

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

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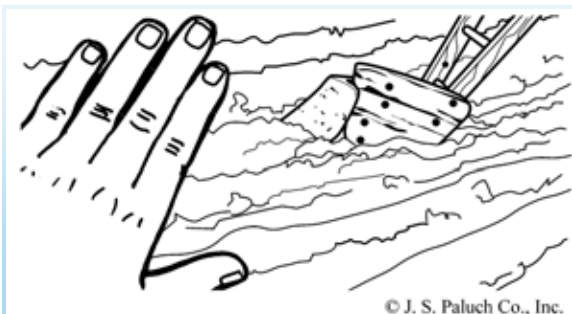
Chicago, IL 60614



June 26, 2016

Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit.
Alive



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“No one who sets a hand to the plow
and looks to what was left behind
is fit for the kingdom of God.”

— Luke 9:62

Stewardship

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Welcome

Thank you for celebrating with us today at St. Teresa of Avila. Whether you are new to the parish, a returning visitor, or a seasoned parishioner, your presence makes our celebration that much richer.

If you're new, let me tell you a little about us. Our goal is to serve the faith needs of our community so that each member knows God's unconditional love. We embrace ALL people, excluding no one. We serve God through service to others, using our individual God-given talents to the best of our abilities. We maintain a food pantry and provide weekly dinners for those who are less fortunate. We go out and serve meals to those living on the streets. We are now working with refugee families in Chicago to provide financial assistance and mentorship during their time of transition. We take seriously our commitment to the Gospel mandate to serve the poor.

We'd also like to get to know you. Be sure to introduce yourself to Fr. Frank after Mass or talk to a Stewardship Representative to learn more about us. If you'd like to discuss what you are looking for in a faith home or how you can use your own talents in service, then please reach out. I'd like to grab a coffee and chat!

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

Time of Your Life Gala

Save the date for Saturday, November 12th. Our annual fundraising bash returns with a twist – a new venue this year! This event raises over \$150,000 each year and is critical for our parish and ministries. Stay tuned for info, or join the planning committee for access to the top-secret details.

If you're interested in getting involved in this year's Gala, contact robrien@stteresaparish.org

Refugee Ministry

Through the generosity of parishioners, we are able to sponsor a family through Catholic Charities. Our donations assist with the cost of rent, furniture and basic necessities while the family transitions to the United States. Our volunteers will assist the family in learning English, navigating the city of Chicago and adapting to our culture. Here are three ways to help:



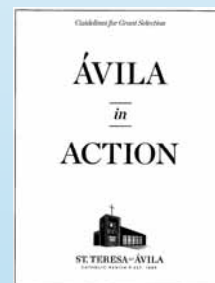
Diaper Drive: Baby diapers in any size are needed for refugee families in Chicagoland. Diapers may be placed in the basket in front of the altar.

To Donate: givecentral.org/location/209/10945

To Volunteer: robrien@stteresaparish.org

Avila in Action

Stewardship is rooted in the idea that all we have is a gift from God, and with grace we gratefully give back to God from what we have been given. In the same way the Church teaches these principles, the church itself strives to live by them. St. Teresa of Avila parish has historically given 3% of our collections to charities outside of our walls.



This year, the Stewardship Committee along with the Finance Council have made a prayerful decision to increase our giving percentage to 6%, and to seek input from the parish on how the funds are distributed. This initiative has been named *Avila in Action*. Parishioners may nominate a charity of their choice to receive Avila in Action grant funds.

Details and applications are available on our website at st-teresa.net/stewardship/avila-in-action/.

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

**Most
Wanted
Volunteers**

Catechists

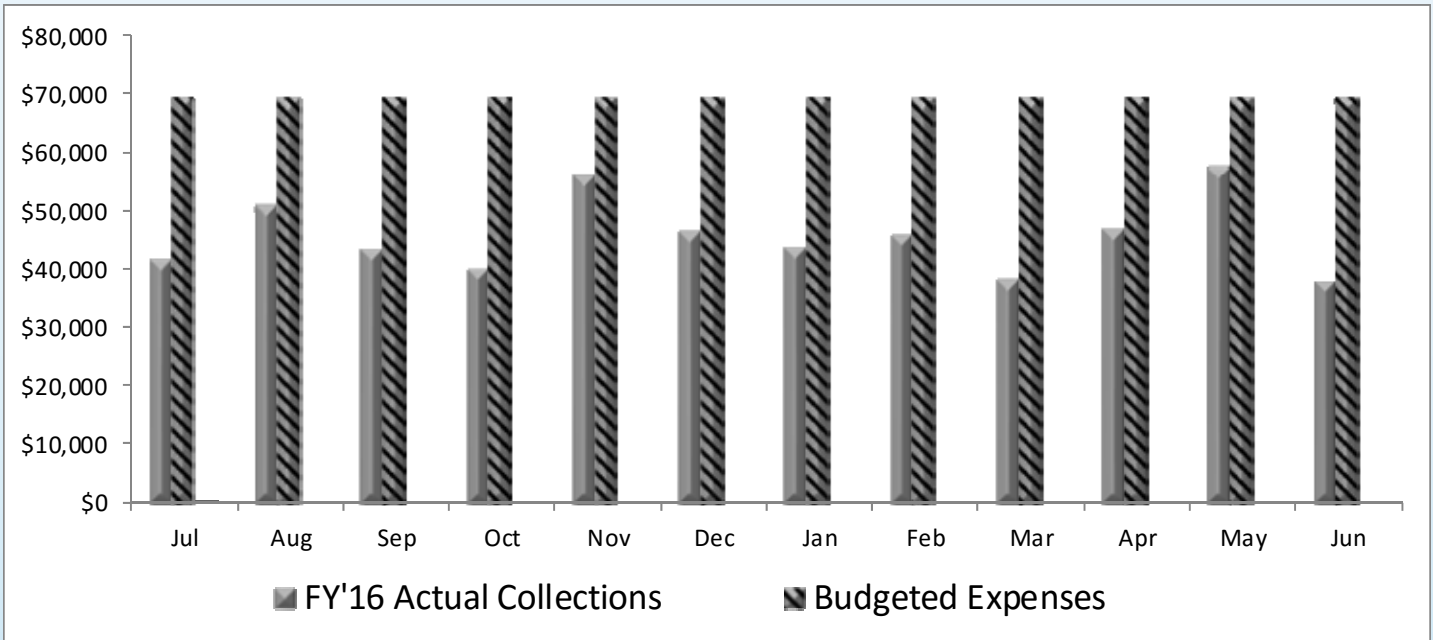
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Committee
Members**

Greeters

**Historical
Website
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-terea.net.

Parish Calendar

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June Baptisms



Ava Murphy (6-4-16)
Kyle Price (6-4-16)
Matteo Michel (6-5-16)
Abigail Todd (6-26-16)

Interested in the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life.

The RCIA process is for the un-baptized who want to join the Catholic Church; and those who have been baptized Catholic or in another Christian denomination, and want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Frank at (773) 528-6650.

Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, June 26

- No Activities Planned

Monday, June 27

- 12:30 pm, PC, Chicago House

Tuesday, June 28

- 6:15 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
- 6:15 pm, Church, Lectio Divina
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, REC, Women's Spirituality

Wednesday, June 29

- No Activities Planned

Thursday, June 30

- 6:30 pm, REC, Bradley Methods Class

Friday, July 1

- 9:30 am, REC, Playgroup
- 10:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 5:00 pm, REC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, July 2

- 10:00 am, GS, Fit with Frank
- 10:00 am, Church, Matejka-Bottom Wedding
- 10:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:00 pm, Church, Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday:

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Tuesday:

St. Irenaeus

Wednesday:

Ss. Peter and Paul

Thursday:

The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Friday:

Blessed Junípero Serra;

First Friday

Saturday:

First Saturday

Domingo:

Decimotercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes:

San Cirilo de Alejandría

Martes:

San Ireneo

Miércoles:

San Pedro y san Pablo, apóstoles

Jueves:

Los Primeros Santos Mártires de la Iglesia Romana

Viernes:

Beato Junípero Serra; Primer viernes

Sábado:

Primer sábado

July 2016 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, July 2nd

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

Saturday, July 9th

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

Saturday, July 17th

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

Saturday, July 24th

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

Saturday, July 31st

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

June 25

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

June 26

9:00 am Pedro Garcia
 12:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
 6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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, Jerica Elaine Harris, Dorothy Holdsworth, Fred Jabaley, Joseph Kamalick, Rev. Oscar Lukefahr, CM, Carmela Nurmi, 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>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>Marianne Usiak</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Susan Violapiano</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Mae Witry</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>John Paul Nelson</i>	<i>David Zeunert</i>
<i>Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</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>	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	Celebrant	Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
7-2-16	5:00 PM	Rev. Chas Shelby, CM	Casey Bowles	Leigh Hartley	Carly Johnston Minister Needed (C2)
Next French Mass 7-2-16	6:30 PM				
7-3-16	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Geneva Gorgo	Minister Needed (H2) Karen Secrest Christopher Parente	Lisa Hanzelka Rose Ohiku Frank Swiderski Margaret Burke
Next Spanish Mass 7-3-16	10:30 AM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM			
7-3-16	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Mike Usiak	Alice Morales-Villenas	Bob Pedro
7-3-16	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Krista Kutz	Eileen Raia Luke Kolman Bert Olson	Ellen Moiani Minister Needed (C2) Cara Gannon Kevin Ludden

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Sal 50 (49):16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
Martes: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Sal 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
Miércoles: Vigilia: Hch 3:1-10; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 Día: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34 (33):2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Jueves: Am 7:10-17; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 9:1-8
Viernes: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Sal 119 (118):2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13
Sábado: Am 9:11-15; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
Domingo: Is 66:10-14c; Sal 66 (65):1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lc 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

Treasures from Our Tradition

An old and still vital treasure in our tradition is a document called the “Apostolic Traditions,” giving us a snapshot of church life in third-century Rome. Its author, Hippolytus, describes the liturgical life of the church and records the actual texts of the prayers. The way he explained the various “orders” of the church was the basis for a major reform of the rites of ordination by Pope Pius XII in 1947, and later for the Second Vatican Council. Hippolytus tells us that a bishop had to be elected by the entire people, and that ordination had to take place on a Sunday in the presence of the people, the presbyters, and neighboring bishops. The bishop-candidate is ordained by the other bishops, who impose their hands on his head while everyone else keeps a profound silence, awaiting the outpouring of the Spirit. There is a prayer of blessing said by one of them, on behalf of all, asking for the Spirit and describing his ministry.

Later centuries layered new features on top of this liturgy, including the requirement for three bishop consecrators. Today, whenever a new bishop is announced (election by the people is no more), a kind of genealogy is provided, tracing his pedigree through the consecrating bishops down through the centuries to Peter and the first body of believers. Every bishop today can trace his office through his consecrators back to the beginning in a tradition called “apostolic succession.” — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El último sábado de junio o el primero de julio en un ayuntamiento de Valcildacos, España, se pone en escena el *Miserere* escrito por Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer (1836-1870). Esta obra relata como un músico llega de noche a la Abadía de Fetero pidiendo posada. Los hermanos del monasterio lo invitaron a pasar la noche. Allí él les contó su vida pecaminosa y su deseo de encontrar un *Miserere* (Salmo 51) digno de expiar sus pecados ante Dios. Le contaron del *Miserere* del Monte que cantaban durante la noche los monjes difuntos de un Monasterio que había sido destruido siglos atrás. El músico afanado por encontrar su *Miserere*, corrió a la montaña donde escuchó aquel lamentoso y bello canto. Al regresar a la Abadía intentó escribir la música de aquel *Miserere*, pero lo único que logro fue volverse loco.

Aquel pobre hombre murió sin reconocer que cada quien debe entonar a su manera su propio y pobre *Miserere mei* (piedad de mi). Dios no nos perdona por la belleza o la fuerza de nuestra confesión, sino por su amor y su misericordia.

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

Focus on the Mission

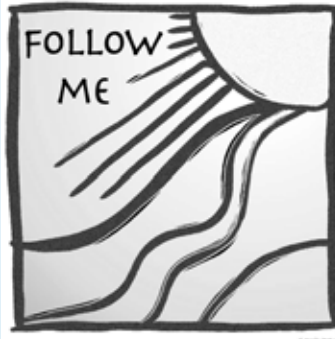
Concéntrate en la Misión

“There are so many things to do.” “We have so little time.” How many variations of these statements have you heard or even said yourself?

Actually neither statement is completely true. There are many things to do in this life, but really few things that are vitally important. Working, searching, conniving, and worrying our way to “gratify[ing] the desires of the flesh,” as Paul relates in today’s second reading, are really non-productive. So little time? When we take on the freedom that Christ offers us, we have all the time we need in this world, and even more in the next.

Elisha, the prophet Elijah’s chosen servant, was slightly befuddled about what he should do. When Elijah called, he returned to bid farewell to his parents and provide food for his people. Only then did he follow.

Jesus demands something different, something more of his disciples. He calls us to a single-minded determination to drop everything and follow him. Now, not later. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



“Hay tantas cosas que hacer”. “Tenemos tan poco tiempo”. ¿Cuántas variantes de estas afirmaciones has oído o incluso dicho tú mismo?

En realidad, ninguna de las dos es completamente verdadera. Hay muchas cosas que hacer en esta vida, pero realmente pocas cosas que son de vital importancia. Esforzarse, buscar, actuar en convivencia y preocuparse en pos del “desorden egoísta del hombre”, como nos dice san Pablo en la segunda lectura de hoy, no es en absoluto productivo. ¿Tan poco tiempo? Cuando tomamos la libertad que Cristo nos ofrece, tenemos todo el tiempo que necesitamos en este mundo y aún más en el que sigue.

Eliseo, el sirviente elegido del profeta Elías, estaba un tanto aturdido sin saber qué debía hacer. Cuando Elías lo llamó, regresó a despedirse de sus padres y a darle comida a su gente. Sólo después lo siguió.

Jesús nos pide algo diferente, algo digno de sus discípulos. Nos pide una determinación absoluta para dejar todo y seguirlo. Ahora, no después. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Today’s Readings

First Reading — The LORD tells Elijah to anoint Elisha as prophet to succeed him (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

Psalms — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Use your freedom in Christ to serve one another through love (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).

Gospel — While journeying to Jerusalem, Jesus speaks of the costs of discipleship (Luke 9:51-62).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor le dice a Elías que unja a Eliseo como profeta para ser su sucesor (1 Reyes 19:16b, 19-21).

Salmo — Enséñanos, Señor, el camino de la vida (Salmo 16 [15]).

Segunda lectura — Usa tu libertad en Cristo para servirte unos a otros mediante el amor (Gálatas 5:1, 13-18).

Evangelio — Mientras viajaban a Jerusalén, Jesús reprocha a los discípulos que querían que bajara fuego del cielo sobre una aldea samaritana (Lucas 9:51-62).

First Saturday—Primer Sábado July 2 — 2 de Julio

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on July 2nd 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 2 de Julio a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

Caring, Connecting Ministry

At St. Teresa Parish, when times are tough, you're not alone. We like to think of our parish as caring about our world, our neighbors, and each other. We need to put that into action.



A group of parishioners is meeting to plan how we can hear from each other in times of need and offer assistance -- prayers, cards, calls and even casseroles.

Please contact Mary Russell for more information at mary.russell842@gmail.com

St. Teresa said...

Receiving communion is not like picturing with the imagination, as when we reflect upon the Lord on the cross or in other episodes of the Passion...In Communion the event is happening now, and it is entirely true.



Wanted: Boxed Cereal

There is limited availability of cereal from the Greater Chicago Food Depository, and the St. Teresa Food Pantry is in particular need of **weekly donations of all kinds of boxed cereal**.



If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, contact Lisa Hanzelka at lhanzelka@sbcglobal.net or Dave Hilko at dahilko@deloitte.com

Please Pray for Me

Do you or does someone you know need prayers? Fill out a prayer request card and pin it to the wooden crucifix to the right of the tabernacle in the church. Or just drop a prayer card into the collection basket and we'll pin it for you.

Want to let someone know that you're praying for them? Just initial and date the prayer card on the crucifix.

I am in need of your prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

Write your prayer request here and drop the card in the collection basket, or just pin it to the Prayer Wall in the Gathering Space.

PIN THIS CARD TO THE PRAYER WALL, OR PLACE IN THE OFFERTORY

+ I am praying for you +

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Blank Prayer Request Cards can be found on the table next to the wooden crucifix and in the Gathering Space.

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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Theology on Tap Mondays

If you're a young adult who is interested in faith and beer, volunteering for *Theology on Tap* is a great way to meet people and be involved in a summer Chicago Catholic tradition.



Theology on Tap will be held at St. Vincent de Paul parish on Monday evenings in July. Contact Rebecca at rcarmic1@depaul.edu for more information.

2016 Theology on Tap Speakers

This summer Theology on Tap will be held at 7:15 PM at St. Vincent de Paul, 1010 W. Webster Ave. Chicago, IL

- Monday, June 27 "Marriage Prep for the UN-engaged" with Fr. John Kartje
- Monday, July 11 "How to Find Passion and Purpose" with Margaret Motto
- Monday, July 18 "Prayer Using Secular Music & Movies" with Br. Alan Parham, F.S.C.
- Monday, July 25 "Mercy the Essence of the Gospel" with Sr. Patricia Crowley, O.S.B.

This young adult event is a perfect way to enjoy summer and your faith life with fellowship and free beer.

For more information email Rebecca at rcarmic1@depaul.edu



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

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



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



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Women's Spirituality June 28th

The next Women's Spirituality gathering is this Tuesday, June 28th, at 7:30pm. in the Religious Education Center. Women of St.



Teresa's are invited to join the circle for prayer, reflection and conversation

Please enter at the Kenmore Avenue doorway directly south of the Parish Center entrance. Contact Cathy Flaherty, cglaherty@aol, with any questions.

“Don’t Look Back”

Leroy “Satchel” Paige, the legendary baseball pitcher in what was called the “Negro Leagues” before black players were welcome on all-white teams, was famous for his athletic skills, but also for his wise sayings about life. Some examples: “Age is a case of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it don’t matter.” Perhaps his best-known quote is: “Don’t look back. Something might be gaining on you.”

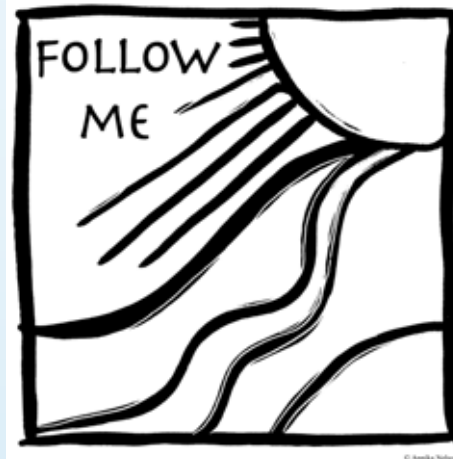
Don’t look back. Jesus says the same thing in today’s Gospel. He is on his way to Jerusalem. It’s a journey that will end not in glory or honor, but in rejection and the horrors of crucifixion.

Jesus has upset the leaders of the Jewish community who are enriching themselves by colluding with the Roman Empire. He has openly disparaged their treatment of the poor and the destitute. He has criticized the way they have heaped ethical burdens on the people, burdens that are too heavy to carry.

Jesus has also challenged the Roman rulers by stirring up the people and insisting that Yahweh God is the Lord, not Caesar.

This journey for Jesus is one of accepting the consequences of his own personal fidelity to that same God, whom he calls *Abba*, Father.

In doing so, Jesus now turns to his disciples and clearly outlines the very essence of the Christian life: discipleship. Worship is important. Prayer is necessary. But the crucial issue that dominates



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Do not look back.

When you read today’s Gospel passage carefully, you will note that Jesus is symbolically accosted by three people with the three problems that usually keep us “looking back.”

In themselves, those three are very worthy responsibilities that we would all assume to be common sense:

1. The necessity of a home and its comforts. Yet Jesus informs them: “*But the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.*”
2. The sacred duty to bury their parents. But Jesus says, “*Let the dead bury the dead.*”

3. Relationships with family. But Jesus insists, “*No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.*”

Strong language! Shocking images!

What is emphasized here is that if you wish to be a follower of Jesus, if you wish to help bring about a more humane way of life in the world you live in, you cannot delay; you cannot keep using family commitments as excuses for your refusal to go forward. You cannot keep looking back.

To be clear, Jesus is *not* saying you cannot have a home. What he *is* saying is that there are ideals more important than your house and your domestic tranquility. Jesus is *not* saying you cannot bury your parents. What he *is* saying is that it should be done with the understanding that there are values more urgent than this honorable duty. Jesus is *not* saying your family is not a primary issue. What he *is* saying is that family, marriage and children are commonly used as excuses for not walking a spiritual path.

Keep moving ahead. Don’t waver. Hold fast to your faith. That’s what Jesus is trying to communicate to us.

Or, as Satchel put it, “Don’t look back. Something might be gaining on you.”

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Anna Althoff
Bertel Olson
Paolo Basil
Justin Peters
Luke Kolman
Kate Lynch

Alex Lopez
Chris Parente
Jose Cervantes
Mary Paz Ramirez
Tom Micinski
Rebecca O'Brien

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

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

Stewardship Committee

Paolo Basil
Anastasia Bullinger
Kelly Dean
Lisa Marquez
John Mitchell

Rebecca O'Brien
Chris Parente
Mary Serrahn
Dan Summins
Mark Van Grinsven

Please contact Rebecca O'Brien for information on joining the Stewardship committee; her email is robrien@stteresaparish.org.

The Stewardship Committee meet one Thursday per month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Parish Transformation Committee

Marilyn Aleide
Paolo Basil
Rick Blair
Mark Buciak
Shannon & Jonathan Clinton
Michael Gallo
Lisa Hanzelka
Linda & Rob Harmer

Sara & Adam Hock
Michael Kmec
Jackie Koesters
Fr. Frank Latzko
Barbara McHugh
Tom Micinski
Rebecca O'Brien

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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.

Help 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
Contact Dean in the Parish Office
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Weekend Masses

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

⁺ First and third Saturdays, October through June

* First Sundays

Weekday Masses

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

