



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
March 24, 2013

**The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.**

— *Isaiah 50:7a*

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

We can find the compassion of Jesus not only on the cross, but throughout his passion. It begins at the Last Supper when he praises the apostles, saying, "It is you who have stood by me in my trials," and promises that they will eat and drink with him in his kingdom (Luke 22:28–30). And while he predicts that Simon will deny him, he also comforts him: "[O]nce you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers" (22:32).

Later in the garden, when the mob comes for him and one of the disciples cuts off the right ear of the servant of the high priest, Jesus touches the servant and heals him. Jesus is tranquil before the Sanhedrin and Pilate and silent before Herod. On the way to Calvary, he stops to comfort women who are weeping for him, aware of what they themselves will have to face in days ahead.

But it is from the cross that we see Jesus as embodying God's compassion when Jesus prays, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do" (23:34). Then, in one of the most tender scenes in the Gospels, in the final moments of his life, he turns to one of the criminals next to him who has asked that Jesus remember him and promises, "[T]oday you will be with me in Paradise" (23:43). We take up the palms today and greet Jesus as our Savior, as Son of God, as the Compassion of God. When we look at his hands extended on the cross, we can see him embracing the world.

Living God's Word

We pray to experience the compassionate love of Jesus and to be able to respond to it with all our heart and mind and soul. We ask that his spirit enter us in such a way that we will be able to pray each day as he prayed with his final breath: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

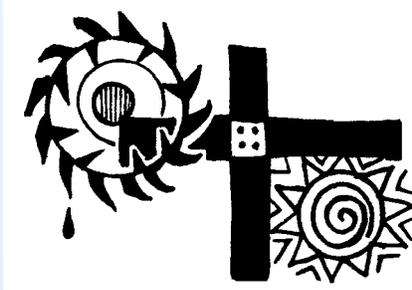
Podemos apreciar la compasión de Jesús, no solamente en la cruz, sino durante toda su pasión. Ya desde la Última Cena él elogia a los apóstoles al decirles: "Ustedes son los que han perseverado conmigo en mis pruebas" y les promete que comerán y beberán con él en su reino (Lucas 22:28–30). Y aunque pronostica que Simón lo negará, al mismo tiempo lo conforta: "Una vez convertido, confirma a tus hermanos" (22:32).

Más tarde en el huerto, cuando viene la multitud a apresarle y uno de los discípulos le corta la oreja derecha al criado del sumo sacerdote, Jesús toca al criado y lo sana. Jesús está tranquilo frente al Consejo de Ancianos, el Sanedrín, y ante Pilato, y se mantiene en silencio frente a Herodes. Camino al Calvario se detiene a consolar a unas mujeres que lloran por él, conscientes de lo que ellas mismas van a tener que enfrentar en días futuros.

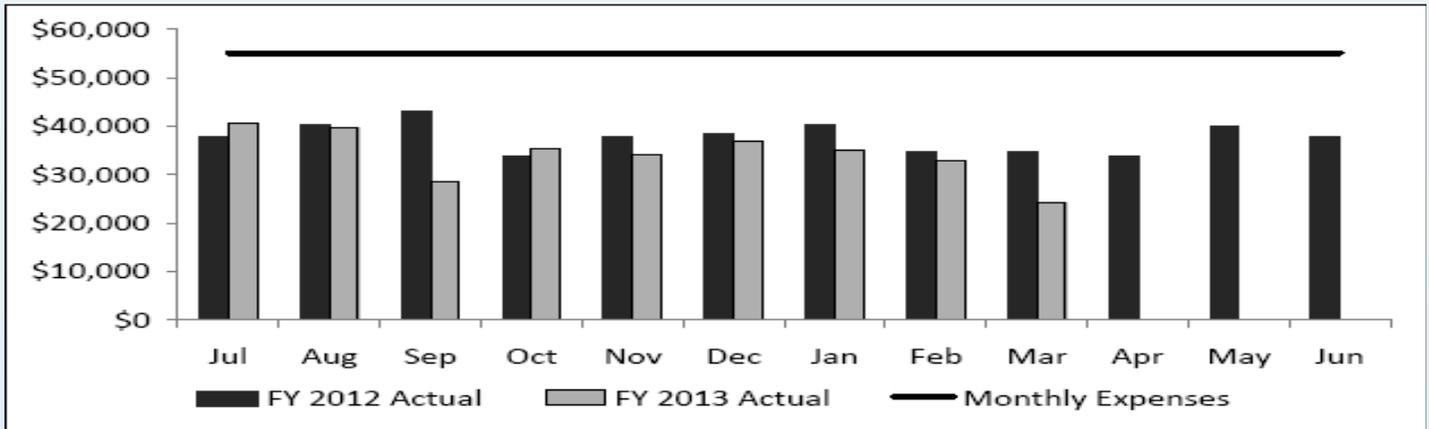
Pero es desde la cruz donde mejor vemos a Jesús encarnando toda la compasión de Dios cuando dice: "Padre, perdónalos, porque no saben lo que hacen" (23:34). Después, en una de las escenas más conmovedoras de los evangelios, en los últimos momentos de su vida, Jesús se dirige a uno de los criminales crucificado junto a él, que le ha pedido que se acuerde de él y Jesús le promete: "Te aseguro que hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso" (23:43).

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Oremos para experimentar el amor compasivo de Jesús y así poder responderle con todo nuestro corazón, nuestra mente y nuestra alma. Pidamos que su Espíritu entre en nosotros de manera que podamos rezar todos los días como lo hizo él con su último aliento: Padre, en tus manos encomiendo mi espíritu" (Lucas 23:46).



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



- Due to the Easter publishing schedule, this graph above repeats information from the March 17, 2013 bulletin.
- 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 donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal in 2012 were 20 percent over its goal, resulting in \$3,776 donation to the parish.
- 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 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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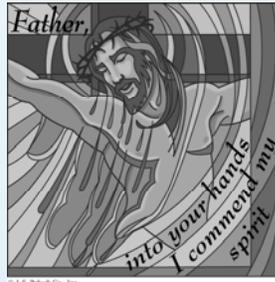
Today's Readings

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).
First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).
Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).
Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).
Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

The Face of Jesus



In all the readings for this Sunday we can look at the face of Jesus. There are two Gospel passages, both from the Gospel of Luke. The first tells of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Crowds greeted him with shouts of "Hosanna!" The second tells of Jesus' departure from Jerusalem, carrying the cross on his back. The same crowds derided him and

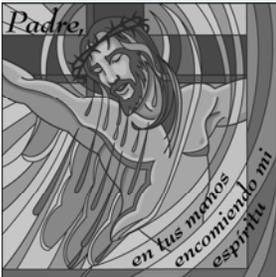
shouted for his crucifixion. We first see a face shining with glory, but in a few short days a face dark with blood and sorrow. Set between these two contrasting Gospel passages are equally contrasting readings from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. Isaiah describes a suffering servant who willingly submits to beating and humiliation, not even turning away his face. He knows he belongs to God and will not be put to shame. Paul writes to the Philippians of Christ Jesus, the true Suffering Servant, who willingly emptied himself to become human. But this man, with a very human face, has now been exalted by God above all others. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

Later this week, the Chrism Mass is celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the bishop's ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.

Remember when Noah's dove returned with the sign of the world's rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sunny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured, and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God's deepest desires for us, and our resolve to place our lives in service to God's saving, healing, loving plan. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

El Rostro de Jesús



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En todas las lecturas de este domingo vemos el rostro de Jesús. Hay dos pasajes del Evangelio, ambos del Evangelio de Lucas. El primero nos narra la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén montado en un burro y la multitud gritando a voz en cuello: “¡Hosanna!” El segundo nos relata su salida de Jerusalén cargando la cruz. La misma multitud se burla y pide su crucifixión. Primero vemos un rostro radiante de gloria, pero pocos días después lo vemos cubierto de sangre y de dolor.

Entre estos dos contrastantes pasajes del Evangelio escuchamos lecturas igualmente contrastantes de las Escrituras hebreas y cristianas. Isaías describe a un siervo que, sin resistir, ofrece sus espaldas a los que le golpean. Él sabe que Yahvé es su Señor y que no será avergonzado. Pablo escribe a los filipenses sobre Cristo Jesús, el verdadero servidor que, siendo de condición divina, no se aferró a su igualdad con Dios sino que se despojó de ella y llegó a ser semejante a los hombres. Pero a este hombre, con un rostro tan humano, Dios lo engrandeció y le concedió el Nombre que está sobre todo nombre. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

La liturgia oficial de la Iglesia para el Domingo de Ramos es algo paradójica. Entramos proclamando Hosannas con cantos y vitoreas y al poco tiempo estamos gritando: “¡crucificalo, crucificalo!” Según el rito la lectura del Evangelio y la consagración de la Eucaristía se hacen dentro del templo, pero se comienza afuera del templo con la bendición de los ramos.

En los Estados Unidos y otros países latinoamericanos se usan palmas en lugar de ramos. En Europa, normalmente, se usan ramos de olivos. Últimamente en Colombia para proteger la palma de cera del Quindío, se les ha pedido a los fieles que usen ramitas de plantas o ramos de flores. Estoy de acuerdo hay que proteger el ambiente, pero admito que prefiero las palmas, ya que es difícil poner un ramo de olivo o de flores detrás de una imagen sagrada colgada en la pared. Esta es una costumbre latina que nos recuerda que los “hosannas” y el “crucificalo” del domingo de ramos nos acompañan todos los días del año. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Evangelio para la procesión de las palmas — ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! (Lucas 19:28-40)

Primera lectura — A pesar de mis sufrimientos no quedaré confundido. No me siento avergonzado (Isaías 50:4-7).

Salmo — Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado? (Salmo 22 [21]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús se despojó totalmente y Dios lo llenó de exaltación (Filipenses 2:6-11).

Evangelio — El recuento de la pasión de Cristo según Lucas (Lucas 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Is 42:1-7; Sal 27 (26):1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Martes:	Is 49:1-6; Sal 71 (70):1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Miércoles:	Is 50:4-9a; Sal 69 (68):8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Jueves:	Cena del Señor: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Sal 116 (115): 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Viernes:	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Sal 31 (30):2, 6, 12-13, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Sábado:	a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; o Sal 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Sal 16 (15):5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Sal 19 (18):8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Sal 42 (41):3, 5; 43:3-4 o Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 o Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lc 24:1-12
Domingo:	Hch 10:34a, 37-43; Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 o 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-

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This Week's Lenten Opportunities

Saturday, March 23rd, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm: *Celebrate Easter Traditions* in the Parish Center

Sunday, March 24th, 10:30 am - 11:45 am: *Palm Weaving and the Meaning Behind Our Easter Traditions* in the Religious Education Center

Monday-Thursday, 7:30 am - 8:00 am: *Mass*; **Friday, Communion Service**, in the church

Tuesday, March 26th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm: *Eucharistic Adoration* in the church

Friday, March 29th, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: *Loaves & Fishes Dinners* in the Parish Center

Friday, March 29th, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm: *Living Stations of the Cross* 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...

“He suffers and will suffer everything in order to find the one soul that will receive Him and lovingly keep Him within.”



Calendar at a Glance

March 24, Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord • Domingo de Ramos “De la Pasión del Señor”

- 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, PC1, RCIA

March 25, Monday

Monday of Holy Week • Lunes de la Semana Santa

- 12:30 pm, PC4, Chicago House

March 26, Tuesday

Tuesday of Holy Week • Martes de la Semana Santa

- 6:15 am, PC3, Men's Spirituality Group
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, REC, Women's Spirituality Group

March 27, Wednesday

Wednesday of Holy Week • Miércoles de la Semana Santa

- 5:15 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

Sacred Paschal Triduum • Triduo Pascual

March 28, Holy Thursday

- 11:30 am, REC4, About Parents
- 6:30 pm, REC4, Praying with the Scriptures
- 7:00 pm, Church, Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 29, Good Friday-Viernes Santo

Fast & Abstinence • Ayuno y Abstinencia

- 10:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 12:00 pm, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 3:00 pm, Church, Living Stations of the Cross
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

March 30, Saturday

Holy Saturday; Easter Vigil • Sábado Santo; Vigilia Pascual

- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Celebrating Family Easter Traditions
- 8:00 pm, Church, Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

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 23

- 5:00 pm All deceased members of the parish
- 9:00 am Timothy Montgomery
- 12:00 pm William Stern
- 6:00 pm All deceased members of the parish

March 24

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, Jack Kavanagh, Teresa Joan Kitcullen, 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...

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| <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>Jack Williams</i> |
| <i>Eloisa Gallegos</i> | <i>Bill Mobley</i> | <i>Mae Witry</i> |
| <i>Michael Gibbons</i> | <i>John Monier</i> | |
| <i>Angela Goldberg</i> | <i>Elda Myers</i> | <i>Survivors and perpetrators of</i> |
| <i>Kaylee Gommel</i> | <i>Angel Nieves</i> | <i>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
3-28-13 Thursday	7:00 pm	Rev. Barry Moriarty	Mary Beth Hughes	Bert Olson Christine Villoch Nancy Van Grinsven	Jocelyn Lutkus Jamie Lutkus Frank Swiderski Mark Van Grinsven
3-29-13 Friday	7:00 pm	Fr. Tom Croak	Luke Kolman Elizabeth Rooney 1 Christopher Parent 2 Tom Kosnik 3	Jennifer Barrett Mary Beth Hughes Jane Ott	
3-30-13 Saturday	8:00 pm	Rev. Barry Moriarty	David Kostelansky-Genesis Tony Rivera-Exodus Geneva Gorgo—Isaiah Alex Lopez-Ezekiel Mary Beth Hughes-Romans	Maggie Kuhlmann Maria Montes Sharon Lindstrom	Amy McCue Carmen Vazquez Francisco Perez Tom Kosnik
3-31-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Cletus Kpalap	Michael Zost	Mark Van Grinsven Frank Swiderski Dennis Kamalick	Jane Bronson Nancy Van Grinsven Dan Anderson Christine Villoch
3-31-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Rev. John Rybolt	Luke Kolman	Jonathan Hewett	Aimee Jaszczor Aubre Hewett

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.**



Communicating with God

How does God communicate with you? This was the question that we took on at the most recent Men's Spirituality session. There was no lack of responses. Some guys said that God most communicated to them through other people such as family members, friends, work associates and/or just people on the street. There certainly is evidence in scripture of such a concept. And our own faith teaches us that God speaks to people through people. Think about Moses in the Hebrew Scriptures or the women in the New Testament whom Jesus spoke to after his resurrection. These people, in turn, communicated to others a message from God.

Some guys said that God communicated to them through writing. To take a few minutes in the middle of the day or at the end of day and get out of their heads and on to paper what they were thinking about or what they were praying about. It was in the writing itself that created a certain clarity. Namely, looking at what was in one's head that now was on paper. Some even said that at times they felt it was God really doing the writing. We call this inspiration.

Some said that God communicated to them through the heart. That they got into a practice of being quiet, not talking, not asking, but just learning to listen with the "ear of the heart." Most often our prayer is filled with quite a bit of chatter. As we chatter we are not listening for any kind of a response or movement internally. Saint Ignatius has a structured practice that is geared toward learning how to quiet the racing mind and still oneself so that true listening can be had. And he is not the only Saint that has such structured practices.

We have been journeying through Lent now for about 30 days. Lent is a special time of the church year when we renew our baptismal vows. As we enter Holy Week, I encourage you to ask yourself, "How does God communicate to you?" It is a great question upon which to reflect.

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

Women's Spirituality Group Meets March 26th



Women of St. Teresa's who seek spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for quiet prayer, reflection and conversation are invited to gather in Avila Place, on Tuesday, March 26th at 7:30 pm at 1940 N. Kenmore Ave.

This will be our final gathering until we resume in September. Hope you can join us on the 26th. Contact Cathy Flaherty, cgflaherty@aol.com, with any questions.

Holy Week Schedule

Mass of the Lord's Supper	Thursday, March 28th	7:00pm
Living Stations of the Cross	Friday, March 29th	3:00pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	Friday, March 29th	7:00pm
Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord	Saturday, March 30th	8:00pm
The Resurrection of the Lord	Sunday, March 31st	9:00am, 12:00pm (No 6:00pm Mass)

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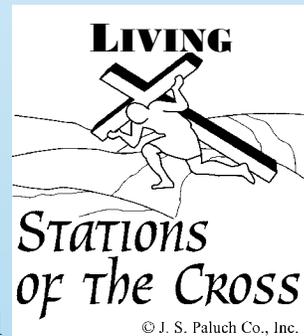
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Living Stations of the Cross Good Friday, March 29, 3:00 pm

Experience the Passion of Christ through live interpretation. This annual event will be held on Good Friday at 3:00 pm and all are welcome.

We are also looking for some additional "actors" to help (older children, as well as adults - as no previous training is required and there are no speaking parts).

If you are interested, please contact Dan Anderson at daniel.r.anderson53@gmail.com or (312) 844-4494, or Carrie Mondschean at cmondschean@hinshawlaw.com or (312) 320-1160. Rehearsal will begin at 1:00 pm sharp prior to the event.



The Terrible Challenge

Luke's Gospel, by its own admission, should be read as an overture to Rome. The author dedicates it to "Theophilus," Latin for "one who loves God," appealing to him to hear the whole story of Jesus before passing judgment on the movement that bears his name.

True to this purpose, Luke's account of Jesus' Passion places responsibility for his arrest, trial and execution not on Rome but on the Jewish establishment. Pilate wants to release Jesus, and even when he gives in to the wishes of the chief priests, he declares, "I find him guilty of no capital crime." Jesus is crucified, a form of punishment reserved to Roman authority. Still, Luke has a Roman centurion give the final verdict: "This man was innocent beyond doubt."

Luke bends the facts to excuse Rome at the expense of the Jews, already dispersed by Rome's destruction of Jerusalem in 70 C.E., 10 years before Luke's Gospel was composed. Luke's revisions continue in the Acts of the Apostles, recasting Paul — contrary to his own letters — as grateful to Rome for citizenship and for rescuing him from the Jews so he could be sent to the emperor in Rome.

The early church, in what can only be described in today's terms as pure marketing spin to protect its own interests, left a record for us of how it was inspired to survive in order to bring the Gospel from the backwaters of Pales-



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tine to the Greco-Roman world, however awkwardly and even distastefully it might have been done.

It is hard for us to deny what seems a disturbing start to the church that is still here only because it compromised and accommodated with power. It was a strategy that succeeded. Within two centuries, persecuted Christianity would be declared the favored religion of the empire, protected and showered with buildings, status, titles and wealth. The cost?

The church seems to have embraced the temptations to power that Jesus rejected in the desert. It went from humble submission to eventual domination.

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Jewish failure to convert rather than a Christian failure to love.

We are right to feel accused by such reflections. We ask, "What good is such candor directed at ourselves at the start of another Holy Week?" It is, after all, only one reading of a long and complicated history in which holiness and truth have surely outweighed human weakness. Catholics, especially, reassure themselves that the Holy Spirit has always guided us, despite our mistakes.

Maybe the purpose of the story we share on this Palm Sunday is in fact not to comfort but to disturb and accuse us, to make us enter and accept our own roles in Luke's powerful Passion Play. Holy Week begins by placing us at the scene of the crime, quarreling at the table of the Last Supper, asleep during Jesus' agony and in flight when he is betrayed and captured in the garden. We shout, "Crucify him!" with the crowds, and we stand jeering on Calvary as Jesus dies.

If we refuse to acknowledge our complicity in both this story and the history that came from it, we miss the point of Holy Week: that our share in Christ's death is our preparation to celebrate on Easter the terrible challenge of his resurrection.

— Pat Marrin, Celebration Publications

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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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