



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2013

“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.”

— *Revelation 21:3*

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

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

A while ago the Lysol® brand of cleaning products was promoting a new toilet brush, one that has the liquid cleanser and disinfectant stored inside the handle. Television became its mid-wife, promoting it as the new generation of toilet bowl cleaners. The ad concluded with a series of housewife testimonials, the final one of which attested, "It has changed my life!" It was but another appeal to our hidden longing that our lives be made new. Or consider the abundance of television makeover programs, even a surgical makeover—the "extreme" makeover. Each of us in some way longs to be made new, sometimes vicariously and sometimes personally.

One of the paradoxes of life is that the more we seek ourselves, the more we lose ourselves; and the more we are willing to lose ourselves, the more we find ourselves. It is, of course, only another way of speaking about love. It seems to be a simple rule of thumb. If your life is in chaos or disarray, if you find yourself unsettled and discombobulated, then forget about your own life and begin to focus on the lives of others. It is how love works, if indeed love does any work at all. It is love that makes us new. It is the ultimate makeover, simply because God is love.

Weapons and war will never create peace; only compassion will, and justice, and heartfelt care for all of humanity. Punishment and the inhumane conditions of prison life will never remake the soul of one who is incarcerated, only hope for a future and a nurturing of the human spirit will. More liturgical regulations and prescriptions will never bring deepening faith life to our Eucharistic assemblies; only love for one another will, and the healing we so desperately need.

Living God's Word

All of our efforts to remake life can only be meager strivings. In the end it is God who makes all things new, and we are but sparks of God's creation who seek to live in harmony with the Spirit set free by Jesus who is Lord.



Un tiempo atrás la marca de productos de limpieza Lysol® empezó a promover un nuevo cepillo para limpiar la taza del inodoro, que se le ponía el desinfectante líquido en el mango. La televisión lo promovía con mucho ahínco como el limpiador de tazas de inodoro de la nueva generación. El anuncio concluía con una serie de testimonios de amas de casa; la última aseguraba: "¡Ha cambiado mi vida!" Era una seducción más, que invocaba a nuestro anhelo escondido por una vida nueva. Consideremos también la abundancia de programas televisivos sobre maquillajes y transformaciones de belleza, aun lo "extremoso" de la cirugía estética. Todos nosotros anhelamos de diferentes maneras experimentar una transformación, una vida nueva; a veces por una experiencia personal, otras veces por la de otras personas.

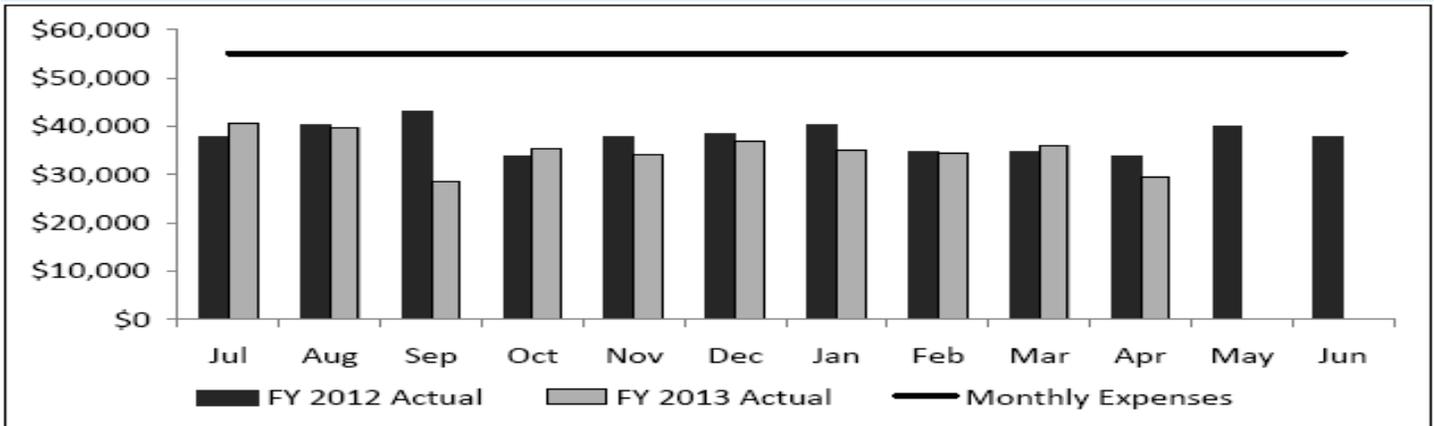
Una de las paradojas de la vida es que mientras más nos concentramos en nosotros mismos, menos nos encontramos con nuestro verdadero yo; pero mientras menos nos concentramos en nosotros mismos, más nos encontraremos con nuestro verdadero yo. Por supuesto que esto es otra manera de hablar del amor y tal parece ser la regla lógica. Si tu vida es un caos o tiene mucho desorden, si hay inestabilidad y desequilibrio, no te apoques por ello y entrégate de todas maneras a los demás. Así es el amor. El amor nos hace una persona nueva, pues en el amor se da la transformación suprema, simplemente porque Dios es amor.

Las armas y la guerra nunca lograrán la paz; sólo la compasión, la justicia y una sentida atención por toda la humanidad es lo que llegará a conseguirla. El castigo y las condiciones inhumanas de las prisiones nunca renovarán el alma de la persona encarcelada; sólo la esperanza y el cultivo del espíritu podrán renovarla. Más regulaciones litúrgicas y prescripciones nunca van a profundizar la vida de fe de nuestras asambleas eucarísticas; sólo lo logrará el amor de los unos por los otros y la conciliación que tan urgentemente necesitamos.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Todos nuestros esfuerzos por rehacer la vida pueden ser afanes raquíticos. Al final es Dios quien puede hacer nuevas todas las cosas y nosotros somos solamente unas chispas de la creación de Dios, que buscamos vivir en armonía con el Espíritu que nos envió el Señor Jesús.

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



- For the first eight full months of the 2013 Fiscal Year, Sunday and Holy Day collections are down 6.0% from the 2012 Fiscal Year. As the chart above depicts, the key driver was poor collections in September 2012.
- The Easter collection was successful in raising \$15,223. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute. If you would like to contribute, donations can be made by check, cash, or online at www.givecentral.org.
- In September 2012, Fr. Frank and the Finance Council asked Parishioners to consider an increase to their weekly gifts to St. Teresa's. Thank you to everyone who has been able to do so. As a point of reference, the weekly cost per adult to operate St. Teresa's and all of her programs is \$32.
- 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.
- 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 312-706-4266 or williamdmack@hotmail.com. Bill can provide you with the latest financial status, projections, and key issues.
- The Finance Council meets the third Monday of every month at 7:00PM in the Parish Center.

Food Pantry Schedule for May

Saturday, May 4th
10:00 am to 12:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, April 9th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, April 10th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, May 18th
10:00 am to 12:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, May 23rd
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, May 24th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

To Teach Who Christ Is Archdiocesan Campaign

As you may have heard, the Archdiocese of Chicago will be starting their own capital campaign in every parish in the Archdiocese. The campaign, "To Teach Who Christ Is," is an effort to help put our Catholic schools on stable ground.

In that some of the parishes in the Archdiocese do not have schools, like our own, we will see 60% of the money that we raised return to our parish for our needs. The vast majority of parishes are having to delay their own capital campaigns or add on the amount that the Archdiocese would like each parish to raise. We have been fortunate enough, since our campaign is already well underway, to receive an exemption.

We will have to participate in the Archdiocesan campaign, but not until our own is concluding in 2015. Please keep our neighboring parishes who are undertaking this in your prayers as well as our own capital campaign.

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Paul and Barnabas reported how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles (Acts 14:21-27).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

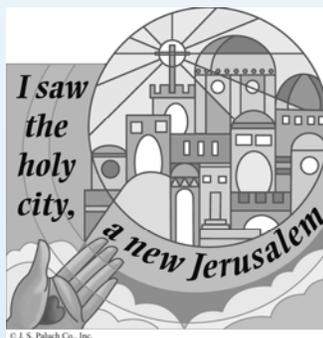
Second Reading — God's dwelling is with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

Gospel — This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 45:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8 or (for memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

The Ways of Love



One can feel the energy of a young, growing church in today's first reading. For Paul and Barnabas, it's smooth sailing. For the sponsoring church at Antioch, good news. The second reading—a vision—offers a picture of triumph, pure and simple. We might paraphrase God's direct words to read: "Don't you see? I make all things new!"

The young church remains new and young to this day if and when it follows the command Jesus lays down in the Gospel: "Love one another." The attitude and actions of love define the disciples and identify them with their master. Every person on this earth can be a disciple. For discipleship does not depend on learning or sophistication or age or arcane knowledge of secret cults. We are asked to study and practice the ways of love, right here and right now in the company of ordinary people. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

Frequent fliers today have many ways to accrue air miles, so one doesn't always have to endure long hours in cramped seats to earn free hours in cramped seats. In St. Paul's day, there were no such perks, nor would there have been any legal system for him to protest the shipwrecks he endured. He had other rewards in mind. The churches that he established in the catalogue of cities from today's first reading must have been very different from one another. Language, culture, customs, religious history, obstacles to community, social challenges, the places where they met, their clothing, their bread and wine, all distinct, particular to the area.

There were social customs as well: in a Christian household, the only place where a slave would be able to stand legally as an equal with the master would be at the table of the Lord, because at that table a new world of reconciliation was imaged. While Paul revered local customs, he was relentless about challenging the ways that people lived their Christian lives and how their worship reflected them. It is much the same today, as a global Catholic Church seeks to respect local customs and culture, allowing for differences in many things, yet always giving expression to the underlying presence of Christ, who binds us all together into his body. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

El Camino del Amor



En la primera lectura de hoy podemos sentir la energía de la joven, creciente Iglesia. Para Pablo y Bernabé, el trabajo es fructífero, y para la iglesia que los ayuda en Antioquía, buena nueva. La segunda lectura —una visión— ofrece un cuadro de triunfo puro y simple. Podríamos parafrasear las palabras de Dios y decir: “¿No ven? ¡Todo lo hago nuevo!”

La joven Iglesia permanece nueva y joven hasta hoy día sólo si sigue los mandatos de Jesús en su Evangelio: “Ámense unos a otros”. La actitud y las acciones del amor definen a los discípulos y los identifican con su maestro. Cada persona sobre la tierra puede ser un discípulo. El ser discípulo no depende de lo que se aprende o de la sofisticación o la edad o el conocimiento arcano de ritos secretos. Se nos pide estudiar y practicar los caminos del amor, aquí y ahora en la compañía de gente ordinaria. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El primer día de mayo es reconocido como el día mundial del trabajo y conmemora seis mártires de Chicago, quienes fueron fusilados en 1886 cuando la policía trató de impedir una pelea campal durante una huelga de obreros. Curiosamente esta fecha no es reconocida por los Estados Unidos pero sí por muchos países latinoamericanos. En 1954, el Papa Pío XII apoyó los derechos del obrero incluyendo a san José Obrero en el calendario cristiano. Esta fiesta celebra y recuerda la doctrina social de la Iglesia católica, una doctrina que insiste que: “El mensaje cristiano no aparta a las personas de la edificación del mundo, ni les lleva a despreocuparse del bien de sus semejantes, sino que les impone esta colaboración como un deber” (*Gaudiam et Spes* 34).

Es justo conmemorar a san José como obrero en el día mundial del trabajado, porque este santo varón nos recuerda que al trabajar uno colabora con Dios en la creación continua del mundo y de la humanidad. El trabajo no sólo es derecho humano es una responsabilidad que se debe tomar con amor al prójimo. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Pablo y Bernabé continúan sus viajes para fortalecer el espíritu de los discípulos (Hechos 14:21-27).

Salmo — Bendeciré al Señor eternamente. Aleluya (Salmo 145 [144]).

Segunda lectura — Juan tiene una visión de Dios morando con la raza humana (Apocalipsis 21:1-5a).

Evangelio — Al igual que Jesús nos ama, así también nosotros debemos amarnos mutuamente (Juan 13:31-33a, 34-35).

Lecturas de la Semana

- Lunes:** Hch 14:5-18; Sal 115 (114):1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Martes:** Hch 14:19-28; Sal 145 (144):10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Miércoles:** Hch 15:1-6; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Jn 15:1-8 o Gn1:26 — 2:3 o Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Sal 90 (89):2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Jueves:** Hch 15:7-21; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Viernes:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Sábado:** Hch 16:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Domingo:** Hch 15:1-2, 22-29; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Ap 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Congratulations First Communicants!

Paul Bloomer	Quinn Lovette
Alena Brandt	Mia McDonald
Tara Cahill	Claire McHugh
Elise Chranko	Brett Morich
Alejandro Goldstein	Reid Morich
Zianis Gomez	TJ Neumann
Stephen Goonan	Tomás Prendergast
Michael Hess	Alyia Segura

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...



“My ransom cost You a great deal!”

“Dare to be Holy!” Parish Mission May 19-22

Exciting news!! Starting Sunday evening, May 19th and ending Wednesday evening, May 22nd we're having a Parish Mission led by Catholic Lay Evangelist, Bill Wegner, of Good News International.

There will also be special sessions after the 7:30 am Mass on Monday through Wednesday.

It will be a fantastic way to deepen our relationships with God and each other. Plan to bring a friend.

Calendar at a Glance

April 28 Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter • Quinto Domingo de Pascua

- 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, PC3, First Communion Preparation
- 1:00 pm, PC3-4, First Communion Reception
- 7:00 pm, REC4, The Edge

April 29, Monday

St. Catherine of Siena • Santa Catalina de Siena

- No Activities Scheduled

April 30, Tuesday

St. Pius V • San Pio V

- 1:00 pm, REC1, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, PC3, REC, Kitchen, SPRED Preparation
- 7:00 pm, REC, PC4, Building Committee
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, REC, Women's Spirituality Group

May 1, Wednesday

St. Joseph the Worker • San José de Obrero

- 5:45 pm, REC, CCFC Chorale

- 6:45 pm, REC4, Faith Formation Advisory Committee

May 2, Thursday

St. Athanasius • San Atanasio

- 11:30 am, REC4, About Parents
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:30 pm, REC4, Praying with the Scriptures

May 3, Friday

Ss. Philip and James; First Friday • San Felipe y Santiago; Primer Viernes

- 12:00 pm, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- 4:00 pm, Church, Wedding Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

May 4, Saturday

First Saturday • Primero Sábado

- 10:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 10:00 am, REC, CCFC 1st Eucharist
- 2:00 pm, Church, Wedding
- 4:00 pm, Church, Our Lady of Fatima Rosary
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

April 27

5:00 pm All deceased members of the parish

April 28

9:00 am All deceased members of the parish

12:00 pm All deceased members of the parish

6:00 pm Jean Harmeier

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.

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Phyllis Carlino, Margaret Dean, Mark Dudley, Emmanuel & Julia Faloyin, Pat Johnson, Jack Kavanagh, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Mike McCabe, Melory Mizicko, John Ryan, Sally Jo Morrow, Henry Pryor, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Ruth Schmitz, John Sylvester, Jim Teterycz, Oscar R. Torres, Jon Wagenknecht, Lindsay Wallemann, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD</i>
<i>Patricia Chuck</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>Palmira Mancini</i>	<i>Jennifer Schubeck</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>George Marroquin</i>	<i>Sandra Seiffert</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>JoAnn Jahnke Trainer</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	<i>Mae Witry</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	<i>David Zeunert</i>
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Clayton Poe</i>	
<i>David Ivanac</i>	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>	
<i>Theresa Jabaley</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>	
<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
5-4-13 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Charles Shelby	Maggie Kuhlmann	Jennifer Barrett	Leigh Hartley Annie Monak
5-5-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Tony Dosen	Mark Trinka	Frank Swiderski Dennis Kamalick Dan Anderson	Jane Ott Bernadette Diaz Dean LaBrosse Zost Rose Ohiku
5-5-13 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Edil Calero Cortez	Belen Gonzalez Gerardo Martinez	Carmen Vazquez	Bolivar Gonzalez
5-5-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank Latzko	Alejandro Lopez	Alice Morales-Villenas	Colin McCue Kaitlin Cronin
5-5-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Sharon Lindstrom	Eileen Raia Jane Bronson Jocelyn Lutkus	Jonathan Hewett Aubre Hewett Wendy Tynan Kathy Richgels

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.

By Building. Faith. Together We Continue to Make Progress

We are continuing to make strong progress with the **Building. Faith. Together** capital campaign.

Campaign volunteers continue to reach out to our parish families to discuss the project in detail, answer questions and learn of campaign gifts.

The parish is making significant strides with this campaign. I attribute that to the spiritual attitude of who we are in the parish. As I've said before, we are not seeking equal gifts, but instead equally sacrificial gifts. Our invitation to all who come to St. Teresa is to be honest about the blessings that God has given them, and respond to this invitation with a spirit of generosity.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to foster this attitude of responsive and responsible gratitude among us a good stewards of his varied gifts.

Please feel free to reference our campaign case booklet or visit www.st-teresa.net for updates.

Thank you and God Bless!
Fr. Frank

Parish Deanery Representatives Needed

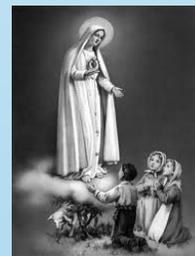
II-D Fr. Frank is looking for two individuals to represent St. Teresa of Avila Parish on the II-D Deanery Council in which our parish and 10 other neighboring parish belong.

Parish representatives act as liaisons between the parish and the Deanery by gathering information about the parish and letting our neighboring parishes know what is going on at St. Teresa.

Please contact Fr. Frank at (773) 528-6650 or FJSasso@aol.com if you're interested.

First Saturday – Primer Sábado Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on May 4th at 4:00 pm in the church.



Todos estan invitados a la devoción a la Virgen de Fátima el 4 de mayo en la iglesia Santa Teresa de Avila a las 4:00 pm.

Women's Spirituality April 30th

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, April 30th at 7:30 pm at 1930 N. Kenmore Ave.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28th followed by a summer break until September.

Hope you can join us on the 30th. Contact Cathy Flaherty, cgflaherty@aol.com, with any questions.



Monastic Values & Secular Life

This past Tuesday morning we had fifteen guys show up for the Men's Spirituality Session. It was a good showing and we had another spirited conversation about the potential application of monastic values in our secular lives. We read through a one-page sermon that an Abbot gave to his community on the event of a monk that was making his final vows. Topics such as continual conversion, obedience, stability and humility were all part of the sermon.

We had a bit of challenge applying these concepts to our secular lives. We don't live in a monastery with walls that keep the world out. We don't live by a rigid schedule of praying, fasting and working. We actually have several Abbots that we are accountable to not just one. As a man, this idea of being obedient to, or being humble to, or being converted to -- it just goes against the role that men play in their families and in society.

Interestingly enough, Esther de Waal in her book titled "Seeking God" had no problem at all applying the monastic values to her life. The value of "stability," for example, assists with a fundamental human need. Namely, everyone seeks to answer the question: "Who I am?" She says that without stability we cannot know our true selves. That external stability leads to internal stability that leads to the ability to enter into a personal dialogue with God.

In addressing authority and obedience de Waal tells us that the relationship between an Abbott and a monk is not one of oppressiveness but rather that the Abbott is to play a supportive role of someone who cares for the monk and also challenges the monk to dig deep and deal with the internal elements of his life that get in the way of a deeper and more full expression of his personal relationship with God. Sometimes, my wife or my kids are my "Abbott" challenging me to get out of my own way. Do I like it? No. Do I eventually come to understand myself in a new light? If I am open and have a disposition of listening.

We all have roles and responsibilities and a spiritual life. And we all have sized these dynamics up in our lives and for many of us we are comfortable with how we have sized these dynamics up. We have a secure understanding of our roles and responsibilities and our spiritual life. But we are not there. We know we are not there. And in order to get there (in union with God) we have to change; we have to get off the dime; we have to be challenged and we have to be open to listening. Tough stuff.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, May 14,
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

Opportunities at Mercy Home



A Solution for Kids in Crisis

Volunteers are a major asset to the success of many programs and special events at Mercy Home for Boys & Girls. Here are some ways you can make a difference just by making time:

Mentor A Child – Our *Friends First* program matches adults, one-on-one, with kids from all over Chicago. As a mentor, you can have a life-long impact on a child simply by going with them on fun outings to parks, zoos, museums and more. Commitment = 1 year (8 hours per month)...

Tutor A Youth – One hour a week can make a lifetime of difference. Volunteer tutors assist our young people with their homework, help them catch up in school, build confidence and fulfill their academic potential. Commitment = 1 full school term (minimum)...

After School Programs – The *After School Program* provides a wide range of activities and enrichment classes each evening. Volunteers provide a variety of talents including, music lessons, book clubs, exercise groups, public speaking, etiquette, and more. Commitment = Ongoing (as needed)...

Special Events – Mercy Home hosts a number of special events throughout the year that depend on volunteers for their success. Volunteers are welcome to assist in setting things up, hosting guests during the events, and putting things away. Commitment = Ongoing (as required for the event)...

These are just a few ways you can volunteer at Mercy Home for Boys & Girls. To learn more about these programs and other volunteer opportunities, contact Dee Yelvington at deeyel@mercyhome.org or (312) 738-7552.

In the Meantime

Today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles is filled with action verbs. Paul and Barnabas prayed and fasted, appointed and commended. They traveled. They preached. Passion for the Gospel message drove them to stretch beyond their preconceived boundaries. They became more loving, more fearless, more determined. In their proclaiming of the good news, they became good news.

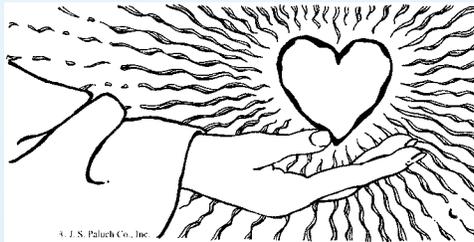
The Book of Revelation promised the battle-weary early Christians peace. If they remained true to the faith and bore their troubles with fortitude, every tear would be wiped away; there would be no more mourning, wailing or pain.

Together the two readings from Acts and Revelation send a clear message: Work hard. Be strong. Achieve peace.

Some say Christianity has lost its original fervor, that we have grown tepid and complacent, tired and weary. It has been 2,000 years, and just as Paul and Barnabas predicted, hardships abound. Peace is hard to find. The journey is long and difficult. What can we do while we are waiting for Jesus to return?

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a new commandment. A commandment meant to inspire and reenergize us; a commandment meant to deepen and expand us. It is: Love one another. Love one another as I have loved you.

How did Jesus love? A quick look at the first chapters of



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the Gospel of Mark gives us some insight. Jesus ate with sinners and cured on the Sabbath. He told stories. He vanquished demons. He reached out and touched people. He broke rules. He challenged preconceived notions. He grieved. He went off to a lonely place to pray.

We cannot love like Jesus if we do not know him. Try reading a favorite Gospel passage. Read it through twice and then close your eyes. With all five senses, enter into the scene. What do you experience? The goal is to encounter Jesus in the story. Once you find yourself face to face with Jesus, you are in relationship with him. Jesuit founder St. Ignatius created this type of prayer to help make Jesus alive and present to all who yearn for his presence.

I remember Ash Wednesday almost 40 years ago. I was 16 years old and most certainly disengaged. As a student at an all-girls Catholic

high school, I went to Mass because it would look bad if I didn't go. Great motivation. Thankfully, God writes straight with crooked lines! Father McCarthy invited us that day to become "Ambassadors for Christ." That sounded like a lofty ideal until he put it in concrete terms: He told us to smile at our neighbor, to help a friend. I started to reach out, to look for ways to be with and for others. I went to Mass the next morning — this time by choice.

What do we do in the meantime, as we wait for Christ? We pray and we take action. Like the early Christians, we love one another just as Jesus loved us. We wait in hope for the place of peace foretold in the Book of Revelation.

Peace seems so long in coming. Moments of violence shatter our hopes. Last December, the world was shocked over the deaths of so many innocent children and their teachers in Newtown, Conn. We were rocked to our core. We wept. We mourned. We wailed.

One CNN report remains etched in my heart: A father of one of the young victims offered condolences to the shooter's family.

I think that is what Jesus would have done.

— Karen Johnson, Celebration Publications

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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.

FINANCE COUNCIL

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

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

Information

Weekend Masses

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

* *First Sunday of the Month*

Weekday Masses

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

* *Communion Service only*

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays	7:00 pm
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For information about ...

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