

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

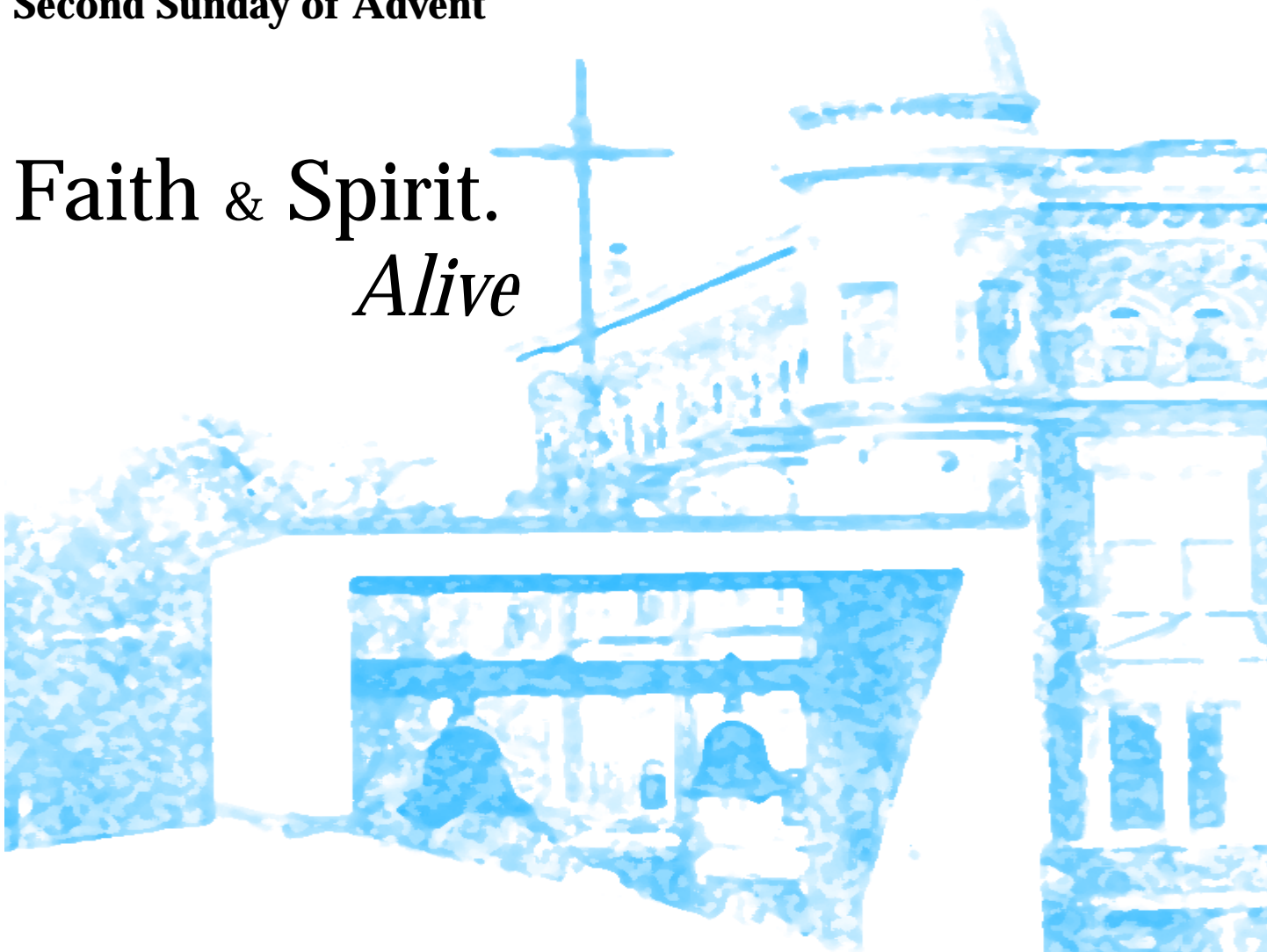
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December 7, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent

Faith & Spirit.
Alive



Every valley shall be filled
in, every mountain and hill
shall be made low.

— Isaiah 40:4

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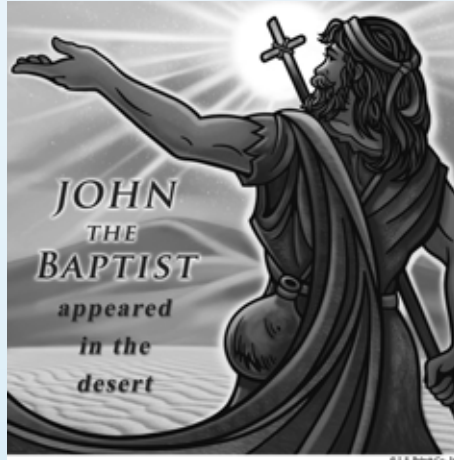
Another Way

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! (Isa 40:3)

I work around the house with NPR on in the background, not really paying close attention. Last August, I tuned in during an announcement of a peace agreement in Gaza. I had the weirdest sensation of déjà vu and wondered if it was a replay of a broadcast from June 1967.

I lived in Germany then. My father was an editor with the European *Stars & Stripes*, and I had my first real job — shelving books in the library on the Darmstadt military base. On that day I was happily working in the stacks when I heard a loud crash. My supervisor, Sgt. Sam, was listening to his transistor radio when a special bulletin came on announcing the end of the Six-Day War. Sam was second-generation Jordanian and there was something about the announcer's interpretation of events that infuriated him so much that he threw the radio across the room as he erupted in language I won't print here.

I mention all this to point out that since I was 14 years old, I've been listening to accounts of conflict in the Middle East. It wears me. John the Baptist wears me. I have no interest in wild-eyed prophets in the desert. Give me Mary or Elizabeth or gentle John the Evangelist or even unpredictable Peter. But please let me avoid the apodictic, the apoplectic, and especially the apocalyptic.



Our world is one world. If everyone isn't welcome, no one is safe. Please, O please, Prince of Peace, be born in us before it's too late.

I'm fully aware that I need an attitude adjustment. I suspect I'm not alone.

I didn't understand the politics when I was 14 and I don't claim to understand now, but at least one big problem is the mutual caricaturing of each other that has become so ingrained as to be taken as truth. I'm thinking of one of my favorite authors, C.S. Lewis, whose *Narnian Chronicles* are delighting the third generation in my family. Dip into *The Horse and His Boy* and see if you don't squirm at his depictions of the noble (tall, blond, handsome, peace-loving) Narnians and the ridiculous (short, brown, ugly, violent) Calormenes. It's pretty embarrassing, and I find myself editing as I read aloud to the

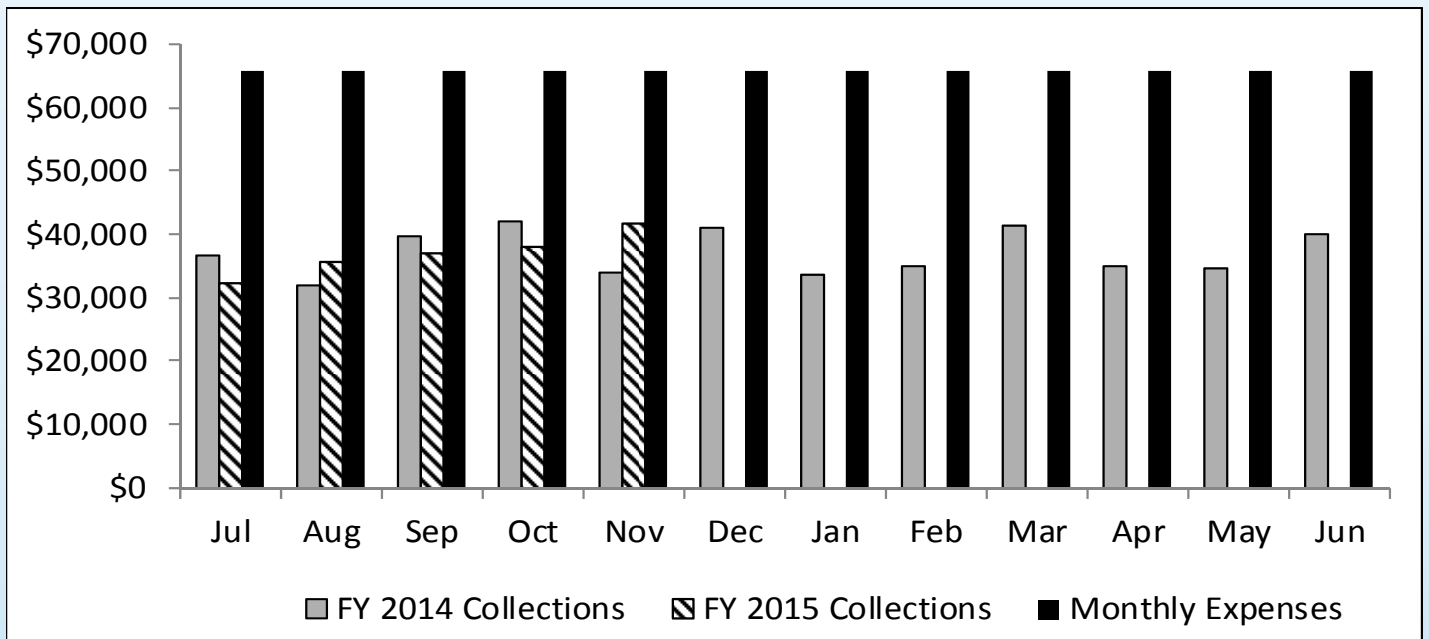
young ones.

So what is John the Baptist announcing? Jesus, of course. But more specifically, our need to prepare for Jesus and to prepare in an unusual manner. He quotes that lovely passage from Isaiah, "In the desert prepare a highway for our God." Isn't it interesting that Isaiah speaks of the refugees in Babylon finding their way home through the desert when there were well-watered and better-traveled routes? But for safety's sake they would travel, in the words of one of my favorite Epiphany songs, "Home by Another Way." (Thank you, James Taylor.)

Is that what we need to do? To find another way to a new home? We need to find a way that seems dangerous, but that leads to a home where every mother's child is cherished and no child is fed at the expense of another. A way on which the sure-footed slow down for the halting, leading to a home where what the blind see and what the deaf hear is valued, too. A way where we have companions we would not have imagined, leading to a home where we listen to each other and abide together. A home, as the song says, where you can assume you'll be welcome in the end.

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



- For the 2015 Fiscal Year, Sunday and Holy Day collections are 3 percent below those of Fiscal Year 2014.
- For the 2015 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

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.

Parish Calendar

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December Baptisms



Elliott Anne Kozel (12-20-14)

About Obedience, St. Teresa said...



“Have the right intention, a resolute will not to offend God. Don’t let your soul withdraw into a corner, for ... you will attain many imperfections.”

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 un-baptized 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.

RCIA will begin this Fall. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact Tom Micinski at (773) 528-6650.

Calendar at a Glance

December 7, Sunday

- 10:00 am, GS, Greenery Sales
- 10:00 am, GS, Hospitality
- 10:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Confirmation Preparation
- 7:00 pm, REC4, Edge

December 8, Monday

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

December 9, Tuesday

- 6:15 am, PC3-4, Men’s Spirituality
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:30 pm, PC3-4, REC, SPRED Community Party
- 7:30 pm, PC, RCIA

December 10, Wednesday

- 5:30 pm, PC3-4, Cuisine du Coeur
- 6:30 pm, PC3-4, Advent Community Reconciliation

December 11, Thursday

- 9:00 am, PC3-4, Weekly Food Delivery
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Confirmation Preparation
- 4:30 pm, PC3-4, First Aid/CPR

December 12, Friday

- 12:00 pm, Kitchen, CCFC Cooking
- 3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group

December 13, Saturday

- 9:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 10:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Distribution

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: St. Juan Diego
Thursday: St. Damasus I
Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday: St. Lucy

Domingo: Segundo Domingo de Adviento
Lunes: La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María
Martes: San Juan Diego
Jueves: San Dámaso
Viernes: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Sábado: San Lucía

Parish Reconciliation



**Wednesday,
December 10th
6:30 pm**

December 2014 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, December 6th
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 13th
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 20th
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution

Saturday, December 27th
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

December 6

5:00 pm For Fr. Alejandro Garrido and the Parishioners of Divine Providence*

December 7

9:00 am Doris Reed
For Fr. Sean O'Sullivan, SJ and the Parishioners of St. Procopius*

10:30 am Francesca Hernandez; Maurice & Ethel Brumleve; Concepción Ramirez; Eusebio Lopez
For Fr. Richard Yanos and the Parishioners of Prince of Peace*

12:00 pm For Fr. Idzi Stacherczak and the Parishioners of St. Priscilla*

6:00 pm For Fr. Anthony Markus and the Parishioners of St. Pius X*

* We continue to pray for all the parishes in the Archdiocese.

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, Casillas Family, Dorothy Cooney, Margaret Dean, Teresa Dempsey, Mark Dudley, Pedro Garcia, Genevieve Gorgo, Dickie Harris, Jack Heil, Francisca Hernandez, Betty Hultberg, Pat Johnson, Therese Kotowski, Carol Marquez, Eleanor Monak, John Mondschean, Donald & Maggie Finn Morich, Sally Jo Morrow, Walter and Germaine Mulvihill, P. A. O'Neil, Honorata Alicea Peña, Charley Pierce, Patrick Reidy, Jeremy Rivera, Angel Santana, Maurice Shatto, Jennifer Schubeck, Paulette Zuckerman, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

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

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCHARISTIC WINE
12-13-14 Saturday	5:00 PM	Fr. John Rybolt, CM	Raquel Bech	Luke Kolman	Becky Francis Lisa Marquez
French Mass 12-20-14 Saturday	6:30 PM				
12-14-14 Sunday	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Elizabeth Rooney	Mike Usiak Kaitlin Cronin Jocelyn Lutkus	Theresa Jabaley Karen Secrest Carly Johnston Barb Schell
Spanish Mass 1-4-15 Sunday	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM			
12-14-14 Sunday	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Alejandro Lopez	Bob Pedro	Laura LoBello Aimee Jaszczor
12-14-14 Sunday	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Jim Krag	Mary Serrahn Christopher Parente Jane Bronson	Sharon Lindstrom Eileen Raia Cara Gannon Bert Olson

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:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	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
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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:	Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Viernes:	Zec 2:14-17 o Rv 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 la Santísima María Virgen
Sábado:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Domingo:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lc 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Tes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Treasures from Our Tradition

Have you seen *Antiques Roadshow* on television? People bring attic treasures to experts for appraisal and possible cash. Catholic attics, or maybe Grandma's wall, often hold a "sick call crucifix." It is a curiously bulky crucifix hiding a sliding panel and a secret compartment. Two tiny candles, a squeeze bottle of holy water, a stringy purple mini-stole, a tube of prayers, and some cotton balls are all hidden inside. The cross folds up to form a mini-altar that can be propped up by a sick person's bed. All that is needed is a priest with the oil of the sick and Holy Communion. Forty years ago, when these crosses enjoyed great popularity, the sacrament of the sick was often an encounter between priest and sick person alone, and often only in a last crisis of illness.

Gradually, we are reclaiming the sacrament of anointing from this minimal, hidden expression. It is celebrated more richly and more often, even in the Sunday assembly, at every stage of illness and across a wide range of human suffering. The "sick call crucifix" is not a tradition, it is a curiosity from another time, but it reminds us of true tradition: we are a people who care for our sick, who accompany them in faith, and who sustain them with an experience of Christ's presence. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Nuestras tradiciones son bellas y activas. Normalmente cuando hablamos de Tradición y tradiciones nos entendemos como los sujetos de ellas, pero hay que recordar que primero las recibimos; si conocemos y participamos en nuestras tradiciones, es porque alguien ya nos las enseñó. Teólogos hispanos como Orlando Espín han convertido la palabra tradición en un verbo. El proceso de enseñar y aprender nuestras tradiciones que transmiten el Evangelio de generación a generación lo llamamos "tradicionar". Tradicionar es una labor importante de la familia cristiana y, de forma muy limitada, de los ministros y líderes de la Iglesia.

Nuestros hijos e hijas no van a recibir nuestras costumbres y creencias en la escuela pública. No van a aprender a ser buenos cristianos en las calles o centros comerciales. Tradicionar cristianamente se hace en la casa, en el barrio y la parroquia. El tradicionar a un nuevo cristiano o cristiana, comienza con el Bautismo, más no termina ahí, es algo continuo, algo que se da en todo momento. Hay que educar a nuestros hijos e hijas en las tradiciones de nuestra fe y la cultura cristiana. Por ejemplo, durante el Adviento es muy bello tradicionar a tus hijos con Guadalupe, el pesebre, las posadas y especialmente, amor al Niño Dios. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Exile

Both Isaiah and Peter had the task of comforting and encouraging their communities during times of exile. The Israelites were in geographic exile from Israel; to them this was, in effect, the same as being in exile from their God. The early Christians, following the Resurrection, expected an immediate return of Christ in glory; they, too, felt in “exile” as the delay of the Second Coming grew longer and longer. All four of scripture’s authors today—Isaiah, the psalmist, Peter, and Mark—hasten to help us see things in God’s terms, not ours. They want us to know that we can never truly be exiled from God, or from God-among-us, since we know that when the faithful are gathered, Christ has come into their midst. Instead, we are encouraged today to do what we can from our end to shorten the time of our exile: to repent of our sins, to return our lives to the Lord, to live as people who seek the coming day of the Lord, when “kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss” (Psalm 85:10). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Exilio

Tanto Isaías como Pedro tenían la tarea de consolar y animar a sus comunidades durante épocas de exilio. El de los israelitas era un exilio geográfico, apartados de Israel; para ellos, en efecto, era lo mismo que estar exilados de su Dios. Los primeros cristianos, seguido de la Resurrección, anticipaban una vuelta inmediata de Cristo en su gloria; también ellos se sentían “en exilio” cuando la demora de la Segunda Venida se hacía cada vez más larga. Todos los cuatro autores de las Escrituras de hoy -Isaías, el salmista, Pedro y Marcos- se apresuran a ayudarnos a ver las cosas desde el punto de vista de Dios, no el nuestro. Ellos quieren que sepamos que en realidad nunca podemos estar exilados de Dios, o de Dios-entre-nosotros, ya que sabemos que cuando se congregan los fieles, Cristo está presente en medio de ellos. En vez, se nos anima hoy a hacer lo que podamos de nuestra parte, para acortar el tiempo del exilio: arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados, volver nuestra vida al Señor, vivir como personas que buscan la llegada del día del Señor, cuando “La misericordia y la fidelidad se encuentran, la justicia y la paz se besan” (Salmo 85 [84]:11). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Today’s Readings

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Prepara el camino del Señor; proclama la buena nueva (Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11).

Salmo — Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos tu salvación (Salmo 85 [84]).

Segunda lectura — El Señor no tarda en guardar su promesa donde está la justicia de Dios (2 Pedro 3:8-14).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista apareció proclamando un bautismo de arrepentimiento (Marcos 1:1-8).

Building Faith Together Collections Now \$768,305

\$1,320,000 We have collected \$768,305 on our pledges so far in our Building Faith Together campaign.

There is a “thermometer” depicting pledges collected located at the back of church that we will update in \$88,000 increments.

Even though we have reached our **\$768,305** pledge goal, we are still accepting pledges to cover unanticipated costs from changes in fees on the renovation of the church.

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



On December 2nd, more than 150 parishioners and guests turned out to hear Dr. Bernard McGinn speak on the life and thought of *St. Teresa of Avila: Contemplative in Action*. Dr. McGinn is a world-famous expert on mystics.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have spent their lives ministering to others, often for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and health care.



Your gift to the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious supports the day-to-day care of roughly 35,000 senior religious, providing necessities such as prescription medications and nursing care.

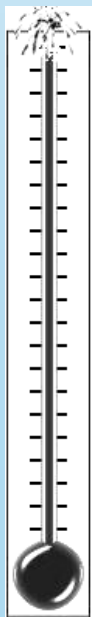
Please give generously to the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious this weekend.

Sr. Sandra Donations Reach \$18,506

We have collected \$18,506 so far in our campaign for Catholic Extension and Sr. Sandra’s mission in the Diocese of Monterrey California.

We are fortunate to be able to dedicate the funds raised during my Camino to her special ministry that supports some of the poorest and most marginalized people in our country.

You can still donate by writing a check to St. Teresa Parish, noting that it is for Sr. Sandra or Catholic Extension or you can donate to Sr. Sandra’s mission at the St. Teresa site on **GiveCentral.com**



Men’s Spirituality December 9th

Join us at the next morning session of the Men’s Spirituality Group on :



**Tuesday, December 9,
at 6:15 am,
in the Parish Center**

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

Help with Our 125th Video

St. Teresa's 125th Anniversary Video presentation is well underway, but we continue to need your help. Here are two ways to make the project a memorable one:



1. How has St. Teresa has been, continues to be, a special community for you. Was there a moment, an event, a person that made you know you were in the right place? Are you willing to write two paragraphs about that experience? Stories may be sent to genevag22@gmail.com.
2. Do you have clear, close up photos of parish gatherings: Summer in the City, Spaghetti Dinner, Sunrise Mass at the Beach, Christmas (anything!), Baptisms, Weddings, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, SPRED, etc.

Photos may be sent to genevag22@gmail.com; hard copies may be given to Cathy Flaherty, Myrna or Tom Kinsella, Carmen Ubides, or Carmen Velasquez.

Please help make this anniversary another milestone in our community. Thanks so much.

2014 Christmas Giving Tree

St. Teresa's is being asked to **return the gifts wrapped by December 15th** so they can be given to all the children before Christmas. Please keep the tag with your gift. Thank you for your generosity.



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December 21–Christmas Open House

On December 21st, after the 6:00 pm Mass, Fr. Frank will host a Christmas Open House in the Rectory. All are welcome. Snacks and refreshments will be served.



Holiday Greenery Sale this Weekend

This year, instead of offering an extended list of items that one could pre-order to be delivered at St. Teresa's, we will just do a scaled down version of a Greenery Sale the first weekend in December after all the masses.

This weekend we will have 3 items for sale after all masses (until the inventory runs out). This will be a cash and carry system: Cash or Checks only. The items will be for sale in the parish center after the mass.

All profits will benefit St. Teresa of Avila Parish. Below are the three items that will be offered:

Elegance Fir Wreath—This wreath has Noble Fir Base, and is decorated with pine cones, blue-berried juniper, other greens, and red berries. This wreath is a simple, yet refined look, and is perfect for indoor or outdoor use, and comes with a red bow. \$30.00



Yuletide Cheer Swag—Noble Fir greens decorated with Incense Cedar, Blue-Berried Juniper, spray of red berries and cluster of Lodgepole Cones. Perfect decoration for a small doorway or window. Recommended for outdoor use. \$20.00



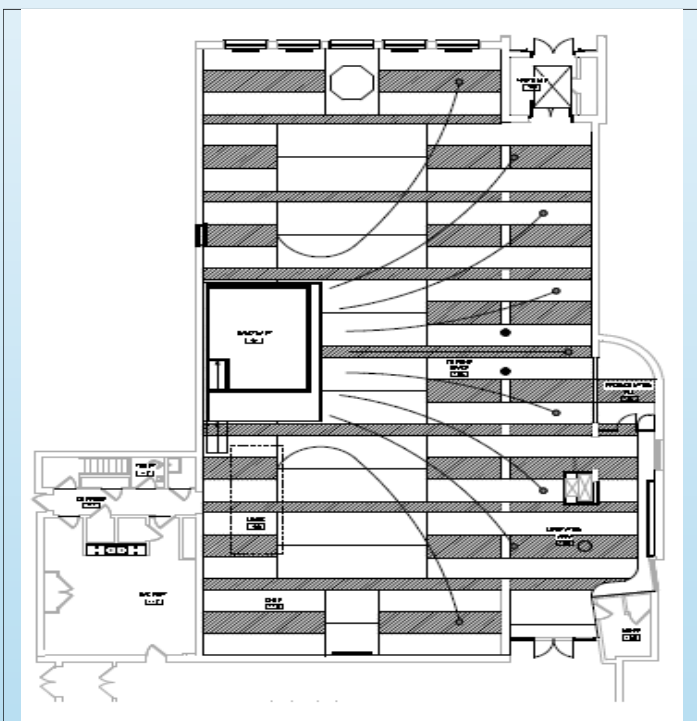
Dwarf Alberta Spruce—Live miniature tree. This Dwarf Alberta Spruce measures anywhere from 9-12", and comes in a one-gallon container. This tree is perfect for those that don't have space for a full Christmas Tree, or will be traveling around the holidays. \$20.00



Update #22 — Terrazzo



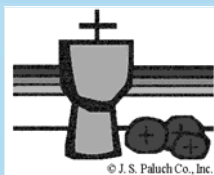
Below is a drawing of the Terrazzo floor showing the placement of the medallions from the Canticle of Creation by St. Francis of Assisi and the arching bronze strips representing longitudinal ribs of a sea shell, a symbol of baptism. During the week of December 1st, workers continue to work on the floor. Polishing was to start by Thursday.



Ministry of Care

The Ministry of Care program at St. Teresa of Avila brings the Eucharist to the faithful who are unable to attend church.

If you know of someone who cannot come to mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Dean in the office at (773) 528-6650 to arrange a visit.



Semi-Retired? Retired? Eager to “give something back?”

The **Ignatian Volunteer Corps** may be for You! Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities 2 days per week (Sept-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Jesuit Catholic tradition and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector.

IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, elderly companions, hospital chaplains and more!

Detailed information is online at www.ivcusa.org/Chicago. To inquire, please contact Jacqueline Fitzgerald at 312-961-6206 or jffitzgerald@ivcusa.org.



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St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Bert Olson
Anna Althoff
Alex Lopez

Justin Peters
Rebecca O'Brien
Amir Rafizadeh
Addison Carpenter
Laura King

Lina Hilko is president of the Parish Council; her email is lhilko@aol.com

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

Finance Council

Justin Peters
Jane Bronson
Jack Halpin
Matt Donner
Chris Parente

Dave Hilko
Steve Fortino
Andrew Deye
Becky Francis

Bill Mack is president of the Parish Finance Council; his email is williamdmack@hotmail.com

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

Building Committee

Steve Kolinski
Caleb Marx
Bill Mack
Jane Bronson
Jose Cervantes
Carol Christensen
Dave Hilko

Dan Hurley
Karen Kinsella
Frank Swiderski
Dave Espinoza
John Mitchell
Dan Summins

Dan Summins is president of the Building Committee; his email is dsummins@hotmail.com

The Building Committee meets to discuss renovation fundraising issues in the Parish Center.

Renovation Committee

Frank Swiderski
Steve and Anmarie Kolinski
Dave Hilko
Kim Walter
Phyllis Halloran
Kelly Dean

Jack Halpin
Marilee Halpin
Justin Peters
Nancy Van Grinsven
Alicia Slubowski
Dante Domenella, *Architect*
Dwayne Piyatilake, *Stained Glass Artist*

Fr. Frank is president of the Renovation Committee; his email is fjsasso@aol.com.

The Renovation Committee usually meets once per month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center to discuss progress on the church renovation.

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Evangelization

Seeking a Leader

Our Mission 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.

Dealing with Stress...

The Holbrook Center, a service of Catholic Charities, provides confidential counseling at many locations. Licensed counselors, affordable fees, and convenient appointment times.

The Holbrook Counseling Center is in the network with BC/BS PPO. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call at (312) 655-7725.

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)
[Contact Kate in the Parish Office](#)
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For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick
[Contact Dean in the Parish Office](#)
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Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 pm
<i>en Français</i>	6:30 pm [†]
Sunday	9:00 am
<i>en Español</i>	10:30 am*
	12:00 pm
	6:00 pm

[†] First and third Saturdays, October through June

* First Sundays

