



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

The Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2013

**He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.**

— *Titus 3:5*

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.

Reflections

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Reflecting on God's Word

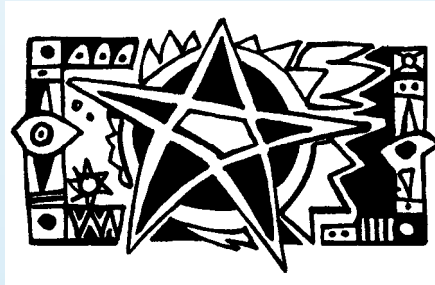
The other night I was looking out the window as the sun was setting and the layers of clouds allowed the sun to create an extraordinary sunset, painting some clouds with a golden hue, while others were orange and red, moving to purple and gray. It was a stunning moment. The baptism of Jesus is one of those brief moments of beauty, occurring in the first three Gospels (and alluded to in the fourth).

Luke's account differs from the others in that the dramatic moment does not occur as Jesus is coming up out of the water but only after his baptism, while he is praying. Luke's

Gospel has been called the Gospel of prayer, and from its beginning the adult Jesus is presented as one who prays. At this moment of intimacy, "heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove" (Luke 3:21–22). While he was at prayer, the voice spoke to him: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (3:22). From here on we find that Jesus is under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and this Spirit directs him first into the desert to be tested, then into his years of service. With this solemn celebration of the baptism, we too are sent back into the days called "Ordinary Time," reminded that God has spoken these same words to us at our baptism: You are my son, my daughter. I delight in you. I send you forth to serve as my Son, Jesus, went forth to serve, accompanied by the Holy Spirit.

Living God's Word

We pray as Jesus prayed that we might hear the voice of the Father, a voice that speaks of God's love for us. We ask that we might allow that Spirit, God's holy breath that came upon us at our own baptism, to move us out into the world in service to those most in need whom God has set before us.



Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

La otra noche miraba la puesta del sol desde mi ventana y contemplaba cómo las diferentes capas de nubes creaban un panorama extraordinario con sus diferentes matices, desde dorados, anaranjados y rojos hasta morados y grises. Fue un momento

deslumbrante. El bautismo de Jesús es uno de esos momentos breves y hermosos, que se nos relata en los primeros tres evangelios (y al cual alude el cuarto Evangelio).

El relato de Lucas se diferencia de los otros en que el momento dramático no ocurre cuando Jesús emerge de las aguas sino después de

su bautismo, mientras ora. Al Evangelio de Lucas se le ha llamado el Evangelio de la oración, ya que desde el principio presenta a Jesús adulto como alguien que ora. En este momento de intimidad "se abrió el cielo, y el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él en forma visible, como una paloma" (Lucas 3:21–22). Mientras él oraba llegó una voz que le dijo: "Tú eres mi Hijo amado, en ti me complazco" (3:22). De aquí en adelante vemos que Jesús está bajo la influencia del Espíritu Santo y este Espíritu lo dirige primero al desierto donde es tentado, y después a su vida pública de servicio. Con esta solemne celebración del bautismo nosotros también somos enviados hacia el tiempo litúrgico que llamamos "ordinario" y se nos recuerda que Dios nos dirigió esas mismas palabras en nuestro bautismo: "Tú eres mi hijo (mi hija). En ti me complazco. Te envió a servir de la misma manera que mi Hijo Jesús fue a servir, en compañía del Espíritu Santo.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Nosotros oramos como Jesús lo hizo para poder escuchar la voz del Padre, una voz que nos habla del amor de Dios por nosotros. Pidamos permitirle a ese Espíritu, el aliento de Dios que vino sobre nosotros en nuestro bautismo, que nos inspire a servir en el mundo a los más necesitados, que Dios nos pone en nuestro camino.

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 from January 6, 2013

1/6/2013

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,242	\$1,806	\$998	\$7,046

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



We had a \$4,954 of our budgeted regular Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of January 6, 2013. Please consider donating through automated contributions.

Comments & Concerns

We want to ensure that any questions or concerns are fully addressed. Please contact the Chair of the St. Teresa Finance Council, Bill Mack, at 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, January 21, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Food Pantry Schedule for January

Saturday, January 5th
9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, January 10th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, January 11th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, January 19th
9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, January 24th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, January 25th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

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

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* Psalm 104.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or* Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

Called to Serve



For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Treasures from Our Tradition

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek-kie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John’s Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since “today there is a blessing on the water.” At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Llamados a Servir



Por muchas semanas hemos celebrado la aparición de la presencia divina en su forma humana. Cuando era niño, Jesús vivió con María y José, al nacer lo visitaron unos pastores y luego algunos errantes magos de Oriente. Hoy celebramos otra situación, ocurrida un tiempo después, a un grupo reunido en el río Jordán.

Juan vaciló cuando le tocó bautizar a Jesús, a quien reconocía como “uno más poderoso que yo”. Pero hizo como Jesús se lo pidió, “descendió el Espíritu Santo” y una voz celestial habló a Jesús: “Tú eres mi hijo, el predilecto”. Jesús estaba empezando su vida pública de enseñanza y de servicio. Pronto comenzaría a llamar a otros a seguirlo.

Pedro fue el primero que Jesús llamó. En la segunda lectura de hoy anuncia el centro del mensaje: “la paz que traería Jesucristo, el Señor de todos”. Pedro fue llamado, y tú y yo somos llamados a llevar el mensaje y cumplir la palabra de Dios. – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

La costumbre del bautismo infantil debe ser mucho más que un acto social o una tradición cultural, donde el ropón y los regalos son más importantes que la doctrina cristiana, y los padrinos se escogen no por su buen ejemplo sino por su cuenta bancaria.

Según los Hechos de los Apóstoles, familias enteras se bautizaban cuando el padre de familia decidía hacerse cristiano. Esta práctica de bautizar, no solo al nuevo creyente sino también a su mujer y a sus hijos, poco a poco, quedó solo en bautizar los niños del original creyente. El mundo en aquel tiempo estaba basado sobre la familia así como muchas culturas latinas de hoy.

El bautizo infantil nació en la Iglesia primitiva y al pasar de los siglos llegó a transformarse en un rito religioso muy importante en la catequesis del nuevo cristiano. El niño viste de ropita blanca que recuerda la presencia de Cristo en su alma, se le regala una vela que lo invita a brillar con la luz de Cristo y se le da una madrina o un padrino que le enseñará a vivir en Cristo. – Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Miren a mi siervo, en quien tengo mis complacencias (Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7) o *Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11*.

Salmo — Te alabamos, Señor (Salmo 29 [28]) o *Salmo 104 (103)*.

Segunda lectura — Dios ungió con el Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret (Hechos 10:34-38) o *Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

Evangelio — Después del bautismo de Jesús, el cielo se abrió (Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Heb 1:1-6; Sal 97 (96):1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mc 1:14-20
Martes:	Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles:	Heb 2:14-18; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves:	Heb 3:7-14; Sal 95 (94):6-11; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Sal 78 (77):3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado:	Heb 4:12-16; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo:	Is 62:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Sacraments & Ministries

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January Baptisms

Evelia Michel Zavala (1-6-13)
Liam Fisher Kozel (1-20-13)



St. Teresa said...

“Believe me, daughters, the means by which you think you are accumulating are those by which you will be losing.”



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

January 13, Sunday

Baptism of the Lord • El Bautismo del Señor

- 9:00 am, RR, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, REC, Baptism Preparation
- 10:30 am, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 1:00 pm, PC3, Archdiocesan PR Committee
- 4:00 pm, REC, Confirmation Preparation
- 7:00 pm, Kitchen, The Edge

January 14, Monday

- 6:30 pm, REC, Lectio Divina
- 7:00 pm, PC3, Parish Council

January 15, Tuesday

- 9:00 am, PC4, Protecting God's Children: Site Admin. Training
- 1:00 pm, REC1, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

January 16, Wednesday

- No Activities Scheduled

January 17, Thursday

St. Anthony • San Antonio

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

January 18, Friday

- 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

January 19, Saturday

Blessed Virgin Mary • Santísima Virgen María

- 9:00 am, PC3, GS Food Pantry Distribution
- 12:00 pm, Church, Lector Training
- 6:30 pm, PC3, De Paul University: Chicago Citizen's for Change

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

January 12

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish
January 13

9:00 am George Halloran, Sr.

12:00 pm Nick Nicholas

6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

January 17

7:30 am Carlos W. Hernandez

Our Mass intentions have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@stteresaparish.org

In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added. We list the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for six months. If you wish the name of a loved one left on the list longer than six months, please contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office.

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Alfonzo Ardana, Amalia Bech, Greg Bruce, Ethel Brumleve, John Breault, Phyllis Carlino, Gaspar Diaz, Mark Dudley, Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano, Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez, Donald Grabarczyk, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Pat Johnson, Teresa Joan Kilkullen, Michael Kinsella, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Isabelle Martinez, Melory Mizicko, Sally Jo Morrow, Cindy O'Keefe, Nella Palazzola, Ben & Susan Patraso, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Jim Teterycz, Oscar R. Torres, 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
1-19-13	5:00 pm	Fr. Charles Shelby	Becky Francis	Jane Bronson	Maggie Kuhlmann Kari Richardson
1-20-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Anthony Dosen	Dennis Kamalick	Luke Kolman Tom Kosnik Jamie Lutkus	Lina Hilko Geneva Gorgo Frank Swiderski Jocelyn Lutkus
Next Spanish Mass 2-3-13 Sunday	10:30 am				
1-20-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Tony Rivera	Katie Broussard	Colin McCue Bob Pedro
1-20-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Kevin Carlino	Nancy Van Grinsven Sharon Lindstrom Aubre Hewitt	Christine Villoch Mark Van Grinsven Eileen Raia Jonathan Hewitt

Next 6:51 Club is Next Sunday!



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

January's 6:51 Club will be a warm and wintry after-church dinner. Join us to meet fel-

low parishioners.

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

Women's Spirituality in January

On Tuesday, January 29th at 7:30 pm., women of St. Teresa's who seek spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for quiet prayer, reflection and conversation are invited to gather in the Religious Education Center at 1940 N. Kenmore Avenue.



We meet monthly, September through May, generally on the last Tuesday of the month. In January, one of our group will gather us in prayer. Hope you can join us.

Contact Cathy Flaherty, (773) 472-8456, with any questions.

Marriage Encounter



Help your bond of love grow and flourish by attending a Marriage Encounter weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends for the Chicago/Northwest Indiana area are February 15-17, 2013, April 19-21, 2013 or June 7-9, 2013. Early registration is highly

recommended. For reservations /information, call Jim & Kris at 1-800-442-3554 or contact us through www.wmchicago-gary.org.

Renueva su sacramento profundizando en la comunicación, el fortalecimiento su relación, y reviviendo su romance. Para reservaciones e información de los Fines de Semana en español, llamar a Oscar y Luz Delgado al (847) 675-2119 o odelro@aol.com.

We're All Adopted by God

Over the holidays there were a number of newspaper articles about Vladimir Putin signing a law banning the adoption of Russian orphans by U.S. families. Adoption is such an interesting topic. First, I don't know anyone that doesn't know someone that was adopted or knows of a family that has adopted. Secondly, there is a bit of mystery about adoption. For those whom were raised by biological parents, we wonder what it would have been like to be raised by adopted parents, or if all those whom were adopted eventually desire to seek out their biological parents. Third, there are all kinds of guidelines and laws and procedures around adoption. And countries manipulate these laws and procedures for many reasons and most often not for the benefit of those being adopted.

Jesus was in effect adopted. We believe that Mary gave birth to Jesus, yes, but that Joseph was not his biological father. God is Jesus' father. Joseph adopted Jesus. For all those adopted, they are in good company. And we might even say that they can identify with Jesus in a way that we whom were raised by biological parents cannot identify with Jesus. However, like most of our faith, there is more to the story.

In the book of Ephesians it reads that "In love, God predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ." If we use inclusive language it would read "his sons and daughters." In any case, what this implies is that through Jesus Christ all people become God's children. No one religion or group of people have a lock on the kinship with God; we all belong. We are all brothers and sisters through Jesus Christ, and God has predestined it this way through his love. There are no restrictions, no guidelines, no who is in and who is out, anyone from any background from any religion has been adopted by God the Father, and they are your brother and sister. Wow! That is some kind of adoption.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, January 22,
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

Lector Training Scheduled for January 19th



Lector Training for any new and existing Lector will be had on Saturday, January 19th in the church. All Lectors are encouraged to attend.

New Lectors are asked to arrive at 12:00pm on the 19th. The first hour of the training will cover the theology of the Lector Ministry. Existing Lectors are asked to arrive at 1:00pm in the church. The second hour of the training will cover the logistics of performing the Lector Ministry. We will also ask every Lector to give a reading in order to receive constructive improvement suggestions.

If there are any questions please contact Tom Kosnik at tkosnik@visusgroup.com or (312) 527-2950.

2013 Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal Begins "Love Never Fails!" 1 Corinthians 13:8

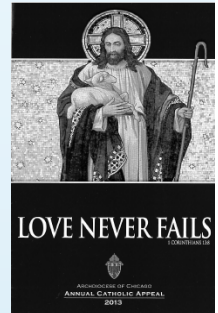
The 2013 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Cardinal George. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2013 *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Please respond generously.

The Appeal supports both parish and Archdiocesan ministries. The Appeal funds services that are of great help to ministries here in our parish. For example, Appeal funds support SPRED; recruitment, education, formation of lay ministers and deacons; Catholic Relief Services for aid to the poor in foreign lands; ministries of care and comfort to those in need; grants and scholarships for schools serving economically disadvantaged communities.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is: "Love Never Fails!" It is God's love for us that is responsible for all that we are and all that we have. We are the beneficiaries of God's love throughout our lives.

As we contemplate His gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work our parish, of our Archdiocese and of the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude.

Please consider the materials that you will receive. Review the ministries and services funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal, including the ones that directly support the work of our parish. Please give generously.



A CELEBRATION OF REGIONAL FRENCH and AMERICAN MARDI GRAS SPECIALTIES

SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 10, 2013
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

La Cuisine du Coeur

Carnaval

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish Center

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St. Teresa of Avila Parish, in cooperation with its French Community, is sponsoring an afternoon luncheon featuring an assortment of home-made regional French specialties accompanied by wine and beer. Proceeds from this event will be used for parish operating expenses including Social Outreach Ministries.

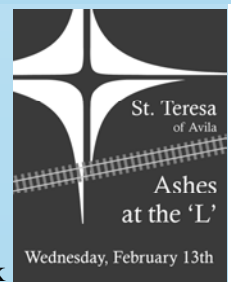
Adults - \$30

Children - 18 years of age and under - \$10

Last Year's Palms & Ashes at the 'L'

Please bring in your palms from last and drop them off in the sacristy. We'll use them for ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 13th.

St. Teresa will distribute ashes at the 'L' once again this year and we're looking for volunteers. There's a sign-up sheet at the statue of the Mary in the back of church. Contact Tom Micinski at tmicinski@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650 to find out more information.



Let Reality In

Matthew's Gospel has God speaking to the people standing around, saying, "This is my Beloved Son." But Luke has God speaking directly to Jesus, saying, "You are my Beloved Son." In this scene, God is directly, personally confronting Jesus with the reality of who Jesus is and who God is. Although Jesus is the Son of God, even he must wait for God to act before he responds.

We modern people do not like to wait for anyone — even God. We are self-starters, we get things done, we are in charge. Our science and technology have taken over much of God's work in the world. Which God doesn't mind. God was doing it for us only until we got the hang of it. But scientific knowledge and technical know-how do not translate into human interactions. There we must wait on the Other; there we must be passive, receptive.

Love, for instance. We accept the theory that God is love and therefore all love comes from God. But in the practice of love, it seems that we are the instigators. We decide who and when to love. And if that power ultimately comes from God, that Unseen Lover seems to make no practical difference, any more than it matters where electricity comes from — we are the ones who turn it off and on.

However, love is not a separate thing in itself. It is relational. Love is not some force aimed at someone. It is a response to someone. Originally and especially, love is our response to God's love.

This is easier to see among



Love is not some force aimed at someone. It is a response to someone. Originally and especially, love is our response to God's love.

mortals. An infant will make all kinds of facial expressions in reaction to different physical stimuli. What looks like a smile is just pleasure reaction; what looks like a frown is just a tic. At that merely physical level, there is no human meaning. But after a few weeks of being human, an infant develops human responses.

Then, when the infant for the first time notices that her mother is smiling at her, she spontaneously smiles back. That moment is the first human response to another human's affection. At that moment, the infant experiences love.

We experience truth in a similar way. We do not make something true — we accept it as true, recognize it as true, agree with it. Two plus two are four even without

our consent; DNA was there before we discovered it. Reality possesses its own truth independently of our knowledge or ignorance of it.

Nor is beauty in the eye of the beholder. We may have a taste for this or that kind of beauty, but beauty itself is in the object. Their internal beauty shines forth. When Mozart played a new piece for the queen, she harrumphed, "It has too many notes." He replied, "Madam, I use only necessary notes."

When we are receptive to reality, our lives are enlarged. Once we dethrone the tyrant of our ego, stop controlling things, start letting whatever is envelop us, then strange things happen. The poet Rilke was once so overwhelmed by a statue that he heard the statue say, "You must change your life." Rilke knew that the marble was more real than he was. As Jesus changed his life when he heard the Father speak.

Such radical change is not likely for most of us, because we are not receptive enough, passive enough, patient enough. But we can practice. We can be less aggressive, less active, less determined. And, as we become more open, more vulnerable, our life can be more true, our viewpoint more beautiful, our actions more loving.

— Fr. James Smith, Celebration Publications

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The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and represents a cross section of the parish. PPC is kept abreast of the activities of the Parish and its operations. Together with the Pastor, the PPC helps to craft and carry out the Mission of the Parish. PPC also researches the needs of the parish and works with Parish leadership to evaluate and improve our quality of life as a faith community.

The Parish Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

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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 ...

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