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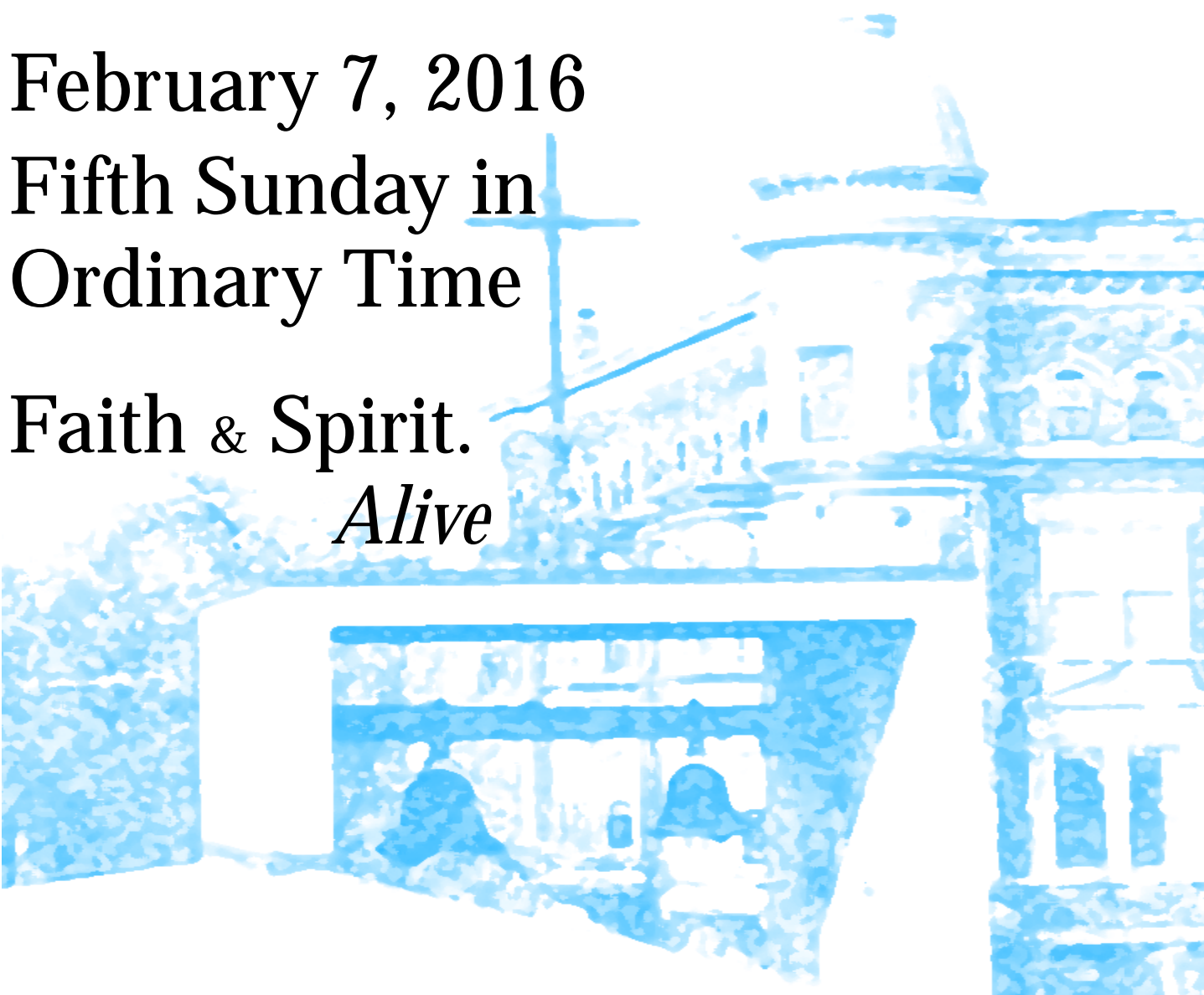
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February 7, 2016

Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit.
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I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
with all my heart,
for you have heard the words
of my mouth.

— Psalm 138:1

Stewardship

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The Stewardship Report

In 2015, St. Teresa of Avila welcomed 147 new families and supported 38 Ministries & Programs. New additions this past year include:

- Stewardship Committee
- Liturgy Committee
- Eucharistic Adoration
- 6pm Mass Choir
- Night Ministry Meal Service



St. Teresa volunteers serving soup alongside the Night Ministry.

In 2016 we aim to:

- Strengthen our Meal Service ministries
- Begin a refugee ministry
- Share our gifts by donating 6% of offertory to outside organizations
- Create a strategic 5-year plan to better live out our mission
- Welcome more people to know God's love
- Add more opportunities for spiritual growth
- Increase engagement within the community

For more information or to discuss how you'd like to get involved, please contact Rebecca O'Brien in the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or robrien@stteresaparish.org.

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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Parish Transformation Survey Update

180 people have taken the time to take the Parish Transformation Survey, thank you! The transformation team will evaluate the data from the surveys to better understand how we can improve and grow as a parish.



It's important that we gather surveys from a wide range of people. Currently, twice as many women have filled out the survey than men. We need input from men and women alike! We also need input from people who do NOT attend Mass regularly, or from people who have drifted away from the church. Our intent is to know how we can better reach these people. Consider forwarding the survey link to those you may know in our community and encouraging ALL to fill out the survey.

Parish Transformation meetings begin on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7pm in the parish center. I encourage anyone interested to attend this initial meeting and further discern if you are being called to participate as part of the team. You may also speak to me or contact the parish office for more information.

Peace,

Fr. Frank

**You can take the
Parish Transformation Survey
on our website, st-teresa.net,
or at surveymonkey.com/r/StTeresaAvila.**

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

*Most
Wanted
Volunteers*

Social
Media Posters

9:00 AM
Hospitality Hosts

Night Ministry
Captains

Historical Website
Admin

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

Parish Mid-year Finance Report

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The Finance Council is pleased to provide the parish with a mid-fiscal-year update on its financial health. Our community has been blessed with many gifts, and it is our responsibility to the Parish to report on its fiscal picture. As a Council under Father Frank's guidance, we are focused on cost management, improvement in fundraising, and growth of our registered and contributing parishioners.

To put our mid-year picture in context, a review of the prior fiscal year ended June 2015 is warranted:

Total income was \$936,460, total expenses were \$895,402, with a resulting year-end balance of \$41,058.

Our Sunday collections were \$506,572 for the year. Our goal is to cover parish expenses with Sunday collections on a 1:1 basis. In fiscal year 2015, for every \$1.00 of expenses, \$0.57 was covered by Sunday collections. Other pledges, income, and fundraisers made up the shortfall.

The first six months of fiscal year 2016 through December 2015:

Operating – Income and expense used to run the day-to-day operations of the parish.

Our Sunday collections have improved 22% year over year. Our goal to cover parish expenses on a 1:1 basis is improving. For every \$1.00 of expenses, \$0.62 is covered by Sunday collections. Other pledges, income, and fundraisers make up the shortfall.

Our preeminent fundraiser, *Time of Your Life*, raised \$165,000 for the parish net of all expenses.

Social outreach programs for the fiscal year, excluding *Avila in Action*, will comprise 5% of expenses or \$51,000.

Capital – Income and expense used for special projects, including building, long-term planning, and outreach programs that reach beyond the scope of our parish.

We have collected over \$1.0 million of the pledges for the *Building Faith Together* renovation campaign. There is a remainder of \$300,000 to collect.

Regarding the sale of the church land, proceeds after paying the Archdiocese Annual Fund Campaign, additional church renovation items, and rectory capital expenses were \$2.0 million. These proceeds are being invested judiciously for the next phase of our expansion.

Avila in Action outreach programs for the year will be allocated at the completion of the fiscal year. The Finance Council has approved that 6% of Sunday collections will go to this program.

In these uncertain economic times, Fr. Frank, the parish staff, and the Finance Council recognize the importance of being prudent with our financial resources. Our small and nimble staff works extremely hard to support the Parish ministries in their everyday tasks. When you see them, please extend a sincere thank you for their dedication, hard work, and support.

In accordance with our fiduciary duties, the Finance Council reviews the statement of cash flows, income statement, and transactions within all of our bank accounts on a monthly basis, ensuring that all funds are utilized appropriately. The governance role of the Finance Council is in place to reaffirm the quality and soundness of the finances of St. Teresa of Avila on behalf of all parishioners. Please do reach out to us with any questions or comments; your feedback is incredibly important.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your generosity and continued support of this wonderful faith community. God Bless!

Your Finance Council,
Matthew Donner, Chair

Justin Alden, Jane Bronson, Steve Fortino, Becky Francis, Raymond Genellie, Jack Halpin, David Hilko,
and Elissa Sirovatka

Parish Calendar

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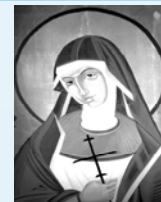
Ash Wednesday Calendar

What St. Teresa said ...



- 7:30 am Mass with Ashes
- 12:00 pm Ashes Only
- 7:00 pm Mass with Ashes

The important thing is not to think much, but to love much.



— The Way of Perfection

Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, February 7

- 10:00 am, PC, Hospitality
- 10:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, REC, Quest

Monday, February 8

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 8:45 pm, Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking

Tuesday, February 9

- 6:30 am, PC, Men's Spirituality Group
- 6:30 pm, REC, SPRED Community
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, February 10

- 7:30 am, Church, Mass with Ashes
- 10:00 am, PC, Memory Care Meeting
- 12:00 pm, Church, Ashes Only
- 5:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- 7:00 pm, Church, Mass with Ashes

Thursday, February 11

- No Activities Planned

Friday, February 12

- 9:30 am, REC, Playgroup
- 3:30 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, February 13

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

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita;
- Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
- Thursday:** Our Lady of Lourdes;
- Friday:** Abstinence
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- Domingo:** Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Lunes:** San Jerónimo Emiliano; Santa Josefina Bakhita
- Miércoles:** Miércoles de Ceniza; Ayuno y abstinencia; Ayudar
- Jueves:** Nuestra Señora de Lourdes;
- Viernes:** Abstinencia

February 2016 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, February 6th

- 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
- 10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution

Saturday, February 13th

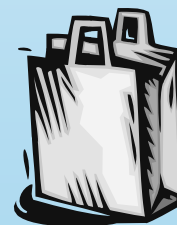
- 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
- 10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution

Saturday, February 20th

- 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, February 27th

- 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

February 6

5:00 pm For the deceased parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

February 7

9:00 am For the deceased parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila
10:30 am Ethel and Maurice Brumleve; John Wagner; Bolivar Gonzalez

12:00 pm For the deceased parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

6:00 pm For the deceased parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Our **Mass Intentions** have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Deacon Dean 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 Deacon Dean in the parish office.

Let Us Pray

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Rodolfo Bech, 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...

<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Peg Hausen</i>	<i>Carol Poyner</i>
<i>Dorothy Barns</i>	<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Marie Koesters-Ranley</i>
<i>Dolores Berendsen</i>	<i>David Ivanac</i>	<i>Deacon Hector Rivera</i>
<i>Berta Billavazo</i>	<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>
<i>Ann Buehler</i>	<i>Ronald Jakubec</i>	<i>Luis Rivera</i>
<i>Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu</i>	<i>Tom Kinsella</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>
<i>Shaun Cantrell</i>	<i>Liz Kunkel</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Susan Conway</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Michael De Blasis</i>	<i>Carmen D. Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD</i>
<i>Kathy Derrick</i>	<i>Palmira Mancini</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD</i>
<i>Kim Duffy</i>	<i>George Maroquin</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>Jose Maroquin</i>	<i>Will Sullivan</i>
<i>Alice Flynn</i>	<i>Lisa Marquez</i>	<i>Laura Szejka</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Daniel Meyer</i>	<i>JoAnn Jahmke Trainer</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Susan Violapiano</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Mae Witry</i>
<i>Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.</i>	<i>John Paul Nelson</i>	<i>David Zeunert</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>Frank O'Toole</i>	
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Clayton Poe</i>	

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
Saturday 2-13-16	5:00 PM	Rev. Chas Shelby, CM	Eric Fredericks	Margaret Burke	Rob Harmer Minister Needed (C2)
Next French Mass Saturday 2-20-16	6:30 PM				
Sunday 2-14-16	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Anastasia Bullinger	Minister Needed (H2,T) Mark Van Grinsven Barb Schell	Karen Secret Jamie Lutkus Christ Parente Nancy Van Grinsven
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 3-6-16	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM			
Sunday 2-14-16	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Daniel Kang	Carmen Ubides	Anne Seigenthaler Aimee Jaszczor
Sunday 2-14-16	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Lector Needed	Veronique Caffrey Elizabeth Cuda Dani Shain	Jane Bronson Cara Gannon Jon Assell Katie Assell

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: 1 Re 8:1-7, 9-13; Sal 132 (131):6-7, 8-10; Mc 6:53-56
Martes: 1 Re 8:22-23, 27-30; Sal 84 (83):3-5, 10-11; Mc 7:1-13
Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25
Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32
Domingo: Dt 26:4-10; Sal 91 (90):1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lc 4:1-13

Treasures from Our Tradition

As the Roman Empire shattered and collapsed, the bishops were the people best equipped to catch the falling stones. In the West (that's us), they sought to stabilize society by weaving a structure of laws and courts to uphold the rights and dignity of married couples in a chaotic world. The bishops in the East had a different approach, even allowing the dissolution of marriages in certain cases. To an extent, the bishops took a measure of control away from the fathers of families in order to provide pastoral care for those who suffered most in the social collapse: women and children.

In the West, much of the marriage law was contained in the "penitential books" the bishops devised to regulate the lives of public sinners. In the seventh century, Theodore of Canterbury's penitential book said that he had the power to give consent to remarriage in the case of a poor fellow whose wife had been carried off by the Vikings. If the Vikings subsequently brought her back, she could remarry, too! No bishop ever made peace with divorce, but there was never a time when the pastoral concern of the church was not struggling with how to care for people in unhappy situations. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Cuando era niño mi padre me llevaba al rancho de mi abuelito en México. En una de esas visitas mi abuelo y mis tíos estaban quemando la tierra en su rancho. Mientras el fuego ardía, papa Manuel nos explicaba que era necesario reducir todo en cenizas para que la tierra recobrar sus fuerzas y quedará más fértil. Sin saberlo, mi abuelo me dio la imagen que hasta hoy sostiene mi concepto del Miércoles de Cenizas y de la cuaresma.

El Miércoles de Cenizas es la fiesta cristiana que por lo menos doce siglos ha señalado el comienzo de la Cuaresma. No cabe duda que para los latinos este día es de particular atracción. Es uno de los pocos días del año litúrgico en cual llegamos al templo en masa por tal de recibir las cenizas en la frente.

Nosotros somos un pueblo enraizado en la tierra y sabemos que la tierra necesita quemarse de vez en cuando para seguir produciendo. Nosotros como la tierra necesitamos dominarnos y cultivarnos para producir frutos y flores para el Señor y los demás. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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Holy, Holy, Holy!

¡Santo, Santo, Santo!

“Holy, holy, holy!” Ancient languages, like the Hebrew used in the scriptures, did not always have a way to express superlatives in one word. Isaiah could not say God was “holiest,” so he used the threefold repetition of the same word. This bit of scriptural minutiae about these “three little words” that we sing at every Mass serves as a reminder that answering God’s call has to be grounded in awareness of God’s holiness. In Isaiah and in the Gospel passage today, we hear accounts of the revelation of God’s power and might: the seraphim in the temple and the miraculous catch of fish. These are not wondrous revelations for their own sakes. They lead to a response in mission, Isaiah’s “Here I am, send me!” and the disciples’ leaving everything to follow Jesus. And so must our own “Holy, Holy, Holy!” lead us to Christ in the Eucharist every Sunday, and to a life following him day by day. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



“¡Santo, Santo, Santo!”. Los idiomas antiguos, como el hebreo empleado en la Sagrada Escritura, no siempre tenían la manera de expresar superlativos en una sola palabra. Isaías no tenía una palabra similar a “santísimo”, así que usó la triple repetición de la misma palabra. Este detalle de minucia bíblica sobre estas “tres pequeñas palabras” que cantamos en Misa cada domingo sirve para recordarnos que responder al llamado de Dios tiene que basarse en estar consciente de la santidad de Dios. En Isaías y el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy, escuchamos relatos que revelan el poder y la fuerza de Dios: los serafines en el templo y la pesca milagrosa. Estas no son revelaciones maravillosas sin razón. Dan lugar a una respuesta misionera, la de “Aquí estoy, ¡envíame!” de Isaías y la de los discípulos que lo dejan todo para seguir a Jesús. De igual manera nuestro “¡Santo, Santo, Santo!” nos lleva a Cristo en la Eucaristía de cada domingo, y a una vida de seguirlo día tras día. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Today’s Readings

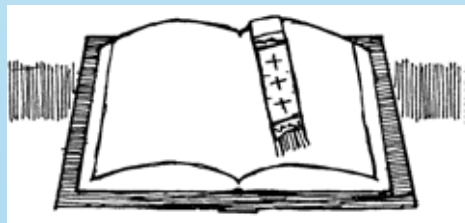
Lecturas de Hoy

First Reading — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, “Send me!” (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).



Primera lectura — En una visión, el Señor de los ejércitos llama a Isaías a ser su representante. Isaías responde, “¡Envíame!” (Isaías 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Salmo — Cuando te invocamos, Señor, nos escuchaste (Salmo 138 [137]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo nos recuerda el Evangelio que nos

predicó por medio del cual somos salvados, si creemos (1 Corintios 15:1-11).

Evangelio — Jesús le indica a Simón que lleve la barca a la parte más honda para una pesca milagrosa. Simón y sus compañeros lo dejaron todo para seguir a Jesús (Lucas 5:1-11).

Friday Morning Playgroup Forming

A new baby-toddler playgroup is forming at St. Teresa of Avila.

**Friday Mornings
9:30 — 11:30 am**



Religious Education Center
1940 N. Kenmore Ave.
(Next to the Parish Center)

Contact Clare Pasquesi for more information
clarepasquesi@gmail.com.

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

- Pasta & rice (all kinds)
- Oatmeal
- Boxed cereal
- Hearty canned soups
- Regular- and family-size deodorant & shampoo; toothbrushes & toothpaste



We no longer need extra-strength grocery bags.

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

9AM Hospitality Hosts Needed

We are currently looking for volunteers to host refreshments after the 9:00 am Mass for February through May. This is a great way for your family to help make St.



Teresa a welcoming community. Please consider participating. You can host alone or with a group of families. Click on the word 'Volunteer' from St. Teresa's home page to get to the parish VolunteerSpot Sign-Up, or go directly to <http://vols.pt/XV1s5m>.

Thank you for sharing a spirit of welcome and for helping to build community at St. Teresa.

Questions/training, contact Mairead Reidy at mairiad.Reidy@yahoo.com.

Lenten Regulations

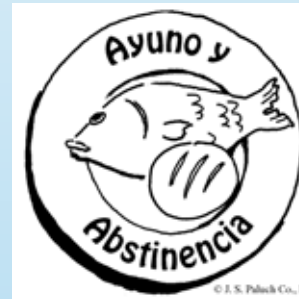
Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays in Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics 18 years old but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

The Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.



Regulaciones de Cuaresma



La abstinencia de carne es para ser observado por todos los católicos de 14 años o mayores en el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma.

El ayuno es para ser observado el miércoles de ceniza por todos los católicos de 18 años, pero aún no 59. Los que están obligados por la presente puede tomar sólo una comida completa. Dos comidas más pequeñas se permiten si es necesario para mantener la fuerza de acuerdo a las necesidades de uno, pero comer alimentos sólidos entre comidas no está permitido.

El ayuno, así como la abstinencia Pascual, se prescriben para el Viernes Santo y alentó para el Sábado Santo.

Mid-life Singles Retreat

Reflect is for and about single men and women (mid-30s to 50s) looking to connect with others who also face the unique challenges of being a mid-life single in a couple's world. It's a great way to get to know and share with others in a caring, Christ-centered environment.



Register today for a life-changing *Reflect* weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on March 4-6, 2016. Cost is \$197 for meals and a single room.

Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it!

Call us at (312) 532-8286 or e-mail to reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

Loaves & Fishes Shopping List

Our Loaves & Fishes team could really use the following three items, **especially flour**, for the preparation of their Friday evening meals:

- Flour
- Vegetable Oil
- Sugar



If you're interested in volunteering to either cook for Loaves & Fishes or serve our guests, contact Amir at amir@staying-true.com.

Pauline Books & Media Display

The Daughters of St Paul (whose ministry is the Pauline Books & Media store in downtown Chicago) will be visiting St Teresa parish on the weekend of February 20-21, 2016. The sisters evangelize with all forms of media and will have available books, movies and music for purchase after the masses that weekend. This is a wonderful opportunity to get great resources for spiritual enrichment during the Lenten and Easter season. For more info, please call the sisters at (312) 346-4228 or visit www.pauline.org.



Renew Your Wedding Vows 5:00 pm Mass February 13th

Celebrate St. Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 13th at the 5:00 pm Mass. All married couples are invited to renew their wedding vows during this Mass.



This is a wonderful way to celebrate your marriage and to start the St. Valentine's Day weekend. Immediately following Mass there will be a reception in the Parish Center.

Please invite your friends, neighbors and family members even if they don't regularly attend our church. If you have evening plans, you'll still have time to go out for dinner after the reception. All are welcome.

If you plan on attending, please RSVP by Thursday, February 11th by e-mailing Mark Buciak at: mark.buciak@rcn.com.

2016 Annual Catholic Appeal

We have known the gifts of God in our lives, beginning with God's call and love given generously to each one of us. God's generosity to us prompts us to support those in need and to support the Church herself, for she connects us to Christ and has been a rich source of blessing for us and so many others.

Each year the Archdiocese of Chicago reaches out to the Catholic Faith Community and asks for support for the schools, programs, agencies, and ministries that serve the educational, physical, and spiritual needs of our people.

Your gift provides the much-needed financial resources to help advance the mission of the Church in Chicago.



www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.com

Called to Catch

Going to a new school, showing up on a new job, becoming engaged to be married ... these kinds of events can give us concern or make us hesitate. We don't know what to expect. This is especially true if we have not had much success in our lives before. We may have experienced our lack, and are afraid to step out. A nudge from another person can prompt us to take a new step forward.

Peter, in today's Gospel story, is called to step out. Peter knew how to fish. He had been successful at it. He supported his family as a fisherman, and he had associates in his fishing business.

But today, Peter is down on his luck. Peter and his crew had fished all night and caught nothing. They had already washed their nets. They were done for the day. Peter was not going to go back out; it was fruitless.

But Peter was about to have a new experience. Jesus, whom Peter had already encountered, was near the lake, teaching. The crowd was large and pressing in upon him.

Looking around, Jesus saw two boats along the shore. He got into the one belonging to Peter (still known as Simon). Then Jesus taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished teaching, Jesus addressed Peter: "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Peter had developed admiration for Jesus, and so he addressed him respectfully yet honestly: "Master, we have worked all night and have caught



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nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."

What happened next was truly amazing. The nets were taking in so many fish that they were breaking. Peter and his crew had to call their companions in the other boat to come to their aid. Eventually, both boats were about to sink with the great catch.

Peter's response shows him beginning to realize who Jesus was. He now calls Jesus "Lord" — "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Peter recognizes that something remarkable has just occurred, which he doesn't deserve, and of which he feels unworthy.

Jesus' response to Peter shows the mercy and graciousness of God. "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching [people]." Jesus was calling Peter and the others to a new role. This role had nothing to do with their adequacy or worthiness to do it. Peter's role of "catcher of people,"

his being chosen from among his companions, was a free gift of the Son of God.

Each and every one of us has a similar call from God in Christ to "put out into the deep for a catch." We experience that we are not prepared, and we feel that we are not worthy. Neither of those thoughts should carry the day. God chooses whomever he wills for what needs to be done to bring forth the reign of God.

In times past, Isaiah struggled with his call to be a prophet. Peter was painfully aware of his shortcomings and unworthiness. Each of us is in a similar situation. But the call of God is enough. In Psalm 138, we find our prayer: "When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me. ... Your right hand saves me. [You] will complete what [you] have done for me; your kindness, O Lord, endures forever ... forsake not the work of your hands."

And so we put out into the deep for a catch that will increase the reign of God.

— Deacon Ross Beaudoin, Celebration Publications

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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.

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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

Weekday Masses

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

