



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2012

**Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?**

— *James 2:5*

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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No Distinctions

For three hundred years poor people and slaves were willing to risk death to become Christians, because Jesus offered hope and life. After the ban on Christianity was lifted, the church expanded freely, gradually acquiring wealth and property and converting the wealthy and powerful. According to today's second reading, we should be embarrassed that we still tend to treat rich and powerful people differently than the poor and lowly. Could we really ask significant people in the Church or society to take their chances finding a seat at Mass like everyone else? Today's second reading suggests we should. In many parishes differences of class and income already take second place to the greater purpose for which people gather—to worship God. Our Sunday parish Masses are where richness in faith rather than earthly status gives each person their worth and dignity.

Living Stewardship Now

“Each one according to their means should take care to be at one with everyone else, for the more one is united to their neighbor, the more they are united with God.” —Dorotheos of Gaza (505–565 A.D.), hermit



Sin Distinciones

Durante trescientos años la gente pobre y los esclavos estaban dispuestos a morir al hacerse cristianos, pues Jesús ofrecía esperanza y vida. Una vez que se permitió el culto libre a la cristiandad la Iglesia se extendió a sus anchas, y gradualmente comenzó a adquirir riquezas y propiedades, y los ricos y poderosos se convertían. De acuerdo a la segunda lectura de hoy nosotros debemos sentirnos avergonzados de que todavía tendemos a tratar a la gente rica y ponderosa de manera diferente que al pobre y humilde. ¿Sería posible pedirle a la gente “importante” en la Iglesia y en la sociedad que buscaran sus propios asientos en la Misa igual que todos los demás? La segunda lectura de hoy así nos lo sugiere. En muchas parroquias las diferencias de clases y estratos económicos ya han pasado a un segundo plano considerando primordialmente el propósito por el que la gente está ahí, o sea, para alabar a Dios. Nuestra Misa dominical en la parroquia es donde la riqueza de la fe, y no los estratos sociales, dan a la persona su valor y dignidad.

La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

Cada ser humano, según sus propios medios, debe de hacerse uno con su prójimo, pues mientras más unido se está al prójimo, más unido se está con Dios. —Doroteo de Gaza (505–565 A.D.), ermitaño

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.

Weekly Collections Recap For September 2, 2012

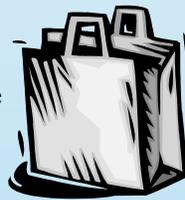
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Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,694	\$1,462	\$4,146	\$10,302

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



We had a \$1,698 deficit of our budgeted regular Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of September 2, 2012. 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.

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 10th at 7:00 pm.

St. Teresa of Avila Preserving Our Heritage...

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

So far \$133,346 has been collected or pledged through automated contributions. We have \$116,654 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.

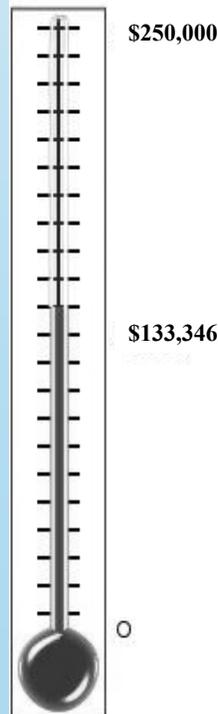
If you prefer to make automated contributions by credit card or bank account, please contact Erica Saccucci at esacucci@sttereseparish.org.

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.

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.



Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

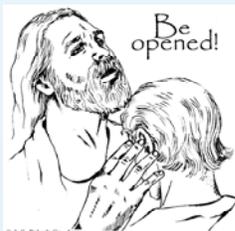
First Reading — Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

The Messiah Foretold



Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word *mogilalos* appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from

Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word *ephphatha*, “be opened,” used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, “your mouth shall be opened to speak” (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word *ephphatha*, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual. -

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Sunday:	Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



Treasures from Our Tradition

Turning the calendar page to September marks a new beginning in the lives of many who live by the academic year. Traditionally the start of the school year in the United States, this month can bring to mind the many calendars by which we live. There are fiscal years, academic years, television seasons, sports seasons—the list seems endless. Added to all of these is, of course, the liturgical year.

A Christian of the first century or so would have been hard-pressed to understand what we mean by a feast day or holy day. That person would have understood Sunday as the primary feast day, and Easter as the primary Sunday. It was only over time that the Church began to set aside particular days and seasons to commemorate certain events or highlight selected mysteries of the faith. What has evolved over the centuries is a “map” of our faith, written on the days and seasons of the year. Some have observed that one will absorb all the major teachings of the Church in the course of a single year of Sundays if one is attentive. What a wonderful way to get Christianity “into our bones!” And best of all, there are no grades! -

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El Mesías Anunciado



El relato de hoy sobre la curación de un sordo y tartamudo es un buen ejemplo de lo mucho que contiene la descripción de un simple milagro. La palabra griega mogilalos aparece solamente aquí en todo el Nuevo Testamento. Es un término técnico que se refiere a alguien que es tartamudo. También se utiliza una sola vez en todas las Escrituras judías, en el pasaje que leemos hoy en la primera lectura de Isaías. Es evidente

que, por su selección de esta precisa palabra Marcos quiere que reconozcamos que lo que Jesús está haciendo es el cumplimiento de lo que Isaías había profetizado siglos antes. De hecho, Marcos quiere que reconozcamos que Jesús es el Mesías anunciado por Isaías y otros profetas judíos de la antigüedad.

La palabra effetá, “ábrete”, que se utiliza para describir la curación de la voz del hombre, es otro ejemplo de una sutil alusión a una profecía anterior. Esta vez la profecía a la que se refiere es de Ezequiel, cuando anuncia que en la era mesiánica, “se abrirá tu boca para hablar” (24:27). La compleja sutileza de la narración de Marcos se manifiesta más aún cuando nos damos cuenta de que hay múltiples capas dentro de una sola referencia. Marcos no sólo llama nuestra atención al pasado profético de Israel, sino también nos señala la práctica de iniciación de sus contemporáneos al mencionar tales cosas como la saliva, el contacto con las orejas y el uso de la palabra effetá, elementos todos que eran parte del rito del Bautismo durante la primera Iglesia. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En muchos países latinoamericanos la Fiesta de la Santa Cruz se celebra el 3 de mayo, pero la Iglesia universal la celebra el 14 de septiembre. Por varios siglos, la Iglesia celebraba la Cruz de Jesús en ambas fechas. Pero, el Concilio Vaticano II removió esta fiesta del 3 de mayo a favor de la del 14 de septiembre en un esfuerzo de no tener demasiadas fiestas durante la época pascual y para no disminuir la importancia de la fiesta central de nuestra fe cristiana como es la Resurrección de Jesucristo de entre los muertos.

La fiesta del 14 de septiembre conmemora la consagración del santuario del Santo Sepulcro en Jerusalén. Este es el santuario más importante de la religión cristiana, pues en él se encuentran tanto el monte del Calvario donde falleció Jesús como el sepulcro del cual resucitó al tercer día. Sin estos dos acontecimientos no hubiese Cristianismo.

Nosotros los latinos tenemos muchas fiestas y muchos santuarios. Ninguna de éstas puede ser más importante que las que recuerdan la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús. El clima del año litúrgico cristiano es el Triduo Pascual el cual termina en la celebración de la Pascua Florida de 50 días.

En Puerto Rico se han celebrado tradicionalmente las fiestas de la cruz con una novena que termina en la fiesta de la Cruz (3 de mayo). Cada día de la novena se canta el rosario frente a un altar hecho para la cruz. Tal vez algunas comunidades hispanas quieran retomar esta devoción y celebración cultural en septiembre. — Fray

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Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Díganles a los que están asustados: Calma, no tengan miedo. Ya viene su Dios a salvarlos (Isaías 35:4-7a).

Salmo — Alaba, alma mía, al Señor (Salmo 146 [145]).

Segunda lectura — No hagan diferencias entre personas. Dios ha escogido a los pobres de este mundo para hacerlos ricos en la fe (Santiago 2:1-5).

Evangelio — Jesús curó a un sordo que hablaba con dificultad. “Ábrete”. (Marcos 7:31-37)

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Lc 6:6-11
Martes:	1 Cor 6:1-11; Lc 6:12-19
Miércoles:	1 Cor 7:25-31; Lc 6:20-26
Jueves:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lc 6:27-38
Viernes:	Núm 21:4b-9; Fil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sábado:	1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27 o Lc 2:33-35
Domingo:	Is 50:5-9a; Sal 116 (115); Stgo 2:14-18; Mc 8:27-35



Sacraments & Ministries

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Congratulations September Baptisms



Tess Kathleen Gettelfinger (9-15-12)
Gavin Heyer Schuler (9-16-12)
Grant Donald Donnelly (9-16-12)
Claire Jane Graziano (9-16-12)
Lucas Richard Herrick (9-23-12)

St. Teresa says...

“The important thing is not to think much but to love much; and so do that which best stirs you to love.”



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

September 9, Sunday

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time •
Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 9:00 am, PC3, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, REC, Baptism Preparation
- 10:00 am, PC4, Hospitality

September 10, Monday

- 6:30 pm, REC, Lectio Divina: Contemplative Prayer
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Food Pantry Meeting
- 7:00 pm, PC3, Parish Council Meeting

September 11, Tuesday

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

September 12, Wednesday

The Most Holy Name of Mary • El Santísimo Nombre de la Virgen María

- No Activities Scheduled

September 13, Thursday

St. John Chrysostom • San Juan Crisóstomo

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

September 14, Friday

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross • La Exaltación de la Santa Cruz

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

Our Lady of Sorrows • Nuestra Señora de los Dolores

- 3:30 pm, REC, Parent-Baby Journey
- 6:00 pm, PC3-4, Vaya Con Dios Reception for Fr. Frank
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

September 8

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

September 9

9:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish

12:00 pm Grandparents of the Gruszka, Jaszczor, Losek and 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 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>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i>
<i>Patricia Chuck</i>	<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i>	<i>Ruth Schmitz</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jennifer Schubeck</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>George Marroquin</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>Mae Witry</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Michael Woyan</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</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>Pat Johnson</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>	
	<i>Ray Romero</i>	



Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
9-15-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank Fr. Barry Moriarty	Maggie Kuhlmann	Jane Bronson	Kari Richardson Lisa Marquez
9-16-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Phyllis Halloran	Frank Swiderski Geneva Gorgo George Halloran	Dennis Kamalick Rose Ohiku Jennifer Barrett Dan Anderson
9-16-12 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Raquel Bech	Brendan Lynch	Amy McCue Aimee Jaszczor
9-16-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Tony Dosen	Katie Assell	Karen Melchert Eileen Raia Sharon Lindstrom	Luke Kolman Jane Ott Christine Villoch Jon Assell

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Next 6:51 Club
Next Sunday!



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.**

Peace within My Heart

This past Labor Day weekend my family and I spent a couple of days in St. Joe Michigan. It is hard to beat the beaches in St. Joe; spacious, clean, friendly people and all. One morning we all went out for breakfast to a little diner in town. A small group at the table next to us apparently did not get what they ordered. A complaint was lodged. They were so upset and got up and left the diner in a huff without paying.

The waitress, who appeared to be a high school student, was called into the kitchen. She came back out on the floor a few minutes later fighting back tears. She was clearly visibly upset. Stage right, either the owner or weekend manager now comes out on the floor to have what looked like an "in your face" conversation to the head waitress who happened to be working her tail off.

In the scheme of things, was a misplaced order worth all the effort to get the wait staff all worked up to the point of tears? I guess I can understand. Labor Day weekend, beautiful weather, who wants to be working inside? Many times I get upset and cause a wee bit of a commotion at home. My wife has to get on me. The fact of the matter is that I get off balance. I get out of peace with myself.

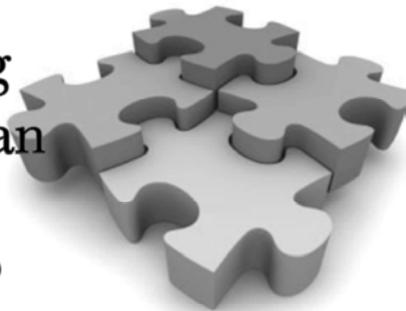
Gandhi is known to have said that "the way to have peace in the world is to have peace in the heart." Saint Benedict tells us that "to endure external difficulties requires an interior silence that does not protest or make a great issue about injustices but absorbs the blows that life inflicts without becoming disoriented or vengeful."

It is so easy to become out of alignment regarding "peace in the heart." Little meaningless things become enormous issues. At times, it is effortless to become "disorientated and vengeful." I have learned that a big part of my spiritual work and spiritual progress is to simply stay the course and work on obtaining and retaining peace within my heart. And when I do, the world opens up to me. It's a wonderful thing.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, September 11,
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

Wondering
how you can
fit in at
St. Teresa?



- Looking to deepen your faith?
- Want to work with other parishioners?

**Explore the
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After all the Masses

For more information contact Bertel Olson at bertelolson4@yahoo.com or 318-622-1877.

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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.

*¡Vaya con Dios,
Padre Frank!*

**Celebrate the start
of Fr. Frank's Camino**

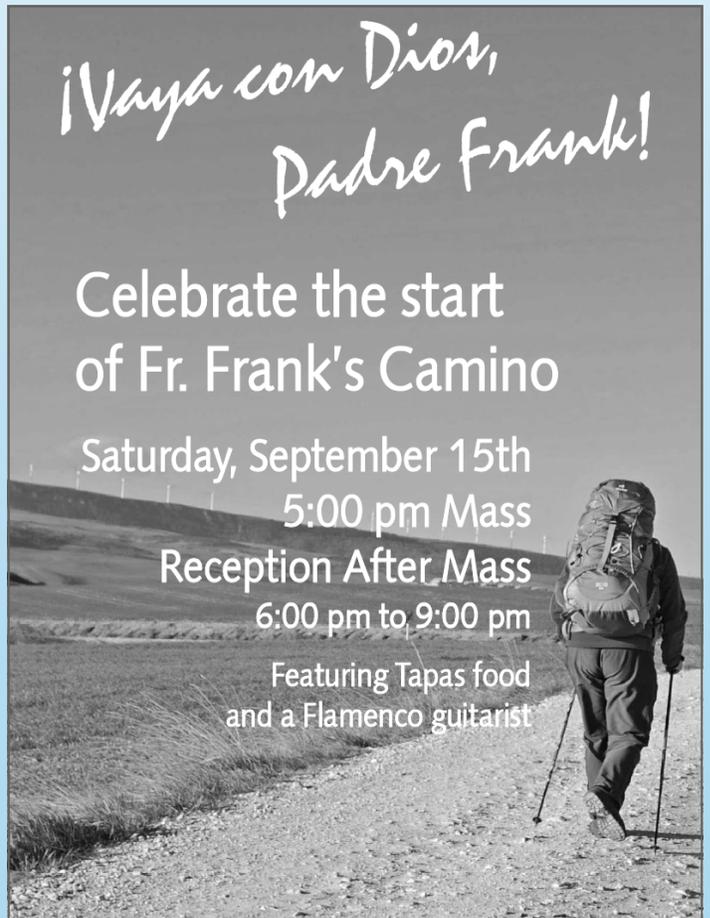
Saturday, September 15th

5:00 pm Mass

Reception After Mass

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Featuring Tapas food
and a Flamenco guitarist**



Signs of the Kingdom

Life was hard in Jesus' day, even for healthy people. Infant mortality was high, and many people died in childhood, even half by their teen years. Life expectancy was 35, years plagued by poverty, hard work and sickness.

To have a disability was doubly difficult. Blind people could not look after sheep or plow the fields. Mute people could not hawk fish for sale. They depended on relatives or the alms of other poor people. Even more debilitating was their social and religious situation. Disease was considered a judgment of God for sins: The greater the handicap, the greater the sins. Such people were ostracized from society. And even more painful, they were barred from religious gatherings. Who wanted sinful people making that pure congregation sick?

To get a real sense of this story, imagine yourself unable to hear birds or children laughing or someone whispering, "I love you." Imagine yourself unable to speak a word of kindness or disagreement, to sigh a prayer, to say, "I'm sorry" or "I forgive you." Imagine yourself locked in your own silent little world, with no means of escape.

And imagine that nobody sympathizes with you as an innocent victim of fate or genetics. No, they consider you deserving of God's wrath, punished, if not for your own personal sins, then as an inheritance from your sinful parents. One way or another, you are



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Jesus' healings were not for his own benefit — or even primarily for the benefit of the one healed. The miracles of Jesus were outward, physical signs of inward, spiritual reality.

unwelcome company. You stand out in your village of 300 people; you are notorious.

But you must have somehow gained a few friends, because they brought you to Jesus and even begged him to cure you. Then Jesus, instead of following his usual pattern of simply declaring you cured, went through the typical gestures of contemporary miracle workers. Maybe he did that so you, a pagan unaccustomed to faith healing, would know what was going on. But you didn't really care how Jesus did it. You are happily cured. End of story.

Well, it may be the end of your story, but it's only the beginning of Mark's story. Jesus' healings were not for his own benefit — or even primarily for the benefit of the one healed. The miracles of Jesus were outward, physical signs of

inward, spiritual reality.

Jesus was not a superman from another planet. He was a son of Israel, steeped in its religious heritage. He was not an independent healer; he was from a long line of miracle workers. Jesus was the culmination of Israel's history, the last and greatest prophet whose miracles would usher in God's kingdom.

And if that seems like a lot to get out of the simple healing of a poor deaf and dumb peasant, then hear today's first reading again: "Your God comes in vindication, God comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared." Jesus is the fulfillment of that prophecy.

But Jesus was always ambivalent about healing people. Of course, he wanted to do it because he felt sorry for sick people. Who would not cure someone if he could? Yet, the miracles were problematic because they brought him notoriety. That is why he kept telling people not to spread the word. But they did, naturally.

We, like them, get distracted by the amazing physical cure while neglecting the more amazing reality that cure signified. We, like them, are more interested in physical happiness than in spiritual joy; more concerned with our own turf than with God's kingdom.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Wisneski, Chair

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Mark Matejka
Bertel Olson

Marjorie Rice
Michael Rice
Tony Rivera
Christine Villoch

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
Jane Bronson
Jack Halpin
Jane Ott

Dave Hilko
Steve Fortino
Andrew Deye
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 Dean in
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