



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 3, 2013**

**The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.**

— *Psalm 103:6*

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

One morning in 1888, Alfred Nobel, the man who invented dynamite, picked up the morning newspaper and, to his shock, read an account of his death. The reporter had made a mistake; it was his cousin, not he, who had died. In reading his own obituary, Alfred Nobel realized just how he would be recognized and remembered should he die. He would be the “dynamite king,” a merchant of death. This so disturbed and upset Nobel that he decided to give his life a new direction. He became involved in the work of peace and justice and made it a point to ensure that money was set aside so an annual award could be given to those engaged in that important work.

So when Alfred Nobel died, his obituary made no mention of his being a merchant of death. He was hailed instead for his humanitarian deeds, especially the establishment of the Nobel Peace Prize. You could say that the mistake in 1888 gave Alfred Nobel a second chance at life. As a result, the world was awarded a wonderful legacy.

Living God's Word

The Gospel today unfolds the parable of the fig tree, often described as the parable of the second chance. The owner of the vineyard wants it cut down. The vinedresser pleads that it be given a second chance. Great and wonderful results can often accompany a second chance.



Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Una mañana de 1888 Alfred Nobel, el hombre que inventó la dinamita, se horrorizó al leer en el periódico que él había muerto. El reportero había cometido un error; era el hermano de Alfred quien había muerto.

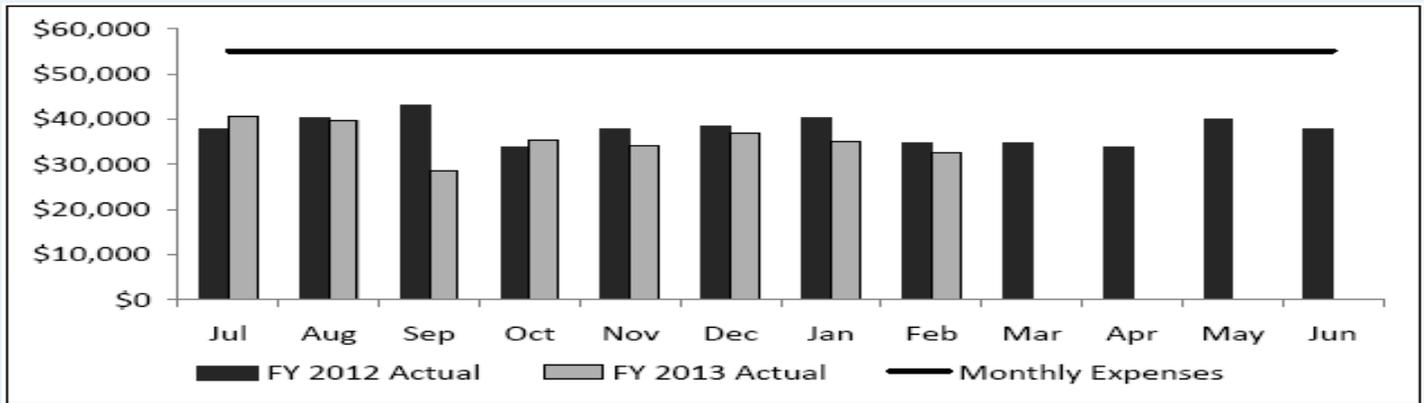
Al leer su propia esquela Alfred Nobel se dio cuenta de cómo él sería reconocido y recordado después de su muerte. Él sería “el rey de la dinamita”, un mercader de la muerte. Esto perturbó y disgustó tanto a Nobel, que decidió darle una nueva dirección a su vida. Comenzó a involucrarse en las obras de paz y justicia, asegurándose de que hubiese dinero reservado para honrar todos los años a alguien comprometido con ese importante empeño.

Es así que, cuando Alfred Nobel murió, su esquela no hizo mención alguna de que él fuera un mercader de la muerte. En vez, fue elogiado por sus obras humanitarias, en particular por crear el Premio Nobel de la Paz. Bien se pudiera decir que el error de 1888 le dio a Alfred Nobel otra oportunidad en la vida. Como resultado, el mundo fue premiado con un maravilloso legado.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

El Evangelio de hoy nos despliega la parábola de la higuera, a menudo descrita como la parábola de la segunda oportunidad. El dueño del viñedo quiere cortarla. El viñador pide otra oportunidad en favor de la higuera. Las segundas oportunidades a menudo vienen acompañadas de grandes y maravillosos resultados.

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



- For the first seven months of the 2013 Fiscal Year, Sunday and Holy Day collections are down 8% from the 2012 Fiscal Year. As the chart above depicts, the key driver was poor collections in September 2012.
- We ask that Parishioners periodically consider an increase to their weekly gifts to St. Teresa's. 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 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 2nd
9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, March 7th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, March 8th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, March 16th
9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, March 21st
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, March 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.

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 — “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them” (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or* Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or* Psalm 95.

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or* Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13: 1-9) *or* John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Alternate readings (Year A) 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Mercy



God is mercy. That seems to be the main message of the reading from Exodus. God has seen the suffering of the Israelites and promises mercy and rescue. From then on, God is to be known as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Paul calls his readers to continue to grow in the faith. The God who rescued Israel also rescues them. As beneficiaries of God's mercy, Christians must keep on working, doing their part to become ever more trusting and loving people of God.

The Gospel's second section is a homey story about God's mercy. Against the advice of the land owner, the vinedresser pleads for mercy—and shows mercy—to allow the poor fig tree yet another year to become productive. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Misericordia



Dios es misericordia. Eso parece ser el mensaje principal de la lectura del Éxodo. Dios ha visto el sufrimiento de los israelitas y les promete misericordia y rescate. Desde ese momento, Dios es conocido como el Dios de Abraham, Isaac y Jacob.

Pablo llama a sus lectores para que continúen creciendo en la fe. El Dios que rescató a Israel también los rescató a ellos.

Por ser beneficiarios de la misericordia de Dios, los cristianos deberán continuar trabajando para poner de su parte y convertirse en un pueblo de Dios cada vez más confiado y lleno de amor.

La segunda parte del Evangelio es una historia hogareña sobre la misericordia de Dios. Desobedeciendo el consejo del dueño de la viña, el viñador pide misericordia —y la muestra— para permitir que la pobre higuera reciba un año más de gracia para producir fruto. -

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Muchas naciones latinoamericanas son beneficiadas por organizaciones caritativas extranjeras. Pero estas organizaciones no siempre pueden suplir las necesidades de los pueblos latinoamericanos, por eso los obispos de Chile buscaron la manera de motivar a su pueblo para que ayude a sus propios desafortunados. En 1982 los obispos chilenos crearon una nueva practica cuaresmal llamada la Campaña de Fraternidad. Esta Campaña se motiva en las observancias penitenciales de la oración, el ayuno y la caridad.

Esta práctica de la Iglesia chilena se basa en la tradición cristiana de las obras de caridad y la acción social. La Campaña de Fraternidad también se funda en la espiritualidad cristiana de la hermandad. Los que tienen la manera de ayudar han compartido a través de los proyectos de esta obra con jóvenes en riesgo social, madres solteras, ancianos, prisioneros, y otros grupos marginados. Esto se hace en un espíritu de mutualidad entre los hijos e hijas del creador.

Esta campaña cuaresmal nos desafía a buscar la manera de ayudar a los pobres no como personas necesitada sino como hermanas y hermanos en Cristo a los cual debemos nuestra cooperación para mejorar sus vidas. Ellos en torno son la presencia de Cristo quien se encuentra en los más pequeños de la sociedad.

-Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor se aparece a Moisés y le indica que vaya y libere a los israelitas de su opresión en Egipto (Éxodo 3:1-8a, 13-15) o *Éxodo 17:3-7*.

Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]) o *Salmo 95(94)*.

Segunda lectura — No nos quejemos. El que se sienta seguro deberá cuidarse para no caer (1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12) o *Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Evangelio — Si no se arrepienten, todos perecerán (Lucas 13:1-9) o *Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

Lecturas de la Semana

- Lunes:** 2 Re 5:1-15b; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lc 4:24-30
- Martes:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
- Miércoles:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Jueves:** Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23
- Viernes:** Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mc 12:28-34
- Sábado:** Hos 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14
- Domingo:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Sal 34 (33):2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
- Lecturas alternativas (Año A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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This Week's Lenten Opportunities

Sunday, March 3rd, 10:30 am - 11:45 am: *Overview of the Bible—Understanding the story line* in the Religious Education Center

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

Tuesday, March 5th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm: *Eucharistic Adoration* in the Church

Thursday, March 7th, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: *Praying the Scriptures* in the Religious Education Center

Thursday, March 7th, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: *Food Pantry Bagging* in the Parish Center

Friday, March 8th, 7:30 am - 8:00 am: *Communion Service* in the Church

Friday March 8th, 10:00 am - 12:00: *Food Pantry Distribution* in the Parish Center

Friday, March 8th, 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm: *Stations of the Cross* in the Church

Friday, March 8th, 7:45 pm - 9:00 pm: *Spanish Prayer Group* 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...

“Hardly ever did a sermon seem so bad to me that I didn’t listen to it eagerly, even though according to others who heard it the preaching was not that good.”



Calendar at a Glance

March 3, Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent • Tercer 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, Overview of the Bible
- 1:00 pm, PC3, Archdiocesan PR Committee
- 4:30 pm, REC4, Confirmation Preparation
- 7:00 pm, REC4, Kitchen, The Edge

March 4, Monday

St. Casimir • San Casimiro

- 12:30 pm, PC3, Food Pantry Committee

March 5, Tuesday

- 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 Preparation
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Building Committee

March 6, Wednesday

- 6:45 pm, REC, Faith Formation Advisory Committee

March 7, Thursday

Ss. Perpetua and Felicity • Santas Perpetua y Felicitas

- 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

March 8, Friday

St. John of God; Abstinence • San Juan de Dios; Abstinencia

- 10:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 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 9, Saturday

St. Frances of Rome • Santa Francisca Romana

- 9:00 am, PC3-4, Confirmation Retreat
- 12:00 pm, Church, Confirmation Retreat
- 3:30 pm, REC, About Parents

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

March 2

5:00 pm	All deceased members of the parish
9:00 am	Marjorie Reidy
12:00 pm	All deceased members of the parish
6:00 pm	Claire Rehm

March 3

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 Felicitia 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 & 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
3-9-13 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Charles Shelby	Dave Kostelansky	Jean Kostelansky	Leigh Hartley Maggie Kuhlmann
3-10-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Tony Dosen	Geneva Gorgo	Lina Hilko Jennifer Barrett Mary Serrahn	Frank Swiderski Dan Anderson Jocelyn Lutkus Jamie Lutkus
Next Spanish Mass 4-7-13 Sunday	10:30 am				
3-10-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Tom Kosnik	Brendan Lynch	Alice Morales-Villenas Suzanne Chung
3-10-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Jim Krag	Christine Villoch Aubre Hewett Sharon Lindstrom	Jane Ott Jonathan Hewett Karen Melchert Luke Kolman

Loving God -

You are the Giver of all good gifts.
You are our strength and well-spring of grace.

With confident faith we entrust this parish project to your care and protection.

Guide us as we *build faith together*.
Bless us with a unity of mind and spirit as we accept the responsibilities and challenges of this parish undertaking. May our efforts bear fruit for the glory of your kingdom.

We thank you for all that we have and for the sacrifices and generosity of our Faith Family.

Deepen our commitment to the future of this parish and grant us the ability to share our faith and spread your Good News today, tomorrow, and always.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Piercing Heaven's Door

Do you believe you can pierce heaven's door while living on earth? It sounds like an odd question at first, but the church has a very long running theology that believes we can actually experience heaven on earth while we are in the here and now living on this side of death.

Every Sunday at Mass when we read the creed we profess that Jesus was fully human and fully divine. We believe that while Jesus was walking around Israel two thousand years ago that he was God on earth. In essence, that he was heaven on earth, that every encounter with Jesus was an encounter was a movement toward union with God.

Take the healing miracles of Jesus as an example. Every time Jesus healed a person he in effect made the person whole. The healing event represented a movement from separation from God to a complete and total union with God. The cultural belief at that time asserted that if one were ill or blind or lame, the disability was a punishment from God for some wrong doing that they or someone in their family line committed. So the healing represented this movement of a separation from God to a union with God.

Fasting, Prayer and Justice (our side of the equation) along with the Grace of God (God's side of the equation), when added together, mixed together, enables us to pierce heaven's door here on earth. It has the opportunity to make us whole. Fasting, Prayer and Justice along with God's Grace opens us up to experience a certain kind of peace and harmony, a certain kind of healing that leaves us living in the world where the world... well, it becomes heaven.

Children's Singing, Altar Servers & 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.

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

The Feminist Case Against Abortion



Join Serrin Foster, president of Feminists for Life (FFL), for a discussion of pro-life feminism and an exploration of how the modern women's movement came to support abortion.

De Paul University
Tuesday, March 5th
7:00pm
Schmidt Academic Center
Room 154
2320 N. Kenmore

Serrin served on the National Taskforce Against Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence, which worked to pass the Violence Against Women Act, and testified before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee in support of the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, also known as "Laci & Conner's Law."

Discounted parking with validated ticket at Sheffield Parking Garage (2331 N. Sheffield, www.depaul.edu/maps/lpc/sheffieldParking.asp)

Learn more about Serrin and FFL at www.feministsforlife.org

6:51 Club French Community Rice Bowl on March 10th



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.

The March 10th hospitality meal will be hosted by St. Teresa's French as operation rice bowl. We will have a simple meal of rice and vegetables, and a Lenten discussion to accompany dinner.

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

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.

Food Pantry Update

The food pantry continues to provide between 400-450 bags of groceries each month largely due to the generosity of our parishioners. There are a number of changes occurring and we have a number of new needs as we move forward.

We will be becoming part of the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) sometime in March. We will be certifying as an agency giving us access to many free and low cost food programs. This is being done to decrease the cost of food that we purchase. They also provide us with opportunities to earn credits through working as well as credits for participation in the Hunger Walk scheduled on June 22. You will be hearing more about these opportunities in the next few months.

There will be limited impact on our food pantry operations. We will need to pick up our food from the GCFD on two Thursdays during each month. We are in need of someone who can assist with food pick-up during the day. This should take approximately two hours and will be at the same time each day. We are still finalizing the exact time of day for pick-up so we can work with your schedule. We do need someone with a large vehicle that can fit our food order, e.g. a minivan. Contact Karen Breen Vogel if you can assist.

We are looking for a person who can co-lead our distributions during our twice a month Friday distributions. Our goal is to have three co-leaders so that each co-lead would be responsible once every six weeks. You will be responsible for coordinating the work of our volunteers during distribution. We will provide training and most of our volunteers are old pros. This will take approximately three hours (from 9:15am to 12:00pm or so) on the days that you co-lead. Contact Dave Hilko if you can assist.

Lastly, we want to express our condolences to Fred Schmitz on his wife's passing. For the past ten years Fred and Ruth have worked tirelessly for the Food Pantry and Ruth was well loved by all of our clients and her fellow volunteers. Since the Food Pantry was such a large part of Ruth's life, we have decided to honor Ruth's life by taking a special collection to our Social Outreach Fund (that supports the Food Pantry) at each mass next weekend. Please join us in honoring Ruth by making a donation to the fund in her name. When paying with check, please write "Ruth" in the memo section.

Contact Information:

Dave Hilko at dahilko@deloitte.com
Karen Breen Vogel at kbvogel@gmail.com



Ehyeh Who?

A whole theology of God could be written from this little riddle: “I am who I am.” In fact, different theologies have been written based on different translations of God’s name.

The original story was written in Hebrew. The word *Ehyeh* is some form of the verb “to be.” When Jerome translated the Bible into Latin, that verb became *esse*. The noun form is “essence,” so Thomas Aquinas concluded that when God said his name was *esse*, God meant that the essence of God is simply to be, to exist.

That doesn’t sound like much of a divine attribute. But in fact, God is the only thing that can make that boast. The essence of trees and cats is not to exist. They exist because of someone or something else. Only God exists just because God is God. God alone is the Supreme Essence, the Supreme Being, the Supreme I Am.

But this special category, which was designed to set God apart from everything else, actually backfires. If God is a being, no matter how supreme, God is just another being, part of everything else. At its best, this God rules over all beings and sustains all beings. And as special as that may be, it is a God of philosophers, not the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Jesus. Not a biblical God.

So, let’s go back to the Bible story to meet a more exciting God. Moses is minding sheep and his own business. He sees a bush



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burst into flame and goes over to inspect. A voice yells, “Take off your shoes!” The simple fact that Moses puts his bare feet on that burning desert sand just this side of molten glass shows that he knows he is dealing with a superior power.

He edges closer and asks, “Who am I that I should lead your people out of Egypt?” The deeper hint is that Moses by himself could not, but if God were with him, he could. So God responds: “Ehyeh!”

Ehyeh what? Ehyeh who? We’re back to the translation of this elusive little verb. When God was *esse*, essence, unchanging Supreme Being, God just kept repeating, “I am who I am.” But in this dialogue with Moses, God must change his response as Moses changes his response. Instead of God being “I always and everywhere am who I am,” God now becomes “I will be

who I will be.”

Who this God will be depends on who Moses will be. If Moses decides “to be” a leader, God will be his leader. But if Moses decides “to be” a shepherd, God will move on to Plan B and be someone else.

Now we are getting closer to that personal, changeable, lovable God we used to know. And we remember that who God is has always depended on who people are. Since Abraham decided “to be” the father of many nations, God became his Father. Otherwise, God would have had “to be” on the lookout for someone else. Since David chose “to be” a king, God became his Lord. If David had decided to remain a shepherd, God would not have been a king. And if Mary had decided “to be” a village housewife, God would have been son-less in Gaza.

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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.

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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