



**St. Teresa  
of Avila**  
Catholic Church

**Second Sunday of Lent  
February 24, 2013**

**The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?**

— *Psalm 27:1*

**Parish Mission Statement**

The Saint Teresa of Avila Parish is a diverse Catholic community of faith that embraces everyone, without exception. We see ourselves as uniquely able to engage in dialogue with people of all faiths and act as peacemakers in our city. Challenged by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist and inspired by the teachings of Saint Teresa of Avila, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's Love, for the salvation of all people.

We are a stewardship parish. Three percent of our operating income is shared with other missions.

# Reflections

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## Reflecting on God's Word

Every so often life gives you a glimpse of glory: a moment of beauty in a sunset, of goodness in a person, of truth in words spoken, of peace and well-being. Sometimes it comes suddenly; other times it's been there all along but you haven't been paying much attention. But it is real and you know it is a glimpse of glory.

This is what happened to Peter, James, and John. Jesus often went off to pray during their time with him, traveling through towns and villages. Luke makes a special point of telling us this more than once. At these times he would experience the presence of his Father. Now, while he is praying with his friends, the Father again draws near, not just to Jesus this time but to his disciples, too.

But first there are Moses and Elijah, also in a state of glory, speaking to Jesus about his coming death, his "exodus," his passing over into glory. And Jesus will go on to speak to his disciples about his coming death, which they will not want to hear. But for now they are given a glimpse of glory, of what is at the end of the road.

Every so often we need a reminder of what we are destined for, that our citizenship is in heaven. We need to be reminded of the promise that our Savior will come and "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (Philippians 3:21). For the present, we need to heed the Father's words: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him" (Luke 9:35).

### *Living God's Word*

While we pray that one day we will see the Lord in his glory, we can also ask, even now, that we may receive a glimpse of that glory as we walk by faith. We pray that we may live in awareness of the presence of God.



## Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

De vez en cuando la vida te ofrece un vislumbre de la gloria: un momento en que aprecias la belleza de una puesta del sol, la bondad de una persona, la verdad expresada en palabras, la paz y el bienestar. A veces esos momentos vienen de súbito; otras veces han estado ahí todo el tiempo, pero no has estado prestando mucha atención. Pero son muy reales y tú los reconoces como vislumbres de la gloria.

Eso fue lo que le pasó a Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Jesús se retiraba a menudo a orar cuando estaba con ellos y yendo de pueblo en pueblo. Lucas nos recalca esto de una manera especial y más de una vez. En esos momentos Jesús experimentaba la presencia de su Padre. Ahora, mientras ora con sus amigos, el Padre se acerca de nuevo, y esta vez no sólo a Jesús sino también a los discípulos.

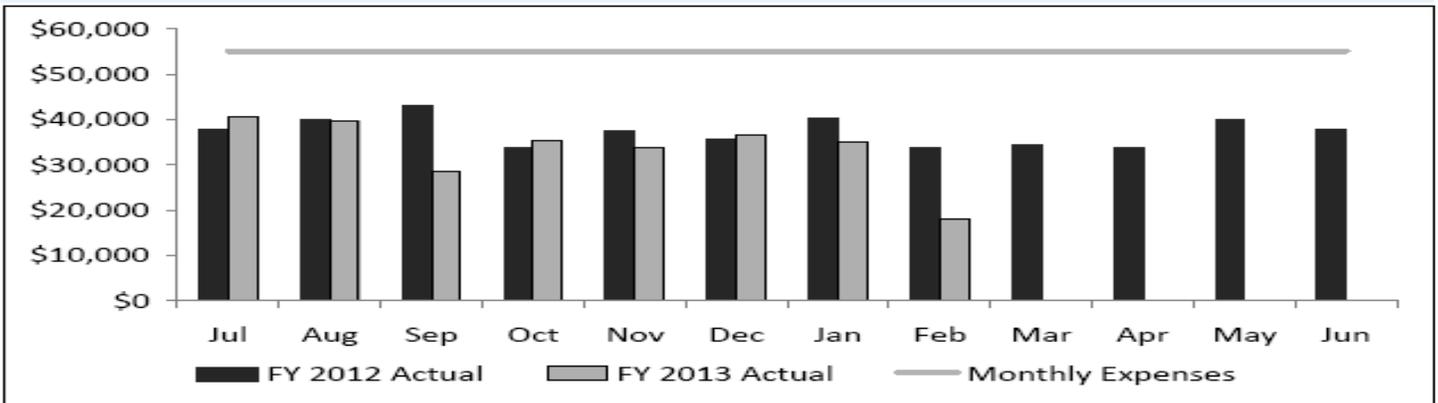
Pero primero encontramos ahí, en un estado de gloria, a Moisés y a Elías, que hablan con Jesús acerca de la aproximación de su muerte, el "éxodo" de Jesús y su paso hacia la gloria. Más tarde Jesús les hablará a los discípulos de la cercanía de su muerte, lo cual ellos no querían oír. Pero por ahora reciben un vislumbre de la gloria que está al final del camino.

De vez en cuando necesitamos que se nos recuerde cuál es nuestro destino y que nuestra ciudadanía está en el cielo. Necesitamos que nos recuerden la promesa de nuestro Salvador de que "él transformará nuestro frágil cuerpo en un cuerpo glorioso como el suyo" (Filipenses 3:21). Por ahora hemos de prestarle atención a las palabras del Padre: "Éste es mi Hijo elegido; escúchenlo". (Lucas 9:35).

### **Vivamos la Palabra de Dios**

Aunque oramos para que un día lleguemos a ver al Señor en su gloria, también podemos pedir ya desde ahora, que recibamos un reflejo de esa gloria mientras caminamos en la fe. Oremos para vivir siempre conscientes de la presencia de Dios.

## Fiscal Year (07/01 - 06/30) Comparison to Date



- Through the first seven months of this fiscal year (ending June 30, 2013), Sunday and Holy Day collections are down 8% from last year. As the chart above depicts, the parish has had three instances of monthly collection growth and four instances of monthly collection decline. The key driver of the overall year-to-date 8% decline was poor collections in September 2012.
- We ask that Parishioners periodically consider an increase to their weekly gifts to St. Teresa. Our goal is to fund all operations from the weekly collections, i.e. the goal is for the bars to exceed the expense line in the chart above.
- We are sincerely grateful to all who gave so generously at Christmas. The Parish had a tremendous Christmas collection which was \$20,000 better than last fiscal year. This, coupled with our efforts to control expenses, will aid in ending the year with a balanced budget. We hope that our Easter collection is equally successful. If you are able, please consider making a special gift at Easter.
- St. Teresa's annual fundraisers assist in meeting funding gaps. It is the Finance Council's and Fr. Frank's goal to increase weekly giving to meet our ongoing expenses, and use the proceeds from fundraisers to fund special initiatives and outreach programs of the Parish.
- Please contact the Chair of the St. Teresa Finance Council, Bill Mack, at [williamdmack@hotmail.com](mailto:williamdmack@hotmail.com) or (312) 706-4266. Bill can provide you with the latest financial status, projections, and key issues.
- The Finance Council meets the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

### Food Pantry Schedule for March

**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution

**Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution

**Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
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.**

### 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

Brown Rice (box) or Rice Packets

Crackers or Saltines

Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.)



**Extra-strength shopping bags with handles are always in need.**



# Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

**Psalm** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

**Gospel** — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9  
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## Trust



“In God We Trust” marks the currency of our nation. It should mark our lives as well. In fact, however, we hesitate to trust others, including God, absolutely. We prefer to hold our trust in reserve, fearful of being hurt or betrayed. Today’s readings remind us that Lent is a season of trust—a trust that transforms.

God makes a remarkable promise to Abraham. To receive this promise, all Abraham need do is trust. Paul tells the Philippians that they too must trust that they are the beneficiaries of God’s bountiful grace; that they are not citizens of any earthly kingdom, but citizens of heaven. These two readings invite us to hear the Gospel account of deep trust—trust that God will fulfill all promises and that Jesus’ passage will lead to transformation and new life. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Treasures from Our Tradition

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to “give something up” for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ’s embrace of us in love: “What are you taking on for Easter?” — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Confianza



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La frase “Confiamos en Dios” está grabada en los billetes de este país. También debería estar grabada en lo más íntimo de nuestro ser. Sin embargo, la verdad es que dudamos de confiar en los demás, inclusive en Dios. Preferimos poner nuestra confianza en reserva, temerosos de que nos lastimen o nos traicionen. Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que la Cuaresma es un tiempo para la confianza –la confianza que

transforma.

Dios hace una sorprendente promesa a Abraham. Para recibirla, lo único que Abraham necesita es confiar. Pablo le dice a los filipenses que ellos, también, deberán confiar que son los beneficiarios de la generosa gracia de Dios; que no son ciudadanos de un reino terrenal, sino del cielo. Estas dos lecturas nos invitan a escuchar el relato de un Evangelio de gran confianza –confianza que Dios cumplirá sus promesas y que el paso de Jesús nos llevará a la transformación y a la nueva vida. – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

La Cuaresma nos llama a la conversión, a la cual deberíamos estar dedicados toda el año. En muchas parroquias latinas la cuaresma también es tiempo de misiones. De niño recuerdo haber participado cada año en las misiones de mi parroquia. Escuchábamos a los predicadores con curiosidad, ya que aparecían solo una vez al año y luego se regresaban a lugares lejanos y desconocidos. Nunca imagine que algún día yo también estuviera como predicador de misiones. Me gustaría darles un resumen del mensaje que he sembrado en varias parroquias.

Las misiones no son para repetir doctrina, sino para evangelizar a los bautizados. Con cinco temas se puede evangelizar a los bautizados recordándoles los cinco puntos claves del evangelio cristiano: 1) Dios nos ama y nos hizo para él; 2) Nosotros hemos pecado y sufrimos las consecuencias; 3) Dios nos manda a su Hijo para librarnos del mal; 4) Jesús desea formar parte de nuestras vidas personales, ¡invitémoslo! y 5) Jesús llena nuestro corazón con el poder y la presencia de su Espíritu. Este mensaje es uno de conversión y esperanza. – Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Lecturas de hoy

**Primera lectura** — “A tu descendencia daré esta tierra” (Génesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

**Salmo** — El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación (Salmo 27 [26]).

**Segunda lectura** — Somos ciudadanos está en el cielo (Filipenses 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

**Evangelio** — Pedro, Santiago y Juan presencian la transfiguración de Jesús en el cerro (Lucas 9:28b-36).

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38
<b>Martes:</b>	Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
<b>Jueves:</b>	Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31
<b>Viernes:</b>	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>Sábado:</b>	Miq 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Domingo:</b>	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lc 13:1-9 Lecturas alternativas (Año A): Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

# Parish Life

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## This Week's Lenten Opportunities

**Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am - 11:45 am:** *Praying with Scripture and Contemplative Prayer* in the Religious Education Center

**Monday-Thursday, 7:30 am - 8:00 am:** *Mass*, in the Church

**Tuesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm:** *Eucharistic Adoration* in the Church

**Thursday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm:** Praying the Scriptures in the Religious Education Center

**Friday, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 am - 8:00 am:** *Communion Service* in the Church

**Friday, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm:** *Stations of the Cross* in the Church

**Friday, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:45 pm - 9:00 pm:** *Spanish Prayer Group* in the Church

**Saturday, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm:** *Food Pantry Bagging & Distribution* in the Parish Center

**Saturday, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 pm - 4:30pm:** Our Lady of Fatima Rosary in the Church

## 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 24, Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent • Segundo 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
- 10:30 am, PC1, RCIA
- 10:30 am, REC, Praying with Scripture & Contemplative Prayer
- 1:00 pm, PC3, Church, Sacramental Preparation
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC
- 7:00 pm, REC4, Kitchen, The Edge

### February 25, Monday

- 12:30 pm, PC4, Chicago House

### February 26, Tuesday

- 6:15 am, PC3, Men's Spirituality Group
- 1:00 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC, PC3, Kitchen, SPRED Community
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, REC, Women's Spirituality Group

### February 27, Wednesday

- 5:15 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

### February 28, Thursday

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

### March 1, Friday

First Friday; Abstinence • Primer Viernes; 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

### March 2, Saturday

First Saturday • Primer Sábado

- 10:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:00 pm, Church, Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Group
- 4:30 pm, REC3, CCFC First Eucharist 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

## In Our Prayers

### February 23

5:00 pm Kelly Proskey

### February 24

9:00 am All deceased members of the parish  
 12:00 pm All deceased members of the parish  
 6:00 pm Fr. Mark Soehner, OFM  
 Gloria Carnago

### 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 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 Marroquin</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske &amp; 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'Neill</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>	

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.

## Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
3-2-13 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Pascal Kasanziki	Becky Francis	Jennifer Barrett	Annie Monak Lisa Marquez
3-3-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Michael Zost	Geneva Gorgo Frank Swiderski Minister Needed (H4)	Dan Anderson Tom Kosnik Dennis Kamalick Minister Needed (C4)
3-3-13 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Edil Calero Cortez	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Josefina Gomez	Carmen Cruz
3-3-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Pascal Kasanziki	Amy McCue	Bert Olson	Katie Broussard Bob Pedro
3-3-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Eileen Raia	Kathy Richgels Nancy Van Grinsven Karen Melchert	Katie Assell Sharon Lindstrom Mark Van Grinsven Jon Assell

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

Please contact Kate Lynch at (773) 528-6650 or [kolynchdre@gmail.com](mailto: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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## "So, why do we fast anyway?"

The other day I got into a brief conversation with two fully initiated but non-practicing Catholics; two young guys. Good guys in a lot of ways but both adamant about not wanting to practice the Catholic faith. When we started to discuss Lent and fasting their dissent became very strong both in emotion and language. Regardless of this conversation, it does beg the question for us, "Why do we fast anyway?"

In a sermon that Saint Ambrose gave on the subject of fasting he says, "Now is the appointed time in which you must confess your sins to God, and to the priest; and by prayer and fasting, by tears and by almsgiving, wipe them away." We never fast for fasting itself. Fasting is never an end in itself. Rather, it is a means to an end. Fasting can bring us benefits either physically or by helping us take a break from questionable habits that are not good for us. But in the end, the role of fasting is ultimately to aid us in developing a more complete relationship with God.

Good thinking about fasting is to think about fasting in a triad relationship with prayer and penance. These three dynamics (fasting, prayer & penance) work together to help us take small steps toward God. When we fast, we are turning away from something in our lives so that we can turn toward God. When we fast, we fast as an activity of penance. Sometimes, when we fast, our fasting will put us in a melancholy mood. This mood slows us down and helps us take an inventory of our habits and behavior toward others. Fasting will ultimately help lead us to asking God for forgiveness for our sins.

A cenobite monk looks at his or her entire life as a life of penance. These monks fast twelve months out of the year. A turning toward God is not a onetime 180 degree turn and I am good to go. And a turning toward God is not a Lenten practice only. No, we are called to be continuously turning toward God.

As you fast through Lent this year tie the fasting together with prayer and penance. If we turn toward God, God will turn toward us. In the thirteenth chapter of the book of Tobit we read, "When you turn back to him with all your heart, to do what is right before him, then he will turn back to you, and no longer hide his face from you." We call this grace.

**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](mailto:mpriesbe@aol.com) and (847) 729-1220, or contact Tom Kosnik at (312) 527-2950 and [tkosnik@visusgroup.com](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ckordiuk@st-mikes.org).

### 6:51 Club French Community Rice Bowl on March 10<sup>th</sup>



The 6:51 Club will meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month in March and not their usual 3rd Sunday to make room for a special treat.

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a simple meal of rice and vegetables, and a Lenten discussion to accompany dinner.

The March 10th hospitality will be hosted by St. Teresa's French of operation rice bowl. We will have

**You can contact Sara Foley  
at [foleysar@gmail.com](mailto:foleysar@gmail.com) for more details.**



### Eucharistic Adoration

## TUESDAYS

### 7:00-8:30PM



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### Women's Spirituality this Tuesday!

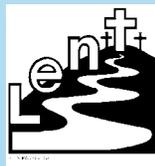


On this Tuesday, February 26th, at 7:30 pm, women of St. Teresa's who seek spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for quiet prayer, reflection and conversation are invited to gather in the Religious Education Center at 1940 N. Kenmore Avenue.

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.

### The Fast & Abstinence Fine Print



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.

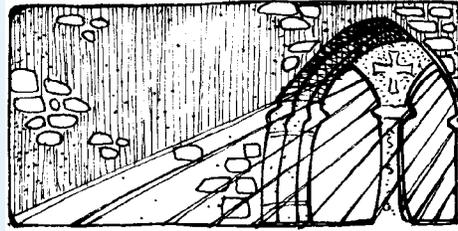
## You, Fully Alive

The Transfiguration was an amazing event. Like a person bursting into flame — but from the inside. Some scripture scholars think it never really happened; that it is just a preview of the resurrection, written after the resurrection to make the later resurrection more acceptable.

Maybe. But let's assume that the Transfiguration really happened. Then we are free to wonder what happened on that hill. A miracle, to be sure. But more than that. Thomas Aquinas wrote that it was a miracle that suspended a previous miracle. That is, when God became human, the divinity would have overpowered the humanity of Jesus every minute of every day. So, God miraculously shaded the divinity to give the humanity space to be itself. Then, on that mountain, God suspended that continuous miracle for a few moments — and the divinity of Jesus was free to break forth in splendor.

But exactly what broke forth? What would have overwhelmed the humanity of Jesus had it not been suppressed? The infinite compassion of God for all his creatures; the stunning wisdom of God; the dazzling brilliance of God's beauty; the overpowering crush of God's justice; the dissolving tenderness of God's mercy. All this converged and exploded on that mountain.

Jesus was not a mere channel for divinity, not just a vehicle for some divine display. Jesus was equally human. And he did not simply appear at that moment. He worked his way there from the beginning of time and evolution. And that



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is when his personal genius took command. He learned a skill, appreciated nature, loved children, became a notable storyteller, attracted friends, discovered a poetic talent, became passionate about God's kingdom, grew in wisdom and grace, became proficient in prayer, called God his own Father. And all of that perfect humanity came to a head on that undistinguished hill. The humanity of God met the divinity of a man and exploded in ecstasy.

Now, lest someone think we are only waxing poetic, we should refine our position. Because God is so far beyond our vocabulary, we get sloppy with words. We say that God became human. But of course, God did not become anything. God cannot become because God simply is. What we mean to say is that God took on our humanity; God assumed a particular human nature.

We also inaccurately say that Jesus

is equally God and man. But of course, nothing is equal to God. Any human person would be shattered like a mirror in the face of God. What we mean to say is that Jesus is fully divine and fully human — that God did not lose any divinity by becoming human and that Jesus did not lose any humanity by becoming divine. Both natures are miraculously protected.

Jesus is not a combination of two persons, or a split personality. Jesus is one divine person. Just as you may have a whimsical or tragic personality apart from your essential self, so Jesus had a unique human personality that expressed his divine person.

It's complicated, I know. We must speak of God in human terms because that is all we really have. But once we arrive at some human notion of God, that tells us something more about ourselves. It says that your essential self is to live in Christ. You spend a lifetime forming your personality around the person of Christ. Then you die, imperfect.

But God transforms your mortal life into God's divine life. You become living proof of Irenaeus' conviction: "The glory of God is *you* fully alive!"

— Fr. James Smith, Celebration Publications

# Directory

## Parish Leadership

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Dave Wisneski, Chair**

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**Mark Matejka**  
**Bertel Olson**

**Marjorie Rice**  
**Michael Rice**  
**Tony Rivera**  
**Christine Villoch**

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

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

### FINANCE COUNCIL

**Bill Mack, Chair**

**Brian Scullion**  
**Jane Bronson**  
**Jack Halpin**  
**Jane Ott**

**Dave Hilko**  
**Steve Fortino**  
**Andrew Deye**  
**Becky Francis**

The St. Teresa Finance Council reviews the financial documents and position of the parish and advises the pastor and business manager on financial matters, including the preparation of the annual parish budget.

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

## Information

### Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
<i>en español</i>	10:30 am*
	12:00 noon
	6:00 pm

\* *First Sunday of the Month*

### Weekday Masses

Monday to Thursday	7:30 am
Friday *	7:30 am

\* *Communion Service only*

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays	7:00 pm
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### For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation,  
Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion  
for the Sick

### Please call Dean in the Parish Office

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### Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am—7:30 pm  
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