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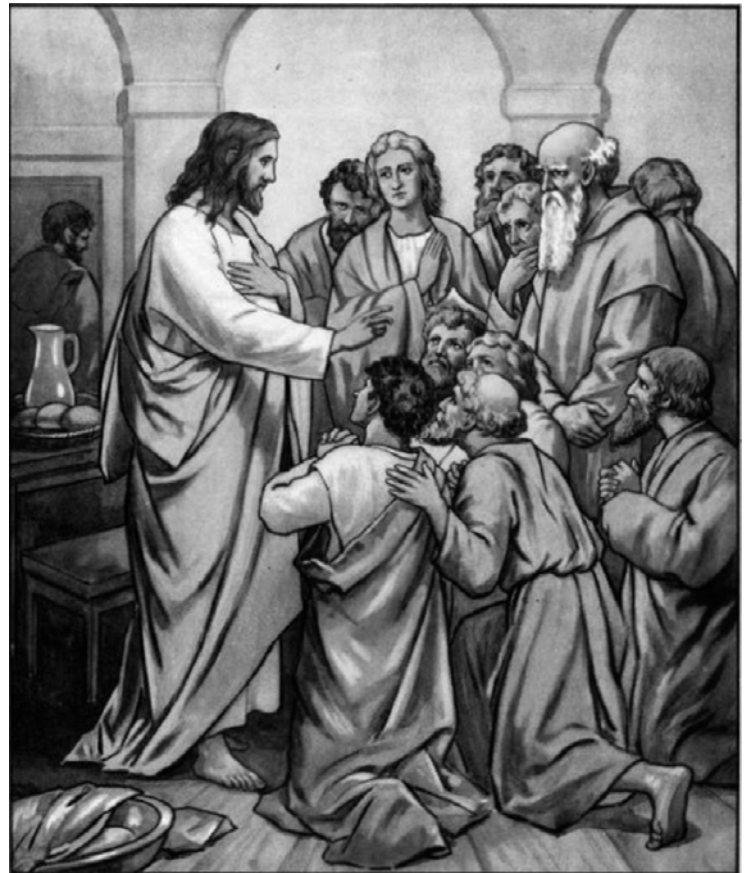


Faith & Spirit, *Alive*

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 2017

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

— Matthew 18:19-20



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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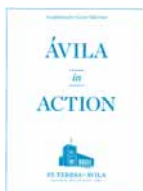
Stewardship

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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

Time of Your Life Gala

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. This seriously fun evening of dinner, drinks, dancing and great auctions and games all to celebrate the good works of our community made possible by the dedicated volunteers and the generosity of our members and friends.



Without the funds from the *Time of Your Life Gala*, we would not be able to continue to fund our many outreach efforts like the food pantry, loaves & fishes dinners, meal service with The Night Ministry, our refugee and border ministries, and Avila in Action grant program. Please join us!

Tickets are \$150/person or \$1500 for a table of 10. Raffle tickets are also available for \$100/ticket.

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

Party in the Park to Benefit La Posada

Join us for a good old-fashioned church picnic in Oz Park on Sunday, September 17th from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Look for the orange balloons! Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets and a dish to share. Hot dogs, water, and lemonade will be provided.



This is a free event, though all donations made to benefit the migrant mission of *La Posada* will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$15,000.

Volunteer at signup.com/go/bVejoUj

Donations can be made by cash, or check to St. Teresa of Avila, with "border ministry" in the memo line, or online at givecentral.org/location/209/event/13891.

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

Getting the Word Out About St. Teresa's Mission

Prior Bulletin Question: What money represented St. Teresa's interest income as shown in the graph?

Answer: Interest income was based on the money St. Teresa received from the sale of land.

Our 10 winners are: Mary Ras, Anastasia Bullinger, Dave Wisneski, Marian Lee, Andrew De Leonardis, Jim Miloch, Angela Moret, Annie Kearney, Susan Freund, Dennis Smerko.

Honorable mentions: Alex Vizard, Craig Scanlon, Marisol Sarabia

If you emailed us and I did not include you in the list (I'm sorry), please let me know (and feel free to participate in this poll, too!)

St. Teresa recently decided on which charities would receive donations as part of our Social Outreach Mission. We were able to fund four charities, but many charities asked for our help.

In this bulletin, we'll focus on St. Teresa's method to increase our donations for these social outreach campaigns. *What is the best way to let people know about St. Teresa's mission?*

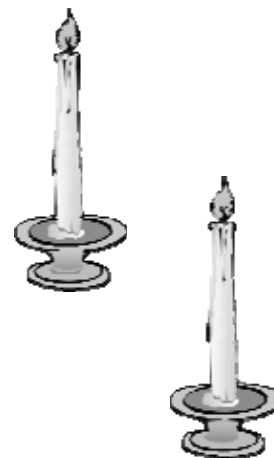
Potential options:

- Articles in major newspapers
- Local community events
- Going to national and international events
- (enter your choice here)

Please stay tuned for our bulletin in the next month where we will have more information from our annual report. In the meantime, please feel free to let us know how you think we can best share our message and help those in need. Thank you again for your help! Please email Maggie Fernandez (mfernandez@stteresaparish.org) or Justin Alden (justin.alden@gmail.com) with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Sunday: 9-3-17
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	40
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	200
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	40
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	150
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	52
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	482
Average Weekday Mass Attendance	11
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	4
Confessions this Week	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0
Funerals since January 2017	3
Weddings since January 2017	7
Baptisms since January 2017	29



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 9-16-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Eric Fredericks	Leigh Hartley	Philip Malloy Kari Richardson
Next French Mass Saturday 9-23-16	6:30 PM				
Sunday 9-17-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Elizabeth Rooney	Frank Swiderski Shannon Clinton Minister Needed (H4)	Luke Kolman Jocelyn Lutkus Geneva Gorgo Brian Shea
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 10-1-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
Sunday 9-17-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alejandro Lopez	Carmen Ubides	Tyler Paul Bert Olson
Sunday 9-17-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Sara Hock Lector: Abby Greaney	Ellen Moiani Eileen Raia Kevin Ludden	Daniel Cortese Veronique Caffrey Ann Heller Margaret Burke

Week's Activities

Sunday, September 10

- 10:00 am, Church, Baptism Preparation

Monday, September 11

- 7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

- 6:15 am, PC, Men's Spirituality Meeting
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:30 pm, PC, Time of Your Life Meeting

Wednesday, September 13

- No Activities Planned

Thursday, September 14

- 7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Meeting

Friday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 16

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

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Patriot Day
- Tuesday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Wednesday:** St. John Chrysostom
- Thursday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Friday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Saturday:** Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
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- Domingo:** Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Lunes:** Día de los Patriotas
- Martes:** El Santísimo Nombre de la Virgen María
- Miércoles:** San Juan Crisóstomo
- Jueves:** La Exaltación de la Santa Cruz
- Viernes:** Nuestra Señora de los Dolores
- Sábado:** Santos Cornelio y Cipriano

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

Let Us Pray

Saturday, September 9

5:00 pm Patricia Hoodmaker

Sunday, September 10

9:00 am Lori Dillman
12:00 pm Tomasita Velazquez; the Jaszczor-Kosek-Pawlowski-Gruszka Families
6:00 pm Mike Pryal (sick)

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

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 Duffly
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 August 23rd and August 31st: *Arthur Sanchez; Adrian Lopez; Brandon Cathey; Gerard Mayo; Matthias Bowen; Theotis Luckett; Derrick Nabors, Jr.; Joaquin Clara; Laquesha Holmes; Calvin Robinson; Charles Macklin; Remus Campbell; Benjamin Robles; and Quienten Tucker.*

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.

Mass to End 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.

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 mairad.reidy@yahoo.com**

Statement of Cardinal Cupich on the Rescission of DACA

Today President Trump ended the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and the dreams of nearly a million young people covered by the executive order and applying for inclusion. In the past the president stated that the Dreamer story "is about the heart," yet today's decision is nothing short of heartless. The Dreamers are now left in a 6 month limbo, during which Congress is supposed to pass comprehensive immigration reform, a feat they have been unable to achieve for a decade. In fact, this inability to agree on a just immigration system led President Obama to sign the executive order protecting minor children brought to this country by their parents.

As the considerations of the "heart" seemed to be insufficient to keep protection in place, Congress must now act decisively and swiftly. An immediate first step is for our leaders to pass legislation that will protect those previously covered by the DACA program, while they deal with the long-overdue comprehensive reform of our immigration system. They must be guided by compassion and respect for human dignity, and honestly consider the substantial evidence that deporting these young Americans would do great economic harm to the states where they reside.

With the bishops in this country, we remain committed to upholding the dignity of all persons and the fundamental right of all to live free from fear in the nation founded on that promise.

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.

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August 30, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past few days, we have heard and witnessed many heartbreaking stories and images from areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. The damage caused by the storm and flooding has been catastrophic, resulting in multiple deaths and injuries, destroyed homes and businesses, and thousands of displaced people seeking shelter. Intense rainfall will continue in Texas and Louisiana throughout the next few days, causing further harm.

During this time of great need, I invite you to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Gulf Coast region. All parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago are strongly encouraged to take up a second collection at all Masses on Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10. Proceeds from this special collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and provide support to affected dioceses through the USCCB. To donate, please visit <http://pvm.archchicago.org/harvey> or mail contributions to the following address:

ATTN: Hurricane Harvey Emergency Appeal
Catholic Charities USA
3525 South Lake Park Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653

Your generous support of this collection will make a difference to our brothers and sisters suffering in the wake of this natural disaster. It is my prayer that as we renew our own archdiocese, we support the renewal of Gulf Coast Catholic communities that will grapple with its effects for many months to come. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Card. Blase J. Cupich".

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Sal 62 (61):6-7, 9; Lc 6:6-11
Martes: Col 2:6-15; Sal 145 (144):1b-2, 8-11; Lc 6:12-19
Miércoles: Col 3:1-11; Sal 145 (144):2-3, 10-13ab; Lc 6:20-26
Jueves: Nm 21:4b-9; Sal 78 (77):1bc-2, 34-38; Fil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Viernes: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Sal 16 (15):1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 o Lc 2:33-35
Sábado: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Sal 113 (112):1b-7; Lc 6:43-49
Domingo: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Sal 103 (104):1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Treasures from Tradition

On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord's Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ's victory. In its deepest origins, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the "true cross" discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and "went missing" for fifteen years. Thursday's feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It's a good day to look around your house or office: Don't those walls look bare without a cross?

What better day to remedy that? — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Durante todo el mes de septiembre se celebra el mes de la herencia hispana. Esta fiesta responde a una presencia hispana que tiene su inicio con la llegada de los españoles a la Florida en 1513, hace 501 años. Los españoles estuvieron en 24 de los ahora 50 estados de Estados Unidos. Eventualmente, como bien sabemos, Florida, el Suroeste y Puerto Rico pasaron a manos de los estadounidenses.

Desde nuestra incorporación a este país hemos ido creciendo en presencia e influencia. La primera obra literaria en español publicada en EE. UU., fue un sermón de don José Agustín Caballero en 1804. En 1808 inició la prensa hispana en EE. UU. con el periódico *El Misisipi* en Nueva Orleans. Este fue el primero de los medios de comunicación en español en esta nación. En 1822 se eligió el primer político Hispano como representante estatal de Florida.

En 1865 la primera oficina para la pastoral católica entre los hispanos nombró al sacerdote Gabriel Serrano *pastor hispanorium* (pastor de los hispanos) en San Francisco, California. En 1970 el sacerdote Patricio Flores fue el primer hispano en ser consagrado como Obispo en y para Estados Unidos. En 1972 celebramos el Primer Encuentro Nacional de Católicos Hispanos donde nos auto nominamos un pueblo en marcha. Y seguimos caminando. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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God Watchers

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Centinelas de Dios

En el mundo de la antigüedad los centinelas eran gente de gran importancia. Mantenían la seguridad de las comunidades y su deber era alertarles sobre cualquier peligro o ataque inminente. Antes de que hubiera cerrojos, sistemas de alarma y seguridad, los centinelas eran los protectores, la medida de seguridad. Así que cuando hoy el Señor le encarga a Ezequiel ser centinela, es un cargo de peso. Tan pesado, se nos hace conocer, que si Ezequiel falla y no da la voz de alarma a los que le rodean y ellos mueren en estado de maldad, ¡Ezequiel será el responsable! Este profundo vínculo entre la voluntad de Dios en la tierra y en el cielo se repite en el Evangelio de hoy, donde Jesús nos instruye que tenemos que ser la fuerza de seguridad, los centinelas colocados en estado de alerta para que en ninguna parte del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia, haya dos miembros del único Cuerpo que no estén reconciliados. La Sagrada Escritura nos dice que Jesús reconcilió todas las cosas en el cielo y en la tierra mediante la sangre de su cruz. Pero se nos da la misión de continuar esa reconciliación en la tierra por medio de nuestros incesantes esfuerzos de ser, como escribiera Pablo, embajadores de reconciliación. No nos quedemos muy cómodos pensando que nuestra única responsabilidad es mantenernos fuera del camino de la maldad y la discordia. También hemos de responder por la vida de los miembros de Cristo que nos rodean. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Somos responsables unos de otros y debemos guiarnos mutuamente (Ezequiel 33:7-9).

Salmo — Si hoy escuchas su voz, no endurezcas tu corazón (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — La ley del amor nos obliga (Romanos 13:8-10).

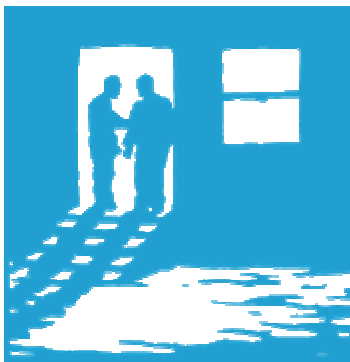
Evangelio — Jesús está presente siempre que haya dos o tres reunidos en su nombre (Mateo 18:15-20).

Healing the Community

“It takes one to know one.” So goes the old saying. Many times in life, it’s true. The kind of person we know best is typically the kind of person who we are ourselves. A young girl can’t identify with her parents because, well, she’s never been a parent. A teacher may not be able to identify with a construction worker because that teacher has never worked in construction.

This is true in almost every area of life. For someone who’s never experienced poverty, truly empathizing with the poor is extremely difficult to do. Or, for someone who’s always had access to food and drink, knowing what it’s like to experience hunger is, likewise, very difficult. We could go on with examples, but the point remains the same: Those we truly know best are those who have walked a similar path as we have.

There is one thing, though, that we all know and experience. We’ve all been there before, and in many cases, in similar kinds of ways. That thing is sin. We’ve tasted it today and yesterday. And, we’ll probably taste it tomorrow. In today’s Gospel reading, it’s easy — perhaps tempting — to hear Jesus telling us to be sin-finders: Call out the one who sins against you. If they don’t listen, then go and get one or two more to help you call the sinner out so they will get the picture. And, if that doesn’t work, bring the whole village in. If that still doesn’t do the trick, be gone with them. Sounds pretty



Jesus knows we need each other. He knows those who attempt the journey on their own would be lost — even with a compass and a map.

harsh, doesn’t it? If we’re an habitual sinner, maybe it even sounds enjoyable! In any case, we should pause before jumping to the “Jesus is being harsh” conclusion. Because for those of us who know sin’s impact (hint: that’s all of us), this passage today has a lot of healing power.

Jesus knows we need each other. He knows those who attempt the journey on their own would be lost — even with a compass and a map. Paul tells the Romans in today’s reading that whatever other commandment there may be is summed in this saying: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Even though they never met, Paul and Jesus were on exactly the same page. As a Christian, there just isn’t much difference between me and my sisters and brothers. What we do to others, we do to our-

selves and vice versa. Jesus knows we need to heal and restore relationships to be a loving community.

People in the Western world might have a hard time with that approach. We like to keep things private. In the case of wrongdoing, that may mean sweeping the issue under the rug. So, we’re challenged when Jesus steps in and says, “Not so fast folks. You’ve got some cleanup to do.” Our gut instinct is to pretend that Jesus isn’t talking to us. He must mean someone else or some other group of people. But, what if we genuinely took the last words of this Gospel to heart, and let them frame our whole way of thinking about the matter. “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.”

Do you think, with that phrase, that Jesus is interested in punishing us wrongdoers? No way. What he’s interested in is restoration, in bringing us to a place of spiritual health. So, for those who are inclined to say nothing to a wayward sister or brother, and for those who are inclined to say everything, just remember: We are a part of them, too.

If we took Jesus’ words seriously, maybe we would see the beauty in that. More importantly, maybe we would taste the medicine of healing restoration.

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