



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 11, 2013

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.

— *Psalm 33:20*

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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Stewardship Matters

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ANNOUNCING ST. TERESA'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Spirit on Armitage

PARK WEST

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH 2013

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION


DINNER AND DANCING

CHAIRS: DEANA LABROSSE-ZOST AND EILEEN ELLIS

This year's event will be celebrating our parish's Spanish connections: St. Teresa and reflections on Fr. Frank's recent El Camino. Stay tuned here for more exciting details as the planning of this event evolves!

**Our success is based entirely on the strength of our volunteers
and the generosity of parishioners like you!**

MOST WANTED DONATIONS

-  Frequent Flyer Miles
-  Gift Certificates to restaurants, hotels
-  Donations of Time Shares/Vacation property
-  Tickets to your favorite entertainment venue
-  Sports tickets and memorabilia

Donations are being accepted NOW.

Please contact the Parish Office or Deana LaBrosse-Zost (drlabrosse@gmail.com) with any questions, concerns, or suggestions!

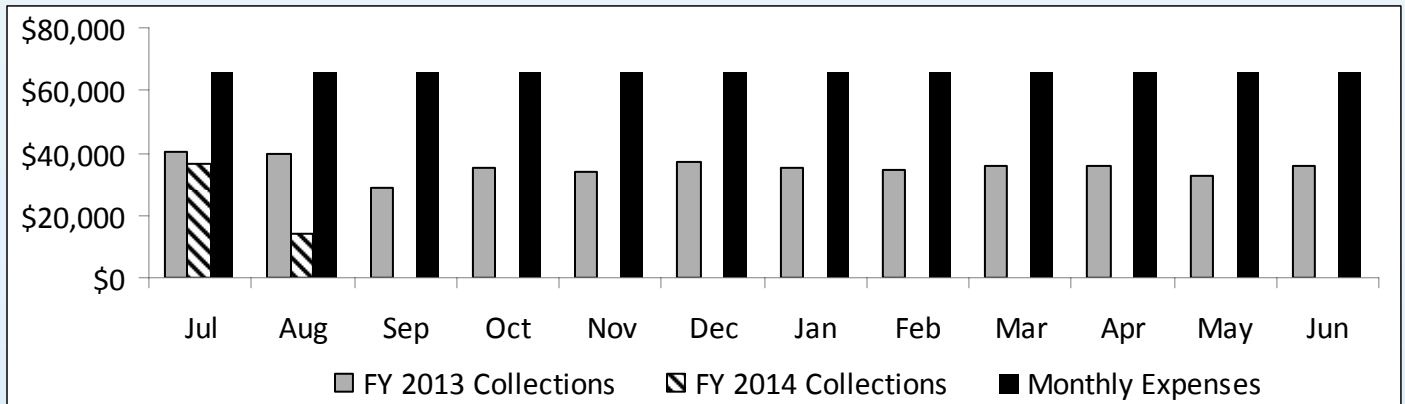
We will see you there....you'll have the "Time of Your Life"!

Deana LaBrosse-Zost and Eileen Ellis

Future Meeting Dates in the Parish Center

- August 11th, 10:15 am
- September 8th, 10:15 an

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



- For the 2013 Fiscal Year, Sunday and Holy Day collections are down 6.2% from the 2012 Fiscal Year.
- For the 2014 fiscal year, the cost per family per week is \$36 as 430 families contribute to the Parish.
- Our goal is to fund all operations and expenses from the weekly collections, i.e. the goal is for the striped bars to exceed the black bars 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 williamdmack@hotmail.com or (312) 706-4266. Bill can provide you with the latest financial status, projections, and key issues.
- The Finance Council meets the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Food Pantry Schedule for August

- Saturday, August 3rd**
10:00 am to 12:00 am Bagging & Distribution
- Thursday, August 8th**
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Bagging
- Friday, August 9th**
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, August 17th**
10:00 am to 12:00 am Bagging & Distribution
- Thursday, August 22nd**
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Bagging
- Friday, August 23rd**
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, August 31st**
10:00 am to 12:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Food Pantry Shopping List

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



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

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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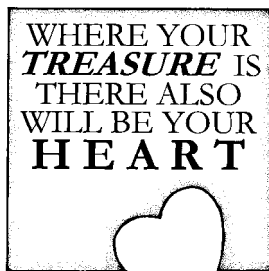
Today's Readings

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).
Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).
Second Reading — By faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).
Gospel — You do not know the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Preparation



Imagine the following scene: you sit down in your school desk. The teacher walks the aisle, placing the paper before you, face down. You set your watch. You will have exactly one hour to do the test. You turn the paper over. Then it hits you: you never took any notes. You never studied or did even one assignment. For a student, lack of preparation is the nightmare of nightmares.

Jesus talks about the need for preparation in today's Gospel. God is pleased to give us the kingdom, Jesus says. "Gird your loins and light your lamps." See that you are prepared.

Jesus' teaching reminds us of the question once posed to St. Francis de Sales and his companions, who, according to the story, were playing billiards. "What would you do if you knew the end of the world was coming in one hour?" The friends of Francis shared various plottings of how they would get their affairs in order. Most mentioned prayer. Francis shrugged, "I would continue doing what I am doing." Are *you* ready to meet the Lord? — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, today is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God-bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Preparación

Lecturas de hoy

DONDE ESTÁ TU
TESORO ESTARÁ
TU CORAZÓN

Imagínate la siguiente escena: estás sentado en tu pupitre en la escuela. La maestra camina por el pasillo, y coloca el examen delante de ti, volteado hacia abajo. Preparas tu reloj. Tienes exactamente una hora para completar ese examen. Volteas el papel. Y entonces te das cuenta: nunca tomaste apuntes. Nunca estudiaste ni hiciste tareas. Para un estudiante, la falta de preparación es la pesadilla de pesadillas.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús habla de la necesidad de prepararse. Dios estará encantado de darnos el reino, dice Jesús. “con la túnica puesta y las lámparas encendidas.” Prepárate.

Las enseñanzas de Jesús nos recuerdan la pregunta que una vez le hicieron a san Francisco de Sales y sus compañeros, que, de acuerdo a la historia, estaban jugando billar. “¿Qué harían si les dijeran que el fin del mundo llegará en una hora?” Los amigos de san Francisco empezaron a conjeturar sobre cómo pondrían sus asuntos en orden. Casi todos mencionaron la oración. Francisco se encogió de hombros: “Yo seguiría haciendo lo mismo que hago ahora.” ¿Estás *tú* listo para encontrarte con el Señor? – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Primera lectura — Tus antepasados esperaron con fe el cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios (Sabiduría 18:6-9).

Salmo — Dichoso el pueblo escogido por Dios (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda lectura — A causa de la fidelidad, los descendientes de Abraham son tan numerosos como las estrellas (Hebreos 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Evangelio — No saben ni el día ni la hora en que el Hijo del Hombre aparecerá (Lucas 12:32-48 [35-40]).

Lecturas de la Semana

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Hace casi 2000 años, Jesús declaró que “los zorros tienen guaridas, y las aves del cielo sus nidos; pero el Hijo del hombre no tiene donde reclinar la cabeza”. Lamentablemente en las calles y callejones del mundo este dicho se realiza diariamente en tantos abandonados por la sociedad que viven sin techo ni hogar. En los años 40 el santo jesuita, Alberto Hurtado de Chile quiso darle al Hijo del hombre un lugar donde reclinar su cabeza recogiendo a los niños y a los adultos indigentes.

Su ejemplo llamó la atención de otros cristianos que se unieron a sus esfuerzos y así en 1944 fundaron la asociación benéfica “Hogar de Cristo”. Este hogar se dedica aun todavía a acoger, educar y rehabilitar a los necesitados dándoles las herramientas necesarias para poder depender de si mismos. También vela por sus almas dándoles una formación total de cuerpo, alma y espíritu.

En fin, el Hogar de Cristo se dedica a difundir la realidad de los pobres por medio de nuestro llamado bautismal a la responsabilidad que tenemos en darle al Hijo de hombre un lugar para reclinar su cabeza. – Fray

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Lunes:	Dt 10:12-22; Sal 147 (146):12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Martes:	Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Miércoles:	Dt 34:1-2; Sal 66 (65):1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Jueves:	<u>Vigilia:</u> 1 Cró 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Sal 13 (131):6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lc 11:27-28 <u>Día:</u> Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Sal 45 (44): 10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56
Viernes:	Jos 24:1-13; Sal 136 (135):1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Sábado:	Jos 24:14-29; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Domingo:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Sal 40 (39):2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lc 12:49-53

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August Baptisms



Nolan Barrett (8-3-13)
Lionel Manuel Vega III (8-10-13)
Brooks Nolan Lutkus (8-11-13)
Joseph Thomas Boland (8-18-13)

St. Teresa said...



“I look very differently upon what the Lord suffered, as something belonging to me—and it gives me great comfort.”

Interested in the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life.



The RCIA process is for the unbaptized who want to join the Catholic Church; and those who have been baptized either Catholic or in another Christian denomination, and want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Frank at (773) 528-6650.

Calendar at a Glance

August 11, Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time •
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- 9:00 am, RR, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:00 am, REC4, Baptism Preparation
- 10:15 am, PC 3-4, Spirit on Armitage Meeting

August 12, Monday

St. Jane Frances de Chantal •
Santa Juana Francisca de Chantal

- 7:00 pm, PC3, Parish Council

August 13, Tuesday

Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus •
Santos Ponciano e Hipólito

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

August 14, Wednesday

St. Maximilian Kolbe •
San Maximiliano Kolbe

- 12:00 pm, PC3, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 6:30 pm, PC3, Fiesta de Avila

Next 6:51 Club August 18th

Stop by after the 6:00 pm Mass on August 18th for a little summertime BBQ on the steps and meet other parishioners.

Contact Sara Hock for more details at sara.m.hock@gmail.com or foleysar@gmail.com



August 15, Thursday

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary •
La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

- 9:30 am, REC4, About Parents

August 16, Friday

St. Stephen of Hungary • San Esteban de Hungría

- 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

August 17, Saturday

Blessed Virgin Mary • Santa María Virgen

- 10:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 10:00 am, REC4, Breastfeeding Basics



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 at Kenmore Avenue. The Reconciliation Room (RR) is at the back of church next to the baptismal font.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

August 10

5:00 pm Joseph Pace
August 11
 9:00 am All deceased members of the parish.
 12:00 pm Pedro Garcia
 6:00 pm Allan R. Ryan
 Nancy Carignan

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Robert Byerwalter, Maria Louisa Cervantes, Dorothy Cooney, Margaret Dean, Mark Dudley, Emmanuel & Julia Faloyin, Pedro Garcia, Pat Johnson, Jack Kavanagh, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Mike McCabe, Melory Mizicko, Donald Morich, Sally Jo Morrow, Honorata Alicea Peña, Henry Pryor, John Ryan, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Ruth Schmitz, Jennifer Schubeck, Robert Summins, John Sylvester, Jim Teterycz, Oscar R. Torres, Jon Wagenknecht, Lindsay Walleman, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

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

Our Mass intentions have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@stteresaparish.org

In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added. We list the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for six months. If you wish the name of a loved one left on the list longer than six months, please contact Dean Vaeth in the parish office.

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
8-17-13 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Maggie Kuhlmann	Jennifer Barrett	Luke Kolman Lisa Marquez
8-18-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Phyllis Halloran	Rose Ohiku Theresa Jabaley Jamie Lutkus	Mark Van Grinsven Nancy Van Grinsven
Next Spanish Mass 9-1-13 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Octavio Munoz	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Josefina Gomez	Carmen Cruz
8-18-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Toni Rivera	Minister Needed (H2)(T)	Amy McCue Alice Morales-Villenas
8-18-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Mark Pranaitis, C.M.	Chris Parente	Jocelyn Lutkus Kaitlin Cronin Kathy Richgels	Minister Needed (C1)(P) Karen Melchert Sharon Lindstrom Bert Olson

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.

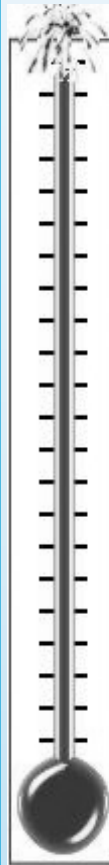
Guide us as we *build faith together*.
Bless us with a unity of mind and spirit as we accept the responsibilities and challenges of this parish undertaking. May our efforts bear fruit for the glory of your kingdom.

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 \$51,815 Over Our Goal!!!



\$1,311,815 Congratulations!! We've exceeded our pledge goal of \$1,260,000. As of last weekend our pledged total shot up to \$1,311,815, which is \$51,815 over our pledge goal.

Even though we have reached our goal, we are still taking pledges to cover any unanticipated costs in fees, demolition of the old school and convent buildings, or the renovation of the church. Pledge cards are available on the tables at the back of church and in the gathering space.

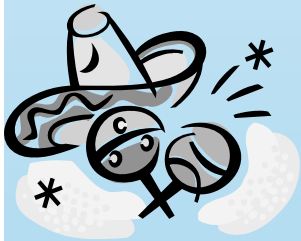
I pray that everyone will rejoice in the graces and hard work of so many of our fellow parishioners and make a meaningful gift that will lead us through a successful effort.

Earlier this month we formally entered the collection phase of our campaign and sent letters to all who have made pledges so far. We will begin reporting the amounts we have collected on pledges soon.

Thank you and God Bless!

Fr. Frank

Fiesta de Ávila



Reserve Saturday, **September 14th** for **FIESTA DE ÁVILA**, a parish/neighborhood party in St. Teresa's parking lot. Feast on Mexican fare and enjoy karaoke, live music and children's activities.

The committee is looking for volunteers to help plan as well as work the event. Volunteers who are willing to reach out to potential sponsors (grocery stores, restaurants, etc.) for donations of goods, are also needed.

Facebook users can check the St. Teresa Parking Lot Party or email Rebecca O'Brien at rebeccaandree@hotmail.com for more information.

Vocations

Be alert to God's presence even at the least expected times, places and events. You will be ready to respond to God's call. (Luke 12:32-48).

If you have ever considered a vocation to the priesthood, contact Fr. Francis Bitterman, fbitterman@archchicago.org or at (312) 534-8298, or go to www.ChicagoPriest.com.

For information on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at (312) 534-5240 or erami-rez@archchicago.org, and for the Permanent Diaconate program contact Deacon Bob Puhala at (847) 837-4564 or bpuhala@usml.edu

Men's Spirituality Group

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, August 13, 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 or tkosnik@visusgroup.com

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3. You can make your gifts through most credit cards or online checking.

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Website & Bulletin Submissions

Articles must be submitted by 11:00 am on Monday to be considered for the following Sunday's bulletin or for posting on the Website. Please contact Dean at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@stteresaparish.org



Eucharistic Adoration

**TUESDAYS
7:00-8:30PM**

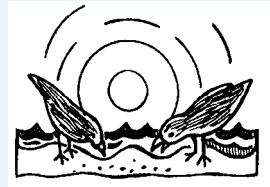


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Reflecting of God's Word

It's tempting to wish that our faith in God enabled us to have an unflinching trust that God will take us where we want to be. It would free us from dithering with decisions, vacillating and second-guessing. Only that wouldn't be faith because it would be our own script we'd have God carrying out.



Faith in God surrenders the script. It also surrenders the outcome, which is why Abraham, when asked by God to pack up kin and belongings and move to another land, did just that without knowing where or how he'd eventually settle in. And much later, like the unpredictable thread of a good novel, Abraham's story finds him and Sarah with child when they are 100 and 90 years old. A decade or so later, Abraham again finds himself without any sensible or sane understanding of the storyline as he leads young Isaac up a sacrificial mountain to what would seem to be a failure of God's promise to Abraham to father countless generations. Once more God rewrites the ending. Throughout Abraham's life it is God's script that Abraham lives out, not his own.

Faith is unpredictable, like good novels that twist and turn and keep us in suspense. If novels are well written, they keep us up long into the night. On the other hand, we like our lives quite the opposite. The appearance of the unpredictable tends to unsettle and undo our living. We presume that good lives, unlike a good novel, are interesting and engaging but always deliberately focused and free of unwarranted surprises. And so we expect good novels and good lives to be like the tracks of the railroad—parallel, but never touching or crossing lest someone or something be derailed.

Living God's Word

Growth and change are always the result of conflict, of clashing visions that force adaptation. This is not to say that God writes tragedies and suffering into the script, but only that God uses all the unfolding twists and turns of the plot to bring the story to a divine conclusion.

The Kingdom is Ours

Jesus said that the Father gave the kingdom to his friends.

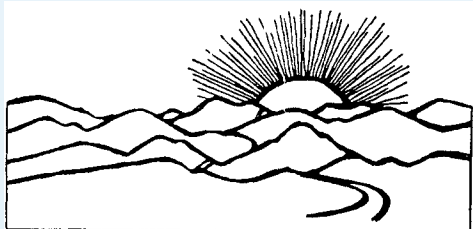
When Jesus began preaching, it was not a clear break from his own religious tradition. His central message was: “The kingdom of God is at hand.” To his fellow Jews, that was a new variation on an old theme.

All Jews lived in expectation of the coming of the kingdom. Historically, the greatest event was when God saved Israel from slavery in Egypt. The exodus fueled anticipation that God would finally intervene again in history.

The Jews believed that in God’s good time, God would save Israel from whatever nation they were enslaved by at that time. God would establish Israel as the greatest nation and rule the world through his chosen people. This was everyone’s hope. There were only two points under discussion: whether the other nations would be converted or destroyed; and whether God would rule directly or through the messiah, his anointed one.

All this means that when Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom of God was at hand, he was simply confirming the expectation of all Jews and repeating the promise of the prophets. He was echoing the preaching of the Baptist, with one difference: Jesus said the kingdom was “at hand.”

With such a familiar message, how did Jesus stir up so much trouble? Many ordinary people



It doesn’t matter who caused the death of Jesus. He was an execution waiting to happen. It didn’t matter if Judas or someone else — or no one else — betrayed Jesus. He wasn’t hard to find.

were excited about the prospect of the kingdom, but religious and civil leaders were very anxious.

The priests were in command of the religion of the people. Their center was in the capital of Jerusalem, and both their religious and financial power was in the temple, which they controlled. They were in charge of doctrine, which they carefully guarded against all heresy. They wanted to ensure that this new preacher did not dilute their dogma and did not diminish the influence of them and the temple.

But since most of the people lived away from the capital and came to the temple rarely, there grew up a system of laymen who became familiar with the law. They encouraged people to meet in synagogues and homes to ponder the Torah. In the process, they formulated practical rules for everyday

religious living.

The Romans were in charge of everything. They allowed the Jewish leaders a limited amount of authority, as long as it did not go contrary to Roman authority. They had no interest in religious quarrels again, as long as it did not involve them. But church and state were not separate then as they are now, so any disturbance in the religious area bled into politics. That is why both religious and civil leaders had an interest in maintaining the status quo. Therefore, it doesn’t matter who caused the death of Jesus. He was an execution waiting to happen. It didn’t matter if Judas or someone else — or no one else — betrayed Jesus. He wasn’t hard to find.

Jesus was killed, end of story. But no, some people said that he rose from the dead. So, Jesus became the central issue instead of the kingdom. The Jews were still waiting, Rome felt secure; the core message of Jesus was forgotten in the dispute over his own person.

It is sad to realize that Jesus’ message of a divine kingdom covering the whole world was reduced to Jesus as a private savior, a personal trainer. But his kingdom message is still true. We have the kingdom now, and we can bring it to birth. We can do it!

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Bertel Olson	

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

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

FINANCE COUNCIL

Bill Mack, Chair

Justin Peters	Dave Hilko
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Jack Halpin	Andrew Deye
Jane Ott	Becky Francis

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

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

Information

Weekend Masses

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

* First Sunday of the Month

Weekday Masses

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

* Communion Service only

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays	7:00 pm
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For information about ...

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

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