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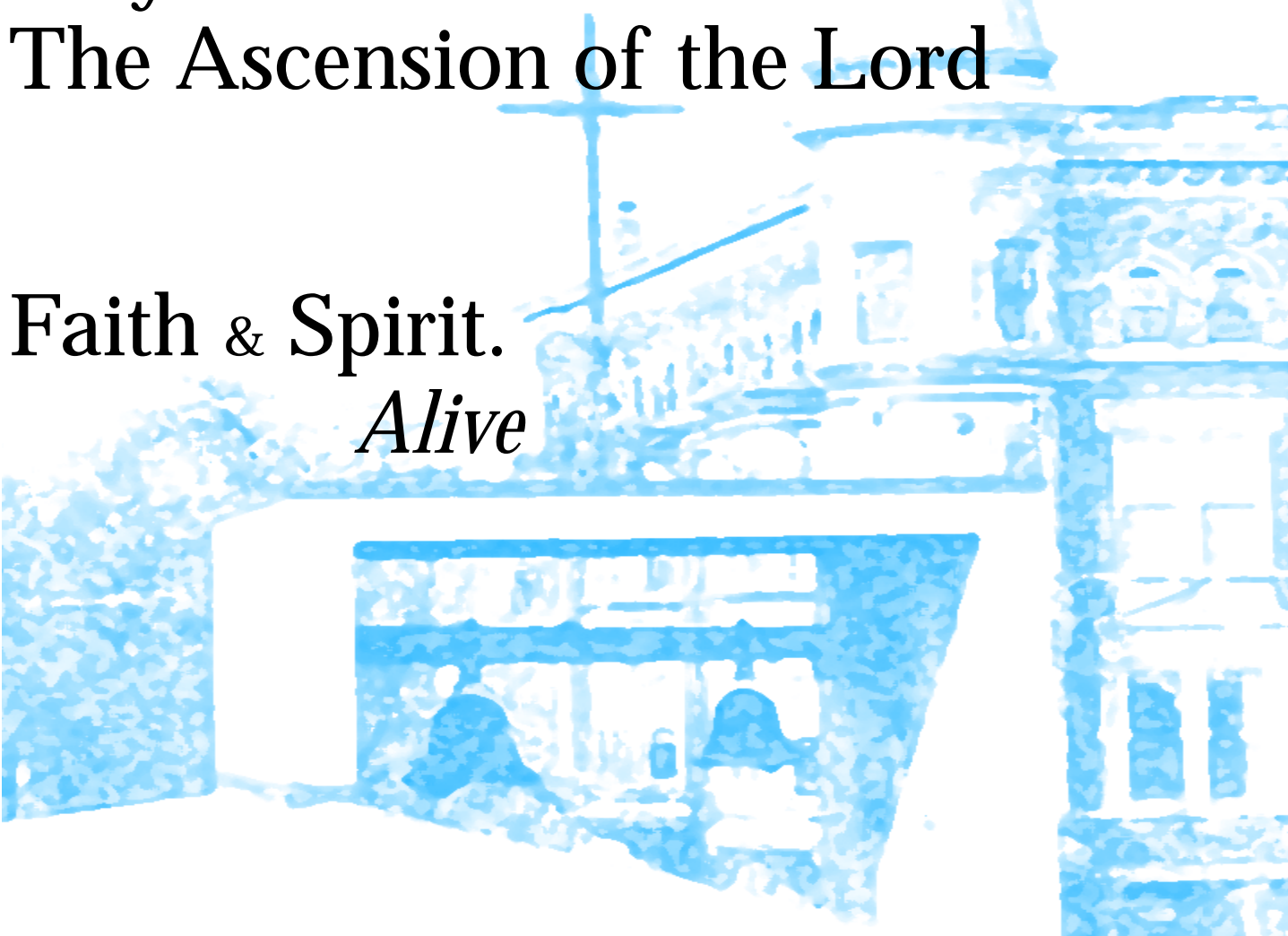
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May 8, 2016

The Ascension of the Lord

Faith & Spirit.
Alive



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God mounts his throne
amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

— Psalm 47:6

Stewardship

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Diaper Drive for Refugees

St. Teresa Parish is sponsoring a diaper drive to further assist refugee families in the Chicagoland area. Baby diapers in any size are needed and may be placed in the basket in front of the altar.



Please note: our shoe drive for immigrants is ending this month. If you have NEW soft-soled shoes to donate, with no buckles or laces, please drop off shoes by May 29th.

World's Smallest Block Party

Plans are underway for this year's *World's Smallest Block Party*, slated to take place in early September. We are currently recruiting for the planning committee, seeking volunteers with an interest in decorations, entertainment, raffle, food service, kids' activities, and more!

Please join us for our kickoff planning meeting Monday, May 9th, at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

For more information please contact Sara Hock at saramhock@gmail.com

Welcoming Weekend

Next weekend is a welcoming weekend and what better time to invite a friend to join you at St. Teresa! Grab a nametag on the way into church, and stop by the gathering space after any Mass to mingle and get to know more about the parish and the people in the pews. Reps from the Stewardship committee will be around to answer questions and help you connect more with the community.



30 Under 40

All are invited to attend our *30 Under 40* parties, mini-fundraisers hosted by our under 40 community. If you have questions or would like to host a party, email Christopher.parente@gmail.com.



For more information, or to sign up visit st-teresa.net/30under40

Flavor Tripping

Saturday, May 14th at 7:00 pm

Donation: \$100/person (4 spaces left!)

Join host Anna Althoff for a flavor tripping party on a beautiful rooftop in Streeterville! When the fleshy part of a miracle berry is eaten it coats the tongue and tricks the taste buds, causing both bitter and sour foods to taste surprisingly sweet. And, that's where the fun and experimentation begins!! At this flavor tripping party we will sample a wide variety of foods. Wine and more traditional appetizers to also be served!

6:51 Social Club

Stick around next Sunday, May 15th, following the 6:00 pm Mass for fellowship and a free dinner in the Parish Center. The *6:51 Social Club* is hosted monthly by volunteers and is a great complement to welcoming weekend. Bring a friend!



We are currently looking for hosts for June 19th, July 17th, and August 21st. As the weather warms up, you are invited to use the parish grill and BBQ for dinner.

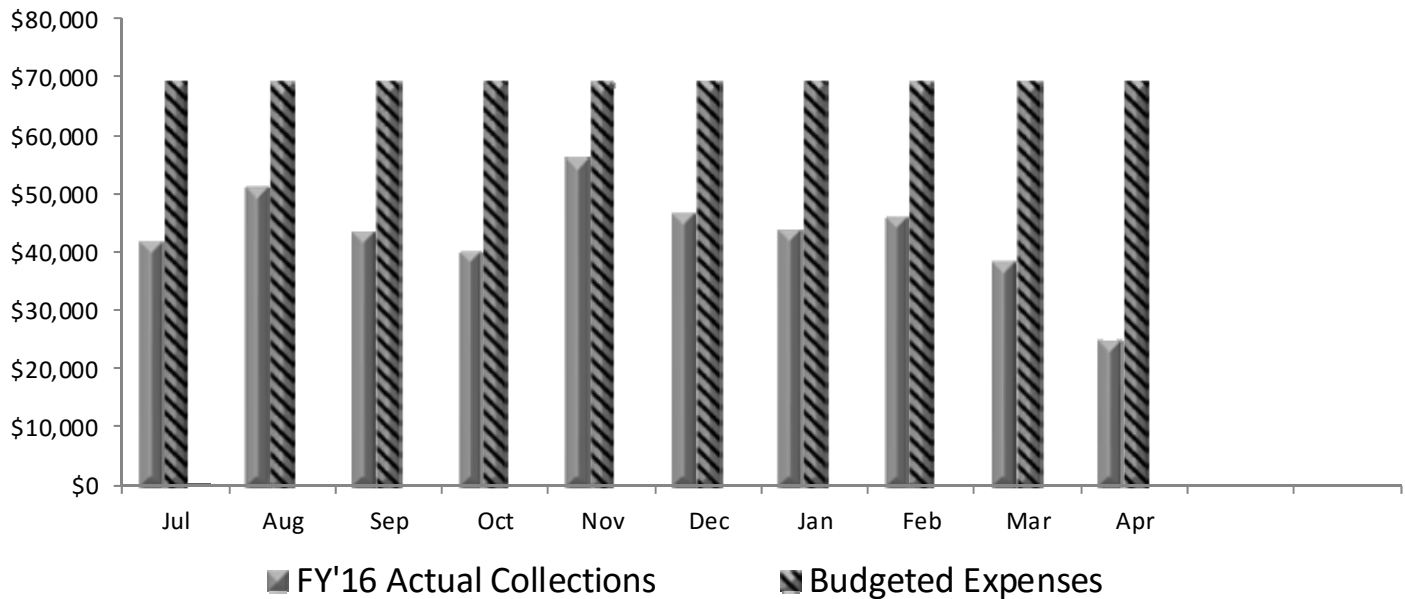
Please contact Sara Hock for more information saramhock@gmail.com

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 Website Admin
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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.
- The 2016 Easter collection was \$18,921.
- 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 May 16th at 7:00 pm

Parish Calendar

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May Baptisms



Santiago Abel Zavala (5-1-16)
Theodore James Heissel-Tracy (5-8-16)
Adella Grey Fitz (5-15-16)
Cameron Ann Wendeln (5-29-16)

Congratulations



Congratulations to
all of this year's
First Communicants:

Lucia Araya
Victoria Maria Batts
Colin Patrick Blaha
Caidan Brian Curran
Morgan Grace Coolidge
Sophia Grace Duhon
Guillen Cain Gutierrez
Jaxon John Kelly

Connor David Kernan
Charles Aaron Kizziah
Tessa Marie Lapidus
Olivia Sicily Mauer
Katherine Caroline McDermott
Alyssa Faye Neumann
Vivian Lane Sampson
Henry Schechtman-Shah
Maxwell Beasley Stickney
Casey Evelyn Walsh
Sebastian Johannes Wimmer
Jonas Zacarias
Molly Zann

Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, May 8

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, Church, May Crowning
- 10:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Monday, May 9

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:30 pm, REC, St. Vincent Book Club
- 7:00 pm, PC, World's Smallest Block Party
- 7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council

Tuesday, May 10

- 6:30 am, PC, men's Spirituality Group
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:15 pm, Church, Lectio Divina
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, May 11

- 5:00 pm, Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking
- 5:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

Thursday, May 12

- 6:30 pm, PC, Bradley Methods Class

Friday, May 13

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

Saturday, May 14

- 10:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; Mother's Day
- Tuesday:** St. Damien of Veuster
- Thursday:** Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
- Friday:** Our Lady of Fatima
- Saturday:** St. Matthias
- Domingo:** La Ascension del Señor; Día de las Madres;
- Martes:** San Damiano José de Veuster
- Jueves:** Santos Nereo y Aquileo; san Pancracio
- Viernes:** Nuestra Señora de Fátima
- Sábado:** San Matías, apóstol

May 2016 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, May 7th

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

Saturday, May 14th

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

Saturday, May 21st

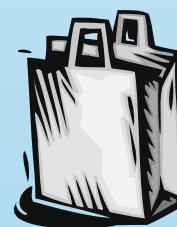
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, May 28th

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



**STOP IN
FOR QUIET PRAYER
TUESDAYS
7:00 TO 8:30 PM**



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

Let Us Pray

May 7

5:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

May 8

9:00 am Joan Rooney
12:00 pm Georgina Garcia
6:00 pm Mark Dudley

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

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

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.

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
5-14-16	5:00 PM	Rev. Chas Shelby, CM	Becky Francis	Margaret Burke	Luke Kolman Kari Richardson
Next French Mass 5-21-16	6:30 PM				
5-15-16	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Barb Schell	Anne Seigenthaler Ellen Moiani Jennifer Barrett	Jocelyn Lutkus Nancy Van Grinsven Mark Van Grinsven Christopher Parente
Next Spanish Mass 6-5-16	10:30 AM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM			
5-15-16	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Claire Kenkel	Aimee Jaszczor	Mike Usiak Laura King
5-15-16	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Craig Scanlon	Cara Gannon Bert Olson Lisa Hanzelka	Elizabeth Cuda John Eiffert Jane Bronson Carol Christiansen

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sunday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Day:</u> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Hch 19:1-8; Sal 68 (67):2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Martes:	Hch 20:17-27; Sal 68 (67):10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Miércoles:	Hch 20:28-38; Sal 68 (67):29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Jueves:	Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Viernes:	Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Sábado:	Hch 1:15-17, 20-26; Sal 113 (112):1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Domingo:	<u>Vigilia:</u> Gn 11:1-9 o Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b o Ez 37:1-14 o Jl 3:1-5; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Día:</u> Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103):1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 o Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 o Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Treasures from Our Tradition

The Second Vatican Council decreed that the devotional life of the Church should be examined and reformed with an eye towards expressing Easter faith. One of the great treasures in our devotional repertoire is a familiar feature of Lent: the Way of the Cross. The faithful walk a path recalling the events of Christ's passion, a contemplative experience increasingly enriched these days by scripture and song. There are fourteen stations in the usual configuration, although in recent years, a fifteenth station of the Empty Tomb has been added. Why stop there? Why not develop a similar journey structured on the theme of the appearances of the Risen Lord?

Over the last decade, a *Via Lucis*, or "Way of Light," has developed as a companion to the *Via Crucis*. It has been celebrated at the Vatican and is catching on elsewhere. There are fourteen stations, beginning with the Women Carrying Spices to the Tomb, continuing with the familiar appearances of the Lord at Emmaus, the Upper Room, the shore of Tiberias. The journey ends with stations recalling the apostles' wait with Mary for the advent of the Spirit, and with Pentecost. This is fertile ground indeed for the genius of artists, musicians, preachers, and liturgists. This is a living example of how many of our traditions are born to fill a great spiritual need, and spread to every corner of the Church. It may even come soon to a church near you. Maybe next Eastertime! — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Hoy celebramos a una mujer potente e importante en nuestras vidas; la madre. La historia del Día de las Madres se originó en las fiestas griegas en honor de Rhea, la madre de los dioses. A lo largo de la historia los cristianos también hemos recordado a la Madre de Dios, María, en varias solemnidades, pero hace sólo 100 años que en el 10 de mayo de 1907 en Estados Unidos se empezó a promover la idea de un día de reconocimiento del amor que tenemos como humanos por nuestras propias madres. Eventualmente se pasó a muchas naciones latinoamericanas.

Muchas culturas latinoamericanas son matriarcales, es decir, el papel de la madre en la familia es algo esencial. Para los latinos, no hay amor más grande que el de una madre. Sin olvidar la función del padre, ella es la que nos da la vida, nos enseña como vivirla y nos da alimento. Su amor nos recuerda al de Cristo, quien con sacrificio y amor da vida a la Iglesia. Su amor sostiene y cuando las cosas se ponen difíciles emocionalmente, nuestro deseo secreto es de estar en los brazos de mamá.— Fray Gilberto Cavazos-GlZ, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Continually Praising God

In both the first reading and the Gospel we are told about Christ's glorious ascension into heaven. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Christ has been seated at God's right hand in heaven, above every choir of angels. There might be a temptation to stay at an awed distance from Jesus Christ. However, the tone of today's readings is far from that temptation. The tone is exultant and the message is urgent. We are to be his witnesses, and the Gospel describes the first witnesses this way: "[W]ith great joy . . . they were continually in the temple praising God" (Luke 24:53).

How can we continually praise God? The answer can be found in the second reading, in which Paul prays that God will give us a "Spirit of wisdom and revelation" in order to know Christ clearly (Ephesians 1:17). We cannot stand at a distance. We are to be enlightened and empowered. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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Continuamente Alabando a Dios

Tanto la primera lectura como el Evangelio nos cuentan la gloriosa Ascensión de Cristo al cielo. La carta de san Pablo a los efesios nos recuerda que Cristo está sentado a la derecha de Dios en el cielo, por encima de todos los coros de ángeles. Puede que tengamos la tentación de mantenernos a reverencial distancia de Jesucristo. Sin embargo, el tono de las lecturas de hoy dista mucho de esa tentación. El tono es exuberante y el mensaje es urgente. Hemos de ser sus testigos, y el Evangelio describe a los primeros testigos de esta manera: "Muy alegres. . . permanecían constantemente en el templo alabando a Dios" (Lucas 24:53).

¿Cómo podemos alabar a Dios continuamente? La respuesta se encuentra en la segunda lectura, en la cual Pablo pide a Dios que nos conceda un "espíritu de sabiduría y de reflexión" para conocer a Cristo claramente (Efesios 1:17). No podemos mantenernos a distancia. Vamos a ser iluminados y fortalecidos. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23)

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Jesús les dice a los discípulos que recibirán el poder del Espíritu Santo (Hch 1:1-11).

Salmo — Entre voces de júbilo, Dios asciende a su trono (Salmo 47 [46]).

Segunda lectura — Que el Padre de la gloria del Espíritu de sabiduría y revelación (Efesios 1:17-23) o *Hebreos 9:24-28; 10:19-23*.

Evangelio — Los discípulos fueron testigos de todos los sucesos de la vida de Cristo. (Lucas 24:46-53).

Night on the Camino May 18th

Come on out for a *Night on the Camino* with Fr. Frank on Wednesday, May 18th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Find out about what it takes to walk *Camino de Santiago* – what to wear, what to eat, where to stay, and everything else you wanted to know.

View a 30-minute documentary on the *Camino de Santiago*. Wine, beer, snacks. No bedbugs.



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 Lisa Hanzelka at lhanzelka@gmail.com or Dave Hilko at dahilko@deloitte.com

Emergency Appeal: Ecuador

At this time, Catholic Relief Services teams are evaluating needs and preparing to assist local partners in providing emergency relief and support to the victims of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck the coast of Ecuador on April 16th.

Please pray and consider donating to help Catholic Relief Services strengthen their response to the loss and devastation in Ecuador:

www.chicagopeaceandjustice.org/emergencyappeal



Blood Drive May 15th

Honor your mother by donating a pint of life in her name. What a wonderful gift to give to your Mom for Mother's Day. Our mother's gave us life, now we can save lives by donating a pint.

Your mom will be smiling all day knowing that you are sharing God's gift of life with others most in need.

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

Time: 9:00am to 1:30pm

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

Kindly make an appointment so we can serve you better at: 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:

Fit with Fr. Frank May 21st

We are starting a weekly Fitness Club with Fr. Frank beginning May 21st!

In an effort for parishioners to support Fr. Frank's training for the Camino in October, *The Club* will meet at 10:00 am Saturday mornings. We will run to a nearby park to participate in interactive drills. Following the training, we will congregate with Fr. Frank to discuss Faith & Community.

Email Eric Conway to join. Conway14@gmail.com

**All participants must sign waiver*

Next Icon Talk May 15th



On May 15th and 22nd Tom Kosnik will offer two more one-hour sessions after the 12:00 pm Mass to “break open” some of our beautiful icons in order to seek out some of the symbolism and meaning and to learn how to pray with them. This special three-part expose is something you will not want to miss.

Icons are a doorway into the spiritual world; they are alive, and they can tell us something about ourselves and our relationship with God when we learn how to unlock their meaning. Praying with icons is about learning how to “gaze” upon the icon while remaining open and listening to our inner voice. Praying with icons is learning how to “reflect” on what was communicated to us.



**Please join us for
this wonderful Easter experience.**

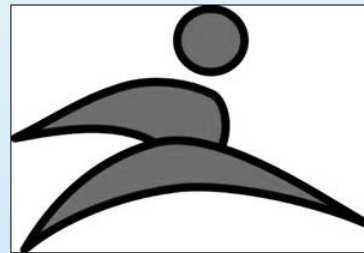
Kick Off Walk & Run

Walkers, joggers and runners of all abilities are welcome!

Date: Saturday, May 14th
Location: Oz Park, corner of Larrabee and Dickens near the tennis courts
Time: 7:30am Check-in
7:45am: Warm Up
8:00am: Walk & Run
Distance: 20 to 60 minutes at an easy social pace

Come dressed ready to walk or run. Please bring a beach towel for our post run stretch and core workout. Gear check is available. Free injury screening is available by the PTs Athletico Physical Therapy.

No fee to join us but please RSVP to Coach Mark Buciak at: theroadtoboston@rcn.com



Woven Together — Loom Visits St. Teresa

Loom will be selling handmade products at all the Masses on May 15th in the Gathering Space.

At Loom, women from Iraq, Bhutan, Congo and Afghanistan gather together weekly to produce beautiful handmade products designed in collaboration with local Chicago designers.

Women have the opportunity to create, market and sell their products as an additional source of income for their families.

Training focused on financial literacy and necessary skills associated with savings and earnings is offered to each of the women. As a result of this social enterprise, women who have fled war and vio-

lence from all over the world have the opportunity to work together in Chicago, learn new skills, produce beautiful handmade products, earn an income, and be a part of a community of creative and enterprising women.

To learn more about Loom and see samples of loom products, visit loomchicago.com.



The Divine Within

People find themselves fascinated by reports of visionaries. Visions are related throughout religious history. In religious visions, someone often beholds a person or phenomenon from on high. Whether it is Lourdes, Guadalupe, Fatima or Medjugorje; whether it is a vision of the Virgin, the Sacred Heart of Jesus or of some other holy entity — there is something captivating about a revelation coming down from above.

In today's Gospel, we have the opposite. The disciples have a vision of Jesus ascending on high. Luke presents this as Jesus' farewell.

Jesus had been part of the disciples' lives for a few years. His presence and teaching had enlightened and challenged them. How would they carry on without him?

In the Book of Acts, Luke tells of the same ascension of Jesus, but he presents Jesus' departure as more of a transition for the disciples. Acts stresses Jesus' going in preparation for the Spirit's arrival and the disciples' role as witnesses to Jesus and his message.

Why is it that we humans gravitate toward supernatural events that bring people or angels down from on high — or send them up to the heights? We somehow find living earthbound too ordinary. We speak of the godhead being "up above." So, Jesus ascends on high (after having "descended into hell").

From the perspective of the 21st century, where is "on high"?



The building blocks of creation are the protons, electrons, neutrinos, quarks and bosons of energy and mass that are within each cell and molecule. The spark of life, the spark of the divine is within.

We realize that what's up is down, and vice versa. Our planet, indeed the whole solar system, is spinning. Should we rethink how we speak of God?

What does it mean to say that God is up above? What does it mean when we say heaven is "up there"? That the realm of the Spirit is on high? What we have come to know about the universe is that the ultimate reality is within. The building blocks of creation are the protons, electrons, neutrinos, quarks and bosons of energy and mass that are within each cell and molecule. The spark of life, the spark of the divine is within.

Jesus can just as well penetrate within. It is an electric shock to the system of the world. He said,

"Behold, I am with you always ..."

This celebration of Ascension 2016 challenges us to find the Cosmic Christ in some way moving in deep relationship with each part of creation.

Immersed in creation, Jesus suffered, died and rose. The same Jesus lay in the stable, stayed behind in the temple, worked as a carpenter, went to a wedding and brought his friends — who helped drink up the wine. The same Jesus joined sinners who were being baptized by John; he challenged the religious and civic elite, spoke out and was put to death for it.

It was this same Jesus the Christ who had within him all that could change this world, one person at a time.

So, when this Jesus ascends to heaven, let us be challenged to understand a Christ whose Spirit penetrates into all humankind. From within, Christ's Spirit continues his work of transforming this world into the reign of God.

Jesus told the disciples, "Do not depart from Jerusalem ... stay in the city." For good reason: He was entering into their being, right where they were.

Let us not depart from our city, our parish, our family, our job. Let us stay in the communities where God has placed us. We can be reassured, knowing that Jesus' Spirit has "ascended" into us right where we are, and we will be his

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

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

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

Renovation Committee

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Steve and Anmarie Kolinski
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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

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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 ...

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
kolynchdre@gmail.com

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

