

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

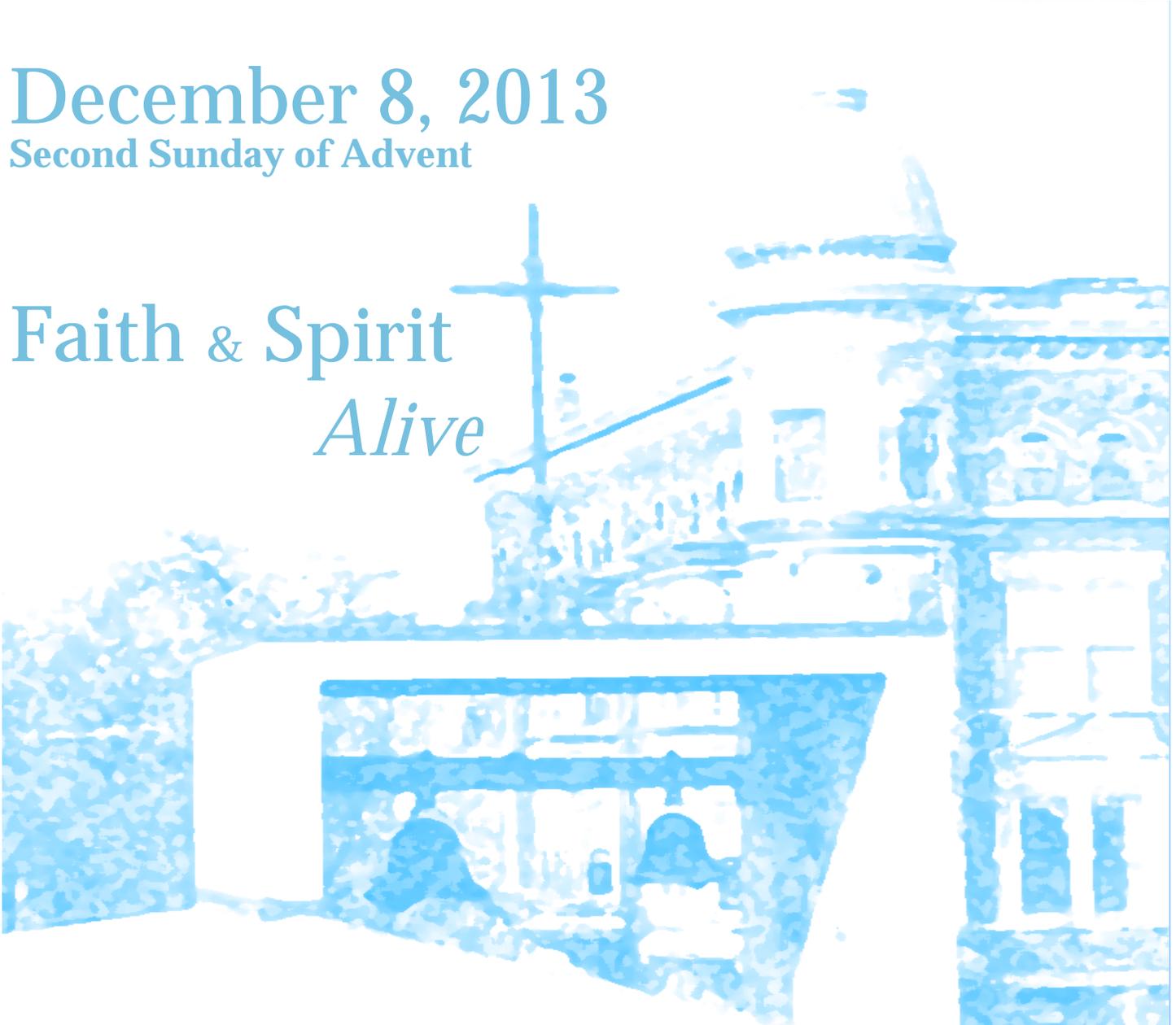
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December 8, 2013

Second Sunday of Advent

Faith & Spirit *Alive*



The earth shall be filled with
knowledge of the Lord, as wa-
ter covers the sea.

— Isaiah 11:9

1033 W. Armitage Ave.

*At the Corner of Armitage & Kenmore Avenues
Chicago, Illinois 60614*

Spending Our Time

Last week I found myself waiting for a routine test at Northwestern Hospital, surrounded by a variety of people in the same boat: waiting for our number to be called. Yes, we were all a number.

For a brief moment, the reality of time invaded my consciousness, for I realized that all of us sitting in that waiting room were vulnerable, facing the uncertainties of life. The results of my test were just fine, but until I actually discovered that, I thought about time and how quickly it moves and how much of it I waste. I couldn't help but think some people sitting around me would get news that would change their lives forever.

The gospel awakens us to the harsh reality that time can slip away in busyness, worry, or just plain indifference, not really caring about the direction one's life is taking. That "thief in the night" can rob us of the chance to change the course our lives are taking by letting God grab a hold of our hearts and change how we experience the passing of time.

So many of us live in a world of counting the minutes, hours, days, weeks and months...we live by the calendar and appointment book, and the digital reminder of the exact time as we keep glancing at our smart-phones and tablets. Advent awakens us to experiencing a transformation in how we experience time, from counting, or "chronos" to "kairos" which means a moment of transformation that alters our lives in a significant way.

My experience in the waiting room went from counting time, looking at my watch, becoming apprehensive to seeing a deeper reality in that waiting room. As I saw all of us in all



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our vulnerability, sitting in those ridiculous hospital gowns tightly rapped around our bodies to preserve some semblance of dignity, I came to a new awareness that we are all in this together and we have to "seize the moment" for time is a gift to be treasured and never to be taken for granted.

The people referred to in the Gospel at the time of Noah lost a sense of God's presence in the eating and drinking and marrying, realities which are good in and of themselves, only when they are rooted in meaning and purpose. In all of the ordinary realities of life God has to be central for it is in these very ordinary slices of life that God can transform our lives.

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heart; we live on the surface, going through the motions, even with our religious ritual and practice.

Advent reminds us of the importance of treasuring time and awakening to the reality that Christ has not only come to us 2,000 years ago by being born in a stable but that he comes *now*, in the ordinary events of life and will return sometime in the future to completely end chronological time.

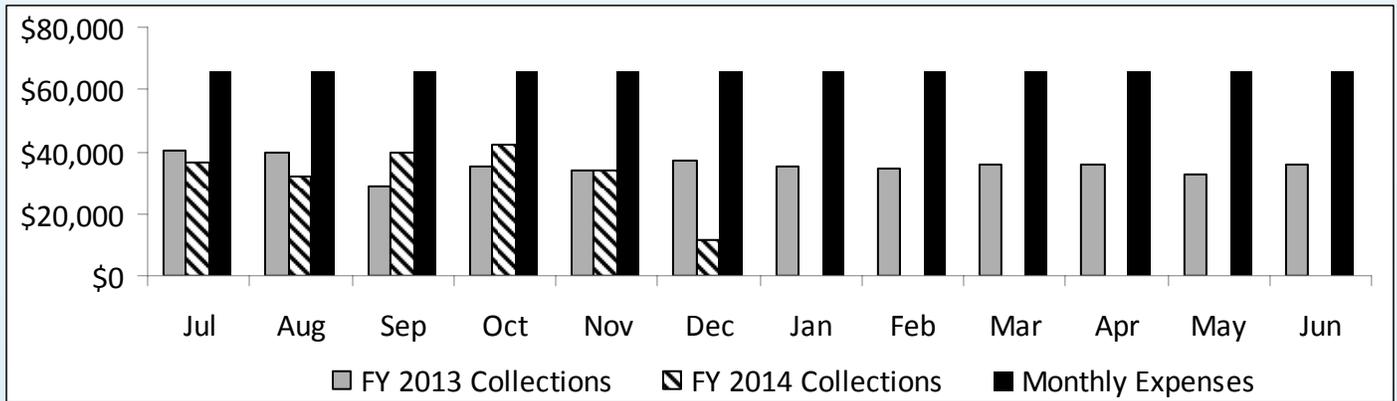
How are *you* experiencing time? Is your life moving too quickly and is time just slipping away in endless activity? Do you have a sense that your life is moving in a certain direction that gives you hope?

Sitting in that waiting room at Northwestern these questions were surfacing but God entered my thoughts and my perception changed.

In an unlikely place I was surprised and left the hospital with hope, not even knowing the results of my test.

God is waiting for us, whenever and wherever we find ourselves, to encounter His Presence in such a way that we know with certainty that our lives are a part of God's plan.

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



- The offertory for last weekend, November 30-December 1, 2013, was \$ 11,724.
- For the 2014 Fiscal Year, Sunday and Holy Day collections are 3.3% over Fiscal Year 2013 collections; versus expenses, we are have a \$63,602 deficit.
- 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.

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.

Food Pantry Shopping List

Four items the Food Pantry could *really* use:

Boxed Cereal (sweetened and unsweetened)

Hearty Soups

Hotel Bathroom Lotions and Shampoos

Extra-strength grocery bags with handles



And if you have Thursday mornings free, even occasionally, it would be great to have another van driver to pick up groceries at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. If you are willing and able to do so, please contact Karen Vogel, kbrenvo-gel@gmail.com or contact Dave Hilko at dahilko@deloitte.com.

Parish Calendar

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December Baptisms

Dayana Alejandra Albarracin-Alvarez (12-8-13)
Aliana Aryn Ramirez (12-8-13)

St. Teresa said...



“I can see that not making excuses for oneself is a habit characteristic of high perfection, and very meritorious; it gives great edification.”

The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

- 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



Calendar at a Glance

December 8, Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent • Segundo Domingo de Adviento

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, REC4, Baptism Preparation
- 10:00 am, PC2-3, Breakfast with Santa
- 10:30 am, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 1:00 pm, PC3, Archdiocesan PR Committee
- 4:00 pm, PC3, Kitchen, Edge Food & Faith
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- 7:00 pm, REC3-4, The Edge

December 9, Monday

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary • La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María

- 4:00 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, PC3, Parish Council

December 10, Tuesday

- 6:15 am, PC3, Men's Spirituality Group
- 4:00 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, PC3-4, REC4, SPRED Community Party
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAYS

7:00-8:30PM



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December 11, Wednesday

St. Damasus I • San Dámaso I

- 6:00 am, PC3-4, CHC Wellness
- 11:00 am, PC3, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 4:00 pm, REC4, Lectio Divina
- 7:00 pm, REC4, RCIA
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Renovation Committee

December 12, Thursday

Our Lady of Guadalupe • Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

- 10:30 am, REC4, Thursday Morning Play Group
- 5:30 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 6:30 pm, PC4, Kensington Apartments Meeting

December 13, Friday

St. Lucy • Santa Lucía

- 10:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 3:00 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

December 14, Saturday

St. John of the Cross • San Juan de la Cruz

- 3:00 pm, GS, Blest Art in Gathering Space

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

December 7

5:00 pm William Hartley

December 8

9:00 am All deceased members of the parish.
 10:30 am Annette Vazquez; Miguel Lorenzana;
 Juan Pagán; Maurice & Ethel Brumleve
 Manuel Gomez; Honorata Alicea Peña;
 Concepción Ramirez
 12:00 pm Theresa Kotowski
 6:00 pm Theresa Kotowski

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, Dickie Harris, Jack Heil, Pat Johnson, Jack Kavanagh, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Therese Kotowski, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Mike McCabe, Melory Mizicko, John Mondschean, Donald Morich, Sally Jo Morrow, P. A. O'Neil, Honorata Alicea Peña, Henry Pryor, Jeremy Rivera, John Ryan, Sophia Sanchez, Angel Santana, Maurice Shatto, Ruth Schmitz, Jennifer Schubeck, Robert Summins, John Sylvester, Jim Teterycz, Oscar R. Torres, Jon Wagenknecht, Lindsay Walleman, Paulette Zuckerman Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

Alicia Anderson	Chuck Jabaley	Ray Romero
Berta Billavazo	Theresa Jabaley	Jeffrey Roscoe
Margaret Brumfield	Betty LaCour	Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Kathy Derrick	Adolfo Lorenzana	Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Jackson Fineske & Family	Palmira Mancini	Jack Schank
Padraig Gallagher	George Maroquin	Mima Tome
Eloisa Gallegos	Jose Marroquin	JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Michael Gibbons	Lisa Marquez	John Wagner
Angela Goldberg	Margaret Sue Meadors	Bernadine Walters
Kaylee Gommel	Bill Mobley	Jack Williams
Les Gordon	John Monier	Mae Witry
Genevieve Gorgo	Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.	David Zeunert
Mrs. Grabarczyk	Elda Myers	Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse
George Halloran	Angel Nieves	
David Harmeier	Msgr. Kevin O'Neill	
Kellar Harris	Clayton Poe	
Peg Hausen	Deacon Hector Rivera	
David Hoffman	Hector J. Rivera	
David Ivanac	Pedro Rodriguez	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
12-14-13 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Karen Carpino	Kari Richardson	Mollie Wanek Annie Monak
Next French Mass 1-11-14 Saturday	6:30 pm	Rev. Timothy Monahan			
12-15-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Elizabeth Rooney	Michael Usiak Theresa Jabaley Michael Zost	Mark Van Grinsven Theresa Murray Jane Ott Rose Ohiku
Next Spanish Mass 1-5-14 Sunday	10:30 am	Rev. John Fahey-Guerra, CSsR			
12-15-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Raquel Bech	Bob Pedro	Aimee Jaszczor Alice Morales-Villenas
12-15-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Rev. Tony Dosen, C.M.	Jim Krag	Minister Needed (H2) Minister Needed (H3) Bert Olson	Cara Gannon Jocelyn Lutkus Jonathan Hewett Aubre Hewett

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
Martes:	Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Miércoles:	Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Jueves:	Zac 2:14-17 o Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de Santa María Virgen.
Viernes:	Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sábado:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79): 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Domingo:	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Sal 146 (145):6-10; Stgo 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Treasures from Our Tradition

“Outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace” is the often-memorized definition of sacrament, but through four decades of reform we have rediscovered the power of sacrament to bestow grace by reshaping our lives as individuals and communities. Not so long ago, most people were not attentive to the nature of sacrament as an act of the Church, a power that flows from the Body of Christ. Fifty years ago, we were inclined to see a sacrament as an encounter between Christ and an individual.

Today, we see that definition does not go far enough. God’s grace is not a trickle, but a gushing torrent washing over the whole Church. Like a photographer pulling back the camera for a broader picture, today we are not only interested in the person who is being baptized, reconciled, or anointed. We think about how celebrating a sacrament transforms a community. We think about the grace given by Christ to the community that baptizes or marries or ordains or confirms. Sacraments are for the good of the community. Even when it appears to be a private, hidden moment, as in individual confession, a sacrament is always for the sake of the whole body, always more than “meets the eye.” — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Muchos conocemos la historia de la Virgen de Guadalupe en el Tepeyac, pero ignoramos que en Extremadura, España ya había una imagen de la Virgen con el nombre de Guadalupe. En 1252, la Virgen se le apareció al campesino Gil Cordero pidiéndole que trajera a los sacerdotes del pueblo para que escarbaran al lado del Guadalupe (río escondido). Al hacerlo, encontraron una pequeña estatua morena de la misma Virgen. Esta imagen, según la documentación enterrada con ella, la cual también relata su origen, fue escondida durante el ataque de los moros en el año 711.

Había sido un regalo del Papa Gregorio Magno al obispo de Sevilla después de que había resultado milagrosa. Su primer milagro fue el salvar al pueblo romano de una plaga en el año 591. Cuando la llevaron en procesión alrededor del castillo papal se apareció un arcángel que luego terminó la plaga.

Esta misma imagen fue un regalo al Papa Pelagio II traída de Constantinopla donde había sido trasladada con los restos del evangelista san Lucas en el siglo IV. Estaba con los restos de este santo porque él mismo la había esculpido en el primer siglo. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

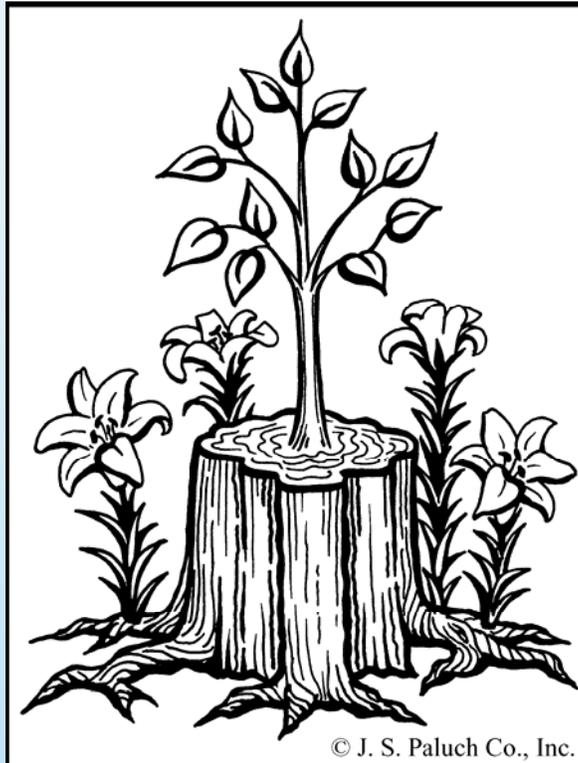


Wonders

The normal response to a surprise is amazement, gratitude, and delight. By definition, we don't anticipate surprises. Their occurrence reminds us that we cannot always guess or shape the future. Granted, we do what we can do; we attend to the daily tasks, as we must. For grace is surely here in the mundane, and God is in the details. But God is in the happy surprises, too.

Today's readings are filled with startling developments. We hear the clarion cry of one of those rare prophets announcing the coming of the Lord. Isaiah proclaims startling, surprising images of the nearly impossible reconciliation of opposites: calf and lion, leopard and young goat, child and serpent. Isaiah's vision sees all of these creatures living in harmony. This is Eden again; this is paradise. It is God's surprise and promise. —

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Maravillas

La reacción normal frente a una sorpresa es asombro, gratitud y deleite. Por definición, las sorpresas no suelen anticiparse. Cuando ocurren, nos damos cuenta que no siempre podemos adivinar o moldear el futuro. Por supuesto, hacemos cuanto podemos; llevamos a cabo nuestras tareas diarias como es nuestro deber. La gracia está ciertamente aquí en la esfera de lo mundano y Dios está en los detalles. Dios está también presente en las gratas sorpresas.

Las lecturas de hoy están repletas de asombrosas novedades. Es el clamor de la trompeta de uno de esos extraordinarios y únicos profetas anunciando la llegada del Señor. Isaías revela asombrosas y sorprendentes imágenes de la casi imposible reconciliación de los contrarios: el lobo y el cordero, el puma y el cabrito, el niño y la serpiente. La visión de Isaías muestra todas esas criaturas viviendo en armonía. Esto es de nuevo el Edén; esto es el paraíso. Esto es la sorpresa y la promesa de Dios. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Today's Readings

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

Lecturas de Hoy

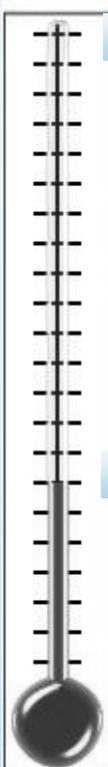
Primera lectura — Brotará un retoño del tronco de Jesé. Juzgará a los pobres con justicia y herirá al violento con el látigo de su boca (Isaías 11:1-10).

Salmo — Que en sus días florezca la justicia y la paz abunde eternamente (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — Vivan en perfecta armonía unos con otros. Por lo tanto, acójense los unos a los otros como Cristo los acogió a ustedes, tanto circuncidados como gentiles (Romanos 15:4-9).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista predica, “Arrepiéntanse, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca” (Mateo 3:1-12).

Building Faith Together Collections Now \$396,918



We have collected \$396,918 in pledges so far in our Building Faith Together campaign. There is a “thermometer” depicting pledges collected located at the back of church, which we will update in \$88,000 increments.

Even though we have reached our pledge goal, we are still accepting pledges to cover unanticipated costs from changes in fees, demolition of the old school and convent buildings, or the renovation of the church.

Pledge cards are available on the tables 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.

Thank you and God Bless!

Fr. Frank

Next 6:51 Club December 15th

Stop by after the 6:00 pm Mass on December 15th, for a little food and lots of friends. Come out to meet your fellow parishioners.

St. Teresa’s 6:51 Club meets every 3rd Sunday of the month after the 6:00 pm Mass for hospitality and community. Contact Sara Hock for more details at: sara.m.hock@gmail.com or foleysar@gmail.com



Women’s Center Baby Bottle Project

St. Teresa is participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women’s Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid.

Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. Your donations have helped thousands of mothers and babies since Women’s Centers opened in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of on December 28th-29th.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women’s Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you.



Men’s Spirituality

Come join us at the next session of the Men’s Spirituality Group on Tuesday, December 10, at 6:15 am in the Parish Center



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

Greenery Pickup this Weekend!!

Holiday Greenery orders will be ready to pick up on the weekend of December 7th and 8th at the garage (alley) to Avila Place, 1930 N. Kenmore. Directions are posted in the Parish Center and along the way.

Distribution will take place for 40 minutes after each Mass this weekend. Please contact Kristen Castelloni at Kristen@rlcanning.com or (773) 710-0068.



Upcoming Liturgies & Events

Saturday & Sunday, December 7th & 8th

Holiday Greenery Pickup after each Mass in the alley behind Avila Place, 1930 N. Kenmore

Sunday, December 8th

Children's Participation Mass at 9:00am

Breakfast with Santa after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses

Baptism Preparation after the 9:00am Mass in the Religious Education Center

Thursday, December 12th

Food Pantry Setup at 9:00am to 10:00am

Friday, December 13th

Food Pantry Distribution 10:00am to 12:00pm

Sunday, December 15th

Youth Participation Mass at 6:00pm; Youth Group hosting 6:51 Club with teen social afterwards

Monday, December 23rd

Christmas Dinner Preparation 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Parish Center

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Family Mass 4:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass 10:00pm; Carols begin at 9:30pm

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day Mass at 10:00am

Christmas Dinner for the Poor, Homeless & Elderly served at 11:30am

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31st

New Year's Eve Mass at 5:00pm

New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1st

New Year's Day Mass at 10:00am

Saturday & Sunday, January 4th & 5th

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, 5:00pm; Sunday, 9:00am, 10:30am (Spanish), 12:00pm, and 6:00pm.



Are You Interested in Helping?

St. Teresa of Avila Parish is hosting a Christmas dinner for community members who may be poor, lonely or elderly. The dinner will be held after the 10:00 Mass on Christmas morning, and will be served at 11:30 a.m.

There are many ways to get involved:

Serve — You may sign up on the schedule in the Gathering Space to serve on Christmas Day. If you are not available then, we also need help with decorations on December 22nd, and with food preparation on December 23rd. Please consider giving a few hours of your time.

Bake — If you would like to bake a cake, pie, brownies or cookies, we ask that you drop off the dessert at the church on December 23 between the hours of 10a.m. and 5p.m.

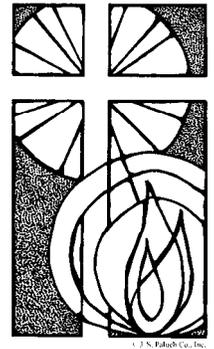
Entertain — If you play an instrument or sing, you can sign up to entertain our guests on Christmas Day.

Pray — Pray for our guests, pray for those who serve, and pray for our parish. Pray that all of us would have a holy Christmas, as we see Christ in one another.

Give — We are hoping to give gift cards to all of our guests. To do this we need to raise \$2,000. Would you consider giving to someone who may otherwise not have a gift on Christmas Day? You can give at Givecentral.org St. Teresa of Avila "Gift Card Donation—Christmas Meal for Those in Need," or you may mark your gift in an envelope and place it in the Sunday offering collection.

If you know someone who may need an invitation to this special dinner, please do let us know their name and address, and we'd be happy to send one along.

Please send an email to Laura King at Lauraking8383@gmail.com



Parish Life

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Blest Art Here Next Weekend

Next weekend our parish will welcome Blest Art after all the Masses.



They will be offering hand-carved olive wood religious art from the Holy Land. Plan to stop after Mass and look at the beautiful nativity sets, crucifixes, statues, and rosaries which will be available for purchase.

Each of these items is hand-made by a master carver in the Holy Land, and the proceeds from your purchase will go back to support Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

Not Too Late for the Giving Tree!



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If you missed out on picking up a gift tag from this year's Giving Tree, you can still provide a gift for a 5-to-13 years-old needy child.

Just buy a gift, wrap it, and bring it to the parish office before December 18th. Book bags, art supplies, books and age-appropriate toys are always welcome presents.

The St. Vincent de Paul Center (Halsted and Webster) will make sure your gift finds its way into the hands of a needy child this Christmas.

Thank you for your generosity.

Lectio Divina on Wednesdays



The *Lectio Divina* group meets every Wednesday afternoon in the Religious Education Center from 4:00-5:00 pm to read, mediate upon and discuss upcoming Sunday's readings.

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

Tot Spot Toy Donation Drive

Are you or someone you know tired of always complaining about having to store those toddler toys that nobody plays with anymore?

Then why not donate them to the St. Teresa of Avila Parish's 0-3-year-old Tot Spot!! It's a great place for infants and toddlers to interact with other kids their own age. Plus parents and caretakers can socialize and exchange parenting advice with others who have experienced what they are going through.



Please feel free to drop off your age-appropriate toy donations at the St. Teresa Parish Office at 1950 N. Kenmore. For questions please email Rob at robtprice@aol.com

Vatican Survey on Family Challenges

The Vatican will hold an Extraordinary Synod in 2014 dealing with the modern challenges to family life.

Pope Francis has asked for feedback from all Catholics. Please share your opinion on the issues they will be considering by responding to the survey questions on this site: <http://www.archchicago.org/vatican-survey/>

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GiveCentral

for your weekly offertory and other donations!

Three reasons to sign up:

1. Give Central is completely safe and secure as it follows SSL encryption standards.
2. It's easy to sign up, update throughout the year, and review your gifts as often as you like.
3. You can make your gifts through most credit cards or online checking.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Lina Hilko, Chair**Jon Assell****Jessica Marx****Bert Olson****Marjorie Rice****Michael Rice****Tony Rivera****Justin Peters****Rebecca O'Brien****Paolo Basil****Amir Rafizadeh****Addison Carpenter**

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****Jane Bronson****Jack Halpin****Jane Ott****Dave Hilko****Steve Fortino****Andrew Deye****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.

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Information

Weekend Masses

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

⁺ First Saturday of the month

* 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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Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am—7:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am—Noon
Closed Sundays & Holidays.

For information about ...

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

Please contact Dean in the Parish Office

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For information about ...

Thursday Playgroup (0-3 year-olds), Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-12 year-olds), The EDGE Youth Group (12-14 year-olds), or Quest Youth Group (High School)

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