



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent
February 17, 2013

*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.*

— *Romans 10:8*

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

I went back to the old neighborhood a while ago and realized there what everyone who has ever tried to go home discovers. The trees have grown smaller and easier for climbing, the alley where we played hide-and-go-seek has grown narrower, the trip to the corner less daring, and all the old haunts so much less intriguing. But going back also drew forth in me a power I had not imagined or expected. Not only did it reintroduce me to who I am, it renewed the dream of who I could be. Going back to one's roots can do that because it's a going back to where it all began.

Lent can be such a time of returning to our roots. Some would see the season as penitential, a time of reparation for sin; others as a time for growing more prayerful or for reestablishing lives of service or for deepening faith. And it can be all of that. Yet the readings of this Lenten Sunday take us back to how it once was and who was once doing the shaping of life.

There are myriad ways of making the Lenten journey back to our roots. Spend time with the scriptures. Read the lives of the saints. Go on a retreat. Visit a shrine. Keep a journal. Pray the rosary again. Sit with silence. Make the Stations of the Cross. Offer peace to an enemy. Visit the sick or a shut-in. Give enough alms to notice the pinch. Do some spiritual reading. Fast and abstain from meat. They are all part of our tradition and shards of our own pasts. In them we will once more meet ourselves, perhaps as if for the first time, and remember dreams long lost in the clutter of life's demands.

Living God's Word

If we seek to make a journey back to our roots and not simply into nostalgia, we need to remember that roots are always found in the dirt and the mud. A journey back to our roots, then, will also place us square in the midst of all of our life's unattractive earthiness.



Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Hace poco tiempo regresé a mi antigua vecindad y caí en cuenta de algo que todos los que han vuelto a su lugar de origen descubren. Los árboles son más pequeños y parecen más fáciles de subir, el callejón donde jugábamos a las escondidas se ha vuelto más estrecho, caminar a la esquina es menos atrevido y todas las demás cosas que frecuentábamos son mucho menos intrigantes. Pero volver allí también me dio una energía que no me había imaginado ni esperado. No sólo me puso en contacto de nuevo con mi propia identidad, sino que también renovó el sueño de quién podría yo llegar a ser. Regresar a nuestras raíces puede lograr eso, porque nos lleva hacia donde todo comenzó.

La Cuaresma bien puede ser ese tiempo de volver a nuestras raíces. Algunos considerarán este tiempo como penitencial, un tiempo para la expiación de nuestros pecados; otros lo verán como un tiempo para darnos más a la oración o restablecer nuestras obras de servicio, o para profundizar en la fe. Y todo eso está bien. No obstante, las lecturas de este domingo de Cuaresma nos regresan a lo que una vez fue y a aquel que desde los comienzos ha venido transformando nuestra vida.

Existen millares de maneras para hacer de la Cuaresma un tiempo de volver a nuestras raíces. Dedícale tiempo a las Escrituras. Lee la vida de los santos. Ve a un retiro. Visita algún santuario. Escribe un diario. Reza el rosario de nuevo. Pasa un rato en silencio. Haz un vía crucis. Ofrecele tu paz a un enemigo. Visita a los enfermos o a los confinados. Ofrece las suficientes contribuciones como para notar tu aprieto. Haz lecturas espirituales. Ayuna y abstente de comer carne. Todo eso es parte de nuestra tradición y fragmentos de nuestro propio pasado. En esas acciones volveremos a encontrarnos con nosotros mismos, tal vez como por primera vez, y recordaremos sueños que se nos habían perdido en medio de los abarrotos y las exigencias de la vida.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Si queremos regresar a nuestras raíces y no sólo a la nostalgia, tenemos que recordar que las raíces siempre se encuentran en la tierra y en el lodo. Por tanto, un regreso a nuestras raíces también nos pondrá en el mismo medio de las cosas poco atractivas de nuestra vida.

Food Pantry Shopping List

- Pasta Sauce (26 oz.)
- Canned Beans (15 oz.)
- Canned Fruit (15oz.)
- Peanut Butter (18 oz.)
- Tuna
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Hearty Canned Soup (10 oz.)
- Canned Vegetables (15 oz.)
- Spaghetti O's (15 oz.)
- Chili (15 oz.)
- Cereal, Oatmeal
- Pasta
- Jelly
- Canned Chicken
- Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.)

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

The next Food Pantry Meeting will be held **March 3 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.**

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 on **Monday, February 18, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.**

Weekly Collections Recap for February 10, 2013

St. Teresa of Avila Parish
Sunday and Holy Day Collections

	FY11 ACT	FY12 ACT	FY13 Budget	FY13 ACT	Total Parish Expenses	YTD FY12	YTD FY13	YTD FY13 Budget	FY13 vs. FY12	FY13 vs. Budget
July	31,138	42,417	40,417	40,517	53,000	37,825	40,517	40,417	2,692.21	100.33
August	64,995	40,062	40,417	39,618	53,000	77,907	80,135	80,933	2,228.12	(693.33)
September	5,411	43,132	40,417	28,649	53,000	121,039	108,784	121,250	(12,466.05)	(12,466.05)
October	35,141	33,798	40,417	35,457	53,000	154,838	144,241	161,667	(10,596.36)	(17,425.25)
November	46,447	37,446	40,417	33,783	53,000	178,024	178,024	202,083	(24,059.11)	(24,059.11)
December	39,065	35,622	40,417	36,698	53,000	227,905	214,722	242,500	(27,777.58)	(27,777.58)
January	44,518	40,350	40,417	35,095	53,000	268,256	249,817	282,917	(18,438.12)	(33,099.25)
February	35,005	33,911	40,417	11,591	53,000	302,167	261,408	323,333	(40,758.12)	(61,924.91)
March	39,297	34,582	40,417	-	53,000	336,749	295,990	363,750	(40,758.12)	(67,759.82)
April	58,771	33,923	40,417	-	53,000	370,671	329,913	404,167	(40,758.12)	(74,253.54)
May	43,254	40,018	40,417	-	53,000	410,689	369,931	441,583	(40,758.12)	(74,652.35)
June	11,722	37,725	40,417	-	53,000	448,414	407,856	485,000	(40,758.12)	(77,344.47)
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Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

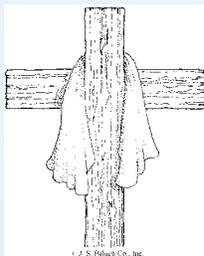
First Reading — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

Passing the Test



“Test” is a four-letter word. Spelling tests, driving tests, SATs, all bring a knot to the stomach. Tests are something we would rather forgo, but also something we must undergo. Lent, too, is a four-letter word and is also a kind of test, for the only way to Easter is to *pass* through Lent.

Today's reading from Deuteronomy commends Israel for its faith in the God who saves. No matter the tribulation, Israel's faith enables it to persevere. This faith/test theme also appears in the reading from Romans. Paul boldly asserts that faith in Christ will see the believer through any trial.

The Gospel passage makes it clear that even Jesus was tested. It describes a test, a struggle between good and evil, that dramatically demonstrates Jesus' faith in the power of God's life in him. This power enables him to overcome temptation. This power is with all of us who celebrate the test of Lent, a power enabling us to pass with flying colors. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

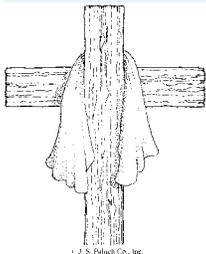
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1[3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Treasures from Our Tradition

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three “pillars” of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Pasar la Prueba



Los exámenes son algo que preferiríamos evitar, pero que debemos tomar. Los exámenes de ortografía, los exámenes de manejo, los exámenes de admisión universitaria, todos pueden causarnos ansiedad. La Cuaresma también es un tipo de examen. Porque el único camino para la Pascua es pasar por la Cuaresma.

La lectura de hoy tomada del Deuteronomio elogia a Israel por su fe en el Dios que salva. No importa la tribulación, la fe de Israel les permite perseverar. Este tema de la prueba de la fe también aparece en la lectura de Romanos. Ahí, Pablo firmemente sostiene que la fe en Cristo ayuda al creyente a sobreponerse a cualquier prueba.

El pasaje del Evangelio aclara que hasta Jesús enfrentó una prueba. La lectura describe una prueba, una lucha entre el bien y el mal, que dramáticamente demuestra la fe de Jesús en el poder de Dios. Este poder le permite vencer la tentación. Este poder está con todos nosotros que celebramos la prueba de la Cuaresma, es un poder que nos permite pasar con excelentes calificaciones. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Las cenizas que se nos pusieron en la frente el miércoles pasado ya están borradas, pero las palabras que nos dijeron deben sonar aún en nuestras almas. Tradicionalmente se dice: "Recuerda que del polvo venimos y al polvo retornaremos." Y aunque hoy en muchos lugares se dice: "Conviértete y cree en el Evangelio" el mensaje para oídos latinos es el mismo. Es un mensaje que nos saca de nuestro egoísmo recordándonos lo que los antiguos Toltecas ya sabían: esta vida es un sueño y el que muere despierta a la vida verdadera. Viviendo el Evangelio en esta vida nos prepara para la vida eterna.

Las cenizas y esas frases dan un mensaje que lleva la imagen de la tierra que se somete para cultivarse. A veces la tierra se quema para que de sus cenizas venga vida nueva. Las cenizas que se nos pusieron no son para despreciar nuestra vida sino para amarla. De esa manera seremos cultivados por el ayuno, la oración y la caridad que hagamos durante la cuaresma, sometiendo el polvo de nuestro cuerpo para dar fruto eterno. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz,

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Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Libres de los egipcios opresores, los israelitas muestran su fe ofreciendo al Señor los primeros frutos de su nueva tierra (Deuteronomio 26:4-10).

Salmo — Tú eres mi Dios y en ti confío (Salmo 91 [90]).

Segunda lectura — Todos los que expresan su fe en Jesús resucitado y confiesan que él es el Señor, se salvarán (Romanos 10:8-13).

Evangelio — Jesús fue conducido por el Espíritu al desierto y allí fue tentado (Lucas 4:1-13).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Martes:	Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Miércoles:	Jon 3:1-10; Sal 5 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32
Jueves:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Viernes:	1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sábado:	Dt 26:16-19; Sal 11 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Domingo:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Sal 27 (26):1, 7-9, 13-14; Fil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lc 9:28b-36

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Lenten Fast & Abstinence Rules



Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.



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...

“The person who knows God better does God’s work more easily.”



Calendar at a Glance

February 17, Sunday

First Sunday of Lent • Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

- 9:00 am, RR, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC, Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:30 am, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:51 pm, PC3-4, 6:51 Club

February 18, Monday

- 7:00 pm, PC3, Finance Council

February 19, Tuesday

- 6:00 pm, REC, PC3, Kitchen, SPRED Preparation
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 pm, PC3, Building Committee

February 20, Wednesday

- 2:00 pm, PC3-4, KKoom Rehearsal

February 21, Thursday

St. Peter Damian • San Pedro Damián

- 6:00 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Set Up
- 6:30 pm, REC4, Praying with the Scriptures
- 7:00 pm, Church, KKoom Concert

February 22, Friday

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Abstinence • La Cátedra de san Pedro; Abstinencia

- 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
- 7:00 pm, Church, Stations of the Cross

February 23, Saturday

St. Polycarp • San Policarpo

- No Activities Scheduled



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

In Our Prayers

February 16

5:00 pm All deceased members of the parish.

February 17

9:00 am All deceased members of the parish

12:00 pm All deceased members of the parish

6:00 pm All deceased members of the parish

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

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 in the parish office.

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

<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita 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>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</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 Schubeck</i>	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
2-23-13 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Charles Shelby	Raquel Bech	Kari Richardson	Maggie Kuhlmann Kaitlin Cronin
2-24-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Mark Trinka	Michael Zost Rose Ohiku Jane Otrt	Bernadette Diaz Geneva Gorgo Tom Kosnik Mary Serrahn
Next Spanish Mass 3-3-13 Sunday	10:30 am				
2-24-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Tom Ess	Amy McCue	Colin McCue	Aimee Jaszczor Alice Morales-Villenas
2-24-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Tony Dosen	Christopher Parente	Eileen Raia Jocelyn Lutkus Jonathan Hewett	Christine Villoch Luke Kolman Jamie Lutkus Aubre Hewett

Children's Singing, Altar Servers & Children's Masses

Please contact Kate Lynch at (773) 528-6650 or kolynchdre@gmail.com if you have interest in any of the following:

- Singer/musician needed to sing with the children before the Sunday Religious Education from 10:15 to 10:30am each Sunday.
- Singer/musician needed to sing with the youth group occasionally. The youth group meets Sunday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30pm.
- If you are interested in being an altar server, we are providing on-going altar server training.
- If you have children who would like to participate in Children's Masses or other family events that are offered, but are not on our CGS or EDGE email list.

Come Refresh Your Soul Join Us for a Day of Retreat

L'Arche Chicago presents "A Day of Retreat Using the Words and Writings of Jean Vanier and Henri Nouwen on Saturday, March 16 from 9:30 to 3:30 in the Centennial Room at St. Clement School, 2524 N. Orchard, Chicago, IL, 60614. The registration fee of \$30 includes lunch.

Participants are asked to bring along their favorite work by Vanier or Nouwen. The "Essential Writings" of each author will be available for additional purchase.

Free parking is available in the church lot at Deming and Orchard.

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Practicing Silence

Engaging in silence is a practice that almost every Catholic pursues during Lent. Yes, activities such as fasting or attending Stations of the Cross or going to mass on Fridays are pursued during Lent, but everyone seems to carve out some time to quietly pray or simply sit in silence somewhere during Lent. This is a fantastic activity to pursue.

Charles Cummings in his book titled "Monastic Practices" tells us that there are three dimensions of silence. That becoming silent, stopping both the good and crazy thoughts that rush through our minds, becoming aware of what is around one, all leads to an enhanced relationship with God. Psalm 46 reads "Be still and know that I am God." This presumes that if one doesn't take time to "be still" they miss out on "knowing God."

The first dimension of silence is still the body. This is to say that one needs to physically be silent in order to foster an inner silence. A friend of mine once told me that the worst thing he did prior to meditating was to listen to the evening news. He simply could not shut off the negative stories from the evening news cast. And these stories made him fidgety while trying to meditate and the physical fidgety made it very difficult for him to become internally quiet.

The second dimension of silence is to put the ego in check. An unmonitored ego will drive toward control and immediate satisfaction. Such an ego takes little of others into account and strives to satisfy certain personal desires. The Gospels and the Saints tell us that we become more whole, more balanced, more integrated when we master the ego. It is not a matter of controlling oneself. Rather, it is a matter of becoming who you were meant to be.

The third dimension of silence is to allow the spirit to blossom. "Be still and know that I am God" is an invitation to become one's "true self." Many of us don't really know our "true self." I certainly don't. But pursuing silence, it will bring up things, uncomfortable things. And one must walk through these uncomfortable things in order to blossom into being grace in the world. And being God's grace in the world, this is one's "true self."

As you fast, attend mass or pursue other Church prayers, carve out some time to simply be silent. You will be surprised at who shows up, when we make the room internally.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, February 26,
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

Forgiveness Seminar at St. Michael

We all struggle with forgiving and being forgiven, but forgiveness is essential to spiritual wholeness and it contributes significantly to emotional and physical well-being. It unleashes joy and brings us lasting peace.

If you're interested in learning how to overcome obstacles to forgiveness by using essential practices of the Christian contemplative tradition, consider attending

Forgiveness

with Father William Meninger
Wednesday, February 27th at 7:00pm
at St. Michael in Old Town
1633 N. Cleveland Ave.
Free Parking Available
\$20 registration

Father Meninger will present his insights on the obstacles to fully give and fully receive forgiveness and how we can use the practice of the Christian Contemplative Tradition to bring us to this essential and necessary place in order to experience the joy of God's grace and healing.

Father Meninger comes to us from his home at St. Benedict's Monastery in Snowmass, Colorado, famous for Centering Prayer and the contemplative way. Fr. Meninger has given retreats and workshops worldwide for 50 years with great appreciation.

To register and make payment contact Christine Kordiuk at the Parish Center, (312) 642-2498 or at ckordiuk@st-mikes.org.

Going the Distance

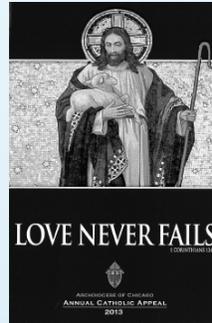


Run the 2013 Chicago Marathon this year with Mercy Home's team!

Join our team before February 19, and get a free entry into the marathon, and dedicate your race to saving a child's life.

Find out how you can go the distance for an at-risk child, email susan.flood@mercyhome.org or call (312) 738-4381.

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Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAYS

7:00-8:30PM



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Facing Reality

God's own Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness. To separate him from distractions, to get his undivided attention, to have him face life at its basic level. To decide what he would live for; to tempt him to change what was into what he wanted it to be.

The first temptation was to change stones into bread. That sounds reasonable enough — if we are looking at reality from our own perspective. Bread is more useful to us and tastier than stones. But from basic reality's point of view, stones have as much right to exist as bread. Jesus chose to leave God's creation just the way it was handed to him.

And what about us? Do we deal with things the way they are or try to manipulate them into something more manageable? We can do this in the real world by changing our job or home or lover. Or we can do it in our minds by convincing ourselves that this bad job is a good one, this rickety house is comfortable, this jaded, dying relationship is actually life-giving.

It is always a temptation to want reality to conform to our own desires or capabilities. We can often get away with it for a while. But reality always comes through: It is what it is. And if we place brute reality in the larger context of divine providence, then it becomes *more* than what it is, and thereby handle-able on its own terms instead of needing our manipulation.

The second temptation was



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to accept control over all the nations of the earth. Even worse, that control was to come from Satan — at the cost of worshipping Satan.

But God was already in control of everything. Jesus had already given up the rightful authority he had from God. Why should he now want pseudo-authority from a lesser power?

Jesus knew that true authority does not reside in power but in persuasion: the ability to draw people into obedience, goodness, authentic relationship. Jesus came not to rule but to be ruled; to serve, not to be served. Jesus knew that by serving his sisters and brothers rather than ruling them, he would draw all things to himself. He needed no help from Satan, no compromise with evil, no power politics. All Jesus needed was the love of his Father.

And what about us? To whom are we willing to bow in or-

der to gain control over our little part of the world? We might get a promotion by going along with the sexual advances of a boss. We might get bigger territory by undermining a colleague. But what have we gained at the loss of our integrity?

The last temptation was to force God into saving him from some foolhardy, dramatic gesture, like jumping from a cliff. On the surface, this sounds like an unlikely temptation. There was nothing to be gained here, only the dubious satisfaction of forcing God's hand, of putting God to the test. But Jesus felt secure of his Father's love without testing it.

And what about us? How secure are we in our relationship with God and with each other? When we get anxious about our future, and feel the need for some guarantee, do we understand that testing someone is the surest sign of mistrust? If we really trust someone, there is no desire to test them to make them prove their faithfulness. Nudging relationships to the edge is an adolescent maneuver.

All the more so when the one we test happens to be God.

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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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