

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST. 1889



Faith & Spirit, *Alive*

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2018

They abandoned their
nets and followed him.



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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Save the Date! Ministry Fair, February 24th-25th

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce our next ministry fair to be held on February 24th-25th! A ministry fair is a chance for people to learn more about our parish ministries, and how to get involved. The Fair will be open after all weekend masses and will feature food, drink and raffle prizes! Stay tuned for more details.



Save the Date! Volunteer Appreciation Party, May 18th

Mark your calendars for May 18th. The Stewardship Committee hosts this annual appreciation party in celebration of all of the people who put in effort, no matter how big or how small, to make our community a special place to worship and give.



Night Ministry Volunteers Needed!

St. Teresa volunteers serve a meal every other Wednesday alongside the Night Ministry Health Outreach Bus in Uptown.

Volunteer turnout in the winter months has been a little low, and we need more people to step up and sign up to participate in this important ministry.

Winter is a particularly hard time for the poor and homeless in Chicago, and a couple of hours of your time will go a long way in providing comfort to a stranger and nourishing your own spirit.

There are three ways to get involved:

- **Cook a meal** with fellow parishioners here at St. Teresa
- **Serve the meal** directly to the homeless alongside the Night Ministry Health Outreach Bus
- **Contribute to the meal** by baking chocolate chip cookies at home and delivering them to St. Teresa

You can sign up to volunteer at signup.com/go/gxXR2u



Stewards of Our Parish

God has blessed our parish in so many ways: We have wonderful liturgies with great messages, inspiring music, a beautiful worship space. We have outreach ministries that provide us with ways to give and to serve the mission of Christ. We have new people who come to our church every week, eager to hear the Word of the Lord.



What do we do with these blessings?

What we do with our blessings is called *stewardship*. To be good stewards of our gifts at St. Teresa of Avila, we must regularly assess how we are doing, what we are doing, and how we can tweak what we are doing to better serve God.

To do this, we invite all ministry leaders and leadership teams at St. Teresa of Avila, along with anyone who would like to start a ministry, to join us for:

Ministry Leader Dinner/Planning Session
Wednesday, January 31st
at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center
RSVP: Rebecca
O'Brien, robrien@stteresaparish.org

Millennial Stewardship Survey



Fr. Frank is seeking input from young adults, ages 20-36 on their involvement with St. Teresa of Avila. We invite you to participate and encourage you to ask other millennials to participate, so that we can form a master plan to welcome and engage young adults. The survey is at st-teresa.net, consists of 11 short questions, and should take you just a couple of minutes to complete. Thank you.

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

Financial Stewardship

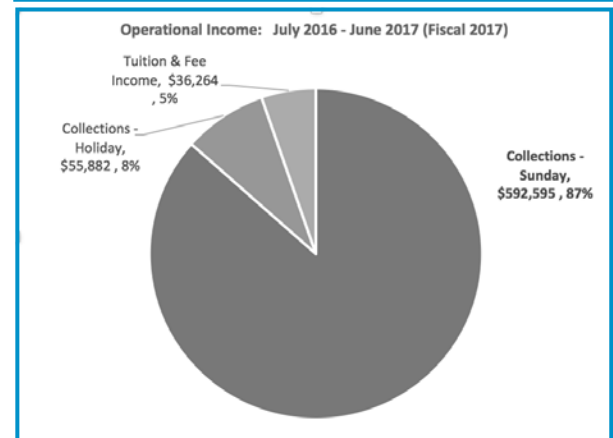
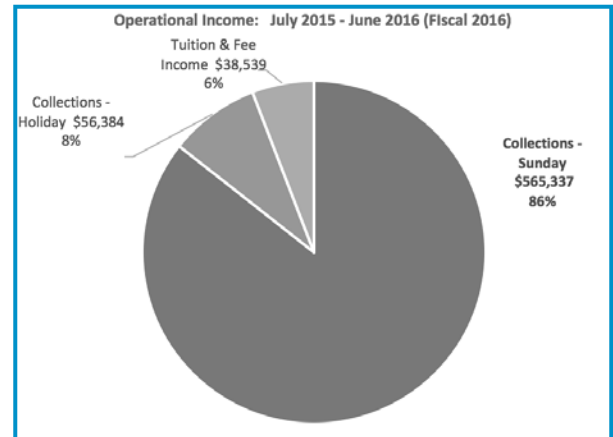
Fiscal Year Cheer

We've had an eventful and successful close to the calendar year 2017. We finished the remodeling of the rectory to allow for more staff offices and provide room for the expanding classes in the church. The remodeling was done on time, under budget, and high quality! No longer do the staff have to share a seat or take turns at a desk. There's also a great meeting space for Father Frank in the rectory without the risk of interrupting the education program.

Beginning this calendar year 2018, we are undergoing a Renew My Church review. More information to follow in the next several weeks when the review begins. Fortunately, our finances are doing very well, thanks to all the parishioners.

Monthly Sunday Collections increased 5% from fiscal 2016 to fiscal 2017. As our Fiscal Year 2017 (July 2016 – June 2017) has ended, we are doing better than we were last fiscal year (July 2015 – June 2016). Our Sunday collections totaled \$592,596, a 5% increase from 2016 and a 17% increase from 2015. Our Sunday Collections cover nearly 75% of St. Teresa's operating expenses.

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.



Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Sunday:	1-7-18	1-14-18
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		75	72
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		60	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		220	230
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		40	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		175	165
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		130	170
Total Weekend Mass Attendance		700	647
Average Weekday Mass Attendance		8	8
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance		3	3
Confessions this Week		1	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		1	1
Funerals since January 2018		0	1
Weddings since January 2018		0	0
Baptisms since January 2018		0	2



There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa's October Count averaged for 2016, 550; for 2017, 628 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; 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 1-27-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Lisa Hanzelka	Eric Fredericks	Leigh Hartley Lisa Marquez
Sunday 1-28-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Peggy Teterycz	Jocelyn Lutkus Philip Malloy Carly Johnston	Barb Schell Brian Shea Molly Malloy
Sunday 1-28-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alicia Erskine	Alice Morales-Villenas	Bert Olson Laura Moran
Sunday 1-28-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Luke Kolman	Roberto Martinez Anne Heller Dani Shain	Andrew De Leonardis Cara Gannon Eileen Raia Veronique Caffrey

Week's Activities

Sunday, January 21

- 8:30 am, PC, Ministry Fair
- 9:00 am, Church, Children's Participatory Mass
- 10:30 am, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 10:50 am, REC, Sacramental Preparation #3
- 3:30 pm, REC, CGS Makeup
- 4:30 pm, REC, Quest/Edge

Monday, January 22

- 1:00 pm, PC, Cuisine du Coeur Meeting
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, PC, Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 24

- 5:00 pm, PC-Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking

Thursday, January 25

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 27

- 10:00 am, PC, Food Pantry

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Tuesday:** St. Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope
- Wednesday:** St. Francis de Sales
- Thursday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Friday:** Ss. Timothy and Titus
- Saturday:** St. Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary

- Domingo:** Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Lunes:** Día de Oración por la Protección Legal de la Criatura en el Vientre Materno
- Martes:** San Vicente; Santa Marianne Cope
- Miércoles:** San Francisco de Sales
- Jueves:** La Conversión de San Pablo
- Viernes:** San Timoteo y San Tito
- Sábado:** Santa Ángela de Merici

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, January 6

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

Saturday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 20

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

Saturday, January 27

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

Saturday, February 3

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, January 20

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

Sunday, January 21

9:00 am Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

12:00 pm Ken Jaszczor's 80th Birthday

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, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, Noemie Sylvestre, Eddy Velazquez, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

January Baptisms

Nathaniel Francis Strybel (1-14-18), Asher Emmanuel Kutz Scanlon (1-14-18), John Peter Seraphin Bamouni (1-20-18), Rose Theresa Jennifer Bamouni (1-20-18), Aiden Eric Peter Whittenberg (1-20-18)

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

*Alicia Anderson
Jason Andre
Dorothy Barns
Berta Billalvazo
Patricia Chuck
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
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 January 8th and January 14th : **Uriah Hughes; Miguel Islas; Malaysia Woodard; Domarcus Wilson; Doterrius Gator; Dishawn James; Isaiah Clark; Peter Puleo; and Shaquille Gayles**

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.

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RSVP at jcolaianni@st-mikes.org

Movie Lines
Seinfeld Episodes
Miscellaneous useless tid-bits of information
How many licks it indeed does take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop.
History

Put your thinking caps on!

Trivia Night is BYOB!!!!

ST MIKES TRIVIA NIGHT

Come out to St Michael's to enjoy an evening of trivia, food, drinks, friends, laughs, and good times! Come in teams of 6! If you don't have a team, come out anyways and we will put you at a table! Doors open at 6:00 PM, the game begins 7:00 PM at St Michael's Parish Center! All proceeds go towards defraying the cost of structural repairs to our parish!

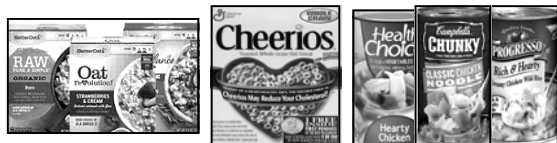
\$10 per Person February/24/18

Food Pantry Shopping List

There are five items the Food Pantry could *really* use:

- Pasta & rice (all kinds)
- Oatmeal
- Boxed cereal
- Hearty canned soups
- Regular- and family-size deodorant & shampoo; tooth-brushes & toothpaste

If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, contact Lisa Hanzelka at lhanelka@gmail.com.



New Fondue Party January 27th

A few spots remain for the New Fondue Party on Saturday, January 27, 6:30pm at Mike and Janel Palm's House.



Enjoy delicious food from Geja's Fondue served up by Amir and the Palm's Famous Bourbon Tea Punch.

Contact Janel Palm to make a donation to St. Teresa's and join the fun!

janelpalm@mac.com
773-575-3028

Friday Morning Play Group

The Friday morning play-group is looking for new moms or dads that would like to get out of the house for a few hours on Friday mornings!



The group welcomes anyone; it is not necessary to be a member of the parish to join. We meet from 10:00 am to noon on Fridays in the school attached to the parish center.

For more information, find 'St. T's Tot Spot' on Facebook and ask to join the group or email Kate Lynch at klynch@sttereseparish.org.

Please pass along the information to anyone that might be interested. We look forward to seeing new faces!

Sign up for online giving at
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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.

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Burying the Dead: Extrajudicial Killings in the Philippines & the Catholic Church's Response

Thursday, January 25th
6:30pm Reception
7:00pm Presentation
Student Center Room 314B
2250 N. Sheffield Ave.

Rev. Amado Picardal, CSsR, gives this third talk in "Corporal Works of Mercy" lecture series, addressing the more than 10,000 murders carried out by police and death squads in Filipino President Rodrigo Duterte's War on Drugs. Suspected of being addicts and pushers, the majority of murder victims are among the poor.

Besides helping bury the dead and providing economic and psychosocial assistance to families of victims, the Catholic Church in the Philippines is exercising a prophetic role. In addition to having established community-based rehab programs for drug users and addicts, the Church is monitoring and denouncing human rights violations and extending sanctuary to witnesses.

About the speaker: Rev. Amado Picardal, CSsR, is a 63-year-old Filipino Catholic priest and member of the Redemptorist Congregation. A human rights and peace advocate, he has served as spokesperson of the Coalition Against Summary Execution (based in Davao, Philippines) since 2003 and of the Network Against Killings in the Philippines since 2016.

About the Corporal Works of Mercy: The seven corporal works of mercy give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They respond to the basic physical (corporal) needs of humanity as we journey together through this life: *Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Shelter the homeless (welcome the stranger). Clothe the naked. Visit the sick & imprisoned. Bury the dead. Give alms to the poor.*

Questions?

Please contact Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology at cwcit@depaul.edu or 773.325.4158. More information: <http://go.depaul.edu/Philippines>

Parking at DePaul

Street parking (both free & metered) is sometimes available on campus, but there are also 2 parking garages available for visitors:

- Discounted parking available with validation at Sheffield Parking Garage (2331 N. Sheffield Ave.)
- Clifton Parking Deck (2330 N. Clifton Ave.)

Sponsored by the Center for World Catholicism & Intercultural Theology (CWCIT)



Funeral procession of a suspected drug addict, a victim of Duterte's War on Drugs, through a Filipino slum neighborhood. (Ezra Acayan)

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf



of those served by the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The ACA offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, Follow Me."

The Annual Catholic Appeal is an annual fundraising campaign that supports the parishes, schools, ministries, programs and agencies that serve the educational, physical and spiritual needs of the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Through Catholic Relief Services, the Appeal also serves people around the world, regardless of religious affiliation, whose lives are devastated by natural disasters, illnesses, wars and famine.

Faith is alive in parishes and schools, soup kitchens and counseling centers, on street corners and in churches. It's lived through people of all backgrounds, from every neighborhood. People everywhere come together to support one another. It is in this spirit that the Appeal exists: to bring support gifts, and build strong communities through faith and your generosity.

Please take a look at the Lumen Cordium Magazine <http://faithdigital.org/lumen/Summer2017>

Your Gift's Impact

Your contributions and generosity are deeply appreciated, much needed and make a real difference in the lives of many.

Each of us is responsible for the well-being of others within our Archdiocese and throughout world. The Annual Catholic Appeal is an opportunity to meaningfully support Catholic education, faith formation, community life ministries and programs for peace and justice here and everywhere.

Careful thought is given to the use of each and every gift. They are gifts to support God's work, and we use them accordingly.

**Make a pledge
to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal.**

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30, <i>or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer</i>
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Friday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Sal 89 (88):20-22, 25-26; Mc 3:22-30, <i>o cualquiera de lecturas para el Día de Oración</i>
Martes:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Sal 24 (23):7-10; Mc 3:31-35
Miércoles:	2 Sm 7:4-17; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 27-30; Mc 4:1-20
Jueves:	Hch 22:3-16 o Hch 9:1-22; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Mc 16:15-18
Viernes:	2 Tm 1:1-8 o Tit 1:1-5; Sal 51 (50):3-7, 10-11; Mc 4:26-34
Sábado:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Sal 51 (50):12-17; Mc 4:35-41
Domingo:	Dt 18:15-20; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mc 1:21-28

Treasures from Tradition

“One of the most unusual Catholic churches in the world is in Amsterdam: Our Lord in the Attic, or as the locals say, “Ons Lieve Heer op Solder.” What looks like a beautiful narrow brick mansion alongside a canal is a clever disguise for a very well-preserved seventeenth-century home and a secret church. During the Reformation, the Netherlands was divided into Protestant Holland and the Spanish Netherlands, now known as Belgium, a Catholic stronghold. Protestant reformers seized all the Catholic parishes in Holland and “de-Catholicized” them. New laws forbade the celebration of the Mass in public. St. Nicholas Church was renamed “Old Church” by the new owners, and the dispossessed Catholics got to work “hiding” St. Nicholas Parish in the upper floors of this mansion. Other Catholics did the same thing, but this is the only hidden church that survives today. Sunday Mass is still celebrated here.

It’s a beautiful hideaway, with nothing spared in regard to marble, gilding, a pipe organ, and classic Dutch painting. A few steps away, the Old Church, begun in 1250, stands emptied of the statues and carvings of its Catholic days, its windows replaced by plain glass. The new tenants gave up when it came to the ceiling, which is still painted with saints, biblical scenes, and merchant ships. The Dutch reformers were tolerant sorts, and as long as the Catholics kept out of sight, they were out of mind. Catholicism was at last tolerated in Holland after 1853, but in 1924 when the International Eucharistic Congress was held in Amsterdam, processions of Catholics were still forbidden in the streets. Today, Roman Catholics are about 19 percent of the population, and there’s no need for any of them to hide in the

attic. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

La cruda realidad de nuestro continente es que América es tierra de mártires. Esta semana recordamos el martirio del indígena quechua Segundo Francisco Guamán de Ecuador.

Como la mayor parte de los indígenas americanos, los quechuas consideran la tierra como pertenencia de la comunidad humana. De ella come y vive todo ser viviente. Desde la llegada de los europeos la tierra americana ha sido explotada y con ella los indígenas también.

El siglo pasado unos campesinos ecuatorianos dirigidos por Segundo Francisco comenzaron a reunirse con el Ministerio de Agricultura y el Instituto Ecuatoriano de Reforma Agraria y Colonización. Que agencias civiles tomen interés por los derechos del indígena es siempre “buena nueva”. Lamentablemente lo que es “buena nueva” para la muchedumbre pobre es “mala noticia” para los poderosos. Uno de éstos decidió vengarse en contra de los campesinos. En su rabia, asesinó al joven Segundo Francisco de sólo 25 años de edad. Pero su muerte, como la de todo mártir, no fue en vano. Su sangre derramada sobre la madre tierra ha ido sembrando más movimientos por los derechos de los indígenas. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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The Demands of Discipleship

Las Exigencias de Ser Discípulo

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out “Repent!” before he calls his new followers. “Come after me,” Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today’s Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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Hoy ya encontramos lecturas con el tono penitencia de Cuaresma. Nínive ayuna durante cuarenta días, el salmista nos recuerda que sólo Dios puede indicarles el camino a los pecadores, san Pablo nos muestra que todas las cosas y los acontecimientos de este mundo son transitorios y Jesús nos dice: “Arrepiéntanse” antes de llamar a sus nuevos seguidores. “Sígueme”, dice

Jesús, pero si realmente vivimos los mandamientos y las exigencias de ser discípulos por el Bautismo, nos daremos cuenta de nuestra necesidad de conversión, de nuestro arrepentimiento, nuestra necesidad de creer plenamente en el Evangelio. El Evangelio de hoy comienza recordándonos lo que le sucedió a Juan Bautista por vivir plenamente su vocación como heraldo de Cristo y del Evangelio: fue arrestado, encarcelado y martirizado. Si bien pocos de nosotros sufriremos consecuencias tan extremas, todos debemos estar preparados para enfrentar algún tipo de rechazo por hacerle caso al llamado de Jesús, vivir el Reino de Dios que está próximo, arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y creer en la buena nueva de salvación.

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Today’s Readings

Lecturas de Hoy

First Reading — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).



Primera lectura — Con los avisos de Jonás los ninivitas se arrepienten de su maldad (Jonás 3:1-5, 10).

Salmo — Señor, instrúyeme en tus sendas (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — El mundo que conocemos está pasando (1 Corintios 7:29-31).

Evangelio — Jesús empezó a proclamar: “El reino de Dios ha llegado. Tomen otro camino y crean en la Buena Nueva” (Marcos 1:14-20).

New Year's Resolutions

It is January 21st, three weeks since New Year's Day, and by now, of the roughly 42 percent of us who made New Year's resolutions, about 40 percent have broken them. Which is okay. The Statistic Brain Research Institute reports, "People who explicitly make resolutions are 10 times more likely to attain their goals than people who don't explicitly make resolutions." There is something within us as humans that desires to make a fresh start, to become resolved, and then to change.

We see this played out in all three of our readings today. First, we have Jonah walking through the streets of Nineveh and proclaiming, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed." Surprisingly (especially to Jonah) this dour warning works. One hundred percent of the people, from adults to children, and even including livestock, cover themselves in sackcloth, fast from food and water, and devote their time to turning from their evil ways.

St. Paul has a similarly urgent message for the church in Corinth, "I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out." For Paul and the early Christian communities living a mere 20 years after Jesus' death and resurrection, Jesus' return in glory was imminent. Their lives, which had been changed by the revelation of God's kingdom in Jesus' life, death and resurrection, could be radically (and eternally) altered again at any moment when "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). For this reason Paul tells them, "The world in its present form is pass-



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ing away." There is no time to focus on anything other than the work at hand, spreading the good news of Jesus, building up his church, and remembering him in the breaking of the bread.

And then we come to the Gospel reading where we hear the first words Jesus utters in the Gospel according to Mark, the Gospel that will accompany us throughout this liturgical year. Jesus says, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."

What does all of this urgency mean for us, living more than 2,000 years from the time Jesus walked in the land of Israel?

Like the Ninevites, the Corinthians and the Israelites, we too, live in

a time of uncertainty. We exist in a fallen world where resolutions are easily made and easily broken, where each day there is a new opportunity to "repent and believe in the Gospel."

But we also live in "the time of fulfillment." Jesus' message to the people of his day, his message to us now, is that the time of fulfillment is upon us. We do not need to wait for the kingdom of God to manifest in "some heaven light years away" as Marty Haugen's hymn "Gather Us In" reminds us. We are called to manifest the kingdom in the here and now.

In Mark's Gospel, after proclaiming the dawning of the kingdom, Jesus begins enacting it. Those who are broken in body, mind, and spirit are healed. Sinners and outcasts are restored to God and to the community, and a few loaves and fish feed thousands. Wherever Jesus goes, the kingdom of God's love, peace and joy breaks out. And now we, who are the body of Christ, are called to continue living into this kingdom.

The kingdom is among us, within us, around us, inviting us in each moment of each day to claim our identity as kingdom people. This is a resolution not just for the new year but for everyday, to live in such a manner that the kingdom of God breaks out all around. St. Paul tells us, "the world in its present form is passing away." By the work of our hands guided by the love of God, may we be the agents of this transformation. Now is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand!

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Help with Stress...

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