



**St. Teresa
of Avila**
Catholic Church

**First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2012**

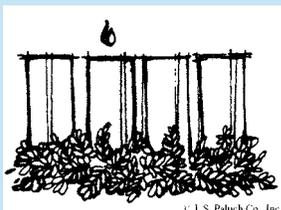
**I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.**

— Jeremiah 33:15

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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Reflecting on the Word of God

How do you prepare a heart for Christmas? It is not all that different from how we prepare any room for the season. We move some things out and bring others in: lights, candles, and appropriate decorations. We can also apply this to our hearts, both our individual heart and our community heart. Today four voices offer direction.

Jeremiah calls us to remember the God who worked on the house of Israel and Judah, bringing “a just shoot” (Jeremiah 33:15) to flower from the old stump that Israel had become, replacing lifeless leadership with a new branch of the house of David. Justice would flourish for all the people. Jeremiah calls us to trust God’s designs that go beyond the surface.

Jesus’ words, however, seem to contradict all this, predicting signs that will dismay and perplex, with people dying of fright. What happened to security and justice? But all this frightening activity is not for those waiting on the Lord. Jesus’ words are strong: Don’t cower; stand erect. Don’t let your heart sink into sleep, dive into drink, or be corrupted by carousing. Redemption is in the room, a heart-beat away.

Paul reminds us that we best renovate our hearts by filling them with God’s love for others. We do this by how we treat each other. A new year offers time to bring healing to damaged relationships, to reach out to someone we have neglected. And God works along with us, pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts.

Living God’s Word

Advent is a time to enter more deeply into conversation with God. Pray with the words of the psalmist, who encourages us to turn to God, who will make known the way, teach us the right paths, and draw us into divine kindness, constancy, and friendship.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

¿Cómo se prepara un corazón para la Navidad? No es tan diferente de como preparamos cualquier habitación del hogar para este tiempo. Quitamos algunas cosas y ponemos otras: luces, velas y decoraciones apropiadas. Eso mismo podemos hacer con nuestro corazón, tanto personalmente como dentro de la comunidad. Hoy hay cuatro voces que nos indican una dirección.

Jeremías nos pide que recordemos al Dios que hizo tanto por la casa de Israel y la casa de Judá, haciendo nacer “un retoño legítimo” (Jeremías 33:15) del viejo tronco en que se había convertido Israel, y remplazando el liderazgo sin vida con una rama de la casa de David. La justicia florecerá para todos. Jeremías nos exhorta a confiar en los designios de Dios, que van más allá de lo que podemos ver.

Las palabras de Jesús, sin embargo, parecen contradecir todo esto, pronosticando señales que consternarán y desconcertarán a las gentes, que se morirán de espanto. ¿Qué pasó con la seguridad y la justicia? Toda esta actividad que asusta no es, sin embargo, para los que aguardan al Señor. Las palabras de Jesús son fuertes: Pongan atención y levanten la cabeza. Estén alertas y no se embriaguen ni se dejen arrastrar por los vicios. La redención está cerca y a nuestro alcance.

Pablo nos recuerda que mejor renovemos nuestro corazón llenándolo del amor de Dios por los demás. La manera de hacer esto es llevándonos bien los unos con los otros. Un año nuevo nos ofrece tiempo, tiempo para sanar las relaciones que se han dañado y para extender nuestras manos a alguien que hemos desatendido. Dios permanece a nuestro lado derramando el Espíritu Santo en nuestros corazones.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

El Adviento es un tiempo para entrar en una conversación más profunda con Dios. Ora con las palabras del salmista. Él nos anima a volvernos a Dios, que nos hará conocer el camino correcto, y nos llevará a conocer la bondad, constancia y amistad divinas.



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

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

Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.)



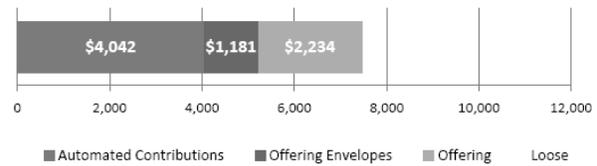
Larger, sturdier paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.

Weekly Collections Recap For November 25, 2012

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Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,042	\$1,181	\$2,234	\$7,457

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



We had a \$4,543 deficit of our budgeted regular Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of November 25, 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 about donating.

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.

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

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, December 17, 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

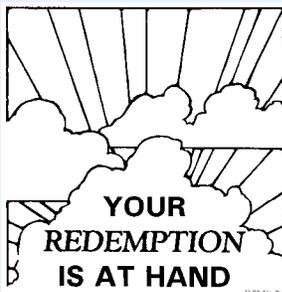
First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

The Promise of Justice



We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Treasures from Our Tradition

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

La Promesa de Justicia



Estamos en buena compañía cuando clamamos a Dios por justicia. Con frecuencia escuchamos y estamos de acuerdo con el pueblo de Israel que pregunta a Dios por qué el malo prospera. Sin embargo, cuando clamamos por justicia usualmente queremos que alguien reciba el castigo que se merece. Obviamente la justicia de Dios es más que eso. La justicia de Dios abarca una maravillosa rectitud entre Dios y la

humanidad.

En la lectura de hoy Jeremías avizora un tiempo en el que un justo brotará del tronco de Jesé, de la casa y la familia de David. La vida no era justa en el tiempo de Jeremías. Los reyes de Israel mantenían viva la promesa de la fidelidad de Dios, pero era difícil ver cómo la promesa de Dios se podía cumplir por medio de ellos.

No obstante, Jeremías levanta la voz y anuncia que ya viene el Salvador prometido. El Evangelio de Lucas hace eco de ese anuncio, y Pablo se llena de un gran ánimo. De esta manera el Adviento comienza con una promesa. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Es más que justo empezar el tiempo litúrgico de Adviento con la Virgen María. Esta semana celebramos la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de María. Esta es una fiesta especial para varios países americanos como Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay y los Estados Unidos que tienen como patrona nacional a la Madre de Jesús bajo este título.

Esta creencia tiene siglos de ser discutida por teólogos cristianos como Ambrosio, Agustín, Buenaventura y Tomás de Aquino, pero fue solo con la Constitución *Ineffabilis Deus* del Papa Pío IX en 1854 que pasó a ser doctrina oficial de la Iglesia. La enseñanza de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Madre de Jesús insiste que María nació y permaneció sin pecado. Según el teólogo franciscano Juan Duns Escoto, María fue salvada del pecado desde el vientre de su madre Ana. De esta manera Jesús pudo salvarla no después de haber pecado como ha hecho con nosotros, sino antes de que ella hubiera pecado.

La Inmaculada Concepción se hizo en vista de la venida de Jesús quien nos puede hacer inmaculados gracias al perdón y la gracia que nos ofrece. —Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Se acercan los días cuando el Señor cumplirá su promesa que hizo a Israel y a Judá (Jeremías 33:14-16).

Salmo — Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — Que el Señor los llene y los haga rebosar de amor para que sean irreprochables en santidad (1 Tesalonicenses 3:12 — 4:2).

Evangelio — Habrá señales y verán al Hijo del Hombre venir con gran poder y majestad (Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36).

Lecturas de la Semana

- Lunes:** Is 2:1-5; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Martes:** Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24
- Miércoles:** Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 15:29-37
- Jueves:** Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Viernes:** Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Sábado:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
- Domingo:** Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 (125):1-6; Fil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6

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December Baptisms

Boland Marie Gregory (12-8-12)



St. Teresa says...

“Believe me, in the presence of infinite Wisdom, a little study of humility and one act of humility is worth more than all the knowledge of the world.”



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

December 2, Sunday

First Sunday of Advent • Primer Domingo de Adviento

- 9:00 am, RR, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:30 am, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, REC4, The Edge

December 3, Monday

St. Francis Xavier • San Francisco Javier

- 6:30 pm, REC4, Lectio Divina

December 4, Tuesday

St. John Damascene • San Juan Damasceno

- 1:00 pm, REC1, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, PC4, REC, Kitchen, SPRED Preparation
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

December 5, Wednesday

- No activities scheduled

December 6, Thursday

St. Nicholas • San Nicolás

- 10:00 am, Parking Lot, St. Jude Charity Event Parking
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

December 7, Friday

St. Ambrose • San Ambrosio

- 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 8, Saturday

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Juan Diego
• La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María; San Juan Diego

- 9:00 am, Church, Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass
- 10:30 am, Church, Baptism
- 3:30 pm, REC, Regarding Parents Program



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. The Reconciliation Room (RR) is at the back of church next to the font.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

December 1

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

December 2

9:00 am Mary Connery Shea
Tim Halpin
Emmanuel Faloyin
Doris Reed

12:00 pm Isabella Feliciano

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, Pat Johnson, Teresa Joan Killecullen, Michael Kinsella, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Isabelle Martinez, Melory Mizicko, Sally Jo Morrow, Cindy O'Keefe, Nella Palazzola, Ben & Susan Patrosso, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Jim Teterycz, Jon Wagenknecht Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Theresa Jabaley</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>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jennifer Schubeck</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>George Marroquin</i>	<i>Sandra Seiffert</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>JoAnn Jahnke Trainer</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Valerie Williams</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	<i>Mae Witry</i>
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neil</i>	
<i>David Ivanac</i>	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>	
	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
12-8-12 Saturday Immaculate Conception	9:00 am	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Christine Villoch	Presider	Sharon Lindstrom
12-8-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Charles Shelby	Maggie Kuhlmann	Kari Richardson	Kaitlin Cronin Lisa Marquez
12-9-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Lina Hilko	Dennis Kamalick Bernadette Diaz Geneva Gorgo	Michael Zost Mary Serrahn Bert Olson Luke Kolman
12-9-12 Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe	10:30 am	Fr. Edil Calero Cortez	Tony Rivera Betsy Velazquez	Josefina Gomez	Antonio Bosque
12-9-12 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Tom Kosnik	Becky Francis	Colin McCue Alice Morales-Villenas
12-9-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Pascal Kasanziki	Jonathan Hewett	Aubre Hewett Christine Villoch	Jane Bronson Kathy Richgels Karen Melchert Sharon Lindstrom

Holy Day of Obligation December 8th



On Saturday, December 8, 2012 the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Because of the importance of this Solemnity, it is always a Holy Day of Obligation, even if it falls on a Saturday. Thus Catholics will be required to fulfill two distinct obligations, one for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and one for the second Sunday of Advent.

Evening Masses on Saturday, December 8 are the anticipatory Masses of the Second Sunday of Advent, since Sundays of Advent take precedence over Solemnities of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints.

Both the Holy Day on Saturday, December 8 and the second Sunday of Advent, December 9 are days of Obligation. Catholics are bound to attend Mass both days; one cannot fulfill both obligations by attending one Mass on Saturday evening.

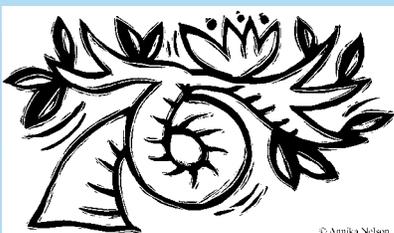
St. Teresa will have Mass at 9:00 am Saturday to satisfy the obligation for the Immaculate Conception.

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.**



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Listening to the Nativity Icon

Advent is a wonderful time of the year to quietly reflect on our beloved icon of the birth of Christ. We see these icons every week. And because we see them every week it is easy for them to fall into the general back drop of the church's décor. Beautiful as they are, we walk right by them not realizing they are a doorway into the spiritual world.

An icon is less about art or painting and more about communicating a spiritual truth. And because communication is the intent, we don't say that an iconologist "paints" an icon. Rather, we say that an iconologist "writes" an icon. And even though every iconologist has unique talent to paint, they would never sign an icon like a painter signs a finished work. The iconologist believes that the finished work is ultimately born from the hand of God. That God works through the iconologist to communicate a spiritual truth in a unique manner.

Our icon of the nativity is based on the birth of Christ in Luke's Gospel. One of the most amazing things about this icon is the various colors of the mountains. These colors all represent something different in which we can reflect upon. The yellow looking mountains at the bottom of the icon represent the desert. The brown mountains at the sides of the icon represent fields and surrounding city terrain. The fleshy color mountain which holds Mary and the Christ child represents a womb of God. And it is from the womb of God that the world receives both Mary and the Christ child.

Mary dressed in royal blue is surrounded by white representing purity, without sin. The manger looks like a coffin because Christ came into the world to concur death. The face of the Christ child looks like a man and not a child to represent his wisdom. And Mary looks away from her newborn. Mary knows her child's future. And it pains her too much look on.

Please take some time this week with a few of the things I mentioned here in our nativity icon. The idea is to sit quietly with the icon; don't talk, don't pray, just listen to what God may be trying to communicate.

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

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.

Not too Late to Donate to Haiti

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.

All of your donations 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.

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



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.

Greenery Pickup this Weekend

All Greenery orders will be available for pickup this weekend, December 1st and 2nd, after all the Masses in the back yard of Avila Place 1930 N. Kenmore. The back yard is accessible from the alley or through the gate on the South side of the building.



Please contact Kristen Castelloni at kristen@rlcanning.com or (773) 710-0068 if you missed picking your order.

2012 Christmas Giving Tree Tags

Thank you for your generous response to this year's Giving Tree. Please return the wrapped gifts with tags by December 17th so they can be given to all the children before Christmas.



Wrapped gifts with tags can be placed under the giving tree in church during the weekend, or they can be dropped off at the Parish Office at 1950 N. Kenmore during the week from 9:00 am to 7:30 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. St. Teresa is working with St. Vincent de Paul Center (Halsted and Webster) who is providing us with the names of 185 needy children 5-to-13 years old.

If you missed getting a tag and still want to donate a gift, wrap a gift and bring it to the church or Parish Office. We'll send it along to St. Vincent. The gift list includes books, book bags, art supplies and age-appropriate toys.

Thank you for bringing a little Christmas cheer to these children again this year.



Women's Center Baby Bottle Project

St. Teresa will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you on this week, fill it with your spare change over the next four weeks, and return it the weekend of December 30th. This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Women's Centers.

When We Pray

Jesus tells us to pray all the time so we can stand secure at the end. But we cannot do that unless God first plants a prayer in our hearts. Prayer is dealing with God, and God and we are not even in the same world, let alone on the same wavelength.

So, it is not mere courtesy to say that God has the first word in prayer. It goes much deeper; it goes to the heart of our relationship. We depend on God, but God does not depend on us. God is not an object of thought — or any kind of object at all. We may think of different objects: cat, chair, tree, friend, God. But as soon as we say, “God,” we have gone a word too far. God is never an object: God is always only a subject. God is not the object of our prayer but its subject.

Now we see how it must be God who begins our prayer. God, the infinite, unapproachable subject, communicates to us, a creaturely object. God speaks, we listen. And, perchance, respond.

I burden you with this theological exercise not to put us in our place before God; not to make sure we know who is in charge of any prayer that may happen. We delve into the intricacy of prayer not to make us grateful, not to humble us, but to appreciate the enormity of the seemingly innocent activity of saying a little prayer.

When we pray, we do not throw a cascade of words against the gate of heaven hoping a glancing shot will penetrate. When we



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pray, we do not attempt to tell God something God does not know; we are not trying to change God’s mind; we are not even trying to change our own mind to fit God’s mind. To pray, all we have to do is just pick up the phone when God calls.

Now, it takes some imagination to appreciate that cliché. Imagine not approaching the throne of heaven but being summoned there. Imagine yourself not wondering how to begin the conversation but waiting for God to speak. Imagine yourself awed, speechless in God’s presence.

God is the subject, the actor in prayer. God is essentially a relationship of three persons, so God

speaks to each of us personally. God has no general, all-purpose prayer. She calls each of us by name. Usually, a friendly name, since our best relationship with God is the love of friendship.

So, God usually calls me Jim. But sometimes more formally, James Theodore. And once in a while, God grabs me by the scruff of the neck, shakes me furiously and intones: “James Theodore Joseph Smith, listen up! Your life is on the line here.”

Ordinarily, God lives with us unobtrusively. We stand in a checkout line and notice a mother smile at her child. We think “That’s nice,” and go back to browsing the tabloids. But once in a while, God barks: “Pay attention! That smile of love includes you whom she does not even know; it spreads to the galaxies and moves the stars; it reaches my own heart. See what wondrous love you share!”

We cannot force these moments; we cannot manufacture ecstasy. All we can do is be prepared. One saint said that life should be lived in attentive expectancy, the way you wait by the phone for your child or spouse or doctor to call. You cannot make the call; you cannot make the phone ring. All you can do is be ready.

As Hamlet said, “The readiness is all.”

— Fr. James Smith, Celebration Publication

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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

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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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Holiday Schedule of Masses and Events

December 3, 2012 through January 6, 2013

Monday, December 3rd

Lectio Divina

6:30pm in Religious Education Center

Tuesday, December 4th

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00pm

Saturday, December 8th

The Immaculate Conception of Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00am

Sunday, December 9th

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

10:30am Mass & 11:30am Luncheon

Monday, December 10th

Lectio Divina

6:30pm in Religious Education Center

Tuesday, December 11th

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00pm

Wednesday, December 12th

Advent Reconciliation Service

7:00pm

Sunday, December 16th

Breakfast with Santa

10:00am

Monday, December 17th

Lectio Divina

6:30pm in Religious Education Center

Tuesday, December 18th

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00pm

Sunday, December 23rd

Spanish Christmas Luncheon

10:00am



**Monday-Tuesday,
December 24th-25th**

Nativity of Our Lord
Holy Day of Obligation

Christmas Vigil Children & Family Mass
4:00pm

Christmas Carols
9:30pm

Christmas Eve Vigil
10:00pm

Christmas Day Mass
10:00am

**Saturday-Sunday,
December 29th-30th**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
5:00pm, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Monday-Tuesday

December 31st-January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
5:00pm Monday, 10:00am Tuesday

**Saturday-Sunday,
January 5th-6th**

The Epiphany of the Lord
5:00pm, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 6:00pm