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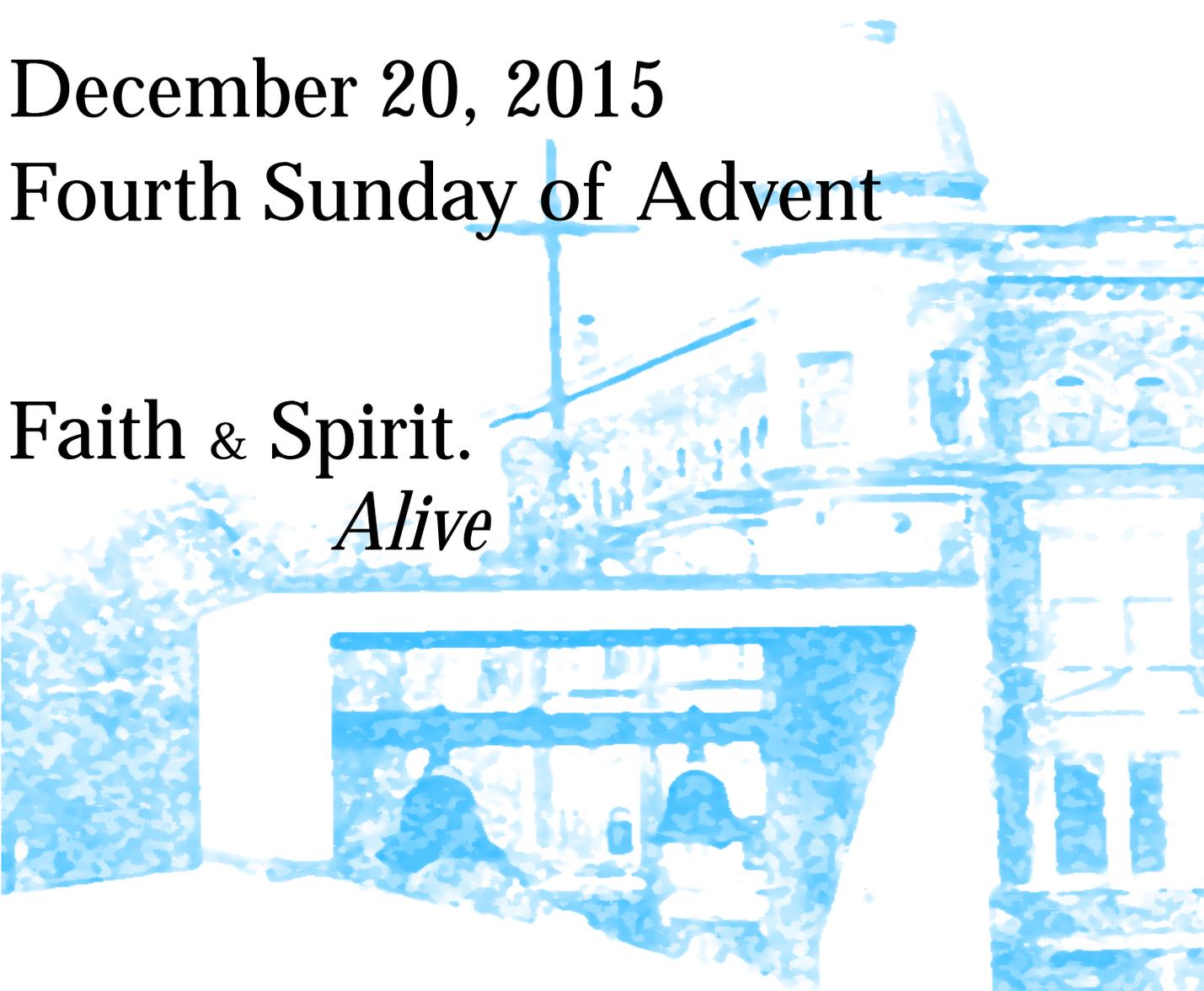
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December 20, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Faith & Spirit. *Alive*



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O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand
has planted.

— Psalm 80:15–16

Stewardship

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Our parish and ministries in 2015 ... Growing and more vibrant than ever!

Thank you for being a part of the St. Teresa of Avila family. Our church is built by you!

- 147 new registered families
- 500+ volunteers
- 170 people signed up for Give Central
- 38 Ministries & Programs including a new Stewardship Committee, Liturgy Committee, Eucharistic Adoration Team, 6:00 pm Mass Choir, Meal Service with the Night Ministry



Consider making an increased or additional Christmas Gift to St. Teresa of Avila this year. Donations can be made online at st-teresa.net, or by cash or check. Your generosity can have a major impact throughout 2016.



Visit st-teresa.net/volunteer to browse and sign up for a selection of recurring volunteer opportunities.

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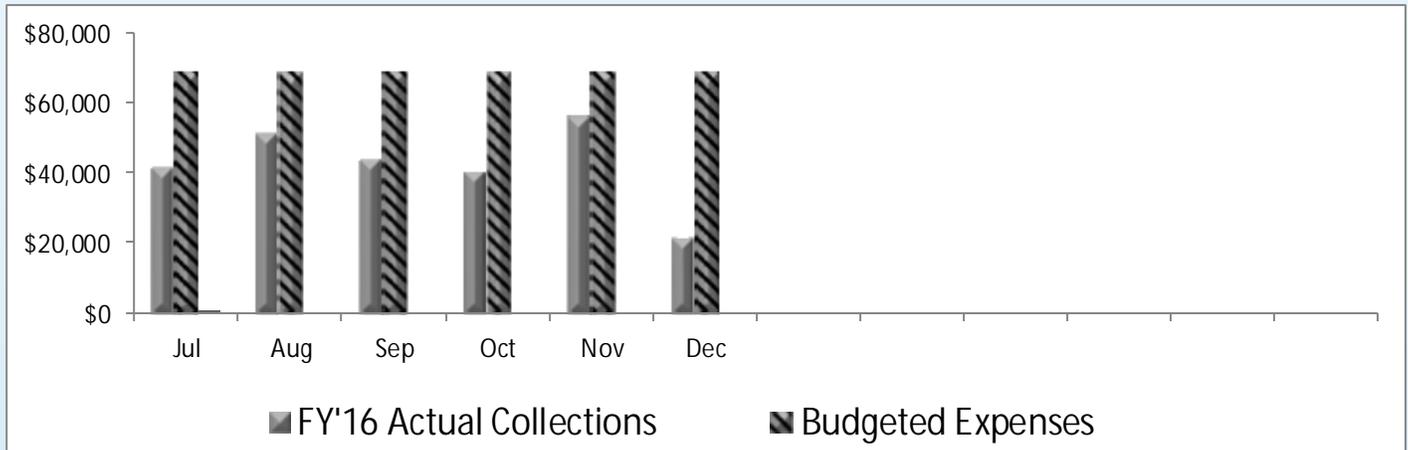
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Night Ministry
Volunteers

Cookie
Bakers

Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650

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



- In the graph above you will see that we have not yet met our budgeted expenses with our Sunday collections. We are on budget with our total income, versus expense. Total income includes Sunday collections, Christmas, Easter, fundraising, and miscellaneous donations
- Our goal is to fund all operations and expenses from the weekly collections.
- 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 Business Manager, Erica Saccucci with any questions at esaccucci@stteresaparish.org, or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair. Our financials are also available on our website at www.st-teresa.net.
- The next Finance Council meeting is on January 18th at 7:00pm.

Please help us remain financially stable during the rest vacation season by maintaining your financial commitment to the parish. Automated giving through Give Central is an easy way to ensure our collections do not dive when attendance is low. If you have already signed up for automated giving, please be sure your credit card information is up to date. Call the office at (773) 528-6650 to get help or offer to take us on vacation. Register at www.givecentral.org.

Parish Calendar

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December Baptisms



Carolyn Rose Calderisi (12-6-15)

St. Teresa says about love ...

Love will be seen:
Not hidden in corners
but in the midst
of the occasions of falling.
The soul's progress does not
lie in thinking much
but in living much.



Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, December 20

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC, Hospitality
- 10:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:30 pm, PC, Faith & Food
- 6:51 pm, PC, 6:51 Club Hospitality
- 7:00 pm, REC, Quest

Monday, December 21

- 5:00 pm, Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking
- 7:00 pm, PC, Finance Committee

Tuesday, December 22

- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, December 23

- 8:00 am, Kitchen, Christmas Dinner Cooking

Thursday, December 24

- 4:00 pm, Church, Christmas Vigil Family Mass
- 7:30 pm, Church, Christmas Carols
- 8:00 pm, Church, Christmas Eve Mass

Friday, December 25

- 10:30 am, Church, Christmas Day Mass
- 11:40 am, PC, Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 26

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

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Peter Canisius
Wednesday: St. John of Kanty
Thursday: The Vigil of Christmas
Friday: The Nativity of the Lord
Saturday: St. Stephen

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Adviento
Lunes: San Pedro Canisio
Miércoles: San Juan de Kanty
Jueves: La Vigilia de Navidad
Viernes: La Natividad del Señor
Sábado: San Esteban

December 2015 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, December 5th
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution

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

Saturday, December 19th
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 26th
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



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Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

December 19

5:00 pm For Fr. Esequiel Sanchez and the Parishioners of St. Bede the Venerable *

December 20

9:00 am Walter Sturm; Buddy Ridosh; and for Fr. Rudolfo Ramirez the Parishioners of St. Bede (Ingleside) *

12:00 pm For Fr. Robert Schultz and the Parishioners St. Beatrice (Schiller Park) *

6:00 pm For Fr. Orman Moran-Rosero and the Parishioners of St. St. Basil-Visitation*

December 24

4:00 pm James Woods

8:00 pm For the deceased parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.

December 25

10:30 am Sara A. Ginn;

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@sttereseparish.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.

Let Us Pray

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Barbara Byrd, Sr. Barbara Jean Ciszek, Georgina Garcia, Bolivar Gonzales, Jerica Elaine Harris, Fred Jabaley, Rev. Oscar Lukefahr, CM, James H. Mack, Frank Mirabella, Jennifer Mosher, Walter and Germaine Mulvihill, John and Margaret O'Neill, Robert Rooney, Bridie Ryan, Rev. David Stagaman, SJ, Lucille Stanko, John Wagner, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

Alicia Anderson

Dorothy Barns

Dolores Berendsen

Berta Billavazo

Ann Buehler

Susan Conway

Michael De Blasis

Kathy Derrick

Kim Duffy

Jackson Fineske & Family

Alice Flynn

Padraig Gallagher

Eloisa Gallegos

Michael Gibbons

Angela Goldberg

Kaylee Gommel

Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.

Les Gordon

Mrs. Grabarczyk

George Halloran

Kellar Harris

Peg Hausen

David Hoffman

David Ivanac

Chuck Jabaley

Ronald Jakubec

Tom Kinsella

Liz Kunkel

Betty LaCour

Carmen D. Lorenzana

Palmira Mancini

George Maroquin

Jose Maroquin

Lisa Marquez

Margaret Sue Meadors

Daniel Meyer

Bill Mobley

Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.

Elda Myers

John Paul Nelson

Angel Nieves

Msgr. Kevin O'Neill

Frank O'Toole

Clayton Poe

Carol Poyner

Marie Koesters-Ranley

Deacon Hector Rivera

Hector J. Rivera

Luis Rivera

Pedro Rodriguez

Ray Romero

Jeffrey Roscoe

Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD

Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD

Jack Schank

Will Sullivan

Laura Szejka

Mima Tome

JoAnn Jahnke Trainer

Susan Violapiano

Jack Williams

Mae Witry

David Zeumert

Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse

We pray for those who have died and those who are ill every Tuesday at Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Come join us in quiet prayer.

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

| DATE | TIME | CELEBRANT | LECTOR | EUCCHARISTIC BREAD | EUCCHARISTIC WINE |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------------|---|--|
| Christmas Eve Thursday 12-24-15 | 4:00 PM | Fr. Frank | Children Lectors | Carmen Ubides Aimee Jaszczor Lisa Hanzelka | Minister Needed (C1,P) Becky Francis Alice Morales-Villenas Bob Pedro |
| Christmas Eve Thursday 12-24-15 | 8:00 PM | Fr. Frank | Alejandro Lopez | Minister Needed (H2,T) | Christopher Parente Jocelyn Lutkus |
| Christmas Day Friday 12-25-15 | 10:30 AM | Fr. Frank | Peggy Teterycz | Minister Needed (H2,T) | Frank Swiderski Dean Vaeth |
| Saturday 12-26-15 | 5:00 PM | Rev. Chas Shelby, CM | | | |
| Next French Mass Saturday 1-2-16 | 6:30 PM | | | | |
| Sunday 12-27-15 | 9:00 AM | Fr. Frank | Children Lectors | Michael Zost Jennifer Barrett Karen Secrest | Jamie Lutkus Lina Hilko Veronique Caffrey Rose Ohiku |
| Next Spanish Mass 1-3-16 Sunday | 10:30 AM | Rev. John Rybolt, CM | | | |
| Sunday 12-27-15 | 12:00 PM | Fr. Frank | Raquel Bech | Minister Needed | Ellen Moiani Maria Montes |
| Sunday 12-27-15 | 6:00 PM | Fr. Frank | Jim Krag | Minister Need (H2,T) Eileen Raia Bert Olson | Minister Needed (C1, P) Minister Needed (C2) Cara Gannon Margaret Burke |

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Cant 2:8-14 or Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45
Martes: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
Miércoles: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66
Jueves: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79
Viernes: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20
Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Sábado: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Domingo: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Sal 128 (127):1-5 o Sal 84 (83):2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lc 2:41-52

Treasures from Our Tradition

Many of our most treasured traditions link the liturgy of the church with the hearth of the home. The food on the table at certain feasts and fasts helps to extend the mystery into everyday life. Tonight, for example, many families of Italian heritage, especially those with links to the south of Italy, will settle down to the “Feast of the Seven Fishes,” or *La Vigilia*. It is a command performance for the whole family, as the saying goes: *Natale con I tuui, Pasqua conchi vuoi*, or “Christmas with your family, Easter with whomever you wish.” Seven different fish, some say one for each day of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem, others say one for each sacrament, or one for each day of creation, are served. Eel and shrimp, lobster and crab, calamari, pasta with clam sauce, flounder and hake all abound, but most especially baccala, dried salted cod. Why? Many say that it is a way to pay homage to the beasts of the stable who witnessed the holy birth and relinquished their manger to make way for God. Tonight, if someone asks you to “pass the shrimp,” you’ll be able to shed a little light on a menu that is a delicious treasure in our tradition! — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Esta semana recordamos a los niños judíos que fueron asesinados por orden del Rey Herodes en Belén. Esa tragedia que ocurrió cuando el viejo y celoso rey se enteró del nacimiento de un nuevo rey de los judíos. Él mandó a matar a todo niño que tuviera menos de dos años. El llanto de las familias que perdieron sus pobres inocentes se ha convertido en risas en varios países latinoamericanos. El 28 de diciembre en muchas partes es conmemorado como el día de los inocentes que viene siendo el *April Fools Day* de Latinoamérica. En ese día se hacen bromas para burlarse de los amigos. Si la broma funciona al pobre que fue engañado se le llama “inocente”.

La inocencia normalmente se atribuye a los niños o a los ingenuos, pero en si la inocencia es una virtud cristiana, de los que hemos sido perdonados por Cristo. Esta inocencia no es ingenuidad mas bien es la candidez, simplicidad y generosidad de una persona que conoce bien lo duro que es la vida y aún así mantiene la esperanza.

— Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

A New Order

“O, Little Town of Bethlehem.” A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today’s first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Soon we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary’s womb. As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus’ new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth.

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Un Orden Nuevo

“Oh, pequeña aldea de Belén”; un clérigo de Filadelfia llamado Phillips Brooks escribió este popular villancico a mediados de los 1800, pero el profeta Miqueas hubiera podido hacerlo primero. Miqueas sabía que el tesoro grande viene en estuche pequeño. En la primera lectura de hoy, él sabía que del pueblito de Belén vendría el Señor.

El escritor de la carta a los hebreos explica que Cristo vino a nosotros para hacer la voluntad de Dios de establecer un nuevo orden y ser un sacrificio perfecto. Y Lucas nos dice que Isabel y Juan, el pequeño en sus entrañas, comprenden que grandes maravillas han llegado con la venida del Señor.

Este es el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento. Mañana celebramos de nuevo el fruto de tu vientre, María. Como se nos dice en Hebrews, el nuevo orden de

Jesús se está creando hoy mismo. Y como proclama Miqueas, su grandeza llega ahora mismo hasta los confines de la tierra.

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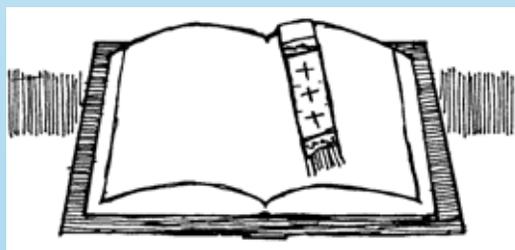
Today’s Readings

First Reading — From you, Bethlehem, shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — By Christ doing the will of God, we have been consecrated (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (Luke 1:39-45).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — De ti, Belén, saldrá el que será el jefe de Israel (Miqueas 5:1-4a).

Salmo — Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura — Al hacer Cristo la voluntad del Padre, es decir, al ofrecerse él mismo, hemos sido consagrados (Hebreos 10:5-10).

Evangelio — Bendita eres entre las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre (Lucas 1:39-45).

Marriage Encounter

Does the way you live your life and especially your marriage give praise and glory to God? Let God transform your marriage relationship.



The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are February 12-14, 2016 or April 8-10, 2016 or June 10-12, 2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

Aprendan como Dios los llama a vivir en su Sacramento de Matrimonio, asistiendo a un Fin de Semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial. Para más información de los Fines de Semana en español, si vive en los suburbios o pertenece a la Diócesis de Joliet, comuníquese con Javier y Gaby Vargas (630) 621-8984 gabyjaviervgs@gmail.com, en el área de Chicago llamar a Oscar y Luz Delgado (847) 826-9525, odelro@aol.com, para los que vivan en el área del sur de Chicago y el Noroeste de Indiana llamar a Juan y Elia Zambrano (708) 825-4099 eliaz4726@sbcglobal.net. Se recomienda registrarse con anticipación ya que el cupo es limitado.

Food Pantry Shopping List

There are six items the Food Pantry could *really* use:

- Pasta & rice (all kinds)
- Oatmeal
- Boxed cereal
- Hearty canned soups
- Regular- and family-size deodorant & shampoo; tooth-brushes & toothpaste
- Extra-strength grocery bags with handles



If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, contact Dave Hilko at dahilko@deloitte.com.

Thank You for Your Generosity

By 10:00 am Monday morning on last Tuesday, there was a mound of wrapped gifts from St. Teresa of Avila Parishioners for the 200 boys and girls from St. Vincent De Paul Center between the ages of 5 and 13.

This is the 6th year in which St. Teresa Parish has supported this ministry.



Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Next 6:51 Club this Sunday

The **6:51 Club** meets on the third Sunday of every month after the 6:00 pm Mass. Please join us for food and fellowship!

We are also looking for hosts to prepare dinner for upcoming 6:51 Clubs. Couples or groups of friends have had a lot of fun with this in the past!

For more information or to host a 6:51 Club dinner, please contact Sara Hock, at saramhock@gmail.com



Sign up for online giving at

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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Volunteer Opportunities

The Center for Economic Progress prepared over 18,000 returns and received \$30M in refunds for low-income families in the 2015 tax season!

Help the Center for Economic Progress increase these numbers by volunteering in 2016.

Positions and details can be found at <http://www.economicprogress.org/volunteer/> and questions can be sent to volunteer@economicprogress.org.



Baby Bottles Project

Beginning on this weekend, St. Teresa of Avila will participate in the Baby Bottle Project benefiting *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland*.

This non-profit organization directly assists 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 Chicagoland locations of *The Women's Centers* handle 5,000 appointments with expectant mothers.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you, fill it with your spare change, and return it the week of January 4th.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for *The Women's Centers*. Please return the baby bottles; they are recycled afterwards.

Thank you for supporting *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland*.



Clothes Urgently Needed

Every week many men are deported from Broadview Detention Center in only the clothing they were detained in: summer clothes, sleepwear, etc.

As a parish community of St.

Teresa of Avila, please consider participating in our clothes collection program by donating new, small or medium men sweatshirts and sweatpants as well as medium and large men's coats, to alleviate the physical suffering of our immigrant brothers and sisters.

Bring your donated items to St. Teresa after any Mass between December 29th and January 3rd.

This project is organized in collaboration with the Office for Immigrant Affairs of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

www.catholicsandimmigrants.org



Children's Participation Masses

St. Teresa's next monthly Children's Participation Mass will be Sunday, January 3rd at the 9:00 am.

All children are invited to help as greeters, collection basket ushers, or gift bearers at these Masses. Children in 4th grade and up can serve as lectors upon receiving preparation.

Other Children's Masses next are: January 10; February 7; March 13; April 10; and May 8.

To RSVP for a certain task, to indicate interest in lectoring, or to receive monthly reminders and invitations, please email Kate Lynch at kolynchdre@gmail.com.



True Disciple

Why, out of all the women since the beginning of time, did God choose Mary to be the recipient of his most intimate of gifts? What was it about her that made her so appealing and so bewitching?

We usually refer to Mary as being “full of grace.” But the Greek word that Luke used literally means “favored to the greatest possible degree.” One author claims, “It was the strongest word Luke could use to show how much God loved Mary and prepared her.”

But, why her? What was it about this young girl that so attracted and enticed God? Something about this simple, teenager made God so excited he had to make contact. And so God sent his messenger, Gabriel, to announce to her the “good news of great joy.”

Perhaps it’s because Mary was an exemplar of faith, a prototype. She was a “being” person rather than a “doing” one. She was a “who-I-am” rather than a “what-I-do” type. She was a listener rather than a noisemaker.

The most admired American profile is just the opposite. We like the classic go-getter, the over-achiever. Doers get applause. “Being” people don’t. Consequently, we emphasize success and achievement.

In fact, with the advent of social media, we’re almost addicted now to telling it all on Facebook and LinkedIn and Instagram, and all the rest. Look at me. See what I’ve done. Check out my profile. Oooh and ahhh over my status.



Advent beckons to us all: It tells us to call a time-out on the field, find some quiet, and allow the word “reflect” to replace the demand to “get busy.”

Wow over my next picture.

That wasn’t Mary. She embraced simplicity. She experienced deep joy through being alone with the Lord in meditation. She was a contemplative, in the same line as those in religious communities like the Trappists and the Poor Clares and others who spend the majority of their day in quiet prayer — something many of us would consider “useless.”

Mary was a listener. She was perhaps one of the original believers in the value of the simple lifestyle. For example, when you look closely at her life, you notice that she wasn’t a preacher. She wasn’t an evangelizer. She wasn’t an activist.

Instead, she chose to perhaps be among the first to embrace the message later adopted by Francis of Assisi: “Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words.”

Be present. Be open. Be available. Be receptive. Be quiet.

That’s the kind of person Mary was. And it was that collection of gifts that most likely enticed God.

Advent is a time in the church year to emphasize these same qualities. It’s a time dedicated to balance, to smoothing out all our busy-ness and fretful activity, to finding some rest in the midst of the holiday frenzy that accompanies Christmas.

Advent beckons to us all: It tells us to call a time-out on the field, find some quiet, and allow the word “reflect” to replace the demand to “get busy.” The Gospel of Luke recommends that we especially reflect on the person of Mary — the archetypal Christian, the summation of what the word “disciple” truly means: a listener.

Mary is the ultimate receiver of the divine in her life. She is the person who makes room for the Spirit to dwell within her, that same Spirit who caused Elizabeth to announce with wonder, “Nothing is impossible to God”; that same Spirit who will cause each of us to become pregnant with a Child who desperately wants to “dwell among us.” It can happen, if only, like Mary, we make room.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Bert Olson
Anna Althoff

Alex Lopez
Justin Peters

Jessica Marx is president of the Parish Pastoral Council; her email is chicago2381@hotmail.com

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

Finance Council

Jane Bronson
Jack Halpin
Chris Parente
Ray Genellie
Elissa Sirovatka

Justin Alden
Dave Hilko
Steve Fortino
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Matt Donner is president of the Parish Finance Council; his email is mddonner19199@gmail.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 Christiansen
Dave Hilko

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

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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

Parish Offices are at 1950 N. Kenmore, (773) 528-6650, FAX (773) 871-6766. Hours are: 9:00 am to 7:30 pm Monday through Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The submission deadline for Sunday bulletins is 11:00 am on the Monday before. The Bulletin is also published electronically on st-teresa.net.

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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, including its newest office at Holy Name Cathedral. Licensed counselors, affordable fees, and convenient appointment times, including evenings.

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
kolynchdre@gmail.com

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

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| 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

Weekday Masses

7:30 am Monday through Thursday
7:30 am Fridays Communion Service

