



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2018

Come, let us bow
down in worship;
let us kneel before the
LORD who made us.

— Psalm 95:6



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

New Member Dinner

We warmly invite new registered members to join us on Tuesday, March 6th at 5:30pm for our quarterly New Member Dinner. The evening begins with a tour of the church led by Fr. Frank, followed by drinks and appetizers in the gathering space, and a catered dinner in the parish center. This is wonderful chance to get to know other parish members, both new and old. Invitations are sent by evite. If you haven't registered as a member and would like to, please email robrien@stteresaparish.org, or fill out the contact form on our website at st-teresa.net/register.



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

Financial Stewardship

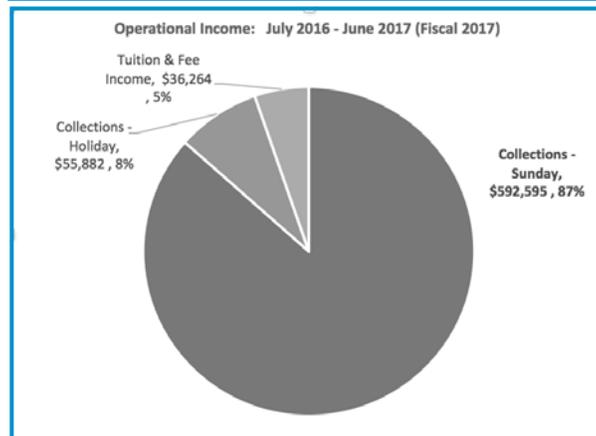
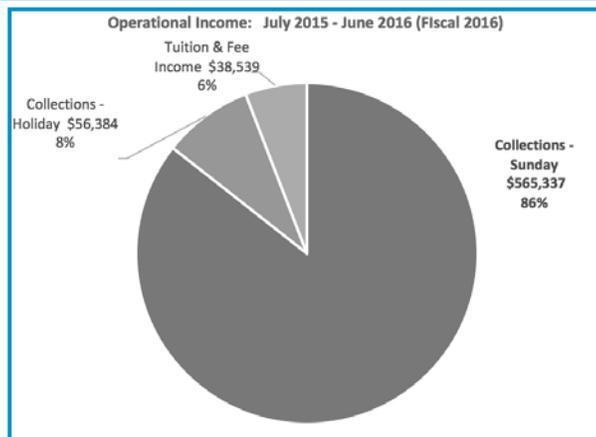
Fiscal Year Cheer

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	1-21-18
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		75	72	66
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		60	-	100
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		220	230	245
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		40	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		175	165	160
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		130	170	120
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	700	647	691	
Average Weekday Mass Attendance		8	8	8
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance		3	3	3
Confessions this Week		1	0	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		1	1	2
Funerals since January 2018		0	1	1
Weddings since January 2018		0	0	0
Baptisms since January 2018		0	2	6



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 2-3-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Eric Fredericks	Leigh Hartley	Lisa Hanzelka Luke Kolman
Sunday 2-4-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Mary Serrahn	Minister Needed (H3) Philip Malloy	Rose Ohiku Geneva Gorgo Jamie Lutkus Elizabeth CUDa
Spanish Mass 2-4-18	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM			
Sunday 2-4-18	12:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Mike Usiak	Aimee Jaszczor	Laura Moran Tyler Paul
Sunday 2-4-18	6:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Christopher Touns	Sara Hock Daniel Cortese Kevin Ludden	Roberto Martinez Eileen Raia Cara Gannon Bert Olson

Week's Activities

Sunday, January 28

- 10:30 am, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 3:30 pm, REC, CGS Makeup
- 4:30 pm, REC, Edge
- 4:30 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Monday, January 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC-PC, SPRED TC
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, REC, Women's Spirituality

Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, February 2

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

Saturday, February 3

- 10:00 am, PC, Food Pantry
- 1:00 pm, Church, Skylar Mackenzie Baptism

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday: St. John Bosco

Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day; First Friday
Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday; Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Semana de las Escuelas Católicas

Miércoles: San Juan Bosco

Viernes: La Presentación del Señor; Día de la Marmota; Primer viernes

Sábado: San Blas; San Oscar; Santa María Virgen; Bendición de las gargantas; Primer sábado

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

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

Saturday, February 10

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

Saturday, February 17

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

Saturday, February 24

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 27

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

Sunday, January 28

9:00 am Jim Teterycz
12:00 pm Joyce Jaszczor
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, Joyce Jaszczor, 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
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 14th and January 19th : **Kendrick L. Williams; Ronald Robinson; and Jordasch Robinson.**

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.

RSVP at jcolaianni@st-mikes.org



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

Friday Morning Play Group

The Friday morning playgroup 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@stteresaparish.org.

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

Mentoring Opportunity

Make a difference. Be a mentor! Learn more about volunteering with Catholic Charities Lake County Youth Mentorship Program on Thursday, January 25, from 5:30 to 7 pm at 671 S. Lewis Ave. in Waukegan.

Enjoy light refreshments and talk to current adult mentors about their experiences working with youth ages 9-12.

Youth who participate in the program learn how to set goals, process difficult emotions, improve communication skills, develop new hobbies, and improve self-confidence.

Visit www.catholiccharities.net/youthmentoring or contact Beth Sheehan-Lucas at (847) 782-4224.

What's in Your Closet?



PLEASE DONATE:

Your barely used, freshly laundered or dry cleaned men's and women's designer apparel, accessories, fine jewelry, handbags, and shoes to Catholic Charities Encore Fundraiser to benefit Mary's Closet!

Catholic Charities Mary's Closet program offers professional attire and job readiness consultation to men and women in their final steps toward self-sufficiency as they are seeking employment or celebrating other life milestones.

Please mark all donations "ENCORE" and drop-off by April 6:

Catholic Charities
1717 Rand Rd., Des Plaines
Tues/Thurs: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Parish
524 9th St., Wilmette
Weekends in sanctuary
Weekdays in parish office



SAVE-THE-DATE for Encore, a designer resale event, on April 27 and 28. Visit www.catholiccharities.net/maryscloset for more information.

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary on Saturday, February 3rd

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on **February 3rd** at 4:00 pm in the church.



Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la devoción del rosario Primera-sábado a Nuestra Señora de Fátima el **3 de Febrero** a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

HOW YOUR GIFT IS USED

\$5,500,000	Local Communities	Support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
\$2,100,000	Parish Vitality and Mission	Programs to support parish vitality—evangelization initiatives, liturgy enhancements
\$1,200,000	Catechetical Faith Formation	Support for youth, young adult, campus and adult religious education ministries
\$700,000	Lay Formation	Continuing education for lay volunteers and staff serving parish communities
\$545,000	Catholic Relief Services	Assisting the poor and vulnerable overseas
\$495,000	Human Dignity and Solidarity	Activities promoting respect for life at all stages, immigration, Kolbe House prison ministry and Peace and Justice initiatives
\$400,000	Priest Education	Continuing education for seminarians and priests ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago
\$160,000	Family Ministries	Programs for marriage preparation, marriage support and family ministry
\$100,000	Community Ministries	Support for Chicago Fire and Police department chaplaincies and other community ministries
\$3,800,000	Parish Incentives/ Rebates	Funds raised in excess of individual parish goals are returned to the parish for use with their local ministries
\$15,000,000	MINISTRIES TOTAL	
\$1,500,000	Cost of Appeal	Design, printing, postage, production, staff and vendors who implement the 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.

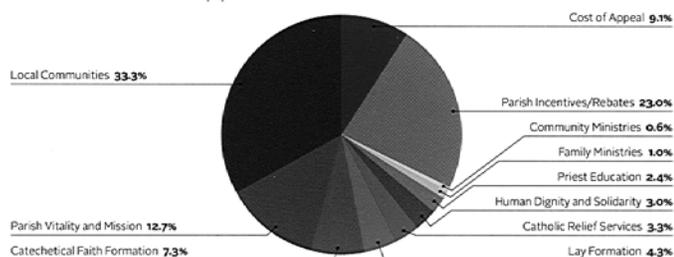
Each of us is responsible for the well-being of others within our Archdiocese and throughout world. The Annual Catholic Appeal is an opportunity to meaningfully support Catholic education, faith formation, community life ministries and programs for peace and justice here and everywhere.

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.**

\$16,500,000

Annual Catholic Appeal 2018 Goal



Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Sal 3:2-7; Mc 5:1-20
Martes: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Mc 5:21-43
Miércoles: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5-7; Mc 6:1-6
Jueves: 1 Re 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Cr 29:10-12; Mc 6:7-13
Viernes: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Sal 24 (23):7-10; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]
Sábado: 1 Re 3:4-13; Sal 119 (118):9-14; Mc 6:30-34
Domingo: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Sal 147 (146):1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mc 1:29-39

Treasures from Tradition

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El día 2 de febrero se celebrará la Candelaria. En este día se conmemora la purificación de María, cuarenta días después de que dio a luz a Jesús. Candelaria viene del verbo latín candere (brillar), de allí la palabra candela, o sea, veladora. La celebración de la Purificación de María y la Presentación del Niño Jesús en el templo se conmemora con la bendición de todas las velas y veladoras que se van a usar durante el año. Esto se hace con la esperanza de que nunca venga a faltar la luz, tanto material como espiritual, en las casas de los fieles. Los cristianos, como Simeón en el templo, pueden decir que ellos también han visto la salvación; Jesús la verdadera luz que brilla en brazos de María.

En Puerto Rico tradicionalmente esta fiesta se celebra con la quemazón de los árboles de navidad, basura, palos, cosas viejas, etc. Esta costumbre subraya el deseo de dejar atrás todo lo malo para que llegue lo bueno; es decir terminar con la oscuridad para que brille la luz. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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True Prophets

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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Jesus taught
with authority



Profetas Verdaderos

Hoy en Deuteronomio oímos que las palabras de Dios llenarán la boca de un profeta verdadero, pero un profeta falso pondrá, por así decirlo, palabras meramente humanas en boca de Dios. En el Evangelio según san Marcos, vemos a Jesús enseñando y curando como un profeta verdadero con la autoridad de la voz de Dios. La historia de nuestra Iglesia está llena de ambos tipos de profetas. Algunos profetas falsos fueron extremadamente populares y eran muy versados en la Sagrada Escritura, incluso ocupaban puestos de autoridad eclesial. Pero en el Evangelio de hoy descubrimos que la fama de Jesús se extendió porque enseñaba con autoridad; no era una autoridad porque fuera popular o famoso. En

otra parte, descubrimos con él, cuando es tentado y enfrenta a Satanás en el desierto, que cualquiera puede citar la Sagrada Escritura, incluso si estos van en contra de los propósitos de Dios. Hoy oímos que su autoridad no era como la de los escribas, que eran la autoridad oficial religiosa en su época. Nuestra tarea es hacer todo lo posible por saber identificar a los verdaderos profetas que están entre nosotros y también a ser verdaderos profetas. El salmista nos dice cómo hacerlo: no debemos endurecer nuestros corazones cuando escuchamos a Dios. Si realmente escuchamos a Dios, Dios pondrá sus palabras en nuestra boca. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

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

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Moisés le habló a todo el pueblo diciendo: "El Señor Dios hará surgir en medio de ustedes un profeta como yo" (Deuteronomio 18:15-20).

Salmo — Ojalá escuchen hoy la voz del Señor: "No endurezcan el corazón" (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — Hermanos y hermanas: Yo quisiera que ustedes vivieran sin preocupaciones (1 Corintios 7:32-35).

Evangelio — Los oyentes quedaron asombrados de sus palabras, pues enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad (Marcos 1:21-28).

Reflection

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“We’ve never seen anything like this!”

The Great Fire of Rome erupted on the night of July 18 in 64 C.E. Reported to have burned for more than a week, the destruction through the city was massive. The historian, Tacitus, wrote that Emperor Nero accused a group of people called “Christians” of starting the fire. As a result, a major persecution of them took place. Many of this small, recently constituted group — roughly 30 years after the death of Jesus — were brutally executed by being thrown to the beasts, crucified, and being burned alive.

Truth be told, at that time the world was experienced by most people as being dark and violent, a world overflowing with immense poverty and untold ruthlessness. It was the world of the Roman Empire — an empire in which the emperor was worshiped as a god. Among the titles he bestowed upon himself were “Lord of the Universe,” “Mighty God,” and “Prince of Peace” — to name just a few. To many people of that time, demonic forces had the upper hand. Satan was seen to be the ultimate ruler of the world.

But then, something extraordinary, something totally unexpected happened. Amid all this darkness and terror, a whole new literary genre was born. A book, unlike any other ever written, was created — a book that audaciously announced “good news of great joy!” This book, this “beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ,” announced that a new beginning, a radical breakthrough had taken place. This book insisted that there was now present the possibility



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of liberation, of escape from all this fear and brutality, of peace.

The writer of this radically revolutionary story was named Mark, the “interpreter” of the most famous of all apostles: Peter. As inscribed by Mark, the heart of Peter’s astounding message positioned the salvific actions of Jesus against the evil of Satan. Yes, Satan is mighty, but Jesus is even more so. Yes, the world is filled with demonic forces, but Jesus has triumphed over all of them. Yes, a darkness does cover the world, but Jesus has generated a bright light of hope that promises a whole new way of living, a whole new way of being.

And, as asserted in Mark’s Gospel, the “good news” for everyone suffering so horribly is essentially this: Emperor Nero is not the

all-powerful one as he insists; Jesus is. Emperor Nero is not the Lord of the universe as he claims; Jesus is.

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How could Mark make these revolutionary claims about Jesus? A leper is cleansed. A man with a withered hand and a woman with a hemorrhage are made well. A little child who was deemed dead is brought back to life. A raging sea is calmed. A madman is soothed and made whole. And then, in today’s Gospel, there is the touching story of Peter’s mother-in-law. The tenderness that emanates from Jesus is beautifully stated by these words written by Mark: “He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.”

This is the good news that Mark so desperately wants us to hear: The God of Jesus, unlike the emperor of Rome, wants only to rescue, to heal, to make well; the God of Jesus, unlike the emperor of Rome, wants only to take each of us by our hand and help us up.

This is why Mark reminds us again and again, throughout his entire Gospel, of the people’s persistent refrain of joy and awe: “We’ve never seen anything like this!”

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