



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27, 2013

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

— Luke 4:18a

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 God's Word

The book of Isaiah has been called the fifth Gospel, so often do the Gospel writers use it for proclaiming Jesus as Christ, the long-awaited Messiah and Son of God. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus begins to move through his home territory of Galilee "in the power of the Spirit" (Luke 4:14), the same Spirit that descended on him after his baptism. He then goes to his hometown of Nazareth and to the synagogue on the Sabbath.

A hush must have filled the room as he walked to the place of reading and searched the scroll to find this passage. They had been hearing about his time in Galilee and how all had praised his teaching. What would he say to them? He chose Isaiah's words (61:1–2a) about one anointed by the Spirit who would preach good news to the poor, bring liberty to captives, and, at the heart of these lines, exercise a ministry of compassion, a reference to another citation from Isaiah (see 42:6b).

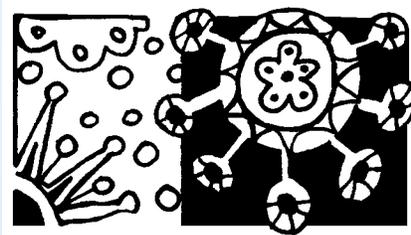
This three-part mission continues to be the work of the Church: preaching the Gospel, working for social justice, and reaching out to all peoples in compassion. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus announced that this work was being fulfilled in the hearing of his listeners by what he was doing. The Spirit works to do the same today through us.

Living God's Word

When Ezra read from the book of the law of God, explaining it so the people could understand, they wept, but he said to them: "Today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!" (Nehemiah 8:10). Ask God to let the divine word bring joy to your heart.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Al libro de Isaías se le ha llamado el quinto Evangelio debido a lo frecuente que los evangelistas se refieren al mismo para proclamar que Jesús es el Cristo, el tan esperado Mesías, el Hijo de Dios. En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy Jesús comienza a moverse por todo el territorio de su tierra natal, Galilea, "lleno de la fuerza del Espíritu" (Lucas 4:14), el mismo Espíritu que descendió sobre él después de su bautismo. Luego va a



Nazaret, donde se había criado, y allí visita la sinagoga el sábado.

Un silencio debió haber cundido por todo el salón al dirigirse al lugar de leer y desenrollar el libro para encontrar este pasaje. Ellos ya habían oído acerca de la estancia de Jesús en Galilea y de cuánto todos allí ponderaban sus enseñanzas. ¿Qué les diría a ellos? Él escogió las palabras de Isaías (61:1–2) acerca de uno ungido por el Espíritu, que le anunciaría la buena nueva a los pobres, proclamaría la liberación a los cautivos y todo esto lo haría con gran compasión. Véase otra cita de Isaías (42:6).

Esta misión de tres partes continúa siendo la obra de la Iglesia: predicar el Evangelio, trabajar por la justicia social y llegar a todas las personas con compasión. Al comienzo de su ministerio Jesús anunció, ante los que lo escuchaban, que la profecía de Isaías se había cumplido en él y que podían comprobarlo por las obras que él hacía. El Espíritu hace la misma obra hoy por medio de nosotros.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Cuando Esdras leyó el libro de la ley de Dios para explicarle al pueblo de manera que entendieran, la gente lloraba, pero él les dijo: "Pues este día ha sido consagrado a nuestro Señor. ¡No estén tristes, que el Señor se alegra al verlos fuertes!" (Nehemías 8:10). Pídele a Dios que su palabra divina le traiga gozo a tu corazón.

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 20, 2013

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Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,242	\$1,150	\$2,831	\$8,223

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



We had a \$3,777 deficit on our budgeted regular Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of January 20, 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 (312) 706-4266 or williamdmack@hotmail.com. Bill can provide you with the latest financial status, projections and key issues.

The next Finance Council meeting will be held Monday, February 18, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Food Pantry Schedule for January

Saturday, February 2nd

9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, February 7th

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, February 8th

10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, February 16th

9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, February 21st

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, February 22nd

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

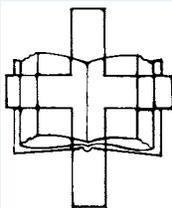
First Reading — Rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

Time



The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

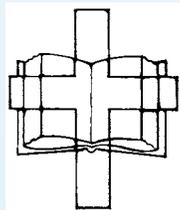
Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Treasures from Our Tradition

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

El Tiempo



Los días de fiesta ya pasaron, el año se nos viene encima. ¿Y qué clase de año será? De acuerdo con las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, será “el año de la gracia del Señor”. Y Jesús con seguridad no se refería solamente a los próximos trescientos sesenta y cinco días cuando hablaba a la gente en ese tiempo.

El anuncio de la “llegada” de la gracia de Dios lo hizo Jesús para todos los tiempos, para cada año. De manera similar, leemos hoy en Nehemías cómo la gente se reunía con solemnidad a escuchar la Palabra de Dios como si fuera la primera vez. Escuchaban y luego se postraban con el rostro en la tierra y lloraban. Pero el profeta decía: “Este día está dedicado al Señor... no estén tristes”.

El “año de la gracia del Señor” es este año. El día “dedicado al Señor” es hoy. El tiempo de escuchar es ahora. ¿Qué clase de año tendrás? ¿Qué clase de día? La ayuda de Dios siempre está aquí. Lo que haces cada día será santo y aceptable al Señor solamente si escuchas y practicas la palabra de Dios. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Esdras leyó el libro de la ley de Dios ante la asamblea reunida (Nehemías 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Salmo — Tú tienes, Señor, palabras de vida eterna (Salmo 19 [18]).

Segunda lectura — Del mismo modo que el cuerpo con sus muchas partes forma un solo cuerpo, así también Cristo (1 Corintios 12:12-30).

Evangelio — Jesús leyó del profeta Isaías y declara que en su propia persona se cumple la profecía (Lucas 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El día 3 de Febrero se celebra entre misas, mariachis, fuegos artificiales y muchas expresiones de religiosidad popular, la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Concepción de Suyapa en Honduras. Fue un sábado del mes de febrero, cuando Alejandro Colindres, un joven humilde labrador, y Jorge Martínez, un niño de ocho años, la encontraron.

Según la tradición estos llegaron cansados a la quebrada del Piligüín. Acostándose sobre el suelo, Alejandro sintió lo que le parecía una piedra en su espalda. Por más que intentaba arrojarla lejos, cuando se acostaba sentía la misma piedra. Por fin en lugar de tirarla, la puso en su mochila y al amanecer descubrió que no era piedra sino una pequeña imagen de María (6.5 cm.) con rostro indígena tallada en madera.

En 1780 se le construyó un templo y en 1796 se registró su primer milagro. El Papa Pío XII la proclamó Patrona de la República de Honduras en 1925. En las advocaciones latinoamericanas ella es nombrada como la fortaleza de los humildes. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Heb 9:15, 24-28; Sal 98:1-6; Mc 3:22-30
Martes:	Heb 10:1-10; Sal 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mc 3:31-35
Miércoles:	Heb 10:11-18; Sal 110:1-4; Mc 4:1-20
Jueves:	Heb 10:19-25; Sal 24:1-6; Mc 4:21-25
Viernes:	Heb 10:32-39; Sal 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mc 4:26-34
Sábado:	Mal 3:1-4; Sal 24 (23):7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]
Domingo:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Sal 71 (70):1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lc 4:21-30

Sacraments & Ministries

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January Baptisms

Evelia Michel Zavala (1-6-13)
Clark Gordon McKinnon 1-26-12)
Liam Fisher Kozel (1-27-13)
Ruby Noelle Schmanski (1-27-13)



9:00 am Mass Hospitality Signup

Thanks to everyone who hosts refreshments after 9:00 am Mass. This truly helps make St. Teresa a welcoming and warm community.

We are currently scheduling for February through May. Please consider which week you are available and sign up today on the sheet at the refreshment table in the Parish Center. You can also sign up online at St. Teresa's website under the menus Religious Education, Family Service Opportunities.

We have more limited food donations these days and generally ask that hosts bring the refreshments. If this is difficult for you, but you'd still like to host, please just let Lina Hilko know. We appreciate your service and can make other arrangements for providing the food. If you have questions, talk to Lina after Mass or contact her at (312) 274-0705 or LHilko@aol.com.

St. Teresa said...

“Our security lies in obedience and refusal to deviate from God’s law.”



Calendar at a Glance

January 27, Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time • Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 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
- 10:30 am, Rectory, RCIA
- 1:00 pm, PC3, Archdiocesan PR Committee
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- 7:00 pm, REC4, The Edge

January 28, Monday

St. Thomas Aquinas • Santo Tomás de Aquino

- 12:30 pm, PC4, Archdiocesan PR Committee

January 29, Tuesday

- 1:00 pm, REC1, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:30 pm, PC4, Cuisine de Coeur Carnival
- 6:00 pm, REC, PC3, Kitchen, SPRED Total Community
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

January 30, Wednesday

- No activities scheduled

January 31, Thursday

St. John Bosco • San Juan Bosco

- 2:30 pm, REC, Regarding Parents
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:30 pm, REC4, Praying with the Scriptures

February 1, Friday

First Friday • Primer Viernes

- 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

February 2, Saturday

The Presentation of the Lord; First Saturday • La Presentación del Señor; Primer sábado

- 10:00 am, GS, PC3, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:00 pm, Church, Our Lady of Fatima Rosary
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass



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 26

5:00 pm All deceased members of the parish.

January 27

9:00 am All deceased members of the parish.

12:00 pm Gloria Santiago

6:00 pm Phyllis Carlino

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

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
2-2-13	5:00 pm	Fr. Charles Shelby	Becky Francis	Leigh Hartley	Kari Richardson
2-3-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Elizabeth Rooney	Michael Zost Kaitlin Cronin Frank Swiderski	Geneva Gorgo Dan Anderson Annie Monak Dennis Kamalick
2-3-13 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Belen Gonzalez Gerardo Martinez	Bolivar Gonzalez	Carmen Vazquez
2-3-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Amy McCue	Aimee Jaszczor	Katie Broussard Tom Kosnik
2-3-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Pascal Kasanziki	Jane Ott	Jocelyn Lutkus Eileen Raia Luke Koleman	Katie Assell Jamie Lutkus Kathy Richgels Jon Assell

First Saturday – Primer Sábado Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on February 2nd at 4:00 pm in the church.



Todos estan invitados a la devoción a la Virgen de Fátima el 2 de febrero en la iglesia Santa Teresa de Avila a las 4:00 pm.

Women's Spirituality this Tuesday!

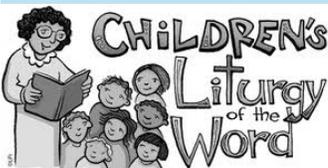
On this Tuesday, January 29th, at 7:30 pm, women of St. Teresa's who seek spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for quiet prayer, reflection and conversation are invited to gather in the Religious Education Center at 1940 N. Kenmore Avenue.

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.



Religious Ed Programs Need Volunteers



Kate Lynch, our Religious Education Director, is looking for volunteers to help with two ministry programs: Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 am Mass

and Infant Baptism Preparation after the 9:00 am Mass on the second Sunday of the month. Training will be provided for both ministries.

Talk to Kate after Mass this weekend or email her at kolynchdre@gmail.com or call the office at (773) 528-6650.



Seeking Your Input, Men

If I am not mistaken, it has been over three years now that St. Teresa of Avila has been sponsoring a Men's Spirituality Group. The word "group" or "program" really does not do justice to what we actually do on Tuesday mornings. Our mission and goal is to advance men's spirituality in the parish.

Sometimes we take on a spiritual book. We will typically get through the book rather quickly. Each person who attends the Men's Spirituality Group will talk about how certain aspects of the book resonate or present a challenge for them.

Sometimes we walk through *Lectio Divina*. This is an ancient method practiced within the Church that has survived centuries. Basically, we read from the bible or we read from a spiritual text and we talk about what specific words or passages jumped out at us. The church calls *Lectio Divina* spiritual reading. Well worth the effort.

We have tried weekend retreats, half-day retreats and for the most part, these events have been unsuccessful; maybe too much of a time commitment. And even though we have twenty or so men that attend the Men's Spirituality Group (ten to twelve at each Tuesday morning gathering), we are only touching a very small number of men in the parish.

I understand that guys living in the 'burbs cannot make 6:30 am Tuesday morning meetings. I also understand that our schedules are packed. All that said, we do want to advance men's spirituality in the parish. So, please, email me or call me and let me know how we can help you regarding developing your spirituality.

Spirituality, by the way, is not a private thing between you and God. Spirituality is about being and acting and influencing and making present Christ in the world. This is why we call ourselves Christians. We have a good thing going with the Men's Spirituality Group. We want to make it better. We want to increase our reach. Please let me know what will work for you. Thank you and God's Peace be with you.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, February 12,
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

A CELEBRATION OF REGIONAL FRENCH and AMERICAN
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La Cuisine du Coeur

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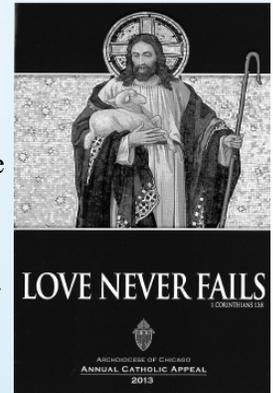
Saint Teresa of Avila Parish Center
1950 NORTH KENMORE AVENUE • CHICAGO, IL. 60614
St. Teresa of Avila Parish, in cooperation with its French Community, is sponsoring an afternoon luncheon featuring an assortment of home-made regional French specialties accompanied by wine and beer. Proceeds from this event will be used for parish operating expenses including Social Outreach Ministries.

Adults - \$30 Children - 18 years of age and under - \$10

2013 Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal Begins this Weekend!

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*.

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 this weekend. Review the ministries and services funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal and please give generously.

Praying the Scriptures on Thursday Eves

The *Praying the Scriptures* group meets every Thursday evening in the Religious Education Center from 6:30-7:30 pm to read, meditate upon and discuss upcoming Sunday’s readings, and also to practice silent, or centering, prayer.



For more information, call our Director of Religious Education, Kate Lynch, at (773) 528-6650 or email her at kolynchdre@gmail.com

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Class Openings on Thursdays at 4:30 pm

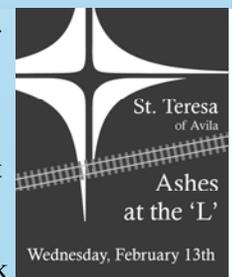
Currently there are openings in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-to-6-year-olds. call our Director of Religious Education, Kate Lynch, at (773) 528-6650 or email her at kolynchdre@gmail.com

Last Year’s Palms & Ashes at the ‘L’

Please bring in your palms from last year and drop them off in the sacristy. We’ll use them for ashes on this 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 (773) 528-6650 or tmicinski@sttereseparish.org to find out more information.

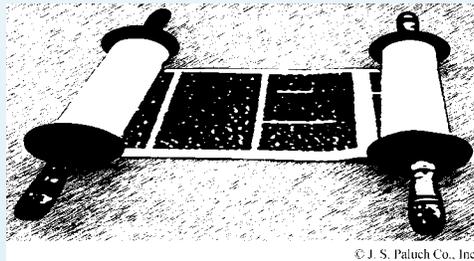


Standing in Awe

From time to time religious words find their way into the secular world. “Idol” is just such a word. The TV show “American Idol,” for example, was number one in the ratings for seven straight seasons. Dictionary.com defines an idol as a person or thing that is worshiped; to idolize is to worship with blind adoration. Does this mean as a culture we are mindless and blind? Do the words “adoring fans” aptly describe us?

The popularity of “American Idol” underlines the deep human need for connection. We yearn to stand in awe of something or someone greater than ourselves. Scripture tells us that when we give blind adoration to an idol, our souls remain empty; worshiping God is all that satisfies us. How do we identify and rid ourselves of idols? More importantly, how do we recognize and worship the one and only God?

Our ancestors were no different than we are: They yearned for communion with something beyond themselves. In today’s readings, people come together to worship. In the Hebrew scriptures, they gather to celebrate the “Feast of Trumpets,” a high holy day in Jewish tradition; while in the Gospel reading, they come to the synagogue ready to see the world anew. In both cases, their vision is clear and their intent is pure. Both groups have come to hear and worship God. There are no idols present; there is no blind adoration.



Today’s readings instruct us to follow our traditions, to clarify our intent and to listen with integrity. Not everyone comes ready to listen to the word of God. It is so much easier to follow an idol...

What can we learn from our ancestors’ example?

First, tradition has value. In both readings, people are following in the footsteps of those who went before them. Attendance at the Feast of Trumpets and being at the synagogue on the Sabbath were customary. When we attend Mass, we bow to the wisdom of tradition. We put ourselves in a place of worship. Secondly, intention determines the direction. On both occasions in the readings, the worshipers came ready to listen. Ezra spoke to an assembly of people who “were able to understand”; while in the Gospel, all eyes in the synagogue “were fastened” on Jesus. Did we come to Mass today ready to hear the word of God? Are our minds clear, our hearts open and our eyes fixed on God?

Ezra and Jesus came prepared to speak — and in Jesus’

case, to *be* — the word of God. Ezra read the Law of Moses with power and authority. Recognizing his intent, the people bowed down. Jesus became the Word of God. After 40 days and nights in the desert, he read the words of Isaiah as they had never been read before. He was filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking as the Son of God rather than as a carpenter’s son.

When we choose to listen to someone speak about God, we must choose that person carefully. Not everyone speaks with clarity and pure intention.

Today’s readings instruct us to follow our traditions, to clarify our intent and to listen with integrity. Not everyone comes ready to listen to the word of God. It is so much easier to follow an idol, and Lord knows there are so many “wannabe” idols both within and around us. Money, time, reputation, relationships can all lead us astray.

Once we stand in awe of the living God, we are ready to enter into the body of Christ described in today’s second reading. We are then anointed and, like Jesus, are able to bring good news to the poor, freedom to prisoners and sight to the blind. The body of Christ is a powerful place to live.

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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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