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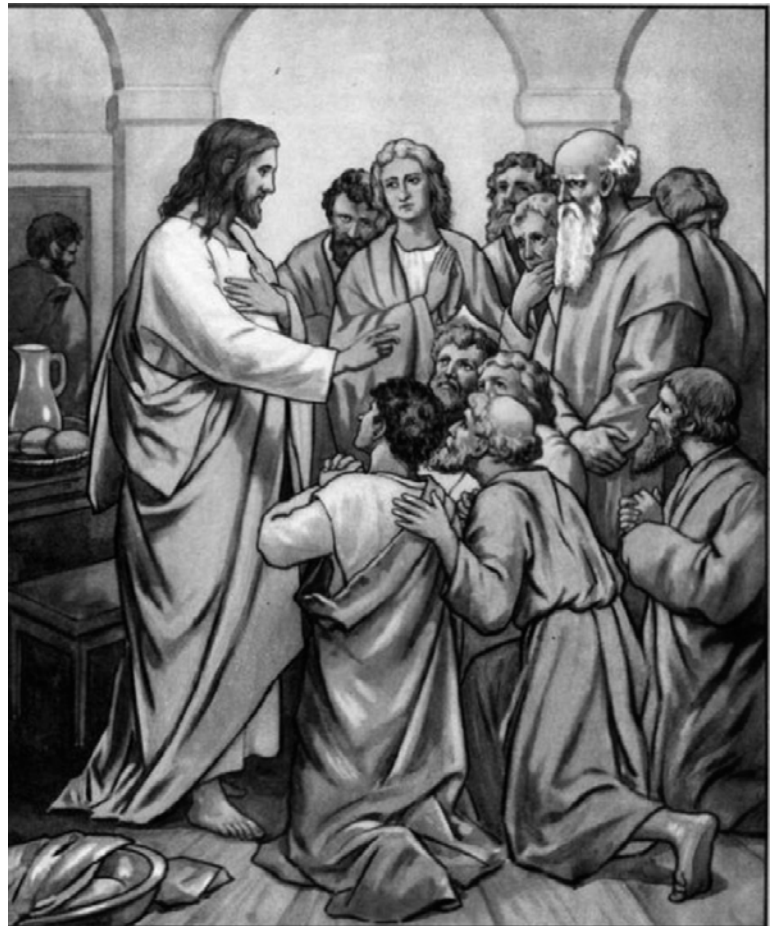


Faith & Spirit, *Alive*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 2017

Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Matthew 13:45-46



Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française¹)
 Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español²) 12 PM, 6 PM
¹ First & Second Saturdays ² First Sundays

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday — Thursday at 7:30 AM
 Friday Communion Service at 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:30 PM
 Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM

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Stewardship

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Stewardship Opportunity

We are currently scheduling hosts to provide refreshments after all Masses. There are currently 11 spaces left to fill.

If you have ever enjoyed lingering about after Mass over refreshments and conversation, please consider hosting just once per year.

It's easy to do. You can sign up through the Signup.com by clicking on the word "Volunteer" at our website st-teresa.net.

Or visit signup.com/go/BnYEHC to browse our openings to find one that works for you.

Questions/training: Contact Mairead Reidy at mairiad.reidy@yahoo.com



Raffle and Ticket Presale!

Tickets are now on sale for this year's annual fund-raising bash. Snag your tickets early to this sell-out event and you'll save some money while ensuring that St. Teresa maintains a strong cash flow over the summer season. Tickets are \$125/person now through August 30th, and \$150/person in September and beyond.



Raffle tickets are on sale and our goal is to raise \$50,000 this summer by encouraging our friends, family, coworkers, or fellow philanthropists, to buy a ticket. \$100 gets you a chance at winning your choice of four great trips: Jamaica, Paris, San Diego, or American Music Awards.

Visit timeofyourlifegala.com to purchase raffle tickets or event presale tickets. To donate items for auction, email Mike at usiak@sbcglobal.net.

Thank You from the Healing Corner!!



On July 15th St. Teresa of Avila sponsored a meal in West Garfield Park for the Healing Corner, a community building event that offers free food, hugs, and resources while having an open dialogue with the community around the issue of violence. Many thanks to all who contributed to this effort by volunteering or donating food. The event was eye opening and rewarding. To learn more, send an email to robrien@stteresaparish.org.

Thank you John Eiffert, Stephanie Good, Theresa Jabaley, Anmarie & Steve Kolinski, Kelly McCartney, Ellen Moiani, Rebecca O'Brien, and Colleen Uvegas.

Avila in Action

Just two weeks left to apply for an Avila in Action grant! Know of a group that is working to make the world a better place? Let them know about your amazing Parish and have them apply for one of the 2017 Avila in Action grants to help them continue to change the world. All applications are due by July 31.

Application and more information can be found at st-teresa.net/stewardship/avila-in-action.

Questions may be directed to Rebecca O'Brien at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650.



Refugee Updates:

Our Syrian Refugee Family, Abdulkarim, Latifa and Bisan are expecting the arrival of their new baby this week! Latifa and Abdulkarim insist that they have everything for the baby, but if you would like to write a card or contribute something small like a pack of diapers or a children's book (which Bisan could use, too), it would be a nice gesture. At our most recent meeting, Abdulkarim expressed that he would like a bike to help him get to and from work. They're having trouble saving up for it with the baby coming. The family is very firm on their desire to be financially independent, but if you or someone you know has an old bike to donate, Abdulkarim would put it to good use! Email Margaret at margaretannmiles@gmail.com, if you can help.



Catholic Charities reached out to us recently about Congolese girl named Tereza who was accepted to Josephinum Academy. She and her family do not have sponsors as they arrived in the U.S. before that program was created.

Tereza was fortunate to receive a partial scholarship to Josephinum, but needed financial help with registration fees, a portion of tuition, school supplies and uniforms.

We are collecting Old Navy gift cards to help Tereza purchase uniforms. Gift cards can be sent to the parish office, or email robrien@stteresaparish.org.



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

Win a \$10 Starbucks Card — Capital Income, Poll #5!

Prior Bulletin Question: *What represented 47% (\$66,966) of St. Teresa’s Capital Expenses for 2016?*

Answer: Church Renovation - *Building Faith Together* Campaign

The winners were **Rick Rausch** and **Jack Halpin** (for the second time). Congratulations! Today is your day! Your \$10 Starbucks gift card awaits.

To increase the incentive to participate in this poll, we’ve increase the Starbucks reward to \$10.00! (A maximum of 10 people can win). Go ahead and give this a try. If you tried this, you should. These things are fun and fun is good.

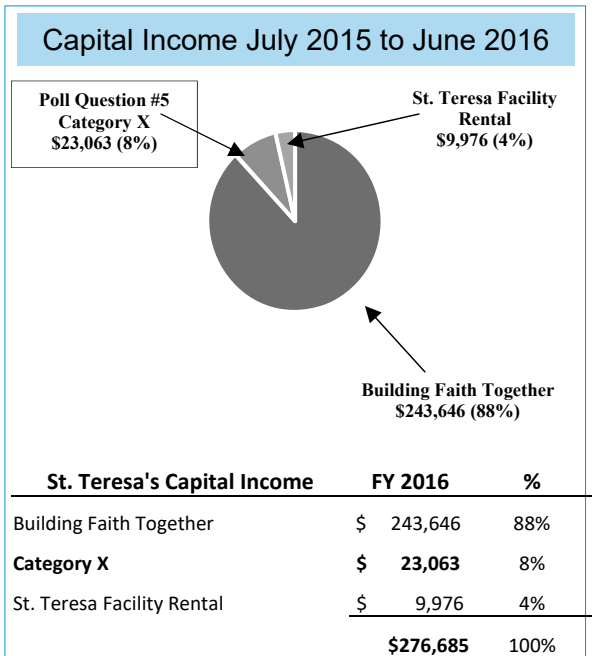
In this bulletin, we’ll focus on St. Teresa’s Capital Income. *What money is represented in “Category X”?*

Did this money come from:

- a) Interest income based on the money St. Teresa received from the sale of land;
- b) Dr. Seuss; or
- c) Proceeds from the sale of 10,000 pet rocks

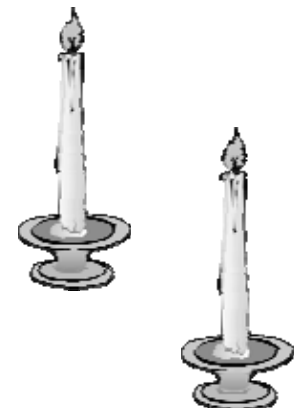
You don't have to answer both correctly to win. Literally any answer will do. In fact, the sentence following this one has the answer. The \$23,063 that St. Teresa received in interest income is based on the money St. Teresa received from the sale of the land to the south of us, at a rate of 5%. Hopefully, this will give you a sense that St. Teresa is making money on its money. Finance council and church staff are welcome to participate in the poll.

Please email your guess to either Maggie Fernandez at mfernandez@stteresaparish.org or Justin Alden at justin.alden@gmail.com.



Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Sunday:	7-2-17	7-9-17	7-16-17	7-23-17
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		105	57	49	51
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		-	29	-	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		130	140	140	180
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		35	-	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		75	130	190	110
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		70	130	105	115
Total Weekend Mass Attendance		415	486	454	456
Average Weekday Mass Attendance		10	10	10	12
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance		5	3	3	4
Confessions this Week		1	0	0	1
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		0	0	0	0
Funerals since January 2017		3	3	3	3
Weddings since January 2017		6	7	7	7
Baptisms since January 2017		18	20	20	20



There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa’s 2016 October Count averaged 550 people at weekend Masses. The 2017 monthly averages are: January, 489; February, 570; March, 640; April, 705; May, 573; June, 541. In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1,525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1,653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ratio of 1:7,094 Catholics.

Parish Calendars

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Celebrant-Minister Schedule & Events

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 8-5-17	5:00 PM	Fr. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Karen Carpino Lector: Lisa Hanzelka	Margaret Burke	Leigh Hartley Eric Fredericks
Next French Mass Saturday 8-19-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 8-6-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Michael Zost	Brian Shea Chris Parente Minister Needed (H4)	Geneva Gorgo Molly Malloy Barb Schell Rose Ohiku
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 8-6-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
Sunday 8-6-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Minister Needed	Carmen Ubides	Minister Needed (C1) Laura Moran
Sunday 8-6-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Amir Rafizadeh Lector: Abby Greaney	Anne Seigenthaler Abel Gonzalez Daniel Cortese	Colleen Sulewski Mary Serrahn Cara Gannon Luke Koleman

Week's Activities

Sunday, July 30

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, July 31

- No Activities Planned

Tuesday, August 1

- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:30 pm, Church, TOYL Meeting

Wednesday, August 2

- No Activities Planned

Thursday, August 3

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, August 4

- 10:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 10:00 am, Mom's Group
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, August 5

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

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Tuesday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori
- Wednesday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard
- Friday:** St. John Vianney; First Friday
- Saturday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary
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- Domingo:** Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Lunes:** San Ignacio de Loyola
- Martes:** San Alfonso María de Ligorio
- Miércoles:** San Eusebio de Vercelli; San Pedro Julián Eymard
- Viernes:** San Juan María Vianney; Primer viernes
- Sábado:** Dedicación de la Basílica Santa María la Mayor en Roma; Primer sábado; Santa María Virgen

August 2017 Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, August 5

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

Saturday, August 12

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

Saturday, August 19

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

Saturday, August 26

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



Mass Intentions & Prayers

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 29

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

Sunday, July 30

9:00 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

12:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Eddy Velazquez, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko, Joseph

Kamalick, Edward Nevera, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Anthony Mastro, Andrea

Mastro Hoinacki, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Angel Luis Neris,

Noemie Sylvestre and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

July Baptisms

Reid Paul Eck (7-2), Charles Robert Donovan (7-9), Blake Consiglio (7-9)

July Baptism Anniversaries

Caroline Mondschean (7-14), Anne Heller (7-26), Christopher Parente (7-29)

Please pray for all those who are ill, especially for ...

*Alicia Anderson
Dorothy Barns
Berta Billalvazo
Elizabeth Ryan Dean
Michael De Blasis
Kathy Derrick
Kim Duffy
Isabelle Eiffert
Jackson Fineske & Family
Alice Flynn
Padraig Gallagher
Eloisa Gallegos
Michael Gibbons
Angela Goldberg
Kaylee Gommel
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.
Les Gordon
Mrs. Grabarczyk*

*George Halloran
Kellar Harris
Peg Hausen
David Hoffman
David Ivanac
Chuck Jabaley
Ronald Jakubec
Joyce Jaszczor
Frank Kolman
Krista Kutz
Liz Kunkel
Betty LaCour
Carmen D. Lorenzana
Gabriel Lozada
Palmira Mancini
George Maroquin
Jose Maroquin
Lisa Marquez*

*Margaret Sue Meadors
Sage Mesen
Daniel Meyer
Tracy Mirabella
Bill Mobley
John Monier
Elda Myers
John Paul Nelson
Angel Nieves
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill
Frank O'Toole
Clayton Poe
Carol Poyner
Marie Koesters-Ranley
Hector J. Rivera
Luis Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez
Ray Romero*

*Jeffrey Roscoe
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Jack Schank
Bob Semmer
Will Sullivan
Mima Tome
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Marianne Usiak
Sara Vega
Susan Violapiano
Jack Williams
Valerie Williams
Mae Witry
David Zeunert

For the intentions on our prayer cards; for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse*

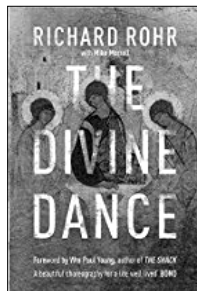
#prayforpeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago between July 20th and 26th: *Damijwan Bonds; Anthony White; Lavondell Noble; Tayvion Roberson; Brendon Frazier; Jaron Jackson; Izat Morrar; Michael Peterman; Leroy Moore; Marcelle Rey; Tony Haywood; Stanley Mack; Jermaine Robinson; Alex Gonzalez; and, Michael Ferguson*

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 to the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for about twelve months.

Book Club this Weekend!

St. Teresa is going to be hosting a young adult book study over Richard Rohr's *The Divine Dance*. If you are interested in meeting with a group of 20 and 30 somethings to discuss this book, your faith, and enjoy some great community, we want you!



We will start meeting on **Sunday, July 9th, after the 6:00 pm Mass** for an hour or so each week.

If you are interested please email john.dewyze@gmail.com

Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities

Catholic Charities professional clothing center, Mary's Closet, is in need of career-ready clothing, accessories, and shoes for men and women, especially in larger sizes. Mary's Closet is a program that helps Catholic Charities clients who are in need of assistance preparing for job interviews or seeking employment by providing them with work-ready clothes and interview coaching. We are also looking for high-end designer clothing donations to support the program's annual spring fundraiser, Encore! Designer clothes are sold at the May resale event with all proceeds benefiting the Catholic Charities Mary's Closet program.



All donated items can be dropped off at Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm or Saturdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm or at our other drop-off location: Relevant Radio, 145 S. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

For more information or for pick-up service please visit our website at www.catholiccharities.net/mariscloset or email us at mariscloset@catholiccharities.net

Learn it. Grow it. Serve it.



Join us this summer for our Theology on Tap speaker series! Our parish will be focusing on the "Learn it" track, where we will partner with parishes in our community to host exciting events that will focus on how each one of us can further develop our relationship with Jesus and deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith.

We look forward to seeing you this summer at the events below!

Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Socializing begins at 6:30pm
Kelly's Pub, Marge's Still, Kincade's, Orso's Rooftop

Week One

July 17, 7:00 p.m.

Kelly's Pub: 949 W Webster

Jesus and the Avengers

Darius Villalobos

Week Two

July 24, 7:00 p.m.

Kincade's Bar and Grill: 950 W Armitage

Get the Heck Out!

Margaret Motto

Week Three

July 31, 7:00 p.m.

Marge's Still: 1758 N Sedgwick

Athletics and Faith

Sr. Stephanie Baliga

Week Four

August 7, 7:00 p.m.

Orso's Rooftop: 1401 N Wells

The Four Commandments of

Contentment

Fr. Ed Shea

For more information on all of the Theology on Tap events taking place across the Archdiocese of Chicago and at the Lincoln Park and Old Town parishes this summer, please visit www.totchicago.org or contact Suzanne Gillen at 773.325.8612 or sgillen1@depaul.edu

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 follow 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.



Help Adults Learn English!

Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for just 90 minutes per week at Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 West 35th Street in Chicago. You do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English.

Join us for one of our upcoming next tutor training workshops: Friday, August 25th (6:00-9:00pm) and Saturday, August 26th (9:00 am-4:00 pm) or Friday, October 13th (6:00-9:00 pm) and pm Saturday, October 14th (9:00 am-4:00 pm).

Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Register in advance and come both days to begin tutoring. For more information, please contact Sabrina at Sabrina@aguinasliteracycenter.org or at at (773) 927-0512.



Save the Date: September 17th!

Join us for a "Party in the Park" benefiting St. Teresa of Avila's Border Ministries.

Mark your calendar for September 17th, 1:00-4:00 pm and join us in Lincoln Park for a good old-fashioned church picnic to benefit our new Border Ministry.

Details coming soon. Got questions? Email Sara Hock at sara.m.hock@gmail.com



Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on August 5th 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 5 de Agosto a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

Annual Men's Retreat on September 8th-10th

Looking for an opportunity to hear God speaking to you? Silence speaks volumes.

St Teresa's Men's Spirituality Group invites and welcomes all men 18 and older to join us at our annual retreat at Bellarmine Retreat House in Barrington, Illinois, September 8th-10th.

This special weekend is spent in silence, providing space to let go of the preoccupations of daily life to allow room to hear God in the depths of your soul.

Retreat master Fr. Peter Etzel, S. J., who has been leading retreats for more than 20 years, will lead a series of talks on *Who Is the Man I Want to Be?* Whether you spend reflective time on your own or participate in Mass and the retreat talks, this will be

rejuvenating weekend, especially among friends who are sharing the silence.

You can sign up directly at jesuitretreat.org/retreatschedules/ (please indicate Matt Carpenter Group)

Contact Craig Dean at either (312)948-5605 or cdean@aegpartners.com for more information.

Carpooling will be available.



BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Martes:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Sal 103 (102):6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Miércoles:	Ex 34:29-35; Sal 99 (98):5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 o Lc 10:38-42
Jueves:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Sal 84 (83):3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Viernes:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Sal 81 (80):3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Sábado:	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Domingo:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pe 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Treasures from Tradition

The achievement of the late 1960s and early 1970s in enriching the “euchology” or “words of thanksgiving” available in the Church’s prayer is important on many levels. Ecumenically, it means that the Latin Rite now reflects the wealth of the East in having more than one prayer available to the Church. Pastorally, it actually acknowledges the place of the assembly in prayer, which is particularly clear in the Masses with Children. In fact, the traditional prayers of the Eastern Church served as models for our new prayers.

In the East, what we call the Eucharistic Prayer is called the *anaphora*, and there are three main families of *anaphora*. Each family has a different “recipe” for arranging the usual parts of these prayers. All *anaphora* have “intercessions” included, but the Churches of Antioch place them toward the end of the prayer, Alexandria prefers them at the beginning before the “Holy, Holy,” and Syria puts them at the very end. One branch of the Syrian family is unique in not mentioning the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. The Roman Canon we once prayed exclusively has some connection with the Alexandrian family, but once the signal for creativity was given, all the wealth of every prayer tradition was on the table, and our Sunday Mass has been greatly enriched. — Rev. James

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Esta semana celebramos la fiesta de la Virgen de Copacabana. Copacabana es la capital de Manco Cápac, Bolivia. En dicho lugar, un descendiente de los reyes incas, Francisco Tito Yupanqui buscó esculpir una imagen de la Candelaria. Su primera imagen fue colocada en la iglesia por su párroco, pero llegó un nuevo párroco quien la sacó del templo por tosca y fea. El pobre de Tito viajó a Potosí, Bolivia, donde emprendió cursos de escultura. Con el tiempo esculpió otra imagen de la Candelaria. Esta vez estudió varias imágenes de María y mandó ofrecer una Misa a la Santísima

Trinidad pidiéndole la inspiración necesaria para esculpir una imagen digna de la Virgen. Los años de práctica en su arte, unidos a su devoción, le ayudaron a esculpir una imagen fina y bella que en 1583 fue colocada en su propio santuario.

La Virgen de Copacabana tiene uno de los primeros santuarios marianos en América Latina. Curiosamente, se celebra el 5 de agosto, día que María hizo nevar en la antigua ciudad de Roma, Italia, para mostrar dónde deseaba tener su primer templo. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Listen to Your Dreams

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God's question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Escucha Tus Sueños

Dios visita a Salomón en un sueño, ¡y el relato bíblico no dice en ninguna parte que Salomón se despertó para tener esta conversación con Dios! Así, todavía en su sueño, Salomón responde a la pregunta de Dios sobre lo que más desea, y Dios le concede en abundancia su pedido de tener sabiduría.

En nuestras horas de vigilia, estamos muy distraídos con el trabajo, la casa, la familia, el tráfico, la diversión y muchas preocupaciones. Cuando tratamos de pensar en qué es lo que realmente queremos en la vida, nos cuesta

un poco imaginar lo que pueda ser. Mas allá en el fondo, moran nuestros verdaderos anhelos, que Dios y el Espíritu Santo conocen. Nuestros sueños, libres de las trabas de las defensas, pueden guardar la clave de nuestras más hondas necesidades o lo que nos molesta más. Puede que sean el modo que Dios usa para hablarnos. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalms — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Dame a mí, tu servidor, la capacidad de juzgar bien (1 Reyes 3:5, 7-12).

Salmo — Amo, Señor, tus mandamientos (Salmo 119 [118]).

Segunda lectura — Estamos predestinados a ser conformados a la imagen del Hijo de Dios (Romanos 8:28-30).

Evangelio — Cuando encontramos la perla de gran valor, tenemos que ofrecer por ella todo lo que poseemos (Mateo 13:44-52 [44-46]).

An Understanding Heart

I love stories that contain genies. They can teach us a great deal about what is important in life. Most of us know that if you hold a lamp that contains a genie, then the genie is supposed to grant you three wishes. In most of these stories, once any character becomes the master of the genie, things usually go wrong. Having anything one wishes for isn't as easy as it sounds.

The master of the lamp may wish for money, but later finds out that the money is cursed. The master may wish for power, but later finds out that the sacrifices made for power drives him or her to madness. It's very hard to be given anything for which you wish because the wish usually backfires.

But, there are wishes that don't backfire, and the Scriptures today give us some insight to how we would best avoid calamity if we ever become the master of a magical lamp or, more likely, find ourselves in daily prayer. In the first reading, Solomon gets a gift from God. Solomon can have anything for which he wishes. What an amazing opportunity! He knows that he is responsible for leading his kingdom. Should he ask for great wealth? Should he ask for impenetrable palaces? Should he ask for numerous followers on Twitter? No. None of these. Instead, he asks for an understanding heart.

If you ever find yourself in possession of a genie, that is the right answer. Make your wish for wisdom and a heart full of compas-



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sion. It is important to be careful what you wish for, because there is always a chance for a sequel.

To help us understand the benefit of a gift that can last and last, in rapid fire rhythm, Matthew's Gospel has Jesus sharing a series of quick anecdotes with his disciples. The kingdom of heaven is like *this*. The kingdom of heaven is like *that*. In each of the stories a gift is given to the main character such as treasure, wealth, success, but no matter what the circumstances of the story, there is always a choice to be made. What happens when you find a great treasure? What happens if you are so successful that your household is blessed with both new and old wines?

In the many-faceted characters that Jesus presents, we can see ourselves — a laborer, a merchant, a scribe. All of us have different

choices to make within our personal lives or professional occupations. But, what quality can transform any occupation to be nearer to the kingdom of heaven? The wisdom to discern the good from the bad. The wisdom to know what to do. The wisdom of an understanding heart.

Now, and at any point in history, it is easy to become critical of others. We might pray or have prayed, "O God, we wish for the times of Solomon when the leader of the land had wisdom. Why can't our leaders have an understanding heart?" We might even nestle up to the conceit that "If I were in charge, I could do things better than him or better than her." Wouldn't it be nice to have a genie to grant us three wishes so we could change the world order?

The moral of our Scriptures is, in fact, that we do have such a gift. We have the ability to ask God for an understanding heart to help us have the wisdom to know what to do here and now. What a different world it would be if we had the wisdom to pray for wisdom and worked diligently to apply it to our everyday decisions. Only then would all our stories end well. The stories would end like the kingdom of heaven which Jesus was known to proclaim, and the sequels would be equally magnificent.

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