

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Armitage & Kenmore Avenues

Chicago, IL 60614



March 20, 2016
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord

Faith & Spirit.
Alive



The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7a

Stewardship

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Appreciation Party: Celebrating Our Volunteers

There are many ways to be involved at St. Teresa of Avila. We have nearly 40 ministries, and last year over 400 people were involved in some capacity. From Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, to Fundraisers and Event Planners, to those who serve meals and groceries to those in need, our community would not exist without you. Let us raise a glass in celebration of YOU and your gifts of time and talent to St. Teresa of Avila Parish.



Friday, April 8th at 7pm
Fairways, 1141 W Armitage
Please RSVP: evite.me/ncDSMzQHau

I'm always happy to meet up and chat about how you can find your best volunteer fit.

- *Rebecca O'Brien, Director of Stewardship*
robrien@stteresaparish.org, (773) 528-6650

New Volunteer Role

Our Loaves & Fishes ministry serves a hot meal every Friday night to those in need. Volunteers, families or groups, are needed to host a "social hour" for our guests, before the meal starts. Duties include making coffee, bringing light snacks, and mingling with the guests. **For more information about Loaves & Fishes volunteer opportunities, email Amir at amir@staying-true.com.**



New Night Ministry Dates

Our partnership with the Night Ministry continues to grow. There are three ways to help within this ministry:

Cook: Join Chef Jose and the other volunteers to prepare the meal.

Serve: Take the food on the road to the uptown location and serve those on the streets.

Contribute: Bake cookies to be served with the meal.

New dates have been scheduled and volunteers can sign up at vols.pt/d6ABZj.



Refugee Ministry

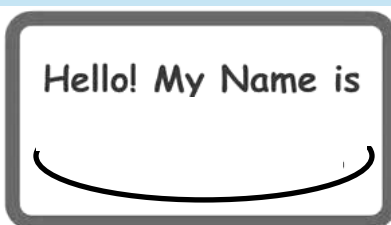
We are excited to begin our own refugee ministry here at St. Teresa Parish. Are you interested in getting involved? Fr. Frank would like to meet with an interested group of parishioners to discuss how we will support this ministry.



If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, email Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org, or speak to Fr. Frank.

To donate to this ministry visit: givecentral.org/location/209/10945.

This weekend is a **Welcoming Weekend**. Stick around after Mass and get to know the people in the pews. Grab a nametag on your way into Mass and challenge yourself to say hello to one person you've never met



before. Help us live up to our welcoming reputation.

Stewardship representatives will be on hand after each Mass to answer questions about the parish and our ministries.

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

*Most
Wanted
Volunteers*

Catechists

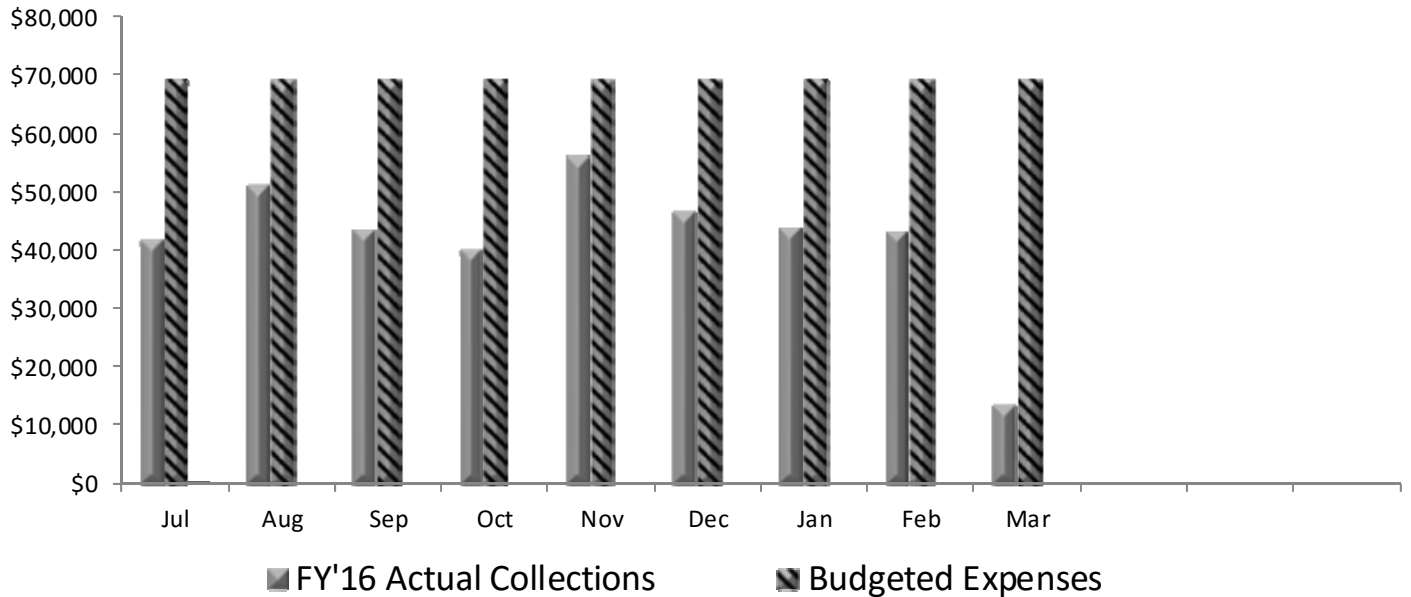
Fundraising
Committee
Members

Greeters

Historical
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Admin

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

Fiscal Year (07/1 - 6/30) 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 March 21st at 7:00 pm

Parish Calendar

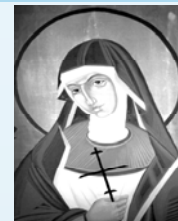
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St. Teresa said ...

All bear their crosses even though these crosses be different. For all who follow Christ, if they don't want to get lost, must walk along the path he trod.



Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, March 20

- 10:00 am, REC, Easter Traditions
- 10:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 11:00 am, PC, Cuisine du Coeur
- 4:30 pm, Kitchen, Faith & Food
- 7:00 pm, PC, 651 Club Hospitality
- 7:00 pm, REC, Edge
- 7:00 pm, REC, Quest

Monday, March 21

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:00 pm, Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking
- 7:00 pm, PC, Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 22

- 6:30 am, PC, Men's Spirituality Group
- 8:00 am, Church, Lectio Divina AM
- 12:00 pm, REC, Centering Prayer
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:15 pm, Church, Lectio Divina PM
- 6:30 pm, REC, SPRED Community
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, March 23

- 10:00 am, PC, Memory Care Meeting
- 5:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- 7:00 pm, Church, Living Stations Rehearsal

Thursday, March 24

- 6:00 pm, PC, Stewardship

Friday, March 25

- 9:30 am, REC, Playgroup
- 1:00 pm, Church, Living Stations Rehearsal
- 3:00 pm, Church, Living Stations
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, March 26

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

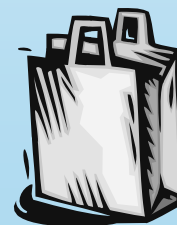
Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- Monday:** Monday of Holy Week
- Tuesday:** Tuesday of Holy Week
- Wednesday:** Wednesday of Holy Week
- Thursday:** Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins
- Friday:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence
- Saturday:** Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

- Domingo:** Domingo de Ramos "de la Pasión del Señor"
- Lunes:** Lunes de la Semana Santa
- Martes:** Martes de la Semana Santa
- Miércoles:** Miércoles de la Semana Santa
- Jueves:** Jueves Santo; Triduo Pascual comienza
- Viernes:** Viernes Santo; Ayuno y abstinencia
- Sábado:** Sábado Santo; Vigilia Pascual

March 2016 Food Pantry Schedule

- Saturday, March 5th**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution
- Saturday, March 12th**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution
- Saturday, March 19th**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, March 26th**
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

March 19

5:00 pm Georgina Garcia

March 20

9:00 am Georgina Garcia
 12:00 pm Georgina Garcia
 6:00 pm Georgina Garcia

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, Dolores Berendsen, Shaun Cantrell, Sr. Barbara Jean Ciszek, Georgina Garcia, Bolivar Gonzalez, 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>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Marie Koesters-Ranley</i>
<i>Dorothy Barns</i>	<i>David Ivanac</i>	<i>Deacon Hector Rivera</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</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>Susan Conway</i>	<i>Liz Kunkel</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Elizabeth Ryan Dean</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 Jahnke 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 Zewert</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>	
<i>Peg Hausen</i>	<i>Carol Poyner</i>	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCHARISTIC WINE
Holy Thursday 3-24-16	7:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Craig Scanlon	Sharon Lindstrom Rob Harmer Elizabeth Cuda	Sara Hock Leigh Hartley Laura Moran Lisa Marquez
Living Stations 3-25-16	3:00 PM				
Good Friday Service	7:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Dean Vaeth Dean Vaeth – Passion 1 Lector Needed – Passion 2 Lector Needed – Passion 3	Anne Seigenthaler Carmen Ubides Barb Schell	
Saturday Easter Vigil 3-26-16	8:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Luke Kolman Luke Kolman - Genesis Alejandro Lopez – Exodus Laura King – Isaiah Sharon Lindstrom – Ezekiel Barb Schell – Romans	Margaret Burke Rob Harmer Eric Fredericks	Kevin Ludden Geneva Gorgo Alicia Villenas-Morales Linda Harmer
Easter Sunday 3-27-16	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Peggy Teterycz	Chris Parente Veronique Caffrey Lisa Hanzelka	Jocelyn Lutkus Rose Ohiku Minister Needed Michael Zost
Spanish Mass Sunday 4-3-16	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM			
Easter Sunday 3-27-16	12:00 PM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM	Daniel Kang	Bob Pedro	Maria Montes Bert Olson
Easter (French) 3-27-16	5:00 PM				

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Is 42:1-7; Sal 27 (26):1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Martes: Is 49:1-6; Sal 71 (70):1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Miércoles: Is 50:4-9a; Sal 69 (68):8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Jueves: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Viernes: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Sal 31 (30):2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Sábado: Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Sal 16 (15): 5, 8-11; Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Sal 42 (41):3, 5; 43:3-4; Rom 6:3-11; i) Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lc 24:1-12
Domingo: Hch 10:34a, 37-43; Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 o 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 o Lc 24:1-12 o (en Misas de la tarde o la noche) Lc 24:13-35

Treasures from Our Tradition

What day is today? Ask most folks strolling home from church today and they will reply “Palm Sunday.” Not too long ago, today was known as the “Second Sunday of the Passion,” and in 1970 it was renamed “Passion Sunday.” This made some sense, since the procession recalling Christ’s entry into Jerusalem is usually only celebrated once in a parish on this day, but the Passion is proclaimed solemnly at every liturgy. In its most recent incarnation, the name for this day includes both aspects of the celebration: “Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.” In the United States today, most worshipers are provided with palm branches, although in northern Europe pussy willows are favored, and in Italy olive branches are the norm.

When our calendar was reformed, the entire structure of the week to come was revised even as the traditional name, “Holy Week,” was retained. The major benefit of the restructuring of our calendar is to help us see that the Triduum, the great three days beginning at sunset this Thursday and extending until sunset on Easter Sunday, is at the heart of the Christian life.

Today, as you ponder the Lord’s Passion, you may consider your response to so great a gift. Centuries ago, good Christians vowed to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Today, at least once in your lifetime, promise to participate faithfully in the liturgies. Now begins the Church’s annual baptismal retreat: don’t be left out! — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



La liturgia oficial de la Iglesia para el Domingo de Ramos es algo paradójica. Entramos proclamando Hosannas con cantos y vítores y al poco tiempo estamos gritando: “¡crucifícalo, crucifícalo!” Según el rito la lectura del Evangelio y la consagración de la Eucaristía se hacen dentro del templo, pero se comienza afuera del templo con la bendición de los ramos.

En Estados Unidos y otros países latinoamericanos se usan palmas en lugar de ramos. En Europa, normalmente, se usan ramos de olivos. Últimamente en Colombia para proteger la palma de cera del Quindío, se les ha pedido a los fieles que usen ramitas de plantas o ramos de flores. Estoy de acuerdo hay que proteger el ambiente, pero admito que prefiero las palmas, ya que es difícil poner un ramo de olivo o de flores detrás de una imagen sagrada colgada en la pared. Esta es una costumbre latina que nos recuerda que los “hosannas” y el “crucifícalo” del domingo de ramos nos acompañan todos los días del año. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Passion

The word “passion” connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.

The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year’s history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Pasión

La palabra “pasión” conlleva un profundo y determinado compromiso. Pero es interesante que también tiene relación a la pasividad. La persona profundamente apasionada del relato evangélico de Lucas es Jesús. Parece pasivo pero no lo es. Está totalmente consciente de sí mismo y totalmente presente al día que comienza el jueves por la noche en su última cena con los apóstoles y termina con su entierro antes de la puesta del sol el día siguiente. Entonces le sigue el largo silencio del sábado.

El relato de la pasión se lee entero y sin pausa el Domingo de Ramos en la Pasión. Esta historia, que se encuentra en cada uno de los evangelios, no cambia. Somos nosotros los que cambiamos. Cada año, nos presentamos con otro año de historia para escuchar y hacerle caso a esta historia que tanta falta nos hace. La vida nos traquetea y de nuevo volvemos a los relatos de la Pasión para aprender a seguirle. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Today’s Readings

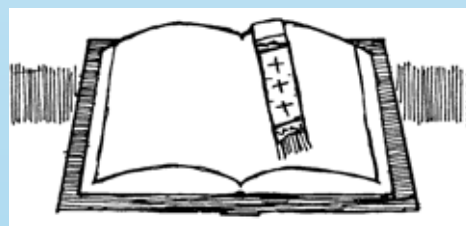
Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ’s passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).



Lecturas de Hoy

Evangelio para la procesión de los ramos — ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! (Lucas 19:28-40)

Primera lectura — A pesar de mi sufrimientos no quedaré confundido. No me siento avergonzado (Isaías 50:4-7).

Salmo — Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado? (Salmo 22

[21]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús se despojó totalmente y Dios lo llenó de exaltación (Filipenses 2:6-11).

Evangelio — El recuento de la pasión de Cristo según san Lucas (Lucas 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

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; tooth-brushes & 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.

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.

Sign up for online giving at

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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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First Saturday—Primer Sábado

Everyone is welcome to join the parish First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima, to be held on **April 1st at 4:00 pm** in the church.



Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la devoción del rosario Primera-sábado a Nuestra Señora de Fátima el **1 de Abril a las 4:00 pm** en la iglesia.

Blood Drive May 15th

Please join us in the parish center by sharing God's gift of life with others who are most in need.

Date: Sunday, May 15th, the Sunday after Mother's Day

Time: 9:00am to 1:30pm

Please invite a friend or family member to join you. Two or three or four pints are better than one!

Kindly make an appointment so we can serve you better....

Appointments: www.heartlandbc.org



Blood Drive Hospitality Volunteers Needed

If you can't donate blood, we still need you and your smile.

Could you volunteer for an hour or two?

Please contact Mark Buciak at:
mark.buciak@rcn.com

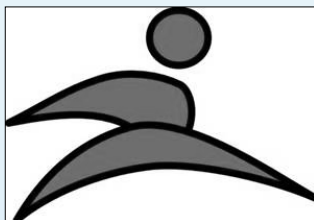
Also looking for massage therapists who would like to give our donors a chair massage before they donate.

St. Teresa's Running Club — Guaranteed Entries for the 2016 Chicago Marathon

We are pleased to announce that St. Teresa will be starting a running club for walkers and runners of all abilities! Everyone is welcome!

The focus will be on health, fun, supporting one another and a charity.

There will be Saturday group runs from Oz Park, monthly evening fun runs per below, and even a runner's retreat.



More Good News

Now through April 4th we have guaranteed entries for the 2016 Chicago Marathon!

We will be running and fundraising for Erika's Lighthouse which helps teenagers with depression.



For more information and to sign up for your guaranteed entry go to:
www.erikaslighthouse.org

Coach Mark Buciak will be in the church lobby after the 6:00 pm Mass on Sunday, March 20th to answer your questions or you can e-mail him at: theroadtoboston@rcn.com

Are You Running the Shamrock Shuffle 8K on Sunday, April 3rd?

If so, you are invited to our *Runners' VIP Lounge*, complete with clean indoor restroom, private gear check, PTs for pre- and post-run personalized stretching, and much more all just blocks for the start/finish lines. You, your friends, and family are invited at no cost.



Just RSVP to Coach Mark at:
theroadtoboston@rcn.com

Living Stations on Good Friday

Experience the Passion of Christ through live interpretation. This annual event will be held on Good Friday at 3:00 pm and all are welcome.



We are also looking for some additional "actors" to help (children and adults). Every year, we have parishioners read each station while the costumed actors interpret the station with no movement. It is a very beautiful and minimal way of interpreting the story of Christ's passion.

If you are interested in participating this year, please contact Carrie Mondschean at (312) 320-1160 or cmondsch@hinshawlaw.com, or Kristen Castelloni at (773) 710-0068 or krisen@rlcanning.com.

There will be two rehearsals - on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00 pm and a mandatory dress rehearsal will begin at 1:00 pm sharp on March 25th prior to the Stations.

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.

Palms Tell the Story

When I was young, I used to spend a lot of time at my grandma's house. She was a refugee from Ireland, who, like so many others, came to this country to find work.

To this day, one thing in particular stands out in my mind whenever I think about my grandma: her deep faith. On every wall of her house, for example, it seemed there were pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the baby Jesus, and a multitude of other faith-related artworks that were popular at that time.

But what caught my eye even as a kid was that these works of art were often enhanced by the presence of a single palm leaf — leaves like the ones we hold in our hands on this Sunday.

I later came to realize that these same palm leaves show up in the unlikeliest of places: behind bedroom mirrors, tucked away in taxicab visors, woven into crosses, and placed behind crucifixes and other holy pictures. All of this has made me wonder why these palms are so important to people, why bits of palm have been given so much prominence. What is it about them?

Maybe it's because these simple palms remind us of The Greatest Story Ever Told — a story so boundless that we Christians repeat it every year and revere it as the most significant spiritual event that ever took place. But maybe it's also because the palms go even further than that. These palms also tell



Lent begins with palms and ends with palms. But the question is: What will we do with their promise and their challenge?

our story, the story of our own faith life.

Five weeks ago, we received ashes on our foreheads and were once again reminded of our sinfulness and our need for a radical change in our lives. But those ashes did not just come from the bottom of someone's fireplace. They were the result of blessed burned palms.

Today we are five weeks older. The palms we now hold in our hands are new green leaves, reminding us that we are a part of this great story; that it isn't just something that took place 2,000 years ago; that this drama is ongoing; and that we are each involved in our own way in being a part of the conspiracy and the betrayal that happened that night.

These palms can remind us, for example, that we have played the role of Peter in our own lives: lying and denying. They can remind us that we have played the role of John: abandoning. They can remind us that we have played the role of all the rest: arguing about who among us is the greatest. They can even remind us that we have played the role of Judas: betraying.

But here's the good news about these palms: They can also remind us of the miracle of reconciliation that can be ours.

They can do that by reminding us of that great meal we celebrate together to this day, the meal at which Jesus told us, "I am among you as one who serves." They can do that by reminding us of Jesus' words of indescribable mercy spoken to the thieves crucified on either side of him: "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

These palms that five weeks ago reminded us that we are dust, and to dust we will return, now remind us that we are also graced by love, an abundant love that goes before us and beckons us to follow.

Lent begins with palms and ends with palms. The question is: What will we do with their promise and their challenge?

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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 ...

Friday 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

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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

