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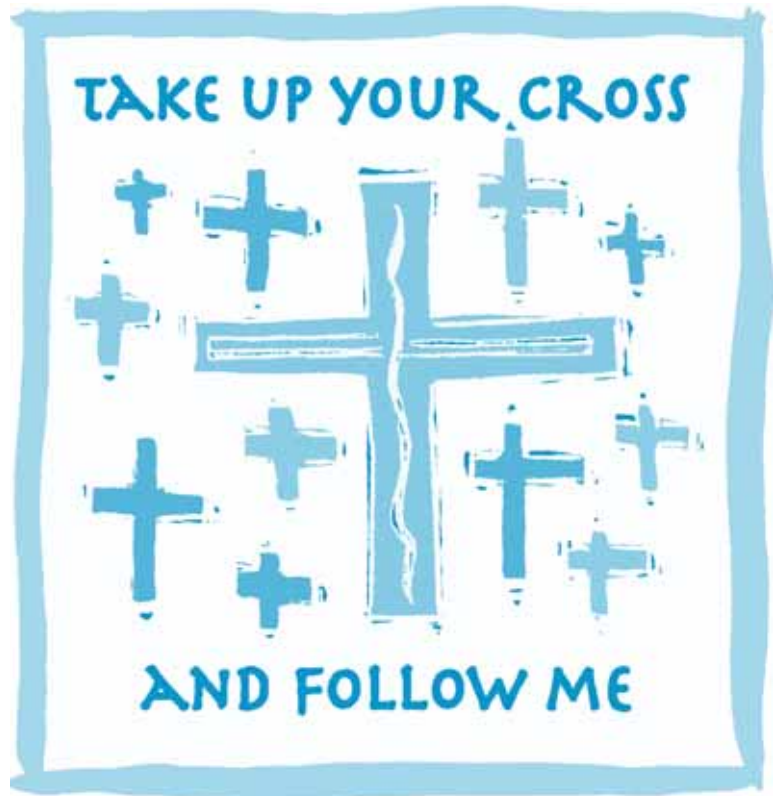


Faith & Spirit, *Alive*

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 2017

Then Jesus said to his disciples,
 “Whoever wishes to come after me must
 deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.
 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose
 it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will
 find it.
 What profit would there be for one to gain
 the whole world and forfeit his life?”

— Matthew 16: 24-26



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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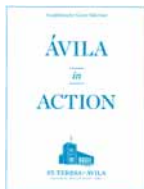
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Stewardship

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Avila in Action

Avila in Action received applications from 24 wonderful organizations across the globe working to make the world a better place. The Stewardship Committee is currently reviewing applications, vetting organizations, and determining grant awards. The total funding available for 2017 is \$32,110, equal to 6% of Sunday collections.



Please pray for the selection committee as they strive to be good stewards of our resources, and please pray for these organizations as they continue their mission to help others. For more information visit st-teresa.net/stewardship/avila-in-action.

- **Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership** | Sponsor: Rebecca O'Brien
- **Sisters of Charity of Nazareth** | Sponsor: Dean Vaeth
- **Erika's Lighthouse** | Sponsor: Mark Buciak
- **Good Shepherd Volunteers** | Sponsor: Susan Freund
- **Heartland Health Centers** | Sponsor: Rick Rausch
- **Let It Be US** | Sponsor: Amy Long
- **Honduras Educational Development Assistance Corporation** | Sponsor: Carrie Mondschean
- **Taller de Jose** | Sponsor: Roberto Martinez
- **P.E.A.K** | Sponsor: Craig & Kelly Dean, Laura Moran, Steve Kolinski
- **Franciscan Outreach** | Sponsor: Eric Fredericks
- **The Night Ministry** | Sponsor: Krista Kutz
- **Esperanza Community Services** | Sponsor: Mary & Sean Serrahn
- **Julia Center** | Sponsor: Treasa Moran Gallo
- **Urban Gateways** | Sponsor: Marilyn Aleide
- **Southwest Organizing Project** | Sponsor: Rebecca O'Brien
- **Umoja Student Development Corporation** | Sponsor: Sharon Lindstrom
- **Kenneth Villamil, supporting children's education in rural Ghana** | Sponsor: Anna Althoff
- **Chicago Jesuit Academy** | Sponsor: Nancy Van Grinsven
- **Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund** | Sponsor: Nancy Van Grinsven
- **Chicago Collegiate** | Sponsor: Steve Torchen
- **Cabrini Ministries Swaziland** | Sponsor: Carol Christiansen
- **Mercy Home for Boys & Girls** | Sponsor: Mark Buciak
- **The Healing Corner** | Sponsor: Ellen Moiani
- **The BLOC** | Sponsor: Ellen Moiani

Pre-sale Extended!

Tickets are now on sale for this year's annual fundraising bash, the *Time of Your Life Gala* on November 11, 2017 at Germania Place in Old Town.



Tickets are \$125/person now through September 5th, and \$150/person in September and beyond.

Visit timeofyourlifegala.com or text STAP to 52182 to purchase raffle tickets or event presale tickets. To donate items for auction, email janelpalm@mac.com

Border Ministry Update

Recently Fr. Frank, Tom Micinski, Rebecca O'Brien, Nhu Phan, Daniel Cortese and Abelardo Gonzalez recently traveled to *La Posada*, a mission on the border of Texas and Mexico, to learn more about how our parish can serve the needs of those entering our country, fleeing oppression and violence.

The guests at *La Posada* were warm, welcoming and willing to share their stories. It was an eye opening and moving experience.

La Posada is in need of volunteers to assist with tutoring, serving meals, driving clients to immigration hearings, babysitting children while parents learn English, and more.

If you are interested in visiting *La Posada* on our next ministry trip, please email Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org.



Join us on Sunday, September 17th from 1pm-4pm in Oz Park, for "Party in the Park" to benefit *La Posada*. The event is free, though donations made will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$15,000, through a matching grant from Catholic Extension.

Visit st-teresa.net to learn more or make a donation.

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"?*

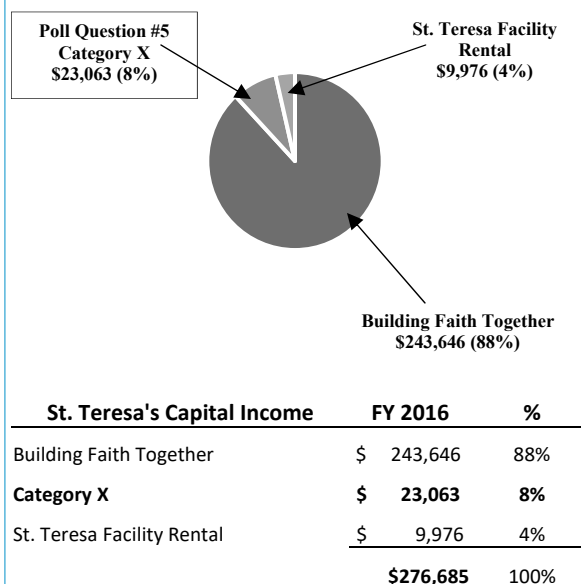
Did this money come from:

- 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.

Capital Income July 2015 to June 2016



St. Teresa's Capital Income	FY 2016	%
Building Faith Together	\$ 243,646	88%
Category X	\$ 23,063	8%
St. Teresa Facility Rental	\$ 9,976	4%
	\$276,685	100%

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday:	8-6-17	8-13-17	8-20-17	8-27-17
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	54	59	50	45
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-	-	40	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	175	185	-	145
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	61	-	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	145	105	-	130
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	140	120	-	165
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	575	469	-	485
Average Weekday Mass Attendance	12	12	12	12
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	4	4	4	4
Confessions this Week	0	0	0	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0	0	0	0
Funerals since January 2017	3	3	3	3
Weddings since January 2017	7	7	7	7
Baptisms since January 2017	22	23	25	26



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; July, 463; August, 510. 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 9-9-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Claire Kenkel	Colleen Sulewski	Lisa Hanzelka Carly Johnston
Next French Mass Saturday 9-9-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 9-10-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Geneva Gorgo	Brian Shea Rose Ohiku Michael Zost	Shannon Clinton Jamie Lutkus Molly Malloy Barb Schell
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 10-1-17	10:30 AM	TBD	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
Sunday 9-10-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Patti Neugent	Anne Seigenthaler	Maria Montes Laura Moran
Sunday 9-10-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Andrew DeLeonardis	Anne Heller Luke Kolman Sharon Lindstrom	Pete Doyle Dani Shain Sara Hock Elizabeth Cuda

Week's Activities

Sunday, September 3

- 7:00 pm, PC, Food Pantry Meeting

Monday, September 4

- Office Closed — No 7:30am Mass

Tuesday, September 5

- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, September 6

- 5:00 pm, PC, Night Ministry Cooking

Thursday, September 7

- No Activities Planned

Friday, September 8

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

Saturday, September 9

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

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day
Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Peter Claver

Domingo: Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: Día del Trabajo
Viernes: La Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María

Sábado: San Pedro Claver

August 2017 Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, September 2

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

Saturday, September 9

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

Saturday, September 16

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

Saturday, September 23

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

Saturday, September 30

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, September 2

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

Sunday, September 3

9:00 am Frank Kolman

10:30 am Milicia Kanovic

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

6:00 pm Frank Kolman; Naomi Sylvestre

Tuesday, September 5

7:30 am Agripina Volorosa Azara

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

Lauren Dittich 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

September Baptisms

Brock DeNoma (9-2), Quinn Elias DeWitte (9-3), Matthew James Poplin (9-3), Isabella Figueroa (9-3), Theodore Daniel DeCore (9-10), Annabella Montes de Oca (9-17), Charlotte Grace Azar (9-24)

September Baptism Anniversaries

John Markuson (9-15), Bert Olson (9-16), Craig Scanlon (9-28)

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

*Alicia Anderson
Jason Andre
Dorothy Barns
Berta Billalvazo
Elizabeth Ryan Dean
Michael De Blasis
Kathy Derrick
Kim Duff
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 Chicago between August 17th and August 22nd: *Damien Rowden; Jose Carlos Romero Hernandez; Kolby Craig; Aaron Clemens; Cornell Verner; Jerrell Perkins; Kenneth Williams; Levell Moore; Victor Davila, Jr.; Kejuan Thomas; Robert Thornton; Stefan Slater; Ernie Gardner; Rakeem Simmons; Curtis Sanderbeck; Javier Pantoja; Celeste Cockriel; Narcisco Ledesma and Antonio Lopez*

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.

The Healing Power of Laughter

A High Tea to tickle your funny bone and touch your spirit. For anyone facing life challenges and for friends and family members of challenged individuals, young or old, men and women 18 and older. This is for you!



Come join us!

Book signing, Photos, Q & A.

Hosted by TV Host Whitney Reynolds

Featuring Lynn Eib,

Author of *When God & Cancer Meet*

Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 1:30 pm

Location: The Ballroom at the Drake Hotel,
140 E Walton Place, Chicago, Illinois

\$15 per ticket. Space is limited.

**Register at sprinklewishes.com/events
by September 1, 2017, 12:00 pm CST.**

Daily Prayer, Scripture and Eucharist Weekday Mass at 7:30 AM

Learn to trust God more. Monday through Thursday morning Mass is over by 7:50 am



There is a brief communion service on Friday mornings, also at 7:30am, for those who want to pray, reflect on scripture, and receive Eucharist.

Mass to Focus on Domestic Violence

Archbishop Blasé J. Cupich will celebrate a Mass to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, September 30th at 5:15 pm at Holy Name Cathedral. Everyone is invited.



The Archbishop will preach on our need to reach out to victims of domestic violence and their children and work to build healthy relationships in our families.

A reception in the parish hall will follow the Mass.

Called to be a Catechist?

Are you being called to be a catechist? We need several more catechists to work with children (3-12 year olds) for this Fall. Sessions are Sundays 10:30am-11:50am, Mondays 4:00-5:30pm or Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm. Training will be provided.



Are you being called to work with Youth? We need several more Youth Ministers to work with our teens this Fall. Our Youth Groups meet Sundays 7:00-8:30pm.

If you are interested in either being a catechist or youth minister, please contact Kate Lynch at klynch@stteresaparish.org.

Register To Walk for St. Teresa Food Pantry!



Join the War Against Hunger

32nd Annual Hunger Walk
Saturday, September 16, 2017
Jackson Park, Chicago
Step-off 8:30 AM



For St. Teresa's Food Pantry to benefit from your participation, you must register to participate in the walk at:

<http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org>



Search and Select
A01459 St. Teresa of Avila Food Pantry

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 (773) 927-0512.

Stewardship Opportunity

We are currently scheduling hosts to provide refreshments after all Masses. There are currently 5 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 mairread.reidy@yahoo.com

Trinity Dome Restoration Project

This week, parishes throughout the archdiocese will participate in a national collection to complete the final major project, the Trinity Dome, on the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC before its 100th anniversary in 2020.



More information on this project can be found at trinitydome.org and/or nationalshrine.org. Thank you in advance for your support of this initiative through the second collection this week.

Final Call: 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: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessing of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: 1 Tes 4:13-18; Sal 96 (95):1, 3-5, 11-13; Lc 4:16-30, o las lecturas de la Misa “Por la santificación del trabajo”

Martes: 1 Tes 5:1-6, 9-11; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Lc 4:31-37

Miércoles: Col 1:1-8; Sal 52 (51):10-11; Lc 4:38-44

Jueves: Col 1:9-14; Sal 98 (97):2-6; Lc 5:1-11

Viernes: Miq 5:1-4a o Rom 8:28-30; Sal 13 (12):6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Sábado: Col 1:21-23; Sal 54 (53):3-4, 6, 8; Lc 6:1-5

Domingo: Ez 33:7-9; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Treasures from Tradition

It's interesting to imagine the scene when the changes in our liturgy were first tested. Choices for prayer texts were one thing, but responses from the people were another. In early 1967, secret test-drives of the new Mass were conducted in the Vatican. Pope Paul VI was present, and there was a handful of bishops, priests, a few laypeople and two sisters making up the assembly. Everyone had a booklet with every word of the songs, rubrics, and prayers, blank paper, and a pencil for notes. After each Mass, the ordained men in the group met in the pope's library to share their experiences. The laypeople and sisters met separately.

Over a week's time they tested what they called a “read Mass with singing,” a “Mass entirely recited,” and a “Sung Mass.” While the ordained were generally in favor, the lay comments were very clear and insightful, and had great impact on the final result. This was a brilliant plan on the part of the pope, who got to see how the reform was going, and to recognize in this small trial run a growing consensus that reform was needed and welcome. Based on his observation, Pope Paul VI called for specific innovations, such as beginning the Mass with the sign of the cross. It's amazing that some of our most familiar rites are really quite new treasures of our tradition! — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Muchos católicos afroamericanos son miembros de los Caballeros de san Pedro Claver, organización fundada para ellos en 1909, cuando el racismo no les permitía participar en organizaciones euroestadounidenses. Esta organización toma su nombre de un jesuita español del siglo XVII, Pedro, quien llegó a Cartagena (Colombia) en 1610 y se escandalizó ante la trata de esclavos en el continente americano. A pesar de censuras papales en contra de la esclavitud esta pecaminosa costumbre seguía robando humanidad a los africanos. Pedro se consagró al servicio de ellos, recibéndolos con caridad, comida y alivio apenas llegaban en los barcos.

Pedro no pudo liberar a los esclavos pero si se dedicó a servirlos y convertirlos. Él preparaba catequistas de entre los mismos africanos para que pudieran cristianizar a los recién llegados. Pedro Claver sufrió muchos insultos y calumnias por reunir a los africanos en iglesias y en especial, por darles los sacramentos cristianos. Sus propios superiores, dejándose llevar por las críticas de los criollos, lo castigaban por el trabajo que hacía con los esclavos. Por tal razón se autonombró como “Pedro Claver, de los negros, esclavo para siempre”. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Following Christ

Siguiendo a Cristo

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Si alguna vez te jugaron una broma desagradable y algo risible a la vez, entonces comprenderás cómo Jeremías se siente hoy cuando le dice a Dios "me sedujiste, Señor, y me dejé seducir". Ya lo imaginamos sacudiendo la cabeza con una sonrisa desconsolada, pero con el enojo latente en su voz. De igual manera, Pedro piensa que Jesús lo está "embaucando" cuando éste comienza a explicar que ser el Mesías significa sufrir y morir, y ser seguidor del Mesías significa cargar la cruz y hacer lo mismo. Jeremías trata de negar la voluntad de Dios para él al tratar de permanecer callado; Pedro—quien ha sido hecho cimiento de la Iglesia—totalmente niega la enseñanza de Jesús, por lo que hoy es llamado "Satanás". Por suerte para nosotros, Jeremías se llega a dar cuenta de que tener la Palabra de Dios en el corazón significa que será inútil tratar de permanecer en silencio, aunque ello signifique el desprecio y la burla de los que te rodean. Felizmente Pedro al final volvió a la fe que profesó en el Evangelio de la semana pasada, y llegó a comprender nuestra necesidad, como bautizados seguidores de Cristo, de seguir su camino, aunque signifique seguirlo hasta la muerte. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

Lecturas de Hoy

First Reading — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).



Primera lectura — Me sedujiste, Señor, y me dejé seducir por ti (Jeremías 20:7-9).

Salmo — Mi alma está sedienta de ti, Señor, mi Dios (Salmo 63 [62]).

Segunda lectura — No se dejan llevar por las cosas del mundo, más bien transfórmense por la renovación de su mente (Romanos 12:1-2).

Evangelio — Si quieres seguirme, renuncia a ti mismo, carga con tu cruz y sígueme (Mateo 16:21-27).

Wisdom from the Cupola

Several years ago, I visited the ancient city of Rome. There, for the first time in my life, I saw the great Basilica of St. Peter's. A spectacular creation! Perhaps the greatest masterpiece of Renaissance architecture ever created.

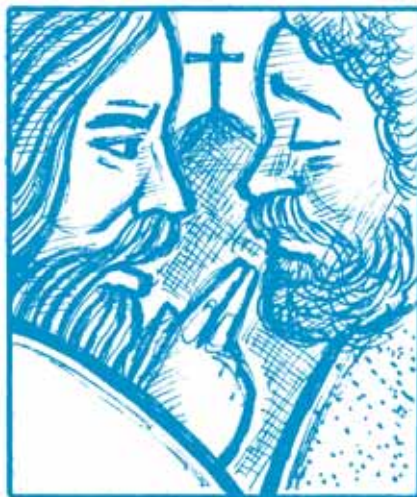
I still remember looking up — way up! — at this magnificent church and reading those dramatic words, written in Latin, around the top of the famous cupola: “Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church ... I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 16:18-19)

Why have these words been so important historically to the church? Because they were the words used to demonstrate that Peter, and, by extension, the church, was given the power to bind and loose, not just on earth, but in heaven as well.

These words, then, were ones that represented unique authority. Sadly, taken alone, they were also words that could easily lead to an abuse of power and a sense of domination and triumphalism.

Yet, these were the only words that were so proudly and grandly presented in the famed cupola of Rome's most majestic church.

Today's Gospel, however, features the rest of the words that Jesus spoke to Peter on the occasion on which he was re-named. Emphatically, Jesus proclaims: “Get behind me, Satan! You are an



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obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” (16:23)

These words are not found surrounding the cupola. Yet, they are clearly words that Jesus saw as every bit as important — maybe even more so. Because they are the ones that warn Peter — and all of us — of the tantalizing seduction of power and domination.

In fact, these words are strikingly reminiscent of the very ones Satan himself spoke to Jesus in the powerful temptation scene when he takes Jesus up the mountain and promises him all the glory and power that the world could possibly offer.

It's a shame the additional verse wasn't included on that cu-

pola of St. Peter's. Reflection on the words might have helped spare the church many historic failures.

In contrast to last Sunday, today's Gospel is about the cross, not about worldly power. It's about denial, not self-indulgence. It's about losing, not gaining. It's about subtraction, not addition. It's about less, not more. It's about transformation, not glorification. Jesus' conviction is clear: We cannot be transformed if we're awash in all the grandiose matters encouraged by the spirit of this world — the spirit Jesus refers to as Satan.

Jesus himself refuses any titles of glory or grandiosity. He never once tells his disciples: “Worship me. Adore me. Glorify me. Praise me.” Instead, he asks only one thing: “Follow me.”

And, that's precisely what he does in today's Gospel. Again, he summons us to follow him — follow him in refusing to make wealth and power the ultimate meaning of life; follow him in dying to our own egos so that we can fall, with full trust, into the arms of God.

The cross, and only the cross, Jesus insists, will free us of our vanity and generate within us a readiness to create a new world — one in which God reigns supreme in our hearts; one in which we open ourselves up to new ways of thinking, seeing and valuing.

“Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are

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