



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 26, 2012

**As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.**

— *Joshua 24:15b*

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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A Life with God



People find some of Jesus' teachings very hard to accept. Some of the disciples mentioned in today's Gospel are no exception. They could not accept what Jesus had just said about himself as the bread

of life, so they left. We often hear, "I'm not religious, but I am very spiritual." Either the person has seen and rejected a life of faith, or has not understood what a life of faith requires and is seeking meaning and emotional comfort elsewhere. We bear some responsibility for this. The best way for people to recognize Jesus is through our example. Bracelets inscribed with the letters WWJD? (What Would Jesus Do?) have become very popular recently. Perhaps a better way to say this is "What Would Jesus Have *Me* Do?" The responsibility is not on Jesus but on us. Like Joshua in today's first reading. "Decide today whom you will serve . . . we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15).

Living Stewardship Now

What are you doing to be an example of Christ to your family, friends, fellow parishioners and people in your community? Are you walking the walk or just talking the talk?

Una Vida con Dios



La gente encuentra difícil de aceptar algunas de las enseñanzas de Jesús. Algunos de los discípulos mencionados en el Evangelio de hoy no son excepción. No pueden aceptar lo que Jesús ha dicho refiriéndose a sí mismo como el

pan de vida y por eso se alejan. A menudo se oye la frase: "No soy una persona religiosa, pero sí soy muy espiritual". En ese caso la persona o bien ha rehusado una vida de fe o no ha entendido de qué se trata una vida de fe y está en busca de significado y consuelo emocional en otro lugar. Nosotros tenemos cierta responsabilidad en eso. La mejor manera de que la gente pueda reconocer a Jesús es por nuestro ejemplo. Las pulseras con las iniciales "¿WWJD?" ("¿Qué haría Jesús?", por sus siglas en inglés) se han hecho muy populares recientemente. Tal vez una mejor manera de decir esto sería: "¿Qué *me* pediría Jesús que hiciera?" La responsabilidad no recae en Jesús sino en nosotros. Escuchemos y contestemos la pregunta que hace Josué en la primera lectura de hoy: "Digan aquí y ahora a quién quieren servir . . . serviremos al Señor" (Josué 24:15).

La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

¿Qué estás haciendo para imitar a Cristo en tu familia, con tus amigos, parroquianos y otras personas de tu comunidad? ¿Son tus acciones conformes a tus creencias?

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.

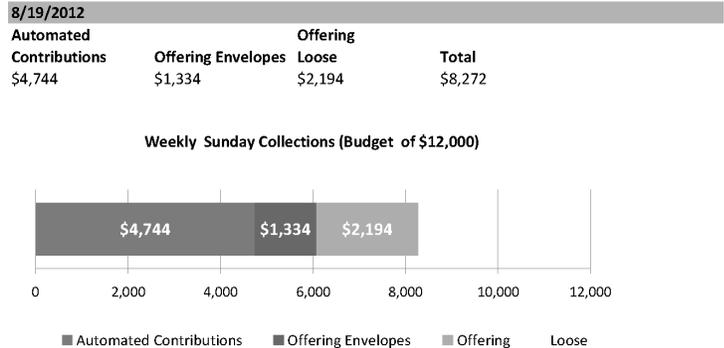
The next Food Pantry Meeting is September 3rd at 7:00 pm.

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 19, 2012



We had a \$3,728 deficit of our budgeted regular Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of August 19, 2012. The Buck Sunday collection was \$405, further reducing the deficit to \$3,323. 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...

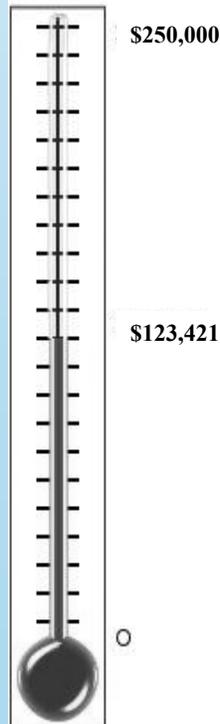
Thanks to your generosity, St. Teresa's *Preserving Our Heritage* collection is up and running!

So far \$123,421 has been collected or pledged through automated contributions. We have \$126,579 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.



Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

First Reading — It was the LORD, our God, who protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

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

Second Reading — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

Gospel — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

Decisions

There is an axiom that states, “Not to decide is to decide.” This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation’s involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won’t be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God’s word: Take the risk. Decide! -

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mk 6:17-29
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Treasures from Our Tradition

The Eucharist was never meant to be only “comfort food,” something that makes us feel warm and satisfied. It is to be bread for the journey, nourishment for the task that God has set for our community and for each one of us. Thus it is not surprising to see some walk away in today’s Gospel, for they understood that recognizing Jesus as the bread of life is a commitment to changing one’s life.

St. Augustine, whose feast we celebrate this week, once observed that in celebrating the Eucharist we become what we receive, the Body of Christ. As we conclude the series of reflections in John’s Gospel on Jesus as the bread of life, it is appropriate to think about the role that the Eucharist plays in our lives and in our parish. It is in the Eucharist that we are nourished and renew our commitment in faith to serve the Lord. How does the parish social ministry carry out that mandate? How do you carry it out in your own life? Is it related in any way to the celebration of the Eucharist? How does celebrating Mass Sunday after Sunday make a difference in your life and in the world? - James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

La Toma de Decisiones



Hay un axioma que dice “No decidir es decidir”. Este dicho fue muy popular en los turbulentos tiempos de la Guerra de Vietnam. Nos instaba a no permitir que otros respondieran a las cuestiones morales planteadas por la participación de nuestro país en ese conflicto terrible, sino decidir por nosotros mismos. Esa clase de decisiones nunca es fácil. Evitarla es común. Jesús, por su parte, no solo era un valiente arriesgado, sino un claro tomador de decisiones. Al buscar cumplir la misión a la que el Padre lo había llamado, continuamente tomó decisiones por nosotros y por el Padre. Trabajó duro para establecer condiciones que permitieran a los demás tomar decisiones

similares. Nunca tomó decisiones por los demás ni forzó a nadie a tomarlas, incluso las decisiones que tenían ramificaciones para la eternidad. Jesús nos invita a tomar estas decisiones hoy día. No estaremos absolutamente seguros. Lo que es cierto, sin embargo, es el mandato que sale de la Palabra de Dios: arriésgate. ¡Decide! – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Narcisa de Jesús Martillo Morán nació el día de san Narciso (29 de octubre, 1832), hija de campesinos ecuatorianos. Vivió su vida como costurera y doméstica. Falleció en Perú en 1869. Su fe se distinguió por su amor a la presencia de Jesús sacramentado en la Eucaristía, sus prácticas de penitencia y sus obras de caridad.

Cuando aún era joven, conoció la vida de la recientemente beatificada y ahora santa, Marianita de Jesús, “la Azucena de Quito” (1618- 1645). La vida de esta santa mujer latina la inspiró a vivir como mejor cristiana, buscando ser guiada espiritualmente por una serie de directores espirituales.

En esta laica beata, encontramos dos puntos de reflexión para nosotros los latinos. El primero es la necesidad de conocer nuestros santos latinos no sólo para recurrir a ellos sino para imitar su santidad. Lo segundo es la necesidad de buenos directores espirituales, ya sean sacerdotes, religiosos, religiosas, laicos o laicas. La dirección espiritual es una práctica antigua en nuestra Iglesia y muchos hombres y mujeres han sido directores espirituales para guiar a personas como Narcisa, ayudándoles en el camino a la santidad. – Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Josué urge a los israelitas a que sirvan a Dios o a los otros dioses. Ellos escogieron al Señor (Josué 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

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

Segunda lectura — Pablo reflexiona cómo los esposos y esposas deberán darse amor y reverencia mutua (Efesios 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Evangelio — Después de hablar de dar su carne a comer, muchos de los discípulos de Jesús se alejaron. Los doce escogieron permanecer con él; “Maestro, ¿a quién acudiremos?” (Juan 6:60-69)

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	2 Tes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
Martes:	2 Tes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
Miércoles:	2 Tes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mc 6:17-29
Jueves:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
Viernes:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
Sábado:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
Domingo:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Sal 15 (14); Stgo 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mc 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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)

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

St. Teresa says...

“God does not like us to put a limit on his works... Everything there is in this great God is magnificent.”



Calendar at a Glance

August 26, Sunday

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time • Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 10:00 am, PC4, Hospitality

August 27, Monday

St. Monica • Santa Mónica

- 12:30 pm, PC4, Chicago House

August 28, Tuesday

St. Augustine • San Agustín

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

August 29, Wednesday

The Passion of St. John the Baptist • La Pasión de San Juan Bautista

- No Activities Scheduled

August 30, Thursday

- No Activities Scheduled

August 31, Friday

St. Bartholomew • San Bartolomé

- 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

September 1, Saturday

Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday •
Santa María Virgen; Primer Sábado

- 10:00 am, PC3,GS, Food Pantry Distribution



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

August 25

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

August 26

9:00 am Carlos William Hernandez

12:00 noon Sr. Joan Granzeier

6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

August 27

7:30 am Carlos William Hernandez



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 Patrasso, 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
9-1-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Luke Kolman	Kari Richardson	Leigh Hartley Maggie Kuhlmann
9-2-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Michael Zost	Annie Monak Mary Beth Hughes Dan Anderson	Tom Kosnik Frank Swiderski Phyllis Halloran Jennifer Barrett
9-2-12 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Edil Calero Cortez	Tony Rivera Betsy Velazquez	Josephina Gomez	Antonio Bosque
9-2-12 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Kevin Carlino	Aimee Jaszczor	Brendan Lynch Bob Pedro
8-26-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Jane Ott	Minister Needed (H2)(T) Minister Needed (H3) Minister Needed (H4)	Eileen Raia Minister Needed (C2) Minister Needed (C3) Minister Needed (C4)

The Way

There's a movie out titled *The Way* starring Marti Sheen. It is based on a true story about an eye doctor that has to go to Europe in St. Jean Pied de Port to get his son who died while hiking the trail to Santiago de Compostela. Some of you may have heard about the trail to Santiago de Compostela. It is the same trail that our Pastor, Father Frank, is going to walk on his sabbatical.

I recently had the chance to walk a small piece of The Way this summer. I was in France during the month of July and my last two weeks I went on a camping trip with the Scouts de France. We were all split into teams of four or five people. We did a lot of backpacking through the Pyrenees. We even got to go on a trek with only our team for three days with no adults!

On the first day of our journey our team got lost and we ended up asking a nice French man for a ride. The second day we walked thirty kilometers, approximately twenty miles. It was the hardest hike we had to face. We walked from 7:30am to 6:00pm, up and down and up again through the mountains with our heavy backpacks, surviving off of only two pieces of brioche, a granola bar, and a cup of hot chocolate. By the end of the day, everything hurt.

The odd thing for me about walking The Way is that I didn't know was on The Way. I learned about the trail to Santiago de Compostela and the movie titled *The Way* from a waitress at a bar owned by a little Italian man named Jacques. This guy was quite the character, and his bar even made it in the movie.

Anyway, when I got back to the States I learned a lot more about the trail to Santiago de Compostela and *The Way*. For many us, our lives are like my hiking experience. We are all on a journey in life. There is the outward journey of accomplishing our life goals and there is the inward journey of our spirit. Our outward journey of our goals can be clearly mapped out and defined. Our inward journey of our spirit... well, like I said, it is like my trip, I was on The Way and did not even realize it. .

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, August 28,
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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PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE



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Next 6:51 Club
September 16th!



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

September's 6:51 Club will be an after-church end-of summertime meal. Join us to meet fellow parishioners over a delicious free dinner.

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

Altar Servers Needed



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St. Teresa's is looking for more altar servers!

Boys and girls in 4th grade and above who have made both their First Communion and Reconciliation.

Training will be done on an individual basis to accommo-

date schedules.

Please contact Dana Vance to set up a training session at drabbits3@sbcglobal.net or 847-492-8565.

Annual Catholic Appeal Donations Report

We are \$2000 short of making our goal this year for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Any money that is collected over our goal amount is returned back to the parish!

If you made a pledge to the Appeal you still have time to fulfill it and help out our parish. Thank you for your generosity.



Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAYS

7:00-8:30PM



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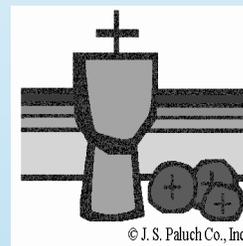
As a parish, during the summer we see a dramatic decrease in our collections. This affects our overall budget for the year. To ensure that our budget is met, we would recommend signing up for automated contributions. Automated contributions are used by about 50% of our donors. You can donate either by using credit card or directly from your bank account.

To begin your automated contribution please either fill out the automated form found in the back of church and drop it in the collection, bring it to the parish office, or you can even scan and email it to Erica Saccucci, the business manager, at esaccucci@gmail.com. Please feel free to contact Erica with any questions at (773) 528-6650.

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.



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Mercy Home Mentoring Program

A friend can make all the difference...Be that friend, consider mentoring.

The Friends First Program of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls is a one-on-one mentoring program for youth ages 9-17 in the Chicago area. Our purpose is to engage youth in fun, meaningful activities that promote healthy personal and social development.

To learn more about becoming a mentor, call the Friends First Program at www.mercyhome.org/mentor or call 312-738-9560.



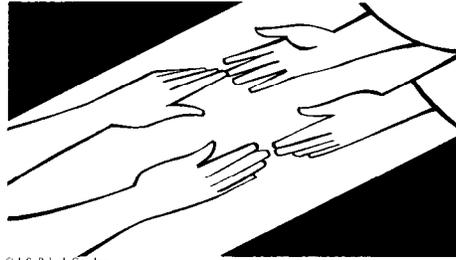
Back to Basics

The disciples walked away from Jesus. And many people are now leaving the church. But there was and still is a hunger for God. People are searching for an experience of God, a taste of the divine. Some of them want to feel God because they have tried everything else and have been left empty. Others want to experience God because they simply enjoy experience, and so want to give God a whirl.

But on these God-quests the disciples and we often approach God incorrectly in at least three ways: We look for God in all the wrong places, we live on the surface of life, and we are far too familiar with God.

One might think that religion is a likely place to run into God. But it has to be religion based on the Gospel. God's own Son embraced the human condition instead of running away from it. His humanity was the expression of his divinity, not the contradiction of it. God put us on earth so we could find God here. God gave us life so we could experience God in the thick of it.

And we have to live life in a godly way. Instead, we flit from this job to that, from this toy to that, from this diversion to that. Afraid of missing out on anything in life, we race through life as through a fun fair or museum, getting no more than a taste of the current experience. If we taste only the froth of a beverage, we can barely tell beer from champagne. Only when



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Just where nothing works or matters is where God is at God's best. God is not the answer to our problems but a resolution beyond answers.

we drink deeply can we detect the faint aftertaste in the bubbles. So with life: Only when we engage it deeply can we feel its reverberations in everyday events.

That is also how we experience God: in the deepest recesses of our humanity. Of course, God is always with us, even in the most frivolous activities. But only in a frivolous way. When we get more serious and think of whether to change jobs or fall in love or have a baby, God pays more attention. And when we get more serious and wonder about the meaning of life and whether it ends at death, God sits up straight. But God really comes to attention when we slip to the end of our rope, run out of answers, get deathly weary of life.

Just where nothing works or matters is where God is at God's best. God is not the answer to our problems but a resolution beyond answers. God does not give us meaning but hope beyond reason. God does not give us someone to

love but the capacity to love. God is simply Mystery. But in that Mystery is our fulfillment.

We tend to be too familiar with Mystery. We call it God, then figure it out as a Trinity of persons, then we give God's Son both a divine and human nature; we give him a virgin birth, a sinless mother; we fill in the outline of his life and believe he rose from the dead. We know so much about God that we forget that we know next to nothing.

We believe so many words about God that we lose faith in God's real identity. We create a God in our minds but leave God out of our activities. We compartmentalize God in a religious box, and then try to bring God back into everyday existence. But God gets lost in transit.

Let's get back to basics. We have a built-in thirst for God, but God is nothing like us, like anything we can imagine. God is absolutely other than us, total mystery. We cannot domesticate God.

- Fr. James Smith, 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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