



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2013

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!

— *Psalm 67:6*

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.

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Reflecting on God's Word

Forming a community is never easy. This is true whether the community is made up of family members, citizens, or believers. Diversity can both enrich and divide. Jewish Christians were soon joined by Gentile believers. The church in Jerusalem was joined by the church in Antioch. While the Gentile Christians questioned whether they had to accept all the Jewish traditions and customs, Jewish Christians feared they would lose what had given them their identity.

Today's reading from Acts witnesses to the role of the Holy Spirit in helping to navigate a way through these sensitive issues. The leaders of the church in Jerusalem send a letter to the church in Antioch, proclaiming that the decision they reached came not just from human wisdom, but from working with the Holy Spirit.

Such testimony to the role of the Holy Spirit is also found in the Gospel of John. At the Last Supper, Jesus tells his disciples that the Holy Spirit will come from the Father and "teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26). Because of this promise, we can have confidence that God will not abandon us. Indeed, the Trinity comes to dwell with those faithful to Jesus' word.

When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we call on the Holy Spirit both to open our minds to Jesus' word and to transform bread and wine so that we become more fully the body of Christ and the living temple of the Holy Spirit in the world.

Living God's Word

We pray that God will continue to send the Holy Spirit so that we might retain what is life-giving from the past and be open to any new initiatives that our loving God may offer in days ahead. We pray that our community may see in diversity a gift that can enrich.



Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Formar comunidad nunca es fácil, ya esté la comunidad compuesta de familiares, ciudadanos o creyentes. La diversidad puede enriquecer o dividir. A los cristianos judíos pronto se les unieron los creyentes convertidos del paganismo. A la Iglesia de Jerusalén se le unió la Iglesia de Antioquía. Mientras que los cristianos de origen pagano preguntaban si tenían que aceptar todas las tradiciones y costumbres judías, los cristianos judíos temían perder lo que les había dado su

identidad.

Las lecturas de hoy de los Hechos da testimonio del papel que tuvo el Espíritu Santo para ayudar a navegar a través de todos esos delicados asuntos. Los líderes de la Iglesia en Jerusalén le envían una carta a la Iglesia de Antioquía diciendo que la decisión a la que ellos llegaron no vino de una sabiduría meramente humana, sino de trabajar guiados por el Espíritu Santo.

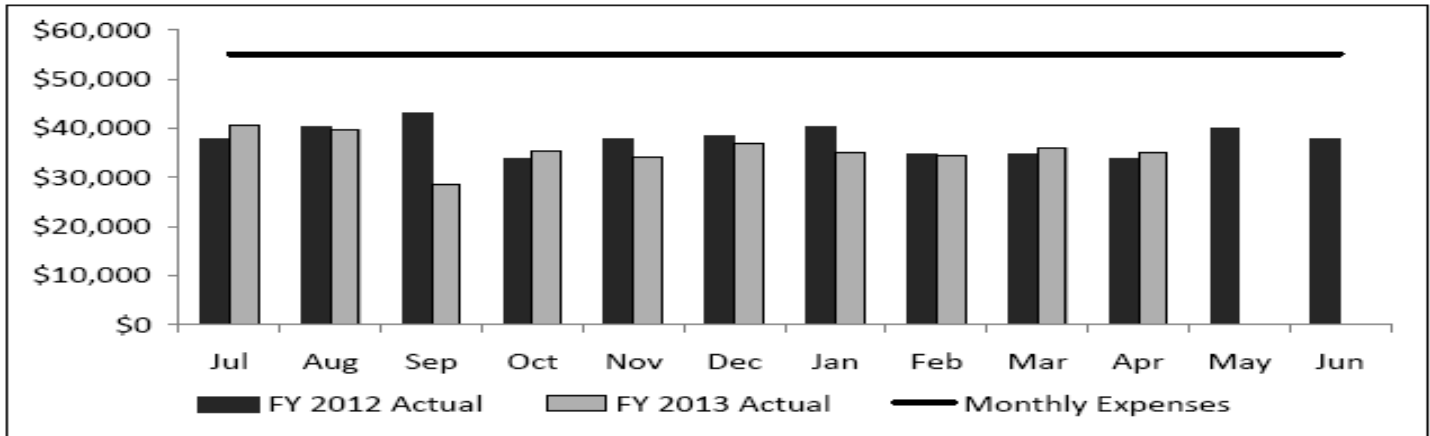
Tal testimonio sobre el papel del Espíritu Santo también se encuentra en el Evangelio de Juan. En la Última Cena Jesús le dice a sus discípulos que el Padre les enviará el Espíritu Santo, que "hará que recuerden lo que yo les he enseñado y le explicará todo" (Juan 14, 26). Por esta promesa podemos nosotros tener la confianza de que Dios no nos abandonará. En efecto, la Santísima Trinidad habita en aquellos que son fieles a las palabras de Jesús.

Cuando nos reunimos para celebrar la Eucaristía pedimos al Espíritu Santo que abra nuestra mente a las palabras de Jesús, y que transforme el pan y el vino a fin de que lleguemos a ser con mayor autenticidad el cuerpo de Cristo y el templo vivo del Espíritu Santo en el mundo.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Oremos para que Dios continúe enviando su Espíritu Santo a fin de que podamos retener todo aquello de nuestro pasado que da vida mientras que a la vez estemos abiertos a cualquier iniciativa nueva que nuestro Dios amoroso quiera ofrecernos en los días que se avecinan. Oremos para que nuestra comunidad pueda ver la diversidad como un don que puede enriquecer.

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, May 9th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, May 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

Food Pantry Shopping List

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



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

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67)

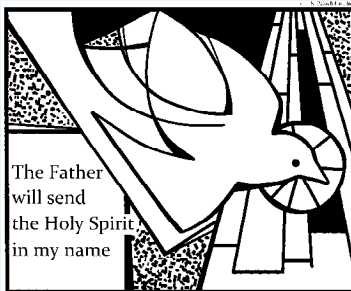
Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) *or* Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel — Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you (John 14:23-29) *or* John 17:20-26.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 <i>or</i> Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 <i>or</i> Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

The Workings of the Spirit



Anyone who has seen a loved one off to a new adventure knows how difficult it is to rejoice, even when we are reasonably optimistic about their future. So, we can imagine how difficult it must have been for the disciples to rejoice in Jesus' announced departure. Today's Gospel is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse, recorded only by John. Jesus announces shocking news. He must go to the Father, and they should rejoice in this. To help them through this, Jesus gives his disciples his gift of peace and promises an Advocate.

From our privileged position in history, we can see that all that Jesus promises comes to pass. The Church has grown and still exists on this earth because of the abiding Spirit. But living by the Spirit and entering into the peace of Christ is no small task. Jesus doesn't promise the apostles a rose garden. He is realistic about the costs of discipleship. And, mercifully, he is also clear about its rewards. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter! — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

La Obra del Espíritu



Cualquiera que haya visto partir a un ser amado hacia una nueva aventura sabe que es difícil alegrarse, aun cuando nos sintamos razonablemente optimistas sobre su futuro. De modo que podemos imaginar lo difícil que debió ser para los discípulos alegrarse cuando Jesús les anunció su partida. El Evangelio de hoy

es parte del discurso durante la Última Cena y sólo Juan lo relata. Jesús hace un anuncio perturbador. Debe ir al Padre y ellos deben alegrarse. Para ayudarlos, Jesús les da su paz y les promete un Abogado o Paráclito.

Desde nuestra privilegiada posición en la historia, podemos ver que todo lo que Jesús promete, pasa. La Iglesia ha crecido y aún existe en este mundo gracias a la presencia del Espíritu. Pero vivir por el Espíritu y entrar en la paz de Cristo no es tarea fácil. Jesús no les promete a sus apóstoles un jardín de rosas. Él es realista sobre el costo de ser un discípulo. Y, misericordiosamente, también describe con gran claridad sus premios. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Tristemente una vez que muchos latinoamericanos llegan a los Estados Unidos es difícil regresar a sus tierras de origen, ni siquiera para visitar. Por esta razón, muchos pueblos latinoamericanos han construido santuarios a sus vírgenes y santos patronos en tierra estadounidense. De esta manera buscan estar cerca al suelo que les trajo a luz, que les nutrió con frutas, verduras, flores, cantos, costumbres y tradiciones.

En Miami el pueblo cubano ha construido una ermita dedicada a la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre, cuya capilla del Santísimo fue bendecida en la fiesta de la Ascensión del Señor. Debajo de su altar principal se guarda una piedra hecha con tierra de las distintas provincias de Cuba. Es bello el hecho, porque de esta manera todo cubano que se acerca al altar del Señor puede estar cerca de su terruño aunque sea solo por un momento.

Que hay en la tierra que nos llama tanto a nosotros los latinos. Será que el libro del Génesis tiene razón, Dios forma toda persona del polvo y el corazón latino anhela la tierra de la que fue sacado. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Giz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — La cuestión de si los gentiles necesitaban ser circuncidados (Hechos 15:1-2, 22-29).

Salmo — Que te alaben, Señor, todos los pueblos Aleluya (Salmo 67 [66]).

Segunda lectura — Juan tiene una visión de la ciudad santa, la nueva Jerusalén (Apocalipsis 21:10-14, 22-23) o *Apo 22:12-14, 16-17, 20*.

Evangelio — El Espíritu Santo nos enseñará todo (Juan 14:23-29) o *Jn 17:20-26*.

Lecturas de la Semana

- Lunes:** Hch 16:11-15; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Martes:** Hch 16:22-34; Sal 138 (139):1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Miércoles:** Hch 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Jueves:** Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 o Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (para la Ascensión); o Hch 18:1-8; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Viernes:** Hch 18:9-18; Sal 47 (46):2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Sábado:** Hch 18:23-28; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23-28
- Domingo:** Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 o Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lc 24:46-53



May Baptisms

Parker Thomas Stengle (5-5-13)
Sofia Louise Louange (5-5-13)
Giselle Victoria Giuliano (5-19-13)
John James Olson McGuire (5-16-13)

Congratulations Confirmandi!!



Lukia Artemakis **Alyssa Hilko**
Jack Bonney **Grace Lynch**
Declan Cahill **Tristan Najarian**
Erin Doyle **Adam Pryor**
Alexandra Edwards **Jessica Ziegler**
Harry Hicks

St. Teresa said...



“ This self-love of ours is such that it’s a wonder if we ever blame ourselves, nor do we know ourselves.”

Dare to be Holy! Parish Mission May 19-22

Get ready!! Our week of parish renewal is coming in a few short weeks. The dates are Sunday night, May 19th through Wednesday night, May 22nd, with special sessions after the 7:30am Mass Monday through Wednesday. Bill Wegner, a Catholic Lay Evangelist, will be leading this year’s mission. It will be a fantastic way to deepen our relationships with God and with each other. **Plan to be there... and bring a friend!**

Calendar at a Glance

May 5, Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter • Sexto 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, PC1, RCIA
- 1:00 pm, PC3-4, CCFC Confirmation
- 7:00 pm, REC4, The Edge

May 6, Monday

- No Activities Scheduled

May 7, Tuesday

- 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 Community
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

May 8, Wednesday

- 5:45 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

May 9, Thursday

- 11:30 am, REC4, About Parents
- 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

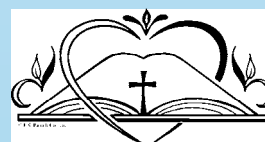
May 10, Friday

St. Damien de Veuster • San Damián de Veuster

- 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

May 11, Saturday

- 10:30 am, Kitchen, Mother’s Day Cooking



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

May 4

5:00 pm All deceased members of the parish

May 5

9:00 am All deceased members of the parish

10:30 am Manuel Gomez
Maria & Francisco Maldonado
Ramona Fuentes

12:00 pm Sarah Brennan

6:00 pm All deceased members of the parish

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>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</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 Maroquin</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>JoAnn Jahnke Trainer</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Mae Witry</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	<i>David Zeunert</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	<i>Paulette Zuckerman</i>
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Clayton Poe</i>	
<i>David Ivanac</i>	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</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>	
<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
5-11-13 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Chas Shelby	Luke Kolman	Annie Monak	Becky Francis Kari Richardson
5-12-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Elizabeth Rooney	Michael Zost Nancy Van Grinsven Lina Hilko	Jamie Lutkus Dan Anderson Theresa Jabaley Mark Van Grinsven
Next Spanish Mass 6-2-13 Sunday	10:30 am				
5-12-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Tony Rivera	Bert Olson	Suzanne Lynch Brendan Lynch
5-12-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Sharon Lindstrom	Katie Assell Kaitlin Cronin Wendy Ty6nan	Karen Melchert Eileen Raia Jon Assell Chris Parente

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. I attribute that to the spiritual attitude of who we are as a parish.

As I've said before, we are not seeking equal gifts, but instead equally sacrificial gifts. Our invitations 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.

Campaign volunteers continue to reach out to our parish families to discuss the project in detail, answer questions and learn of campaign gifts. Our volunteers are working very hard and I know you appreciate their work as much as I do.

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

Feel free to 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.

Praying the Scriptures

The *Praying the Scriptures* group meets every Thursday evening in the Religious Education Center from 6:30-7:30 pm to read, mediate upon and discuss upcoming Sunday's readings, and also to practice silent, or centering, prayer.

For more information, call our Director of Religious Education, Kate Lynch, at (773) 528-6650 or email her at kolynchdre@gmail.com



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New Scheduling Routine for Eucharistic Minister & Lectors

St. Teresa is using a new system, called Ministry Scheduler Pro, to schedule Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for weekend Masses. Here are the new system's highlights:

— **Availability Check-in:** Before each new schedule is put together, we will send ministers an email which will allow them to put in dates when they are not available to serve.

— **Service Dates Listing:** Once the schedule is generated and goes live on the Ministry Scheduler Pro website, all ministers who are scheduled will receive a listing of their upcoming duties.

— **Automatic Reminders:** Four days before a minister is scheduled, the system sends an automatic reminder of the ministry, date and time.

— **Automated Substitution:** If things change and a minister finds that they cannot serve, a minister can request that an email be sent to all other like ministers, asking for someone to substitute.

Because the new system uses email as the preferred method of communication, it's important that all ministers keep their emails and other information up to date.

Patience please... we have just generated our *May 4 through July 28 Schedule* and we are still making adjustments. If there are any questions about the new system, please contact Lisa Marquez at lisilul1@juno.com Dean in the office at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@stteresaparish.org.

Special thanks to... Dave and Jean Kostelansky for their many, many years of scheduling and training Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors.

Peering Into Freedom's Ideal Law

I recently read a story about a man that was so intent in his texting that he walked right off a train platform and fell several feet onto the train tracks. Can you imagine? Later on someone asked him what he was so intent on texting about and his reply was, "I was texting my wife about dinner." This guy's wife must be quite the cook.

Shortly thereafter some lawyer proposed to create a new law where people could be ticketed for "reckless walking." Wow. God Bless lawyers.

Saint James (the Saint revered as the Saint for Christians in action) talks about "law." In the first chapter of the book of Saint James he writes, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it, not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it, they will be blessed in what they do."

The line that stopped me was; "looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom." There are other translations such as "peers into freedoms ideal law."

We typically think of "law" as rules, regulations, guidelines that restrict us. I mean freedom is freedom. Freedom in that I can do whatever I want whenever I want. But what Saint James is telling us is that there is freedom and then there is "freedom" that operates in a whole other realm. There is freedom in that I can do whatever I want whenever I want. And then there is freedom where I become free from my past pains, my emotional swings, my persona, my ego, my forgetfulness and I remember who I truly am and become both in faith and in deeds the living expression of God's mercy and love in the world. Guys that look in the mirror and forget who they truly are... are not free.

**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*

Surround Us with Peace

"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." (John 14:26-27).



In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells his ascension as well as the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He promises that those who keep his word will never be alone. His parting gift is peace; he urges us to be neither troubled nor afraid.

Unfortunately, human beings show a strong preference for chaos. We seek after peace; we struggle for peace — and yet we have a hard time believing that peace is our birthright, a gift God yearns to give us.

In today's first reading, a conflict erupts between Paul and Barnabas, and unnamed others. The issue is whether or not the gentiles should be circumcised. Paul and Barnabas take a strong stand against chaos. They consult the apostles and elders. Most importantly, they all consult the Holy Spirit. In a clearly worded letter to the faithful, the apostles say, "For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us" (Acts 15:28). The early Christians took Jesus at his word. They believed the Holy Spirit would guide them.

Two thousand years later, we yearn for the faith of the first disciples. We don't feel at peace, and are often troubled and afraid. Everything seems unclear. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the

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mystery of the Trinity and establishes a firm scaffolding of truth that we can always depend upon. Our level of clarity and peace hinges upon the depth of our relationship with each member of the Trinity. We need a Father. We need a Savior. We need an Advocate.

How can we deepen our relationship with a God who is three in one?

Fortunately, some who have gone before us did understand this great mystery. Saint Patrick is just such a soul. Centuries ago, he wrote a *lorica* or prayer for protection, asking the Trinity to surround him. Known as "Saint Patrick's Breastplate," this prayer speaks to our desire to be surrounded by God.

One version of the prayer has been put to music by singer-songwriter Gayle Salmund on her CD "Ordinary Days." The refrain can easily be used as part of a morning prayer:

Be above me,
as high as the noonday sun.
Be below me,
the rock I set my feet upon.
Be beside me,
the wind on my left and right.
Be behind me,
oh circle me with
Your truth and light.

With Saint Patrick, we can believe that God's ear does hear us, God's hand does guide us, God's strength does uphold us, God's shield does hide us. Each of us needs a shield — a breastplate — to protect us not only against the world but also against our own disbelief.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Love, Beloved and Advocate, come and surround us with peace. In the midst of chaos, give us clarity. Help us to believe we have the right, indeed the responsibility, to call on your strength and protection. Give us a strong understanding of our faith and the courage to proclaim it.

During this next week, pray to Saint Patrick. Ask him to intercede for you and give you peace and clarity and a vibrant understanding of the gift of the Trinity, our three-in-one God who is always with us.

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

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

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

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

Information

Weekend Masses

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

* *First Sunday of the Month*

Weekday Masses

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

* *Communion Service only*

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays	7:00 pm
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For information about ...

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