



St. Teresa of Avila

Catholic Church

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
November 25, 2012

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings of the earth.

— *Revelation 1:5*

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.

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Truth to Power



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Today's Gospel reading shows that Pontius Pilate, the local governor of the powerful Roman Empire, did not know what to make of Jesus. Jesus was obviously not a mob leader or a con man. Jewish leaders said he claimed to be King of the Jews—a

potential threat to Roman rule— yet he commanded no army. Jesus said, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." More importantly, he added, "I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:36, 37). The Gospels clearly show the political maneuvering between Roman rulers and Jewish religious leaders; Jesus was a puzzle to them all. Pilate "found no fault in him." Jesus ruled by neither violence nor oppression; he simply witnessed to God's truth. Anyone seeking this truth has only to listen and to respond to become part of the kingdom of God.

Living Stewardship Now

Stand up for those who have no voice. Join rallies, sign petitions, send letters and e-mails on behalf of anyone being treated unjustly.

Enfrenta al Poder con la Verdad



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La lectura del Evangelio de hoy demuestra que Poncio Pilato, el gobernador local del poderoso imperio romano, no sabía qué pensar de Jesús. Obviamente Jesús no era un líder de la mafia ni un timador. Los líderes judíos decían que él decía ser rey de los judíos—una posible amenaza al gobierno romano—pero sin embargo no tenía la comandancia de ningún ejército. "Mi Reino no es de este mundo", dijo Jesús. Y añadió algo aún más importante: "Vine al mundo para ser testigo de la verdad. Todo el que es de la verdad, escucha mi voz" (Juan 18:37). Los evangelios muestran claramente la maniobra política entre los soberanos romanos y los líderes religiosos judíos. Jesús representaba un enigma para todos ellos. Pilato no encontró "delito alguno en este hombre". Jesús no gobernaba con violencia ni con opresión, sino que sencillamente daba testimonio de la verdad de Dios. Toda persona que va en pos de esta verdad sólo tiene que escuchar y responder para llegar a ser parte del reino de Dios.

La responsabilidad vivida ahora

Defiende a los que no tienen voz. Únete a las manifestaciones de protesta, firma peticiones, y envía cartas y correos electrónicos a favor de cualquier persona tratada injustamente.

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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 or Dave Hilko at dahilko@aol.com with any questions.

Food Pantry Schedule for December

Saturday, December 1st
9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution



Thursday, December 13th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, December 14th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 22nd
9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution

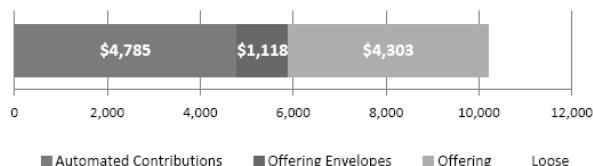
Thursday, December 27th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, December 28th
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 coverage plus any of the outstanding pledges paid go directly to St. Teresa.

**Due to Thanksgiving publication deadlines,
this column is repeated.**

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 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@stteresaparish.org

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

First Reading — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



Christ the King

The selection from the book of Daniel presented in today's first reading was part of an attempt to weave a vision of ultimate success for the Jews under persecution. Exactly whom the author had in mind when he refers to "one like a Son of Man" is hotly disputed by scholars today. The fact is, we simply do not know if the author meant anyone in particular or if this is a collective, figurative image of Israel's triumph. What we do know is that the early Christian community seized upon this passage and recognized it as a messianic prophecy, a foretelling of the ultimate triumph of Jesus as the Christ of God. The Lectionary's juxtaposition of this text with today's Gospel narrative of Jesus before Pilate is a wonderful example of how the liturgy "layers" passages with new meaning by inserting them in a particular context.

The celebration of Christ the King allows us to hear these passages with a new depth of meaning in light of our contemporary understanding of how, in Jesus and his resurrection and ascension, we have seen the fulfillment of Daniel's vision of ultimate deliverance. The veiled admission of Jesus before Pilate that he did indeed have a kingdom "not here" takes on new meaning against the cosmic vision of Daniel, who allows us to glimpse the "Ancient One" on his heavenly throne. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

Despite the fact that the feast of Christ the King was established less than a century ago, it has already undergone a shift in focus. When Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925, nationalism and fascism were on the rise. The pope intended that it be a "vehicle for spiritual teaching," one that would recognize the ultimate authority of Christ over all political and social scheming. The last Sunday of October was chosen as the date for the feast because of its proximity to the feast of All Saints, those men and women who bore witness to Christ's reign in so many different ways.

The calendar reforms of 1969 moved the feast to the last Sunday of the liturgical year. There, in the context of November's focus on the end times, Christ's second coming at the end of all time is highlighted. The threefold cycle of readings also expands our imaginations in regard to this feast. In this year's Gospel, Christ stands before Pilate, whose own power blinds him to the truth of the Lord's kingdom. In a world where oppression still holds sway over too many people, this feast is somehow still as timely as when Pope Pius XI first established it. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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Cristo Rey

La selección del libro de Daniel para la primera lectura de hoy forma parte de un intento de tejer una visión del éxito final de los judíos perseguidos. Exactamente qué tenía el autor en mente cuando se refiere a “uno semejante a un Hijo de hombre” es muy disputado por los eruditos de hoy. El hecho es que, simplemente, no sabemos si el autor quiso decir a alguien en particular o si se trata de una imagen colectiva, figurativa del triunfo de Israel. Lo que sí sabemos es que la primera comunidad cristiana se apoderó de este pasaje y lo reconoció como una profecía mesiánica, un anuncio de la victoria final de Jesús como el Cristo de Dios. El contraste que hace el leccionario de este texto con la narrativa del Evangelio de hoy de Jesús ante Pilato es un maravilloso ejemplo de cómo la liturgia da a ciertos pasajes nuevas “capas” de significado mediante la inserción en un contexto particular.

La celebración de Cristo Rey nos permite escuchar estos pasajes con una nueva profundidad de significado a la luz de nuestra comprensión contemporánea de cómo, en Jesús y su Resurrección y Ascensión, hemos visto el cumplimiento de la visión de Daniel de la liberación final. La admisión velada de Jesús ante Pilato que, efectivamente, él tenía un reino pero “no aquí” toma un nuevo significado con la visión cósmica de Daniel sirviendo de fondo, que nos permite vislumbrar al “Anciano” en su trono celeste.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1917 México recibió una nueva Constitución en la cual se estableció una política de intolerancia religiosa, especialmente en contra de la Iglesia Católica Romana. Con el pasar de los años las normas anticlericales fueron puestas en vigor hasta el punto que algunos mexicanos piadosos y cristianos decidieron defender su religión.

En marzo de 1925 estos mexicanos católicos fundaron la Liga Nacional para la Defensa de la Libertad Religiosa, en el mismo mes en que el papa Pío XI proclama la Fiesta de Cristo Rey, celebrada el último domingo del año litúrgico. Inspirados por el grito de “¡Viva Cristo Rey!”, los fieles se convirtieron en Cristeros, muchos de los cuales dieron su vida por Cristo, demostrando así que Jesús es verdaderamente el Rey de sus vidas.

La Cristiada duró sólo tres años en México y muchos sacerdotes, religiosas, religiosos, laicas y laicos dieron su vida para la gloria de Cristo Rey en México. Con el tiempo muchos cristianos y cristianas han debido repetir el martirio de los Cristeros en países de Centro y Sudamérica. El siglo XX derramó mucha sangre cristiana en Latinoamérica. “¡Viva Cristo Rey!”

— Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gilz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Cuando uno, como el Hijo del Hombre se dirigió hacia el anciano y fue llevado a su presencia, recibió el dominio eterno (Daniel 7:13-14).

Salmo — Señor, tu eres nuestro rey (Salmo 93 [92]).

Segunda lectura — La gloria y el poder sean dados a Jesucristo, el Señor de toda la tierra (Apocalipsis 1:5-8).

Evangelio — Jesús como Rey, vino a ser testigo de la verdad. (Juan 18:33b-37).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Apo 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lc 21:1-4
Martes:	Apo 14:14-19; Lc 21:5-11
Miércoles:	Apo 15:1-4; Lc 21:12-19
Jueves:	Apo 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lc 21:20-28
Viernes:	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Sábado:	Apo 22:1-7; Lc 21:34-36
Domingo:	Jer 33:14-16; Sal 25 (24); 1 Tes 3:12 — 4:2; Lc 21:25-28, 34-36

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November Baptisms

Felix Patrick O'Neill (11-4-12)
Michael Francis Priesbe (11-10-12)
Jezlyn Analí 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...

“He teaches during the brief moments we spend in prayer; however lukewarm these moments may be, God esteems them highly.”



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

November 25, Sunday

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe • Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

- 9:00 am, PC3, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC, Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- 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 26, Monday

- 12:30 pm, PC4, Chicago House
- 6:30 pm, REC4, Lectio Divina
- 7:00 pm, PC3, Finance Council

November 27, Tuesday

- 6:15 am, PC3, Men’s Spirituality Group
- 1:00 pm, REC1, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, PC3, REC, Kitchen, SPRED Community
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, REC, Women’s Spirituality—Advent Prayer

November 28, Wednesday

- 6:30 pm, PC3, Cuisine du Coeur Meeting

November 29, Thursday

- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

November 30, Friday

St. Andrew • San Andrés

- 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

December 1, Saturday

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

- 9:00 am, PC3, GS Food Pantry Bagging & Distribution
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:30 pm, Church CCFC Mass



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

November 24

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

November 25

9:00 am Louise DeCharme

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, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Michael Kinsella, Elaine Klecker, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Isabelle Martinez, Melory Mizicko, Cindy O'Keefe, Nella Palazzola, Ben & Susan Patrasso, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Jim Teterycz, Jon Wagenknecht Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

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



Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC BREAD	EUCARISTIC WINE
12-1-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Charles Shelby	Luke Kolman	Leigh Hartley	Maggie Kuhlmann
12-2-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Mark Van Grinsven	Lina Hilko Jamie Lutkus Annie Monak	Dan Anderson Nancy Van Grinsven George Halloran Rose Ohiku
Next Spanish Mass 12-9-12	10:30 am				
12-2-12 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Tony Rivera	Brendan Lynch	Katie Broussard Suzanne Chung
12-2-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Pascal Kasanziki	Eileen Raia	Jocelyn Lutkus Karen Melchert Christine Villoch	Jane Ott Katie Assell Jamie Lutkus Christopher Parente

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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 December 16th!

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

December's *6:51 Club* will be an after-church Christmas dinner. Join us to meet fellow parishioners. Wassail!

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

Increased Offertory Pledge Cards

Everything we have is a gift from God.
Sharing of resources and our financial resources is a blessing and just not
a way to give back to gratitude, a very necessary

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Please Print _____
Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone _____

This is a declaration 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.

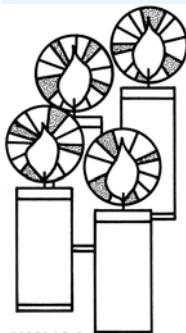
Contact Matt Priesbe at mpriesbe@aol.com and (847) 729-1220, or contact Tom Kosnik at (312) 527-2950 and tkosnik@visusgroup.com

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Women's Spirituality Advent Prayer



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Women's Spirituality will be gathering at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, November 27th in the Religious Education Center, 1940 N. Kenmore, just south of the Parish Center 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 you schedule permits.

For more information, contact Cathy Flaherty, cgflaherty@aol.com.

Not too Late to Donate

Even though Fr. Frank has completed his 500-mile camino, it's not too late to donate to help bring clean, accessible water to those who need it in Haiti.



A sketch made by engineer Jean Pierre Jahier, representing the future water well assembly for St Yves Parish in Haiti. Father Frank's hard (and joyful) pilgrimage has helped make this happen.

Haitian labor, and fund other education and development in impoverished rural Haiti.

To donate go to the St. Teresa website st-teresa.net and follow the link to Give Central.

All of your donations will go to Zanmi Lasanté —Paris, a social justice agency who will have wells built in Haiti by



2012 Christmas Giving Tree

Giving Tree tags now have been placed 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.

We're being asked to return the gifts wrapped by December 17th so they can be given to all the children before Christmas.

Please help us bring a little Christmas cheer to these children again this year. Thank you.



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Breakfast with Santa December 16th



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.

Greenery Pickup December 1st–2nd

All Greenery orders will be available for pickup next weekend, December 1st and 2nd.



The Greenery team is looking for volunteers to help with distribution this year.

If you're interested, please contact Kristen Castelloni at kristen@rlcanning.com or (773) 710-0068

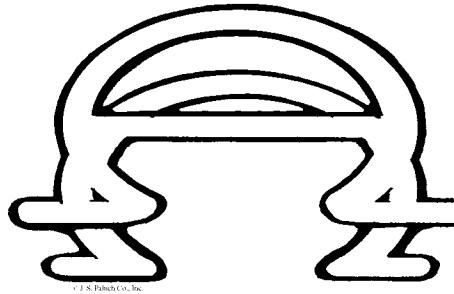
All Around Us

The basic message of Jesus was: “The kingdom of God is here — and I am it!” But to us things look exactly like they always used to look. So we wonder: Where actually *is* this kingdom? Of course, the kingdom is a metaphor, not a definition. It is not a fact, but an event; it is all around us, all the time, just waiting to be entered. So, it is all right that our sense of the kingdom is a little vague. In fact, that just gives it more scope. But what is not all right is the way Christianity has moved the kingdom from earth to heaven, from now to the end of the world.

It was an understandable option. When Jesus did not return immediately, as they expected, to set the world straight, the church settled down for the long haul. And when history did not bring the kingdom any closer, the easy solution was to put it off and up — out of sight and out of mind. Precisely the opposite of what Jesus intended.

Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom of God, the governance of God, is here and now. It is not our place to put it off. It is our task to find it, to encourage it and to implement it. Everywhere.

Even among impoverished people? Yes. The kingdom is wherever God’s will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Every place on earth is equidistant from God. So we must be able to find the kingdom in dirt roads, cardboard



Surveys have found that after a certain level of lifestyle, the degree of people's happiness is in inverse proportion to their wealth.

shacks, garbage heaps and filth-filled ditches. The kingdom is found where people share the road, walk the talk, find joy in sorrow and hope in despair.

In our own rich nation there are evils enough for us to doubt the presence of God’s kingdom. Yet, every person is dear to God. So it must be possible to do God’s will as a homeless person, as a prostitute, as a gang member, as an addict. That seems to be the kind of people Jesus talked with about the kingdom. He even said they would enter the kingdom before virtuous people.

If this offends our sense of propriety, of justice, then we mistake *our* idea of God’s kingdom for *God’s* idea of the kingdom. If God wanted perfection he would have made people differently. If God wanted justice, we would all be damned. If we depended on our own goodness, we would all be

lost. No, what God wants, according to the prophet, is for us to love kindly and walk humbly with our God.

The difference the kingdom might make is more obvious in areas of poverty, disease and crime. It is harder to see among middle and upper classes. After all, when you have enough to eat, somewhere to sleep, good clothes to wear and a pension in the future, what more could God offer?

But looks are deceiving. All this security makes us less dependent on God but somehow more anxious. Surveys have found that after a certain level of lifestyle, the degree of people’s happiness is in inverse proportion to their wealth. By the time we finally get that heliport on the roof and a cell phone implanted in the brain, we should be totally miserable. And farther from the kingdom.

The kingdom is here and now. But it will get even better. Someday, when we humans have done all the best and worst things possible to do, Jesus will present himself to humankind in his glorious splendor. And we will be so enamored, so smitten that we will do whatever he wants. We will be attracted like iron filings to a magnet, spun around in our tracks, lured into the kingdom.

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**St. Teresa
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Catholic Church

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,
Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion
for the Sick

Please call Dean in

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Wisneski, Chair

Jon Assell	Marjorie Rice
Jessica Marx	Michael Rice
Mark Matejka	Tony Rivera
Bertel Olson	Christine Viloch

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.