



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2013

[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

— *Hebrews 12:2*

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!

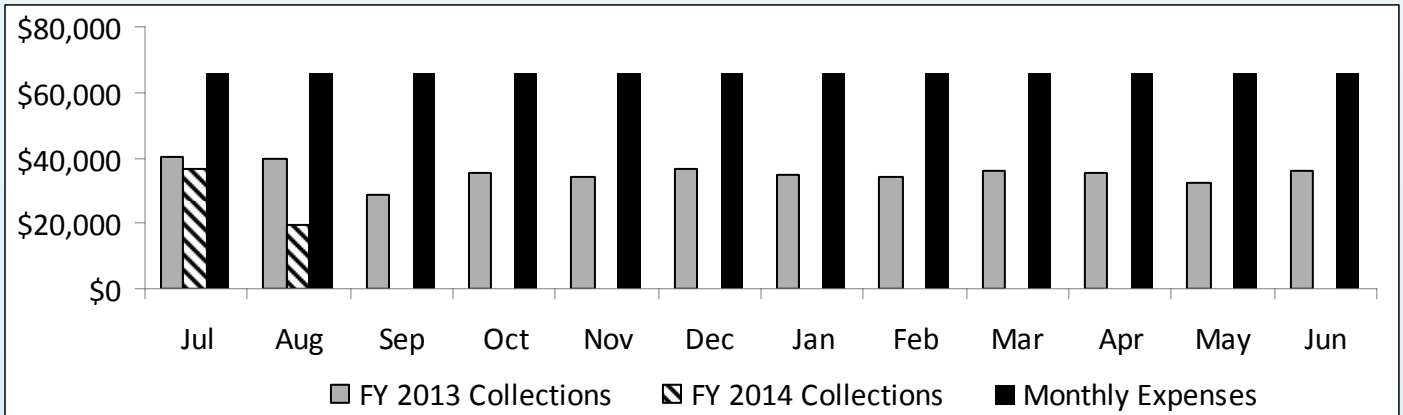
We will see you there....you'll have the "Time of Your Life"!

Deana LaBrosse-Zost and Eileen Ellis

Future Meeting Dates in the Parish Center

-- 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.) | 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 — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

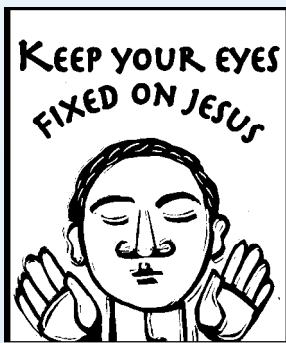
Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Sunday:	Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

The Costs of Discipleship



Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere

by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God. Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Costo de Ser Discípulo

Mantenga
la mirada en Jesús



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El Salmo responsorial de hoy, Salmo 40 (39), nos es muy familiar por el refrán “Señor, date prisa en socorrerme”. La historia de Jeremías hoy y el refrán “¡Señor, date prisa en socorrerme!” nos recuerda que siempre hay dos caminos para seguir el llamado de Dios. El autor de la *Carta a los Hebreos* también lo sabía. Él recordaba a sus lectores que aunque nos agobien desgracias y pecados, podemos todavía perseverar si mantenemos nuestros ojos

fijos en Jesús, quien también conoció la vergüenza y el dolor de la cruz, pero vio más allá del sufrimiento, el gozo de sentarse a la derecha del trono de Dios.

Jesús mismo dio a sus discípulos una “idea” de un bautismo que no sería tan maravilloso como el del Jordán que inauguró su ministerio, sino de fuego y angustia. Las palabras de la Sagrada Escritura hoy pueden no ser terriblemente apaciguadoras, pero en su honestidad y fortaleza podemos reconocer las dificultades que el discípulo enfrenta a diario, y consolarnos por la seguridad de nuestra salvación en Cristo. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El otro día leí un artículo escrito por un pastor bautista sobre la necesidad de tener un altar en casa para educar a nuestros hijos en la fe y la oración. Lo leí con interés ya que el uso del altarcito tiene una larga historia en la Iglesia católica. En casa de mis abuelos paternos, en México, había un bello altarcito en forma de pirámide que contenía flores, velas y figuras de Jesús, María y algunos santos. Además de esto estaban también algunos instrumentos de oración como el rosario, la Biblia y algún otro libro de oración. También en casa de mi abuela materna, en Texas, había un rinconcito sagrado. Muchos latinos tenemos altarcitos familiares. Algunos son verdaderos altares como el de mi abuela, Mamá Lilia. Otros son rincones especiales como el de Mamá María, con alguna imagen y libro de oración y fotografías de nuestros parientes. A fin de cuentas no importa ni su tamaño ni su forma. Importa su existencia y sobre todo su uso para recordarnos de la presencia e importancia de Dios en nuestros hogares y familias. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Giz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — El profeta del Señor sufre peligros y deshonra para proclamar el no grato mensaje de Dios para la ciudad (Jeremías 38:4-6, 8-10).

Salmo — Señor, ¡date prisa en socorrerme! (Salmo 40 [39])

Segunda lectura — Persevera en la lucha igual que Cristo soportó la cruz (Hebreos 12:1-4).

Evangelio — Jesús vino a purificar la tierra con su santo fuego y a sembrar división y no paz (Lucas 12:49-53).

Lecturas de la Semana

- Lunes:** Jue 2:11-19; Sal 106 (105):34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
- Martes:** Jue 6:11-24a; Sal 85 (84):9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
- Miércoles:** Jue 9:6-15; Sal 21(20):2-7; Mt 20:1-16
- Jueves:** Jue 11:29-39a; Sal 40 (39):5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
- Viernes:** Rut 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Sal 146 (145):5-10; Mt 22:34-40
- Sábado:** Ap 21:9b-14; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
- Domingo:** Is 66:18-21; Sal 117 (116):1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lc 13:22-30

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August Baptisms



Nolan Barrett (8-3-13)

Lionel Manuel Vega III (8-10-13)

Brooks Nolan Lutkus (8-11-13)

Lincoln Alexander Tarnow (8-17-13)

Joseph Thomas Boland (8-18-13)

St. Teresa said...



“So, let us try to go against our own will in everything.”

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 18, Sunday

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time •
Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 9:00 am, RR, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 1:00 pm, PC3, Archdiocesan PR Committee
- 6:51 pm, PC3-4 6:51 Club

August 19, Monday

St. John Eudes • San Juan Eudes

- No Activities Planned

August 20, Tuesday

St. Bernard • San Bernardo

- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

August 21, Wednesday

St. Pius X • San Pio X

- 12:00 pm, PC3, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 6:30 pm, PC3, Fiesta de Avila
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Building Committee

6:51 Club this Weekend

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 22, Thursday

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary •
Santa María Virgen, Reina

- 9:30 am, REC4, About Parents
- 5:30 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Setup

August 23, Friday

St. Rose of Lima • Santa Rosa de Lima

- 10:00 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 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 24, Saturday

St. Bartholomew • San Bartolomé

- 10:00 am, REC4, Breastfeeding Basics
- 5:00 pm, Church, Summer Mission Appeal



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 17

5:00 pm All deceased members of the parish.

August 18

9:00 am James Golden

12:00 pm Pedro Garcia

Anne Schuman Chasnoff

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...

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

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
8-24-13 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Chas Shelby, C.M.	Becky Francis	Jane Bronson	Annie Monak Leigh Hartley
8-25-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Geneva Gorgo	Dennis Kamalick Phyllis Halloran Jennifer Barrett	Rose Ohiku Mary Serrahn Theresa Jabaley Bernadette Diaz
Next Spanish Mass 9-1-13 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Octavio Munoz	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Josefina Gomez	Carmen Cruz
8-25-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Alex Lopez	Amy McCue	Alice Morales-Villenas Bert Olson
8-25-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Eileen Raia	Sharon Lindstrom Chris Parente Jocelyn Lutkus	Kathy Richgels Jon Assell Katie Assell Luke Kolman

Loving God –

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

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

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

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

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

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



\$53,375 Ahead of Our Goal... Still Climbing

\$1,313,375

We've exceeded our pledge goal of \$1,260,000. As of last weekend our pledged total went up to

\$1,313,375, which is \$53,375 over our pledge goal.

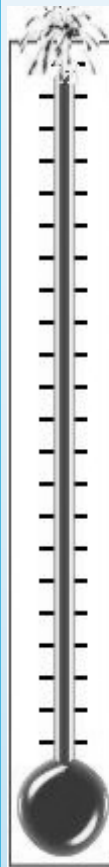
Even though we have reached our goal, we are still taking pledges to cover any unanticipated costs in fees, demolition of the old school and convent buildings, or the renovation of the church. Pledge cards are available on the tables at the back of church and in the gathering space.

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.

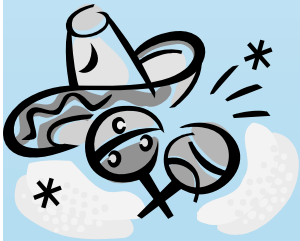
Earlier this month we formally entered the collection phase of our campaign and sent letters to all who have made pledges so far. We will begin reporting the amounts we have collected on pledges soon.

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

Like Christ, we must never grow despondent or abandon the struggle and opportunity to live and proclaim the faith. Perhaps God is calling you to spread the Word through a Church vocation. What a gift it is to share the Word.

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

Summer Mission August 24th-25th



The Missionaries of St. Charles — Scalabrinians will visit St. Teresa next weekend for our Summer Mission. The Scalabrinians are a worldwide Catholic Religious community of priests and brothers, founded by

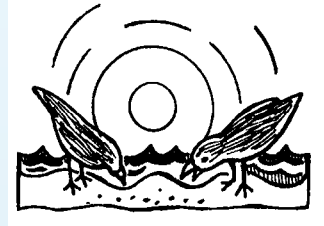
Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini in 1887 for the mission of assisting migrants and refugees in their spiritual, social and cultural needs.

The Scalabrinians are working in 32 countries, and they staff parishes, missions and shelters in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Guatemala. The mission of the Scalabrinians rests squarely on the words of Jesus, “I was a foreigner and you welcomed me.” (Matthew 25:35)

Deacon John Battisto will preach at all Masses August 24th and 25th. Please welcome him to St. Teresa Parish.

Reflecting of God’s Word

By now just about all of summer has been unwrapped and spent. As the season drains away and summer’s light dims, so too grows the realization that the busy work of life must soon be



taken up in earnest once more. Once more the realization returns that life calls us seriously to particular autumn cares. No matter how fearful or challenging, each of us must follow that inner voice or else sense that life will have become less.

Such was the story of Jeremiah, who found himself prophet to the Hebrew people. He sensed an inner call to speak God’s word against the nation’s political alliances and against the king’s penchant to trust in military machines. As a result Jeremiah found himself tossed into a well. Yet he remained committed.

It is also the story of Jesus, who came with truth as a walking stick and the kingdom as seeds of life to be scattered and sown. He also knew full well that few would walk where he would walk or choose to feed on what he would sow. Yet he would not back away from what he was about.

Such a willingness to stretch ourselves into the unknown is part of that mysterious list of things that make us human. At such times we walk in the shadow of Jesus as he leads us into new ways of being human. Seldom, if ever, is it without struggle or even pain, yet it is then that we begin to gain a fuller sense of who we truly are, and it is then that through us God brings the world to something new.

Living God’s Word

Each of us must choose to step into some unknown, guided by our God-given vision of what our lives must be about, a vision to which others are often blind. At these moments one can feel both most alone and most alive.

Men’s Spirituality Group

**Join us for the next session of
Men’s Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, August 27, from 6:15 am to
7:30 am in the parish center.**

Contact Matt Priesbe at mpriesbe@aol.com and (847) 729-1220.

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Windows of Opportunity

I had just visited someone at Illinois Masonic Hospital and was waiting for the 'L' to return back to St. Teresa. A man with a CTA uniform indicating was busy cleaning things up on the platform; he noticed me with my collar and approached me.

We had a wonderful conversation about his life, its ups and downs, but more importantly, its hopes. He engaged me about my life and ministry and couldn't figure out where St. Teresa of Avila Church was since he thought he knew all the parishes. This hard-working man lived the definition of faith from the *Letter to the Hebrews*: despite the fact that he couldn't see God, there were many realities in his life that made him certain of God's presence in his life: "...faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." His children, his family, and his prayer rooted him in hope, giving him "evidence" of the unseen God.

My encounter with this man was given to me by God as a window of opportunity, a brief encounter in which God can be experienced. A generous God, who knows our tendency to become so preoccupied with the demands of life that we fail to encounter his presence, gives these *windows* to us.

Our busyness blinds us to these windows of opportunity. And when we pause long enough to gaze into this window, life changes...our



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perceptions are altered. The man on the platform gave me a window of opportunity to see through it into the mystery who is God. Perhaps we stay so busy to avoid looking through these windows, since our worlds may have to change.

In the gospel, Jesus tells parables about being wide awake and open to the God of surprise, the God who enters our lives in the places we least expect, like an 'L' platform. These "surprise" moments awaken us to our purpose, rooting us in the present moment, the only way God can be experienced: in the here and now: the present moment. These windows of opportunity are given to us hundreds of times daily. God wants us to look through them and be engaged so that we are transformed

by the experience. The call to service that is so evident in the gospel, is also the call to us to become a *window of opportunity* for another person God places in our path.

As we look through the window of Abraham and Sarah, we see a God who calls us to let go of the neat, small worlds we live in and journey into new territories of the human heart....perhaps even new geographical territories. Age and the biological clock can never be an excuse to just stay "stuck." Once again, the God of surprises...

The God that Jesus revealed in his parables is the God who comes when we least expect it, so the he can become our servants — "I have come to serve and not be served." The tables have been turned and our worlds have been turned upside down. God wants to be *your* servant...he wants to wait on *you*!

My tables were turned when my friend on the 'L' platform asked me to take him to St. Teresa of Avila Church, right then and there. I was taken aback: he was evangelizing me. I led him to the church he now knows clearly exists. I reclined at the table and God proceeded to wait on me, serving me a feast of his Love and Presence.

— Fr. Frank, Homily from the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 10-11, 2013)

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Wisneski, Chair

Jon Assell	Marjorie Rice
Jessica Marx	Michael Rice
Mark Matejka	Tony Rivera
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
Jane Bronson	Steve Fortino
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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