



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

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 18, 2012**

**Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.**

— *Mark 13:31*

**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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## Puzzles and Mysteries

As human beings we like solving puzzles about the world and the universe we inhabit. The Church sees no contradiction between the scientific Big Bang theory and the creation stories. The Genesis account in the Bible is about a mystery—the mystery of our existence and our relationship to God, the creator and sustainer of life. A mystery in this sense is a sacred reality that goes beyond logical explanations. Another mystery is the question of when and how it will all end. Yet in today's Gospel, Jesus states quite clearly that no one can puzzle out when that end will be. Only God knows. In the meantime our time is better spent on living our lives well now. As today's Psalm says, "You will show me the path to life, / fullness of joys in your presence, / the delights at your right hand forever" (Psalm 16:11). Isn't that promise enough?

### Living Stewardship Now

Life is a book in volumes three:  
The past, the present, and the yet-to-be.  
The past is written and laid away,  
The present we're writing every day,  
And the last and best of volumes three  
Is locked from sight—God keeps the key.  
—*Author unknown*



## Enigmas Y Misterios

Como seres humanos que somos nos gusta resolver enigmas acerca del mundo y del universo en que vivimos. La Iglesia no ve contradicción entre la teoría científica del Big Bang y la historia de la salvación. La historia del Génesis en la Biblia es acerca de un misterio—el misterio de nuestra existencia y de nuestra relación con Dios, Creador y sustento de nuestra vida. En este sentido un misterio es una realidad sagrada que va más allá de las explicaciones lógicas. Otro misterio es acerca de la pregunta de cuándo y cómo terminará todo. Y sin embargo, en el Evangelio de hoy Jesús dice bien claramente que nadie resolverá el enigma de cuándo será el final. Sólo Dios lo sabe. Mientras tanto la mejor manera de emplear nuestro tiempo es llevando una vida cristiana ahora. Como dice el salmo de hoy: "Enséñame el camino de la vida, sáciame de gozo en tu presencia y de alegría perpetua junto a ti" (Salmo 15:11). ¿No es esa promesa suficiente?

### La responsabilidad vivida ahora

La vida es un libro de tres tomos  
Con el pasado, el presente y el mañana todo.  
El pasado quedó en un armario,  
El presente lo escribimos a diario.  
Pero lo mejor de los tres aún no se sabe,  
Pues no está a la vista—Dios tiene la llave.  
—*Autor desconocido (Traducción libre del inglés)*

## Food Pantry Clothing Drive



The weather has already started to turn cold. Snow and ice are only a short time away.

We have historically provided our clients with some clothes to help them keep warm during the colder months. This year we will operate a clothing

drive during November so that we can distribute warm clothes by early December. This year we want to focus on keeping our client's head and hands warm. We will be providing our clients with gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats during our clothing drive.

While there may be a need for coats, we typically do not get enough coats to provide each client a warm coat, so please donate gently used coats to other service providers, such as the St. Vincent de Paul Center at Halsted and Webster.

There are two ways you can help. The first is by donating gently used items to the campaign. There is a large box at the back of church to accept your donations. The second way is to provide a donation that we will use to purchase new items for our clients. We appreciate any help you can provide.

Please contact Bernadette Diaz at [bernadette\\_diaz@comcast.net](mailto:bernadette_diaz@comcast.net) or Dave Hilko at [dahilko@aol.com](mailto:dahilko@aol.com) with any questions.

## Food Pantry Schedule for November

**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

**Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

**Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution

**Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

**Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



## Weekly Collections Recap For November 11, 2012

11/11/2012			
Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,785	\$1,118	\$4,303	\$10,206

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



We had a \$1,794 deficit of our budgeted regular Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of November 11, 2012. Please consider donating through automated contributions.

The St. Teresa Water-for-Haiti collection is \$14,110 so far. See page nine of today's bulletin for more information.

**St. Teresa has gone beyond its Annual Catholic Appeal goal of \$31,416 by \$1,144 with \$9,000 in outstanding pledges. The \$1,144 overage plus any of the outstanding pledges paid go directly to St. Teresa.**

## 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 [wiliamdmack@hotmail.com](mailto:wiliamdmack@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, November 26, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.**

## Website & Bulletin Submissions

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@sttereseparish.org](mailto:dvaeth@sttereseparish.org)

# Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

**Psalm** — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

**Second Reading** — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

**Gospel** — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

## God's Reign



By pointing to the end times, today's readings speak to the coming reign of God, when God will make all things new. In Christ, this time has already begun. We, by our energized watchfulness, can further God's reign. We can heal broken hearts, free captives, spread the Good News. Even so, the reign of God will not be complete without the second coming of Christ. Our weekly eucharistic gathering is a sign of the fullness of the end times. At Mass we join as an assembly to recall and to claim the story of Jesus as our own. Together we give thanks to God

for the many gifts bestowed upon us. We receive nourishment in the simple but profound meal. And our weak and weary selves are invigorated and transformed by the power of Christ, so that we ourselves might become effective signs of God's reign present and to come. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44 <u>Thanksgiving Day</u> — <u>Suggested:</u> Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
<b>Friday:</b>	Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40
<b>Sunday:</b>	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

## Treasures from Our Tradition

This might be a good time to stock our spiritual cupboard along with our kitchen cupboard in preparation for our celebration of Thanksgiving. Before there was a Thanksgiving Day, even before there were Pilgrims, the Roman Catholic Church celebrated Ember Days (“change-of-season days”) as periods of thanksgiving for seasonal harvests. This means it is a customary Catholic way to give thanks to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In the 1969 reformed calendar it was left up to the national conferences of bishops to set dates for Ember Days. (The ones on the old calendar fit a Mediterranean climate, and on the new calendar it was imagined that each nation knew best when to schedule such seasonally oriented days.)

The United States bishops have not yet resurrected Ember Days, Rogations Days, and other national days of prayer. However, tucked within *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (a book published by the U. S. bishops) is a chapter on Ember Days that proposes, among others, the three days before Thanksgiving as days of prayer, charity, and fasting. Why wait for an official proclamation? Why not undertake to observe those three days in that way in your parish, or even in your family? What could be more natural at this time of year? — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## El Reino de Dios



Las lecturas de hoy, señalando el fin de los tiempos, hablan de la venida del Reino de Dios, cuando Dios hará nuevas todas las cosas. En Cristo, este tiempo ya ha comenzado. Nosotros, por nuestra vigorosa vigilancia, podemos avanzar el Reino de Dios. Podemos sanar corazones rotos, cautivos, difundir las buenas noticias. Aún así, el Reino de Dios no estará completo sin la segunda venida de Cristo. Nuestra asamblea eucarística semanal es un signo de la plenitud del fin de los tiempos. En la misa, nos unimos como asamblea para recordar y reivindicar

la historia de Jesús como la nuestra. Juntos damos gracias a Dios por los muchos dones que nos otorga. Recibimos alimento en esa comida sencilla pero profunda. Y nuestro ser débil y cansado se vigoriza y transforma por el poder de Cristo, para que podamos llegar a ser signos eficaces del reino de Dios presente y por venir. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Lecturas de hoy

**Primera lectura** — En aquel tiempo se levantará el guardián de tu pueblo. Entonces serán salvados cada uno de los que estén inscritos en el libro. (Daniel 12:1-3).

**Salmo** — Enseñanos, Señor, el camino de la vida (Salmo 16 [15]).

**Segunda lectura** — Ahora, el que ofreció un único sacrificio por los pecados y está sentado a la derecha de Dios, espera que sus enemigos sean colocados como tarima de sus pies (Hebreos 10:11-14, 18).

**Evangelio** — Nadie sabe cuándo será el día ni la hora (Marcos 13:24-32).

## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El 19 de noviembre del 1969 (Día del Descubrimiento de Puerto Rico), el Papa Pablo VI declaró a Nuestra Señora Madre de la Divina Providencia, como patrona de la Isla del Encanto. Este acto fue el culmen de un largo proceso devocional hacia la Madre de la Divina Providencia empezado por el Obispo Catalán Gil Esteve y Tomás quien trajo la primera imagen de la Virgen a la isla Boricua.

La imagen actual es de María sentada con su Hijo (la Divina Providencia) dormido sobre su regazo. Ella sostiene la manita izquierda del niño en sus manos mientras lo mira cariñosamente. La imagen inspira ternura y muestra la confianza de María en la Divina Providencia de su Hijo, que aunque este dormido, no se descuida de ella ni de los fieles.

Esta imagen recuerda el pasaje bíblico en el cual Jesús dormía en la barca de Pedro, despertando a tiempo para calmar los mares y los vientos que la amenazaban. He aquí que la devoción a la Madre de la Divina Providencia es confiar que Dios siempre llega a nuestro amparo cuando lo invocamos. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Lecturas de la Semana

- Lunes:** Apo 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lc 18:35-43
- Martes:** Apo 3:1-6, 14-22; Lc 19:1-10
- Miércoles:** Apo 4:1-11; Lc 19:11-28
- Jueves:** Apo 5:1-10; Lc 19:41-44  
Día de Acción de Gracias—sugerencia:  
Eclo 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lc 17:11-19
- Viernes:** Apo 10:8-11; Lc 19:45-48
- Sábado:** Apo 11:4-12; Lc 20:27-40
- Domingo:** Dn 7:13-14; Sal 93 (92); Apo 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

# Sacraments & Ministries

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## November Baptisms

*Felix Patrick O'Neill (11-4-12)*  
*Michael Francis Priesbe (11-10-12)*  
*Jezlyn Anali Calderon (11-10-12)*  
*Clark Thomas Holland (11-18-12)*  
*Lucia Talise Rose Zost (11-18-12)*  
*Cameron Joseph Schmalz (11-25-12)*

## St. Teresa says...

“Prayer is a safe road; you will be more quickly freed from temptation when close to the Lord than when far.”

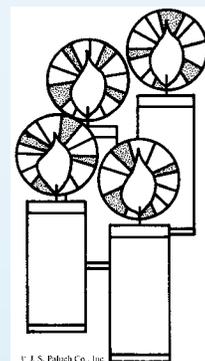


## Women's Spirituality -Advent Prayer

Women's Spirituality's will gathering on Tuesday, November 27th in The Religious Education Center, 1940 N. Kenmore Avenue, just south of the Parish Center's Kenmore entrance.

As Advent approaches, we welcome you to quiet prayer, reflection, and discussion as we wait in light and peace. Women's Spirituality meets on the last Tuesday of the month.

Please feel free and welcome to join the group as your schedule permits. For more information, contact Cathy Flaherty, [cgflaherty@aol.com](mailto:cgflaherty@aol.com)



## Calendar at a Glance

### November 18, Sunday

Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time •  
Trigésimo tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 9:00 am, PC3, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC4, Zost Baptism Reception
- 11:30 am, PC3, Our Lady of Providence Celebration
- 10:30 am, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:51 pm, PC3-4, 6:51 Club Hospitality
- 7:00 pm, Kitchen, The Edge

### November 19, Monday

- 6:30 pm, REC4, Lectio Divina

### November 20, Tuesday

- 6:00 pm, PC3, REC, Kitchen, SPRED Preparation
- 6:30 pm, PC3, Food Pantry Bagging
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

### November 21, Wednesday

The Presentation of the Virgin Mary • La Presentación de la Virgen María  
◦ No Activities Scheduled

### November 22, Thursday

St. Cecilia; Thanksgiving Day • Santa Cecilia; Día de Acción de Gracias  
◦ Office Closed

### November 23, Friday

- St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro •  
San Clemente I; San Columbano; Beato Miguel Agustín Pro
- 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

### November 24, Saturday

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions • San Andrés Dũng-Lạc y compañeros  
◦ 11:00 am, REC, Parent-Infant Class

The Religious Ed Center (REC) is located at 1940 N. Kenmore Ave., one block south of the Parish Center (PC) at 1950 N. Kenmore.  
The Gathering Space (GS) is the entrance area to the PC.

# Mass Schedule & Intentions

## Mass Intentions

### November 17

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

### November 18

9:00 am George Halloran, Sr.

10:30 am Annette Vazquez  
Ethel & Maurice Brumleve  
Jaime Hernandez

12:00 pm 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, 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, Nella Palazzola, Ben & Susan Patrasso, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Jim Tetrycz, Jon Wagenknecht Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

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

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

## Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
11-22-12 Thursday	9:00 am	Fr. John Rybolt	Sharon Lindstrom	Mary Serrahn	Jane Ott Minister Needed (C2).
11-24-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Charles Shelby	Maggie Kuhlmann	Minister Needed (H2, T).	Minister Needed (C1, P). Minister Needed (C2).
11-25-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Michael Zost	Tom Kosnik Bert Olson Jennifer Barrett	Frank Swiderski Dennis Kamalick Jane Ott Geneva Gorgo
Next Spanish Mass 12-9-12	10:30 am				
11-25-12 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Raquel Bech	Colin McCue	Alice Morales Villenas Bob Pedro
11-25-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Pascal Kasanziki	Luke Kolman	Kathy Richgels Caitlin Cronin Sharon Lindstrom	Katie Assell Christopher Parente Jon Assell Mary Serrahn

## Food Pantry Shopping List

The St. Teresa Food Pantry can always use non-perishable food items such as those listed below.

Sizes are the Maximum

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, Oatmeal
Tuna	Pasta
Macaroni & Cheese	Jelly
Hearty Canned Soup (10 oz.)	Canned Chicken



Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.)  
**Larger, sturdier paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.**



## Next 6:51 Club is this Weekend!

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

November's 6:51 Club will be an after-church French dinner. Join us to meet fellow parishioners. Voila!

**You can contact Sara Foley at [foleysar@gmail.com](mailto:foleysar@gmail.com) for more details.**

## Increased Offertory Pledge Cards

Everything we have is a gift from God.  
Sharing of ourselves and our financial resources is a loving and just act.  
A way to give back in gratitude, a way to say

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Box  monthly offering of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This is a distribution of intention and is not legally binding. Parish contributions are tax deductible.

Stewardship is an essential element of Christian living. As Christians we are aware that all things

come from God, and we are thankful for our gifts.

Please complete return your offertory pledge cards today and return them to the parish office, drop them into the weekly collection basket, or place them in the box at the back of church. If you are able, please share your God-given blessings to ensure the mission of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.

## Living Gratitude

Happy Thanksgiving! 2012 has rapidly rolled along and here we are again on the edge of Advent and the holiday season. Thanksgiving is the traditional start to the race to the end of the year. Weekends increasingly become crowded with “to do” lists and holiday parties. For me, it has always been a challenge to not fall into the holiday river and get swept along by its ever so powerful current.

Thanksgiving! It would not take me long at all to develop a list of the things in my life that I am thankful for. To name a few: wonderful wife, great kids, awesome city in which I live, fantastic clients, engaging job, my health; the list could go on and on. When I pray in the morning or throughout the day I often thank God for all these forever unfolding gifts in my life. It is fairly easy actually to be thankful for all these things.

There is, however, a subterranean gratitude that is a little more difficult to assume. It is a disposition of gratitude for life— for birth, for life, for happiness, for suffering, for death and for resurrection; it is a disposition of gratitude for everything in my life; it does not see what appear to be challenges in my life as pains, but rather as that which propels me into being a certain entity in the world. There are no words in this gratitude; it is a way of living in the world.

I'm not sure if I am making much sense here, but my being becomes the gratitude. My existence becomes the gratitude. It is not that I simply become a thankful person. I become gratitude in all that I am and all that I do. The church celebrates Eucharist everyday. Do you know what the word “Eucharist” means? Gratitude.

**Join us for the next session of Men's Spirituality Group on Tuesday, November 27, from 6:15 am to 7:30 am in the parish center.**

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

— Tom Kosnik

## 2012 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

In 2010, 46.2 million Americans lived at or below the poverty line, an increase of more than 2 million since 2009. With many families living one paycheck away from financial instability, there is little hope that more Americans won't face poverty in the years to come.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) funds programs in communities across the United States where people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions and find ways to improve their lives and their neighborhoods.

The CCHD accomplishes its goal by making society more just by empowering the poor. Every year CCHD funds projects in Chicago and across the United States to help poor communities end the conditions that perpetuate poverty.

Participating in CCHD this weekend is a way to help strengthen our commitment to social justice for our communities. To learn more about CCHD programs go to [www.archchicago.org/cchd](http://www.archchicago.org/cchd)

## 2012 Christmas Giving Tree



Giving Tree tags now have been hung on the tree in the church.

St. Teresa is working with St. Vincent de Paul Center (Halsted and Webster) who is providing us with the names of 185 needy children between the ages of 5 and 13.

St. Teresa's is being asked to return the gifts wrapped by December 17th so they can be given to all the children before Christmas.

## Breakfast with Santa

On Sunday December 16th following the morning Masses, please join Santa and friends for St. Teresa's annual Breakfast with Santa Claus.

The price is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children (under 2 will be free) and will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and juice.



We look forward to serving you!

This event is sponsored by the St. Teresa's Men's Spirituality Group.

## Help Fr. Frank Bring Clean Water to Haiti It's not too Late to Contribute



In this country, we take so many things for granted. It is difficult for us to imagine living our lives without sufficient clean water. When we want water, all we have to do is turn on the faucet.

Imagine a poor country like Haiti where 40 percent of its 10 million people do not have access to a dependable supply of clean water, where the walk to the faucet is an average of 5 miles away, walk-

ing an average of 10 miles per day for clean water.

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for Haiti; this money will be used to build wells to provide clean and accessible water. If we raise more than our goal of \$20,000, that money will be used to provide



healthcare for the people of Haiti.

All donations Fr. Frank raises through sponsorship of his pilgrimage will go to *Zanmi Lasanté*

—Paris, a social justice agency who will have wells built in Haiti by Haitian labor and fund other education and development in impoverished rural Haiti.

You can help Fr. Frank and bring clean, accessible drinking water to those that need it. To donate go to the Give Central QR code on the right or visit [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net) and follow the link. Or call the St. Teresa of Avila office at (773) 528-6650 for more information.

## Apocalypse Now

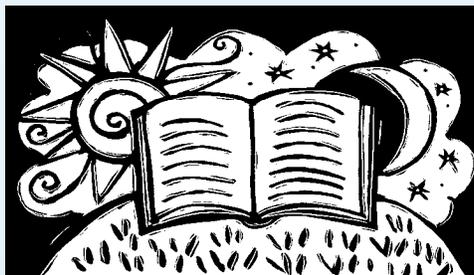
People who read the Bible literally have a hard time with today's first and third readings. Actually, literal readers have a difficult time with much of the Bible, since much of it is not true to each letter.

Genesis is not historical truth, since in the beginning no one was there to write history. Many of the stories in the early part of the Bible are myths, or universal truths, or imaginary explanations of basic realities. Such as how the world came to be, how sin happened for the first time, why bad things happen to good people, and who is in charge of everything?

There are different genres of biblical literature just as there are different genres of secular literature. If you read a chemistry book the way you read science fiction, you will be disappointed. If you read history the way you read a novel, you will be misled.

Today's first and third readings are apocalyptic writings. The word itself tells us that it is a revelation of imminent danger and utter destruction. Apocalyptic literature naturally arises in times of tribulation and crisis. People who experience great hardship need to know that they will survive.

Our first reading describes the time when Israel was occupied by the Syrians, who tried to impose their language, culture and religion on the Jews. The Jews found solace in the belief that someday the Syrians would be defeated and leave. That belief gave them courage



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to endure present trials. God and goodness would ultimately prevail.

Our third reading was written during the early days of the church's existence. The church was an outside group and was therefore despised by people and persecuted by the government. Since Christians were impotent against powerful Rome, they had no choice but to survive as well as they could, in hope of final vindication by God.

So, what is the truth revealed in apocalyptic? The first clue comes from the situation. It describes the end of time. That obvious fact is important. The world will not go on forever. And since it will end, it must end with a bang or a whimper, in futility or meaning, into nothingness or a different kind of existence. Therefore, one must take a stance.

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by God's own Son. That means creation had a purpose, secular history was governed by divine providence, individual lives had value and meaning. The image of God gathering his faithful people means that goodness will be rewarded, and life will be endless happiness with God. These images gave our forebears hope of ultimate victory — even under terrible persecution and slaughter.

But what about us? Since we are not persecuted, we have no need for this hopeful, encouraging literature. Or do we?

Well, aside from being involved in several wars, living in a dangerous world, being trapped in personal sins — we are part of a disintegrating earth, a history rushing toward its end. In our busyness, in our plans, we forget the basic reality that it will all end, tomorrow or in a million years. And the apocalyptic choices are always true. Creation is meaningful or purposeless, history is guided by providence or not, our lives have meaning or not, goodness or evil will triumph, we will live happily with God or slip into nothingness. That will happen someday, but those critical choices are made every day. Apocalypse is always now.

— Fr. James Smith, Celebration Publications

# Directory

## Parish Leadership

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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**Jessica Marx**  
**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

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays	7:00 pm
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### For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation,  
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for the Sick

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