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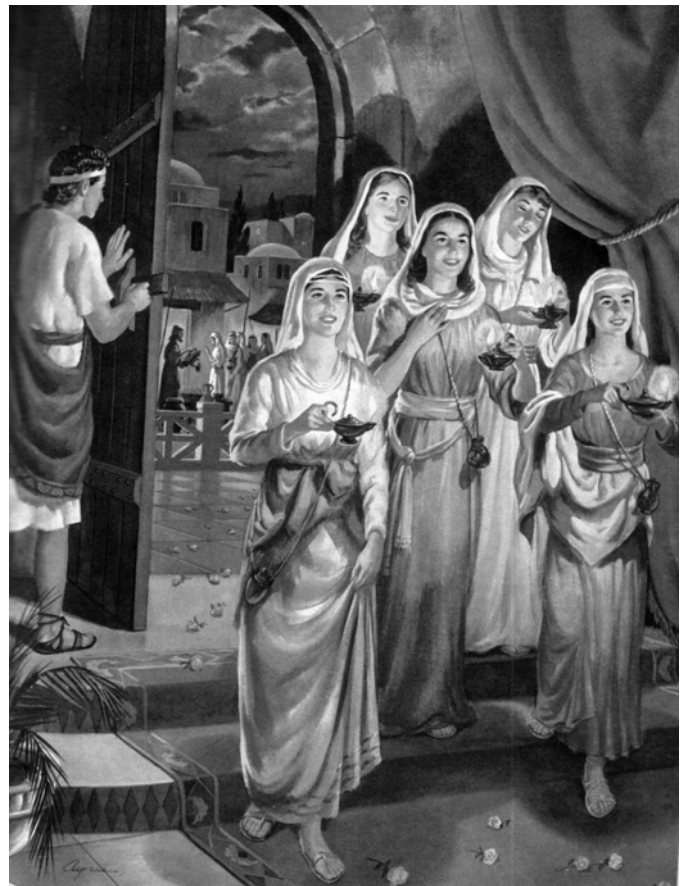


Faith & Spirit, *Alive*

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12, 2017

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise.”

— Matthew 25: 1-2



Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française<sup>1</sup>)  
 Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español<sup>2</sup>) 12 PM, 6 PM  
<sup>1</sup> First & Second Saturdays <sup>2</sup> 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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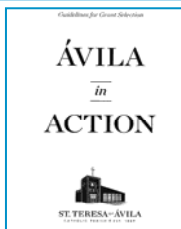
# Stewardship

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## Avila in Action Grant Winners

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce the 2017 Avila in Action grant winners. Currently, 6% of Sunday Collections are dedicated to groups outside our own ministries who are working to change the world for the better. These six groups were selected from a total of 24 applicants.



**Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (\$7,500):**

A leadership and community organizing training program grounded in the Catholic spiritual and theological tradition addressing justice issues in Chicago, with plans to increase civic engagement in Maywood and Cicero.

**Honduras Educational Development Assistance Corporation (\$7,000):**

Operates the only after-school center in Morazan, Yoro, Honduras. The grant will be used to complete the center's kitchen to provide meals and facilitate culinary and entrepreneurial programming.

**UMOJA Student Development (\$5,000):** Umoja facilitates Restorative Justice models in public schools to emphasize repairing harm over the need to assign blame and punishment in discipline situations. Restorative Justice is key to breaking the vicious cycle of harm, violence, and retaliation.

**Southwest Organizing Project (\$5,000):** Creates neighborhoods of good schools, safe streets, and affordable homes. In an initial target area, crime has been cut in half, schools have dramatically improved, hundreds of families have saved their homes, and more than 50 vacant buildings have been transformed into over 100 new homes. Funds will help expand this work to a new 70-block target area.

**The Bloc (\$5,000):** The Bloc mentors, tutors, and inspires Chicago 7th through 12th graders on the West Side to reach their full potential through engagement in their boxing program. The Bloc offers students homework help, technology skills training, and access to paid internships. The grant will expand the Bloc's ability to expose kids to the world beyond their neighborhood through student-mentor outings.

**The Healing Corner (\$3,000):** The Healing Corner goes to street corners directly impacted by violence and engages people in order to spread love and restore hope. Healing Corner events transform traditionally violent areas into safe community events by handing out food, hugs, and resources.

For more information visit [st-teresa.net/stewardship/avila-in-action](http://st-teresa.net/stewardship/avila-in-action) or email [robrien@sttersaparish.org](mailto:robrien@sttersaparish.org).

## Thank you!!

Thank you to all who helped with this year's successful and inspiring *Time of Your Life Gala* — attendees and volunteers; those who donated tickets and auction items; and those who bought and sold raffle tickets.

Special thanks to the very talented and dedicated *Gala Committee!!*



## Upcoming Stewardship

- Donate to the food pantry at [classy.org/give/t124744/#!/donation/checkout](http://classy.org/give/t124744/#!/donation/checkout). Donations made by November 11th are matched 20%.
- Become an altar server! Fr. Frank is recruiting singles, families, adults, anyone interested in serving at the altar. Learn more about the Mass by being involved. Sign up in the Gathering Space.
- Teach children during the Children's Liturgy of the Word, or as a catechist. Email Kate Lynch at [kolynchdre@gmail.com](mailto:kolynchdre@gmail.com) for more information.
- Special Religious Development (SPRED) is in need of adult catechists. See page six of this bulletin.

Email Rebecca at [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org) for questions or to get involved with any of these opportunities.

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

# Financial Stewardship

## Annual Report Preview

We are at that time of year where we give our Annual Report to the Archdiocese of Chicago. This year's report is particularly important as the Archdiocese reviews various parishes for potential consolidation under its *Renew My Church* program. Here is a preview of some relevant information regarding St. Teresa's Fiscal Year 2017 (July 2016 – June 2017).

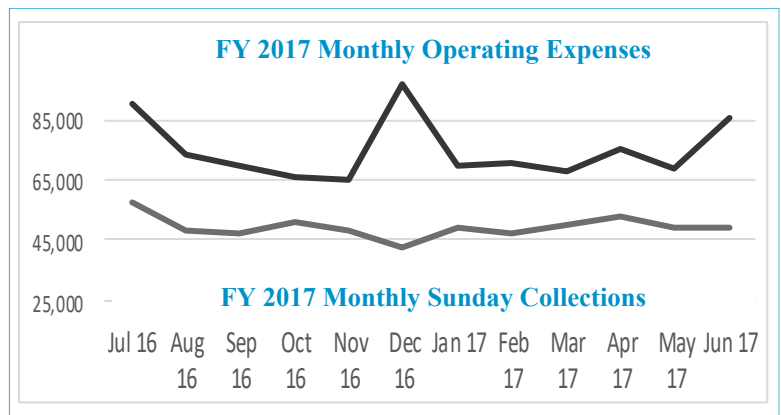
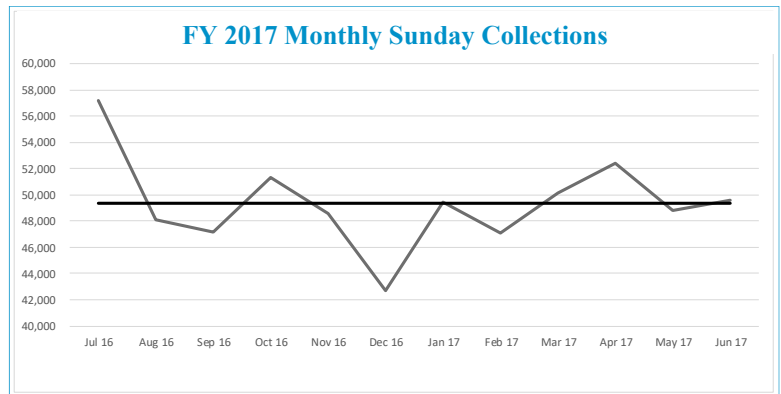
### Monthly Sunday Collections:

For fiscal 2017, our Sunday collections totaled \$592,596, a 5% increase from 2016 and a 17% increase from 2015. Our Sunday Collections cover nearly 70% of St. Teresa's operating expenses; our remaining expenses are primarily covered by the proceeds from our *Time of Your Life* fundraiser.

### Time of Your Life:

The net proceeds (after paying all the expenses for the event) from our major fundraiser *Time of Your Life* increased from \$156k in 2016 to \$171k in 2017, but remained flat when compared to \$169k in 2015.

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Teresa. Without your continued help, we would not be on a path to a more stable financial position. If you have



## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Sunday:	11-5-17
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		60
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		290
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		160
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		130
<b>Total Weekend Mass Attendance</b>		<b>640</b>
Average Weekday Mass Attendance		10
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance		3
Confessions this Week		0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		0
Funerals since January 2017		3
Weddings since January 2017		8
Baptisms since January 2017		37



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; 2017 averaged 628. The 2017 monthly averages are: January, 489; February, 570; March, 640; April, 705; May, 573; June, 541; July, 463; August, 510; September, 566; October, 621. 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 11-18-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Raquel Bech	Leigh Hartley	Lisa Marquez Luke Kolman
Next French Mass 11-18-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 11-19-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Mary Serrahn	Rose Ohiku Jocelyn Lutkus Elizabeth Cuda	Carly Johnston Molly Malloy Michael Zost Shannon Clinton
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 11-19-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Alex Lopez Maria Montes	Josefina Gomez	Carmen Cruz
Sunday 11-19-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alicia Erskine	Tyler Paul	Anne Seigenthaler Maria Montes
Sunday 11-19-17	6:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Sharon Lindstrom Lector: Sara Hock	Ellen Moiani Bert Olson Cara Gannon	Dani Shain Abel Gonzalez Mike Usiak Veronique Caffrey

### Week's Activities

#### Sunday, November 12

- [Pauline Books & Media in Gathering Space](#)
- 10:00 am, Church, Baptism Preparation

#### Monday, November 13

- 7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council

#### Tuesday, November 14

- 6:15 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:30 pm, REC, CGS Training
- 6:00 pm, REC-PC, SPRED TC
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

#### Wednesday, November 15

- 6:00 pm, REC, Sacramental Preparation

#### Thursday, November 16

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Meeting

#### Friday, November 17

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

#### Saturday, November 18

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

### Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- Wednesday:** St. Albert the Great
- Thursday:** St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
- Friday:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- Saturday:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne; Blessed Virgin Mary
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- Domingo:** Trigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Lunes:** Santa Francisca Xavier Cabrini
- Miércoles:** San Alberto Magno
- Jueves:** Santa Margarita de Escocia; Santa Gertrudis
- Viernes:** Santa Isabel de Hungría
- Sábado:** La Dedicación de las Basílicas de Santos Pedro y Pablo; Santa Rose Philippine Duchesne; Santa María Virgen

### This Month's Food Pantry Dates

- Saturday, November 4**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, November 11**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, November 18**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, November 25**  
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, November 11

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

### Sunday, November 12

9:00 am Nolan Patrick Mazza  
12:00 pm Lois Steliga  
6:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

### Please pray for the deceased ...

*Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Michael Dudash, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko, Edward Nevera, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Andrea Mastro Hoinacki, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Bob Semmer, Noemie Sylvestre, Eddy Velazquez, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

## This Month's Baptisms

*Adelaide Serrahn (11-5), Elle March (11-12), Charles Finch (11-12), Maeve Sullivan (11-19)*

## This Month's Baptism Anniversaries

*Christie Tarantino (11-3), Barb Schell (11-7), Annmarie Kolinski (11-14), Steve Kolinski (11-27)*

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

*Alicia Anderson  
Jason Andre  
Dorothy Barns  
Berta Billalvazo  
Elizabeth Ryan Dean  
Michael De Blasis  
Alex DeNoma  
Kathy Derrick  
Kim Duffy  
Isabelle Eiffert  
Jackson Fineske & Family  
Pat Folland  
Alice Flynn  
Eloisa Gallegos  
Michael Gibbons  
Angela Goldberg  
Kaylee Gommel  
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.  
Les Gordon*

*Mrs. Grabarczyk  
George Halloran  
Kellar Harris  
Peg Hausen  
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  
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 October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>: *Harold Stewart; Apache White; Eshunte Mayfield; Nadia Manjarrez; Lonnie Hartman; Kenta Holified; Robert Gant; Jeyson Gonzalez; Jose Saraseume; Darnell Mitchell; Tremell Stornes, Jr.; Alfredo Hernandez; and Johnson Liggins, Jr.*

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](mailto: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.

# Parish Life

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## Holiday Greenery Sale Set for December 2nd and 3rd

As St. Teresa Parish has done in the past, we are going to offer a Greenery Sale after all masses the first weekend in December...**December 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. All of the profits benefit St. Teresa Parish.



We will be offering some of our most popular items such as wreaths, swags, centerpieces, and mini table top trees. There are no pre-orders taken on these items; it will just be first come, first serve, until we run out.

So mark your calendars and plan to stop by the gathering space after Mass on the weekend of December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to purchase festive items to decorate your home and support St Teresa Parish.

## SPRED Needs Catechists

The Special Religious Development (SPRED) group at St. Teresa Parish is in need of adult catechists to volunteer with our children. We work with kids ages 11-17 and meet for a few hours on Tuesday evenings during the school year.



If you are interested in learning more about being a SPRED volunteer, please contact Dani Shain at (913) 634-3294 or contact Dani by email at [dani.s.shain@gmail.com](mailto:dani.s.shain@gmail.com).

Please consider giving of your time and energy to help us keep this wonderful ministry thriving at St. Teresa Parish!

## Support Erika's Lighthouse Sign Up by November 21st!!

Support Erika's Lighthouse one of the *Avila in Action* grant recipients, an organization that supports young people who may be struggling with depression and their families.

Teens spend most of their days in their school building, which is why their classroom programs promote positive mental health messages and let teens know that hope and help are available.

Join our 2018 Bank of America Chicago Marathon charity team! Go to [www.erikaslighthouse.org](http://www.erikaslighthouse.org) and fill out an interest form by November 21st for more information on a GUARANTEED entry into the Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

### Run for Team Erika's Lighthouse

Make strides against stigma in the  
2018 Bank of America Chicago Marathon!



Race day is October 7, 2018, and running for our organization guarantees your entry into Chicago's most coveted race!

Sign up today at [www.erikaslighthouse.org](http://www.erikaslighthouse.org) until November 21, 2017 to reserve your spot.

## Welcome, Babies!

As part of our parish refugee program we have outfitted *12 babies* with all the essentials for their arrivals. Your overwhelming response in donations has made it possible to support two more women, a Congolese and Rohingya, who are soon to give birth. The families are here with little or no support and we can help lighten that load. No clothing is needed at this time, but cash gifts are always welcomed to put toward cribs and car seats.



Thank you for your generous response to help families in need.

**If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Mairead Reidy at [mairiad.reidy@yahoo.com](mailto:mairiad.reidy@yahoo.com).**

## Catechists Needed: Training Provided

Specifically we need:

- ◆ Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders to lead the children for 20 minutes during the 9:00 am Mass: 4 adults who can commit to leading on 4 Sundays during the school year. Training is provided.
- ◆ Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program has had an increase in enrollment so we are in need of more catechists! Training is provided. We use the Montessori Method and the children and catechists love this approach. We need:

- 2 catechists to help with 4th, 5th and 6th graders Sunday afternoon 4:30-5:50 pm.
- 2 catechists to help with 4th, 5th and 6th graders Monday afternoon 4-5:30 pm.
- 2 catechists to help with 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders Tuesday afternoon 4-5:30 pm.

CGS meets about three times a month through April.

**Contact Kate Lynch to find out more details: [klynch@stteresaparish.org](mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org) or cell (262) 358-0834**

## Save the Date: February 11, 2018



**Save the Date** for *Cuisine du Coeur*, Sunday, February 11, 2018, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

This year we will embark on a culinary tour of the beautiful Valley of the Loire—complete with exciting new dishes from the region.

Stay tuned: more news to follow



## Stewardship Opportunity

We are currently scheduling hosts to provide refreshments after all Masses. There are currently five 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 [stteresa.net](http://stteresa.net). Or visit [signup.com/go/BnYEHC](http://signup.com/go/BnYEHC) to browse our openings to find one that works for you.

**Questions/training: Contact Mairead Reidy [mairiad.reidy@yahoo.com](mailto:mairiad.reidy@yahoo.com)**



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# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
<b>Friday:</b>	Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
<b>Saturday:</b>	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
<b>Sunday:</b>	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	Sab 1:1-7; Sal 139 (138):1b-10; Lc 17:1-6
<b>Martes:</b>	Sab 2:23 — 3:9; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 16-19; Lc 17:7-10
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Sab 6:1-11; Sal 82 (81):3-4, 6-7; Lc 17:11- 19
<b>Jueves:</b>	Sab 7:22b — 8:1; Sal 119 (118):89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lc 17:20-25
<b>Viernes:</b>	Sab 13:1-9; Sal 19 (18):2-5ab; Lc 17:26-37
<b>Sábado:</b>	Sab 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Sal 105 (104):2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lc 18:1-8 o (para la memoria de la Dedicación) Hch 28:11-16, 30-31; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Mt 14:22-33
<b>Domingo:</b>	Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Sal 128 (127):1-5; 1 Tes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

## Treasures from Tradition

We had sixteen hundred years' experience with one Eucharistic Prayer in our repertoire, and the liturgical reforms of the Council of Trent shaped the way we worshiped for four hundred years. In the last years of the Tridentine Mass, the early 1960s, we tended to see children as miniature adults. Fully rooted in the Sunday assembly by the decision of Pope Saint Pius X to push Communion back to the age of seven or so from the standard age of twelve to fourteen years during the early 1900s, children were still more tolerated than acknowledged. The Mass was in Latin, and by the 1960s the people had begun to regain their voices in the "dialogue Mass," so the focus was on training little children to recite or sing in Latin.

The new attention to the experience of children, their ability to enter into ritual, their spontaneity, their ability to grasp key concepts in faith, felt "untraditional." Yet we can trace in our tradition the ways in which children have long been given a special place in the assembly. From earliest times, boys have served in choirs and certain ministries in monasteries and in parish churches. Girls were sometimes entrusted to nuns, learning liturgical chants and the arts. Yet, in our day, the formation of a Lectionary for children and Eucharistic Prayers suited to them are truly tremendous breakthroughs in our treasury of prayer.

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## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1682 unos negociantes encontraron una caja abandonada en una playa al sur de El Salvador. Como no pudieron abrirla decidieron llevársela al pueblito de San Miguel para conseguir con qué abrirla. Montaron la caja en un burrito y comenzaron su camino. Al pasar por la iglesia parroquial, el burrito se sentó y la caja se abrió revelando una bella imagen de la Virgen.

En aquel entonces el pueblo de El Salvador estaba dividido por la guerra pero con la llegada de esta imagen milagrosa el pueblo buscó reconciliarse. En 1833 hubo otra guerra en El Salvador y los que salieron victoriosos prometieron a María no vengarse en contra de los perdedores. Por estos hechos se le concedió a la imagen el nombre Nuestra Señora de la Paz. Su imagen de madera tallada y vestida lleva una palma en la mano recordando un milagro donde por la intercesión de la Virgen de la Paz, Dios salvó al pueblo de la explosión de un volcán. La palma recuerda que el humo que salía del volcán formaba una palma en el cielo.

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



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## Wisdom

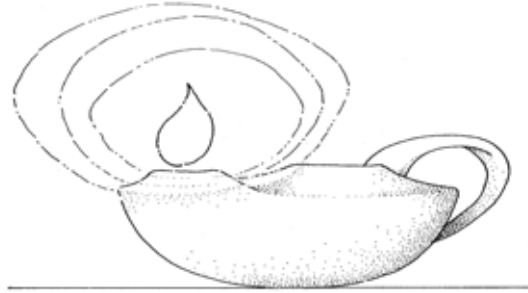
We consider wisdom today. The first reading from the book of Wisdom presents this precious gift as a feminine spirit, a very desirable virtue sought by many and graciously present to all who seek her. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to illustrate wisdom in a practical, measurable way. The wise will conserve their resources, use them prudently, and mark the passing of time. The foolish, on the other hand, not planning ahead, will be in the dark. Both of these readings tell us how accessible wisdom is to all who simply and honestly seek it.

Paul's words to the Thessalonians are not about wisdom, but describe one result of true wisdom: To the wise person of faith even death holds no terror. Our faith in Jesus' resurrection tells us we will all one day rise to new life in Christ.

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## La Sabiduría

Nuestro tema de hoy es la sabiduría. La primera lectura del Libro de la Sabiduría presenta este valioso regalo como un espíritu femenino, una virtud muy deseable buscada por muchos y posible, por la gracia de Dios, para todos los que la buscan. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús relata una parábola para ilustrar de una manera práctica y concreta qué es la sabiduría. Los sabios conservan



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los recursos, los usan prudentemente, con atención al paso del tiempo. Los tontos, por otro lado, por no planear su futuro, quedarán en la oscuridad. Las dos lecturas indican lo accesible que es la sabiduría a todos los que la buscan de manera sencilla y sincera.

Las palabras de Pablo no tocan directamente el tema de la sabiduría, pero describen un resultado de la verdadera sabiduría: A la persona sabia de fe ni la muerte le asusta, porque nuestra fe en la resurrección de Jesús nos dice que todos vamos a despertar a una vida nueva en Cristo.

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

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

**Second Reading** — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).



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## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — La sabiduría la encuentran los que la buscan (Sabiduría 6:12-16).

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

**Segunda lectura** — No se acongojen como los que no tienen esperanza (1 Tesalonicenses 4:13-18 [13-14]).

**Evangelio** — Las vírgenes necias no estaban preparadas para la llegada del novio (Mateo 25:1-13).

# Reflection

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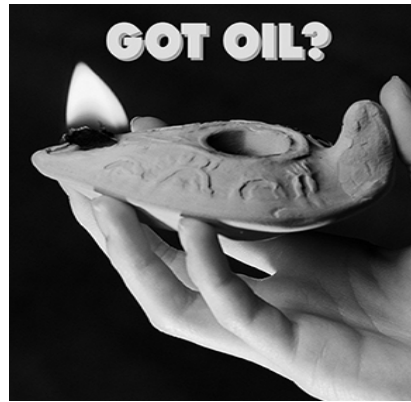
## Well-Prepared

When the emergency weather radio or app on our phone sounds the alarm, we prepare for the severe storm that is headed our way. We make sure the flashlight is at hand and that we have water, blankets or whatever else might be needed. We are ready to face the storm because at some earlier time we bought batteries and other emergency supplies. We chose at some point in the past to be prepared for storms that we know will come in the future.

Today's Gospel contrasts the five ill-prepared virgins with the five wise virgins. The wise virgins planned ahead and brought the flasks of oil necessary to fuel their lamps. The preparation of the wise virgins makes it possible for them to do what they set out to accomplish in a timely fashion, to light the way for the bridegroom. They are able to fulfill their duties and they enter the wedding feast with him.

Preceding this parable we hear Paul's comforting words to the grieving Thessalonians. He consoles them in their time of loss and encourages those who are mourning the death of a loved one with our hope in the resurrection. Together, these Scriptures direct our attention to moments that we know are coming, we just do not know when they will occur: our own death and Christ's triumphant return at the end of time.

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turn, yet, were well-prepared for that eventuality when it occurred?

The key to understanding this parable is in the metaphor of the oil for the lamp. The oil represents the good that we do in the world. With every kind word, compassionate gesture, and selfless act offered in Christ's name, we are lighting the way for the bridegroom. Today's parable calls to mind Jesus' earlier announcement to the disciples, "You are the light of the world ...your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:14,16).

The wise virgins represent disciples who see every moment as a potential opportunity to be light in the world and act accordingly. This helps us understand why the wise

virgins could not simply share their oil with the foolish ones. Each of us is gifted with unique opportunities to express God's love in the world. Each of us must choose to respond to the call to serve in Christ's name.

As we envision that long-ago scene where Jesus taught this parable, we can imagine how the disciples may have reflected on his message in their own lives. Some may have felt encouraged in their efforts to be like the wise virgins. They may have been grateful for the times they had experienced the joy of bringing love and goodness into the world. They may have looked forward to future blessed encounters where they could continue to fill their flask with oil.

For some of the disciples this parable may have been a wake-up call. The story may have served as an early warning that they needed to pay attention to opportunities to be light in the world. The image of being left outside of the wedding feast was a stark reminder that they needed to choose to change if they were to fill their flask with oil in advance of the bridegroom's arrival.

As we hear Jesus' message, we reflect on the unique opportunities we have to fill our flask with good works. We can be thankful for those blessed experiences of loving service that help us to be well-prepared for Christ's triumphant return.



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## Office Information & Bulletin Deadlines

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The submission deadline for most Sunday bulletins is 11:00 am on the Monday before; deadlines are accelerated for the holidays. The bulletin is also published electronically on [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net). Please contact Dean at [dvaeth@stteresaparish.org](mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org) for more information.



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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. Six percent of our Sunday collections 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.



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FOR QUIET PRAYER  
**TUESDAYS**  
6:00 TO 7:30 PM



## For information about ...

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