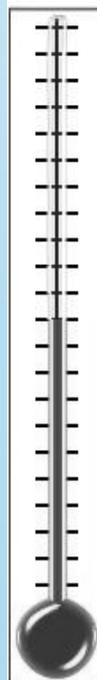
So far \$119,811 has been collected or pledged through automated contributions. We have \$130,009 to go to reach our goal.

If you haven't donated already, we ask that you consider a generous gift, if you're able, to our special collection.

If you prefer to make automated contributions by credit card or bank account, please contact Erica Saccucci at esacucci@sttereseparish.org.

For those who have already answered the call to preserve our history, thank you!

Your donations to *Preserving Our Heritage* will be shown on your end-of-year statement of contributions.



\$250,000

\$119,811

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus said, “I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:41-51).

Civil Discourse



“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.” These words bring us up short! What could we be doing to grieve the Holy Spirit? Alas, the same things that the Ephesians were doing in the time of Paul, that is, fighting, shouting, reviling each other with fury, anger, and malice. Just tune in to talk radio some day or observe some “road rage” on the expressway. If we who are partakers of the Body of

Christ can treat one another this way, what does that mean about our belief in Christ’s message of peace and reconciliation? The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity. It is communion with God and with each other. A good first step would be to speak civilly to each other, even in disagreement! — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 1 7:22-27
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	<u>Vigil:</u> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 <u>Day:</u> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Treasures from Our Tradition

The roots of this week’s feast of the Assumption can be traced back at least to the fifth century, when it is noted in the Armenian lectionary. Celebrated in Jerusalem, the feast in honor of the *Theotokos*, the Mother of God, became the principal feast of Mary throughout the Christian world. The place of celebration was at the tomb of Mary in Gethsemane and was therefore known as the “Dormition of Mary.” In some cultures this feast is celebrated today with a resting statue of Mary, much like a wake service of modern times.

The liturgy of this feast provides images of “the place of your rest” in Psalm 132, and reverence for the Ark of the Covenant that held the signs of the Promise. Like that Ark, Mary is for us the ark of the Savior, the one who bore the Son of God. When the doctrine of the Assumption was defined in 1950 the Gospel reading for the feast was changed to include the verses of Mary’s song, the Magnificat. The scripture readings for both the vigil Mass and the Mass of the day speak to us of life after death as well as the path to be followed in order to reach it. The key to this promised immortality is found as we take to heart the words of the vigil’s Gospel, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.” — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Discurso Civil



“No le causen tristeza al Espíritu Santo”. ¡Estas palabras nos hacen prestar atención! ¿Qué podríamos estar haciendo para entristecer al Espíritu Santo? Por desgracia, las mismas cosas de las que los efesios eran culpables, en tiempos de Pablo, es decir, pleitos, asperezas, ira, insultos, enojos y maldad. Solo tienes que sintonizar la radio u observar la “violencia vehicular” en las autopistas. Si

nosotros, que somos partícipes del Cuerpo de Cristo, podemos tratarnos unos a otros de esta manera, ¿qué significa eso acerca de nuestra fe en el mensaje de Cristo sobre la paz y la reconciliación? La Eucaristía es el sacramento de la unidad. Es la comunión con Dios y de unos con otros. Un buen primer paso sería hablar cortésmente unos con otros, ¡hasta en los desacuerdos! – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1973 Juan A. Espinosa escribió la canción “Santa María del Camino” con la cual invita a la Madre de Dios a caminar con sus hermanos y hermanas en la fe. La canción reta al creyente a caminar a pesar de lo difícil que puede ser y a luchar por los cambios que sólo el Reino de Dios puede realizar. En todo esto María es invitada a caminar con el creyente.

En esta semana recordamos la Asunción de María al cielo, y lo hacemos reconociendo que además de ser Madre de Dios y madre nuestra, ella también es nuestra hermana y compañera en el camino de la fe. Ella ha llegado a la meta de nuestra peregrinación y lo ha hecho en cuerpo y alma por un privilegio singular. Nosotros también lo haremos en los últimos días cuando nuestro cuerpo resucite para unirse con nuestra alma.

Es en vista de los últimos tiempos que invitamos a María a descender de sus altares, regresando del cielo una y otra vez para caminar con sus hermanas y hermanos, en la fe, que tanto necesitan su ejemplo y apoyo.

– Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Después de descansar y alimentarse nuevamente dos veces, Elías se fortalece para caminar a la montaña de Dios, el monte Horeb (1 Reyes 19:4-8).

Salmo — Haz la prueba y verás qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]).

Segunda lectura — Han sido marcados por el Espíritu Santo de Dios para que imiten a Dios y vivan en amor (Efesios 4:30-5:2).

Evangelio — Jesús profesa que él es el pan de vida y todo el que coma ese pan vivirá para siempre (Juan 6:41-51).

Lecturas de la Semana

- Lunes:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
- Martes:** Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Miércoles:** Vigilia: 1 Cro 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Sal 132 (131); 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lc 11:27-28 Día: Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Sal 45 (44); 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56
- Jueves:** Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
- Viernes:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Mt 19:3-12
- Sábado:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
- Domingo:** Pro 9:1-6; Sal 34 (33); Ef 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Sacraments & Ministries

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Congratulations August Baptisms



Leonardo Schneider (8-5-12)
Jack Lawrence Marshall (8-11-12)
Owen Thomas Barkinge (8-19-12)
Nolan Charles Fitzpatrick (8-19-12)

St. Teresa says...

“I have experience that the true remedy against a fall is to be attached to the cross and trust in Him who placed Himself upon it.”



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

August 12, Sunday

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time • Decimnovino Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:00 am, REC, Baptism Preparation

August 13, Monday

Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus • San Ponciano y San Hipólito

- No Activities Scheduled

August 14, Tuesday

St. Maximilian Kolbe • San Maximiliano Kolbe

- 6:15 am, PC3, Men's Spirituality Group
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

August 15, Wednesday

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary •
La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

- 7:00 pm, Church, The Feast of the Assumption

August 16, Thursday

St. Stephen of Hungary • San Esteban de Hungría

- 6:00 pm, GS, PC3, Food Pantry Setup

August 17, Friday

- 11:00 am, REC4, Parent-Baby Journey
- 12:00 pm, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

August 18, Saturday

Blessed Virgin Mary • Santa María Virgen

- No Activities Scheduled



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

August 11

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

August 12

9:00 am Robert Reed
 10:30 am Gabriel Bernal
 12:00 noon Aunts, Uncles & Cousins of the Gruszka, Jaszczor, Kosek & Pawlowski Families
 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, Mark Dudley, Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano, Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez, Donald Grabarczyk, Sr. Joan Granzeier, Timothy Halpin, Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M., Lee Incandela, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Michael Kinsella, Elaine Klecker, Laura Lee, Isabelle Martinez, Melory Mizicko, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben & Susan Patrosso, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Lino Stefani, Jim Tetrycz, Jon Wagenknecht

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

<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Patricia Chuck</i>	<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i>	<i>Ruth Schmitz</i>
<i>Pat Flynn</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jennifer Schubeck</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>George Maroquin</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Tammy Martin & Family</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Sally Jo Morrow</i>	<i>Valerie Williams</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Michael Woyan</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	
<i>David Ivanac</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	
<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i>	
<i>Theresa Jabaley</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>	
	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>	



Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
8-18-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Chas Shelby	Maggie Kuhlmann	Jane Bronson	Leigh Hartley Minister Needed (C2)
8-19-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	George Halloran	Bernadette Diaz Michael Zost Lina Hilko	Frank Swiderski Dan Anderson Mary Beth Hughes Wilke Phyllis Halloran
8-19-12 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Lector Needed	Brendan Lynch	Bob Pedro Aimee Jaszczor
8-19-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Karen Melchert	Eileen Raia Mark Van Grinsven Minister Needed (H4)	Kathy Richgels Wendy Tynan Nancy Van Grinsven Minister Needed (C4)

Tiny Steps in Obedience

Every now and again I get into a conversation with someone who is not all that familiar with the Catholic faith. As you can imagine, all kinds of interesting questions emerge. One question is a question about obedience. “Do priests really have to make a vow of obedience?”

The question is almost always asked with a sense of amazement and sadness. That is, for most men, they cannot see themselves being obedient to anything except their own will to make certain things happen in their lives. Being obedient to anything other than oneself is like choosing to live the life of a wimp. Who would do that? It is so unmanly to not be my own master.

Saint Paul teaches us that we would be better off not getting hung up on obedience. It is a fact of life and our thinking that we are obedient to ourselves is an illusion. That regardless of what I may think or perceive I am in fact obedient to something, and it’s not me. More importantly, true freedom comes to us through an act of obedience. It is one of the great paradoxes of our faith. The more critical question to be asking is, “To what or to whom am I obedient?”

How do I really advance my relationship with God? How do I dispel the illusion that God is not living in me? I do this by my obedience. I surrender to the precepts of the Gospel and become obedient to the values and teachings of Jesus the Christ. This takes a lot of muscling up to, a lot of courage. It is not simply having a certain attitude toward life and faith. It requires action. I become obedient and in my obedience I become truly free.

**Join us for the next session of
Men’s Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, August 14,
from 6:15 am to 7:30 am in the parish center.**

Contact Matt Priesbe at mpriesbe@aol.com and (847) 729-1220, or contact Tom Kosnik at (312) 527-2950 and tkosnik@visusgroup.com

— Tom Kosnik

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ST. TERESA OF AVILA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE



DONATION ENVELOPES
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Next 6:51 Club Meeting
Next Sunday!



St. Teresa’s 6:51 Club meets this Sunday and every 3rd Sunday of the month after the 6:00 pm Mass.

August’s 6:51 Club will be an after-church summertime BBQ. Join us to meet fellow parishioners over a delicious free dinner.

**You can contact Sara Foley
at foleysar@gmail.com for more details.**

Christmas in August Next Weekend

Help us honor the memory of Isabella Feliciano, who was prematurely taken from this life Christmas 2010 after a long battle with leukemia. Although it isn't Christmas quite yet, we are planning something special for the 9:00 am Mass on August 19, 2012. Please bring a new, unwrapped item that is suitable for children of all ages to any of the Masses that weekend. These gifts will be delivered to the Comer Children's Hospital at the University of Chicago, where doctors and nurses undertook heroic efforts to extend Isabella's life.



Another reason we have chosen Comer is that a significant number of the patients at Comer do not have insurance or the private means to pay and receive care, which is paid for with Medicaid or other subsidies. The gifts do not need to be elaborate or expensive. Books, pencils, pads, crayons and other arts and crafts materials will go a long way to put a smile on the kids' faces.

Please make certain that the gift is new because so many of the kids have weak immune systems. Gifts should not be wrapped so staff at Comer can decide what to distribute to each child. The hospital staff will then wrap the gifts.

We are doing this at this time of year because it is unexpected and will hopefully be a wonderful surprise for the kids and will help lift their spirits a bit. To add to the feeling of that Christmas morning surprise, the songs at the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday will have a Christmas theme. So, come prepared to sing some Christmas carols even though the temperature will be in the '90s. And please bring a gift to help honor the memory of Isabella Feliciano.

Year of the Sunday Mass Demonstration Masses on August 25-26

Catholics worship God in a variety of ways, but the main act of our communal worship is the Liturgy of the Eucharist; we call it Mass.

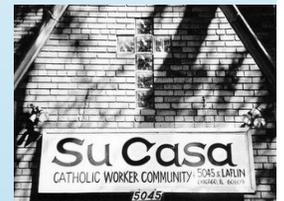


But how much do we really know about the Mass, what goes on during Mass, and its meaning?

At all the Masses on the weekend of August 25-26, Fr. Frank will explain what really happens during this ancient celebration and central act of worship in the Catholic Church, and why it is so important to our Catholic Faith.

St. Teresa Service Outing August 25th

Join us on Saturday, August 25 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm as we come together as a parish for a day of service at *Su Casa Catholic Worker*.



Su Casa is a house of hospitality in the Catholic Worker tradition that provides a space of healing and hope to displaced Hispanic families. Responding to the Gospel call to compassionate action, the *Su Casa* community is committed to a simple, non-violent lifestyle as they live and work among the poor. For more information about *Su Casa*, please visit their website at <http://www.sucasasw.org/>.

Tasks will be centered around the garden, and specific projects will be identified as the event draws closer. *Su Casa* is located at 5045 S. Laflin St. in the Back of the Yards neighborhood. We will be carpooling from St. Teresa for anyone interested in attending.

To sign up to volunteer, please contact Jon Assell at jassell@gmail.com or (630) 234-8736, or Kevin Carlino at kevincarlino@yahoo.com or (518) 265-7962.

We hope to see you at this wonderful parish opportunity to give back to our neighbors in need.

Get Up and Eat

Millbrook Crescent, Ontario, the intergenerational epicenter of the Johnson clan, was the place I called home.

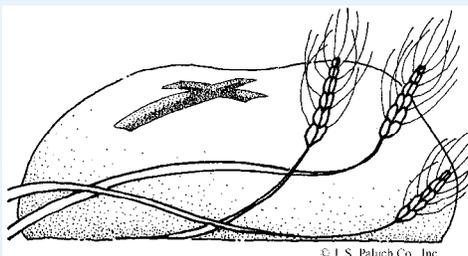
Grammy and Pop lived with us, so our address was an ever-popular destination; aunts, uncles and cousins traveled from near and far. Prior to anyone's arrival, Grammy would dedicate a full day to making her raisin bread and buns, a family favorite.

First the kitchen air would be pregnant with flour as she whirled about the kitchen with handfuls of this or that. Later, with firm intent, she would knead and punch the dough. Finally the smell of baking would fill our home and greet our guests. In our home, food equaled love.

In the Hebrew scriptures, the dispensation of daily bread from heaven also indicated God's love. In today's first reading, Elijah receives just such a blessing, with an angel of the Lord delivering two meals to strengthen him on his journey.

While the physical delivery of bread from heaven was in itself miraculous, it was but a foreshadowing of a spiritual banquet yet to come. Those who knew and understood the Hebrew scriptures with their hearts awaited the Messiah and an everlasting banquet that would feed both physical and spiritual needs.

Unfortunately, when Jesus began speaking of himself as that long-awaited bread that would sat-



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isfy all hungers, most of the listeners who heard him were blinded by his ordinariness.

Was he not just the son of Mary and Joseph? Didn't he live just up the street from us and drink water from our well? They had been expecting their messiah to come and wield great political power and bestow honor and glory upon them. Now Jesus, son of a carpenter, is saying that he is the bread of life. This didn't fit with their vision of the coming of the messiah. Many turned away.

So here we stand at a Mass 2,000 years after Jesus walked the earth. God places before us a banquet of bread and wine, body and soul food, and invites us to get up and eat. Are we ready to do so, or are our hearts and souls blinded by ordinariness?

For most of us, Mass has become a routine part of our lives. Babies cry, readers falter, homilies cease to inspire. We have lost the wonder; we have lost the mystery. The miracle of Communion feeds

neither our hearts nor our souls because we have lost our sense of awe. How do we regain it?

Expectancy is an important attitude. When we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," we need to believe that our request will be granted. We must fully acknowledge and embrace our dependence on God. This depth of humility opens our minds, our hearts and our souls to the love of God.

Our ancestors in the desert and the Christians in the Acts of the Apostles can be our guides. They yearned to experience the love of God; they trusted they would be fed.

Whenever I remember Grammy's raisin bread, I feel enfolded in love. God yearns for his love to be just as palpable as raisin bread. To reach us, he uses scripture and the sacraments.

This week, immerse yourself in scripture; come to Communion and expect to be fed. Get up and eat; otherwise, the journey will be too much for you.

— Karen Johnson, Celebration Publications

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The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and represents a cross section of the parish. PPC is kept abreast of the activities of the Parish and its operations. Together with the Pastor, the PPC helps to craft and carry out the Mission of the Parish. PPC also researches the needs of the parish and works with Parish leadership to evaluate and improve our quality of life as a faith community.

The Parish Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Bill Mack, Chair

Brian Scullion	Dave Hilko
Jane Bronson	Steve Fortino
Jack Halpin	Andrew Deye
Jane Ott	Becky Francis

The St. Teresa Finance Council reviews the financial documents and position of the parish and advises the pastor and business manager on financial matters, including the preparation of the annual parish budget.

The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

Information

Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
<i>en español</i>	10:30 am*
	12:00 noon
	6:00 pm

* *First Sunday of the Month*

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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For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation,
RCIA or Communion for the Sick

Please call the parish office.

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