



St. Teresa of Avila

Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 2013

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

— *1 Corinthians 13:13*

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

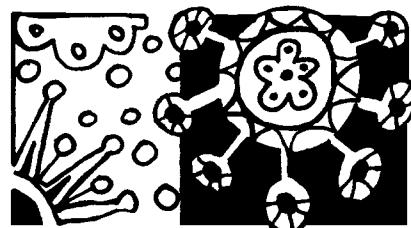
Prophets tend not to be very popular. They get thrown in jail, ridiculed, beaten up, or killed. The leaders of Jerusalem once had Jeremiah thrown in a cistern, where he would have died if someone had not interceded for him with the king. Today we hear how the people of Nazareth would have killed Jesus if he had not given them the slip.

In both cases, people did not want a message that God was sending them through the prophets. Jeremiah had to tell the leaders that their time had run out because of their infidelity to the covenant. God was leaving them to their own devices, allowing Jerusalem to be destroyed by the Babylonians. Jesus confronts his own townspeople by admonishing them that they should be like that woman whom Elijah helped and that leper Elisha sent to wash in the Jordan. Both of these Gentiles had faith they should imitate. But the villagers only wanted a God who would wreak vengeance on the Gentiles, a God who only worked wonders for them and who was confined within the boundaries of Israel.

Sometimes we may want to keep God in a little box of our own making, limiting God to the boundaries of the church building or maybe even just the tabernacle. That way we go and visit God when we have time or need something, but we hope that God will not bother us too much with any burdensome demands. The God of Israel was never satisfied with confinement, even in something the size of the temple. And Jesus would not allow himself to be constricted in his own day concerning whom he associated or ate with or even touched. Tight quarters wouldn't do, not then but especially once he was raised from the tomb!

Living God's Word

We pray that we will hear when God sends a challenging word to us, calling us to expand our boundaries and allow God to work in new and surprising ways. Lord, let us be open to your Spirit who moves as the Spirit wills.



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

Oremos para que oigamos a Dios cuando nos envíe una palabra retadora, que nos interpela para expandir nuestros límites y para dejar que obre de maneras nuevas y sorprendentes. Señor, permite que estemos abiertos a tu Espíritu, que se mueve dondequieras.

Stewardship Matters

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Food Pantry Shopping List

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

Sizes are the Maximum

Pasta Sauce (26 oz.)	Canned Vegetables (15 oz.)
Canned Beans (15 oz.)	Spaghetti O's (15 oz.)
Canned Fruit (15oz.)	Chili (15 oz.)
Peanut Butter (18 oz.)	Cereal, Oatmeal
Tuna	Pasta
Macaroni & Cheese	Jelly
Hearty Canned Soup (10 oz.)	Canned Chicken



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

Food Pantry Schedule for February

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

Weekly Collections Recap from January 27, 2013

1/27/2013	Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
	\$4,242	\$2,091	\$2,065	\$8,398

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



We had a \$3,602 deficit on our budgeted regular Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of January 27, 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.**

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 — I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown (Luke 4:21-30).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

An Ongoing Mission

In his hometown synagogue, Jesus' neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each other, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

Surely the people know who he is.

The carpenter's son. The young man who had learned in this very synagogue. The boy down the street.

Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God's people: the good news of the scriptures is intended for all.

In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In today's readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus' mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



No prophet is accepted
in his own native place

Treasures from Our Tradition

The song of the angels, "Holy, Holy, Holy," resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God's presence have always been inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. "Heaven and earth are full of your glory," and we are not passive onlookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a well-insulated shower stall, you are called into this song.

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly-discovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone's in the choir; why not start practicing now? — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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Una Misión Continua



En la sinagoga de su pueblo natal, los vecinos se maravillaban con las palabras de Jesús. No obstante, se preguntaban: “¿No es este el hijo de José?”

Con seguridad la gente sabía quién era Jesús. El hijo del carpintero. El joven que aprendió en esa misma sinagoga. El muchacho de la calle.

El conflicto surge cuando Jesús empieza a definirse de una manera nueva. Las tensiones aumentan cuando se compara con los antiguos profetas Elías y Eliseo. Las tensiones se multiplican cuando Jesús empieza a hablar de una nueva misión para el pueblo de Dios: la Buena Nueva de la Escritura está dirigida a todos.

En su famoso pasaje de la primera carta a los Corintios, san Pablo nos recuerda la naturaleza del amor eterno. El amor no termina. En la lectura de hoy, se nos recuerda que, como el amor, la misión de Jesús no se puede detener. Jesús se desliza entre la multitud de perseguidores y sigue adelante con nuevos retos. Estamos llamados a esta misma perseverancia en nombre del amor. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En muchos hogares Latinos el tiempo de Navidad terminó el día dos de febrero con la levantada del Niño Dios en la fiesta de la Candelaria. Es interesante como el pueblo cristiano tiene un cierto afecto para Jesús en su aspecto de niño. Desde hace siglos con el evangelista Lucas y la virgen María la imaginación cristiana ha ido buscando al Divino Niño en el templo; con san Cristóbal lleva cargando al Niño Dios sobre los hombros mientras cruza el río de la vida y san Antonio de Lisboa juega con el Niñito Jesús sobre un libro teológico mientras estudia la Palabra de Dios.

Fueron los monjes cistercienses del siglo XII quienes primero desarrollaron esta devoción al Niño Jesús. En su afán por conocer mejor al Dios hecho humano entraban por medio de la meditación imaginativa en los cuatro evangelios. Esta meditación es un entrar en la vida de Jesús de tal manera que vives los eventos en tu corazón y desarrollar así una relación afectiva con el Señor. La devoción al Niño Dios debe ser acompañada de la *lectio divina*. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gilz, OFM,

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Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Dios destina a Jeremías a ser profeta de las naciones (Jeremías 1:4-5, 17-19).

Salmo — Señor, tú eres mi esperanza (Salmo 71 [70]).

Segunda lectura — El amor con todas sus muchas facetas es la más importante de las virtudes (1 Corintios 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Evangelio — Jesús reclama que su misión salvífica es para todos los pueblos (Lucas 4:21-30).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Heb 11:32-40; Sal 31 (30):20-24; Mc 5:1-20
Martes:	Heb 12:1-4; Sal 22 (21):26b-28, 30-32; Mc 5:21-43
Miércoles:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mc 6:1-6
Jueves:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Sal 48 (47):2-4, 9-11; Mc 6:7-13
Viernes:	Heb 13:1-8; Sal 27 (26):1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mc 6:14-29
Sábado:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mc 6:30-34
Domingo:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Sal 138 (137):1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lc 5:1-11

Sacraments & Ministries

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Principles of Catholic Social Justice

- 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

St. Teresa said...

“...union with God’s will is the union I have desired all my life; it is the union I ask the Lord for always...”



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.

Calendar at a Glance

February 3, Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Cuarto 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
- 7:00 pm, REC4, The Edge

February 4, Monday

- No activities scheduled

February 5, Tuesday

St. Agatha • Santa Águeda

- 1:00 pm, REC1, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC, PC3, Kitchen, SPRED Preparation
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Building Committee
- 7:00 pm, Rectory, Summer Fundraiser Committee

February 6, Wednesday

St. Paul Miki and Companions • San Pablo Miki y compañeros

- 8:00 am, Kitchen, Cuisine du Coeur Carnaval Cooking

February 7, Thursday

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita • San Jerónimo Emiliano; Santa Josefina Bakhita

- 8:00 am, Kitchen, Cuisine du Coeur Carnaval Cooking
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 6:30 pm, REC4, Praying with the Scriptures

February 8, Friday

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita • San Jerónimo Emiliano; Santa Josefina Bakhita

- 8:00 am, Kitchen, Cuisine du Coeur Carnaval Cooking
- 10:00 am, GS, PC3, Food Pantry Distribution
- 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 9, Saturday

Blessed Virgin Mary • Santísima Virgen María

- 8:00 am, Kitchen, Cuisine du Coeur Carnaval Cooking
- 3:30 pm, REC, About Parents



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

February 2

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| 5:00 pm | All deceased members of the parish. |
| | February 3 |
| 9:00 am | Dana Tengelsen |
| 10:30 am | Ethel & Maurice Brumleve |
| 12:00 pm | All deceased members of the parish |
| 6:00 pm | All deceased members of the parish |

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

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

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Alfonzo Ardana, Amalia Bech, Greg Bruce, Ethel Brumleve, John Breault, Phyllis Carlino, Gaspar Diaz, Mark Dudley, Emmanuel & Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano, Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez, Donald Grabarczyk, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Pat Johnson, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Michael Kinsella, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Isabelle Martinez, Mike McCabe, Melory Mizicko, Sally Jo Morrow, Cindy O'Keefe, Nella Palazzola, Ben & Susan Patrasso, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Ruth Schmitz, 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>Carmen Felicia Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sandra Seiffert</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Patricia Chuck</i>	<i>Palmira Mancini</i>	<i>JoAnn Jahnke Trainer</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>George Maroquin</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Valerie Williams</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Mae Witry</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i>	
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>	
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>	
<i>David Ivanac</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>	
<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>	
<i>Theresa Jabaley</i>	<i>Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD</i>	
<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD</i>	
<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>	
<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jennifer Schubbeck</i>	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC BREAD	EUCARISTIC WINE
2-9-13	5:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Maggie Kuhlmann	Jennifer Barrett	Kaitlin Cronin Jane Bronson
2-10-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Tony Dosen	Dennis Kamalick	Annie Monak Geneva Gorgo James Lutkus	Frank Swiderski Michael Zost Jocelyn Lutkus Rose Ohiku
Next Spanish Mass 3-3-2013	10:30 am				
2-10-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Tony Rivera	Suzanne Chung	Bob Pedro Brendan Lynch
2-10-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Tony Dosen	Sharon Lindstrom	Christopher Parente Mary Serrano Jonathan Hewett	Aubre Hewett Kathy Richgels Eileen Raia Karen Melchert

Parish Life

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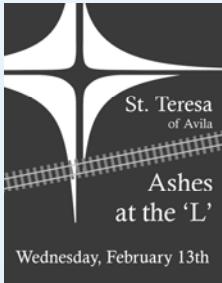
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Last Year's Palms & Ashes at the 'L'

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@stteresaparish.org to find out more information.



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



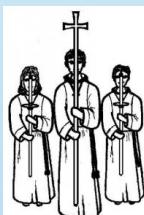
Currently there are openings in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-to-6-year-olds. Call our Director of Religious Education, Kate Lynch, at (773) 528-6650 or email her at kolynchdre@gmail.com

Altar Servers Training

Have you thought about being an altar server?

St. Teresa is looking for altar servers to assist at all weekend Masses. Anyone 10-years-old and older is welcome to attend a training session after the 9:00 am Mass on February 10th.

To sign up or to find out more information, contact Kate Lynch at kolynchdre@gmail.com or Tom Micinski at tmicinski@stteresaparish.org. Either Kate or Tom can be reached at (773) 528-6650.



Summer Parking Lot Party Planning

Join us this Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 pm in the parish center for the first Summer Parking Lot Party planning meeting. This is a brand new event for St. Teresa's and we need help in all areas! First on the agenda will be discussing possible themes, and choosing an overall direction for the event. Contact Rebecca O'Brien at 312 523 8902 or rebeccaandree@hotmail.com for more information.

Visiting Brother Tony

Many of you know Brother Tony Kreutzer. If I am not mistaken, Tony was a parishioner at St. Teresa of Avila for fifteen years or so. He is a Jesuit brother and he worked at various Jesuit sites around the Chicagoland area, mostly in the area of horticulture. I got to know Tony through the RCIA program when we volunteered together.

Almost two years ago Tony was diagnosed with brain cancer. The Jesuits relocated Tony to a center in Michigan where he is receiving treatments. Occasionally when I am visiting family or when I am in the Detroit area on business, I have the opportunity to visit Tony.

I recently saw Tony. He is not doing great. A recent MRI indicated that there is new activity with the cancer cells in his brain. The doctors do not know for sure what this activity is. In addition, he is not sleeping through the night. Therefore, he is tired most of the day, and can't keep his energy up. I also noticed that he has gained weight which is never really good.

Amid everything, one thing Tony said to me was, "Tom, I am going to beat this cancer." It was more the way he said it that put me back. He remains positive given everything he is dealing with. My relationship with brother Tony is one of the many gifts that St. Teresa offers—a *connection* that goes beyond straight friendship that has a faith component to it. He is free to be totally open with me about his struggles and his joys, which is a rare human gift. Tony is such a great guy. Please pray for our Brother Tony.

**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

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A CELEBRATION OF REGIONAL FRENCH and AMERICAN
MARDI GRAS SPECIALTIES

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



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

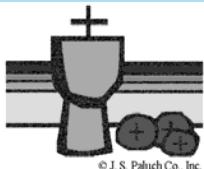
Children - 18 years of age and under - \$10

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



Ministry of Care Training Classes to Begin February 9, 2013



The Ministry of Care program at St. Teresa of Avila brings the Eucharist to the faithful who are unable to attend church.

If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Care, a two-day training session

will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, February 9th and February 16th, at Holy Name Cathedral from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm each day.

If you are interested in being trained for Ministry of Care, please contact Holy Name Cathedral Pastoral Associate, Kelly Heus, at (312) 573-4434.

2013 Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment 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.



LOVE NEVER FAILS

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Love Alone Lasts Forever

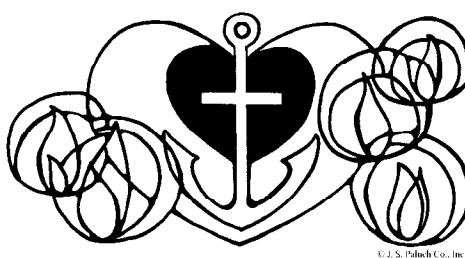
Scripture says that Jesus “went about doing good.” But from every direction, evil rose up to thwart him. And on this particular day, people even tried to kill him.

Which raises the inevitable questions: If God is good, why does God permit all the evil in this world? Is evil stronger than good? Is God not powerful enough to control evil? But these questions betray our bias toward power. We try to understand God by giving God our own attributes to the nth degree. We know some things, so God is all-knowing. We are somewhat good, so God is all-good. We have some power, so God is all-powerful.

But wait! How does power fit in that group? Goodness and knowledge are spiritual concepts, but power is a physical force. Just because we think power is desirable, does that necessarily mean God thinks so? Where did we get such an idea?

From God’s own Book. After all, the first book of the Bible tells how God created the heavens and the earth. A lot of power! God’s love is mentioned later, so we accept power as God’s basic attribute, and then add as much love to the divine mix as we are able.

But Genesis was not written first — Exodus was. God’s people first recognized God as the loving presence who led them from slavery to the Promised Land. Only then did they think: “This must be the same God who created all there



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is.” They knew God first as love, then admitted as much power as necessary.

The New Testament, the new portrait of God, refocuses that image of divinity. Jesus comes as the gift of love. God does not force his way into our world; God courteously asks Mary for her cooperation. And when God makes his way through our world in the person of his Son, Jesus does not make the earth tremble where he walks. He does not break a bruised reed. Instead of power lunches, he eats with the outcasts. He does not force acceptance of his message but respects people’s freedom. He does not overpower his enemies but accepts torture and execution. He rejects the initial temptation to forge stones into bread and the final temptation to defeat the cross.

Theologians ask why the life of God’s Son took this peculiar path. The assumption is that since

God is all-good, he would not have caused this; but because God is all-powerful, God must have simply allowed it to happen.

There is again that awkward combination of spiritual goodness and physical power. But Jesus did not merely act weak — he *was* weak. And if Jesus is God’s Son, does that mean that God is not all-powerful?

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What if we simply accept that God’s own Son was not powerful but castigated power; that he used persuasion instead of force; that he prided himself on being humble; that he suffered instead of striking back? Let us simply accept that what we consider a human flaw is actually the height of divine perfection.

But. Can we live with a weak God? Can we adore powerless divinity? Can we pray to someone who can’t even cure cancer? We can, if we believe in love. The spiritual energy that lures, not drives; that entices, not forces; that endures, not overpowers; that does not eliminate evil but outlives it. Love, which alone lasts forever.

— Fr. James Smith, Celebration Publications

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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

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Tuesdays	7:00 pm
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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 Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.