

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

— Mark 1: 12-15



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



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 yet registered as a member of St. Teresa of Avila parish and you would like to, please email robrien@stteresaparish.org, or fill out the contact form on our website at st-teresa.net/register.



Sign up for online giving at

GiveCentral

for your weekly offertory and other donations!

Three reasons to sign up:

1. Give Central is completely safe and secure as it follows 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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Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650

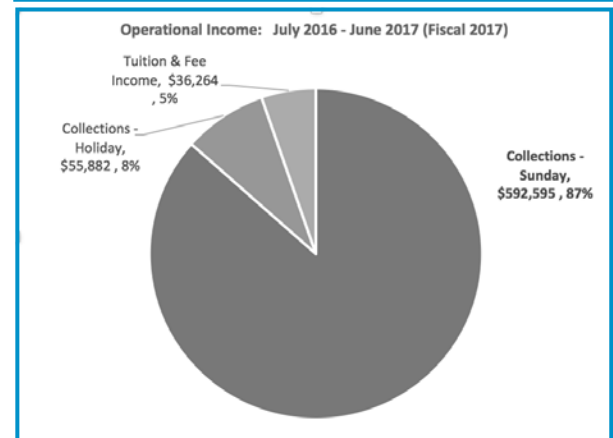
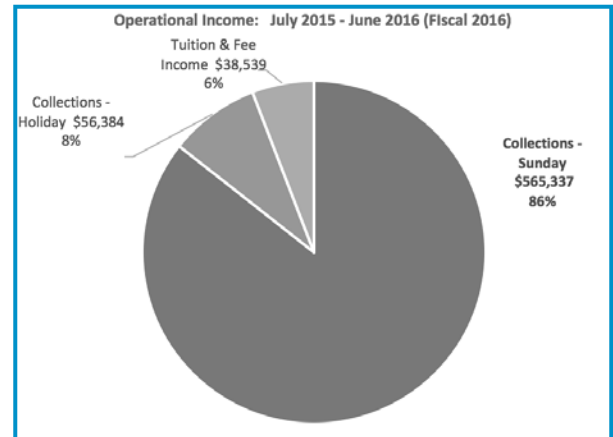
Fiscal Year Cheer

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:	2-11-18
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		78
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		182
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		165
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		115
Total Weekend Mass Attendance		540
Average Weekday Mass Attendance		8
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance		3
Confessions this Week		0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		0
Funerals since January 2018		0
Weddings since January 2018		0
Baptisms since January 2018		8



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 2017/18 monthly averages are: January, 489/644; 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 2-24-18	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Jonathan Clinton	Shannon Clinton	Kari Richardson Carly Johnston
French Mass Saturday 2-24-18	6:30 PM				
Sunday 2-25-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Elizabeth Rooney	Frank Swiderski Brian Shea	Elizabeth Cuda Jamie Lutkus Philip Malloy Geneva Gorgo
Sunday 2-25-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alejandro Lopez	Tyler Paul	Maria Montes Daniel Kang
Sunday 2-25-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Amir Rafizadeh Lector: Callie Pogge	Eileen Raia Dani Shane Roberto Martinez	Veronique Caffrey Pete Doyle Colleen Sulewski Anne Seigenthaler

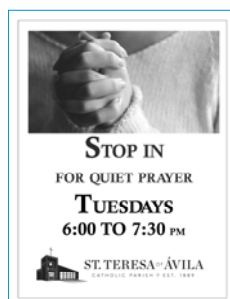
Week's Activities

- Sunday, February 18**
- 9:00 am, GS, Girl Scout Cookie Sale
- Monday, February 19**
- President's Day, Office Closed. No 7:30 am Mass
- Tuesday, February 20**
- 6:00 pm, REC-PC, SPRED PC
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm, REC, CGS Training
- Wednesday, February 21**
- 5:00 pm, PC-Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking
- Thursday, February 22**
- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- Friday, February 23**
- 0:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group
- Saturday, February 24**
- 10:00 am, PC, Food Pantry



Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent
 - Monday:** Presidents' Day
 - Wednesday:** St. Peter Damian
 - Thursday:** Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
 - Friday:** St. Polycarp; Abstinence
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- Domingo:** Primer Domingo de Cuaresma
 - Lunes:** Día de los Presidentes
 - Miércoles:** San Pedro Damián
 - Jueves:** La Cátedra de San Pedro
 - Viernes:** San Policarpo; Abstinencia



Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

- 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
- Saturday, March 3**
- 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, March 10**
- 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, March 17**
- 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, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18

9:00 am Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
12:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
6:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Please pray for the deceased ...

Lauren Ditrach Bilyeu, Michael Dudash, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko, Edward Nevera, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Andrea Mastro Hoinacki, Joyce Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, Noemie Sylvestre, Eddy Velazquez, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

February Baptisms

Skylar Annalise MacKenzie (2-3-18), Alexander Bower (2-10-18)

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

*Alicia Anderson
Jason Andre
Dorothy Barns
Berta Billalvazo
Michelle Brandt
Patricia Chuck
Elizabeth Ryan Dean
Michael De Blasis
Alex DeNoma
Kathy Derrick
Kim Duff
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
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 20th and January 27th : **Demarcus Ealey; Deonte Thomas; Carlos McGary; David Flores; Luis Flores; Thomas Hernandez; Tiawan Johnson; Manuel Ramirez; Devin Hill; Jamon Harris; and Antonio Reyes.**

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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A Camino de Santiago Opportunity

Have you heard of the ancient Christian pilgrimage route in Spain called *The Camino de Santiago* or *The Way of Saint James*? Pilgrims have been walking along the *Camino* for nearly 1,300 years.



Fr. Chris Robinson would like to invite you to consider participating in or supporting a DePaul University trip to the *Camino* in July 2018.

There are presently two open spots on the tour that Fr. Chris has set aside for parishioners who will join DePaul students in Sarria, Spain and complete the last 100 kilometers to Santiago.

Secondly, Fr. Chris invites you to sponsor one of the ten student pilgrims with a donation or perhaps using frequent flyer points to help them make the journey.

Donations can be submitted to alumni.depaul.edu/Camino. You will have the opportunity to meet some of the students and pilgrimage leaders on **Sunday, March 18th** after all of the masses.

Please contact Fr. Chris for more information at crobinso@depaul.edu or by calling (773) 325-4871.

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.

March 5th Panel on Forced Migration

An asylum seeker, a refugee, and an immigrant cross a border... Come learn what brought them here, what happens next, and who's who!

The panel, organized by St. Teresa of Avila's Border and Refugee Ministries, will include the Director of the Center for Forced Migration Studies at Northwestern University, Galya Ben-Arieh, and the Director of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies at DePaul University, Shailja Sharma.

Monday, March 5, 2018

St Teresa of Avila Parish Center

7:00-8:00 pm

Appetizers to follow



Literacy Training Opportunity

Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center! Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for just 90 minutes per week at 3540 S. Hermitage Ave. in Chicago. You do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English.



Join us for one of our upcoming next tutor training workshops: Friday, March 9th (6:00-9:00 pm) and Saturday, March 10th (9:00am-4:00 pm) or Friday, April 27th (6:00-9:00 pm) and Saturday, April 28th (9:00 am-4:00 pm).

Register in advance and come both days to begin tutoring or for more information:

Please contact Sabrina
at sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org
or **(773) 927-0512**.

Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored
by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

The Stories of *La Posada*

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” – *Matthew 25:35*

St. Teresa is partnering with *La Posada Providencia* for our Border Ministry. Located in the lower Rio Grande Valley, *La Posada* provides shelter for immigrants and asylum seekers waiting for their cases to be adjudicated before the U.S. Immigration Court. Living its mission to “welcome the stranger,” *La Posada* has welcomed more than 9,000 “strangers” since 1989. In this weekly column, the refugees and volunteers from *La Posada* share their stories with the community of St. Teresa of Avila parish.

Nono’s Story (Cameroon)

I am originally from Cameroon. Cameroon is a country in Central Africa whose official languages are French and English. I left my country and my family in January 2017 because of problems I had with the dictatorial government. In my country, I was a trader and I was near the border of Nigeria and Cameroon. Sadly for me, I found myself in an English-speaking town in full demonstration for independence and the police arrested me, confusing me with the organizers of the strike. Thank God I escaped with the help of a police officer who got to know me after five days in prison. I had to go to neighboring Nigeria in order to take a flight to



Ecuador. And from Ecuador to Colombia by bus. Colombia to Panama walking through the forest for 6 days. I crossed Central America and Mexico by bus and walking for almost a month. I presented myself to US immigration at the border of Tijuana. I spent 6.5 months in detention in San Diego. And presently I am at *La Posada* in San Benito because I do not have any family under the American sun. I feel safe at *La Posada* and if God wills it, I will leave if I get a work permit because my case is still in court.

[Note: When Nono finally arrived at the border he said he was pleasantly surprised by how the immigration officials initially greeted him. He said that they gave him what felt like a genuine welcoming until they locked him in a windowless cell with three other immigrants. He was held here for four days before being handcuffed, shackled, and taken to Otay Mesa Detention Center in San Diego

where he was expected to prepare his asylum case without a lawyer or anyone else advocating on his behalf. When Nono’s case was eventually heard by an immigration judge, he was granted withholding of removal. This allows Nono to live and work (once he gets a work permit) in the United States temporarily but not to apply for permanent residency or for citizenship. It is only asylum that can open the door to those benefits. Nearly 7 feet tall, Sr. Zita calls Nono “God’s Step Ladder” anytime she needs him to grab something from the top shelf, to which he generously responds— “No problem, Sister”—to any of her requests.]

How to Get Involved

Pray * Donate * Visit/Volunteer
Email Nhu Phan,
nhu712@icloud.com, with questions.

Upcoming Events

Ministry Fair at St. Teresa of Avila:
February 24-25, 2018 after each Mass

Immigration Discussion at St. Teresa of Avila: Monday March 5, 2018 at 7pm



Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Stgo 1:1-11; Sal 119 (118):67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mc 8:11-13
Martes: Stgo 1:12-18; Sal 94 (93):12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mc 8:14-21
Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25
Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32
Domingo: Gn 9:8-15; Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Pe 3:18-22; Mc 1:12-15

Treasures from Tradition

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

La Cuaresma tiene sus raíces en la preparación para el Bautismo de adultos y en el arrepentimiento de pecadores públicos. Ambas se concentran en la conversión y en especial en los tres pilares de la misma. La Cuaresma nos da la oportunidad de encontrarnos de manera fuerte y vital con estos tres pilares: ayunar, ayudar y orar. Éstas son las prácticas cuaresmales que la Iglesia ha ido proclamando y practicando desde tiempos antiguos. Son prácticas que los cristianos deberíamos emplear todos los días de nuestra vida, pero con mayor fervor durante la Cuaresma para poder celebrar dignamente las fiestas de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

La conversión es un proceso por el cual regresamos a participar de la vida divina que recibimos en el Bautismo. Dios Padre mandó a su Hijo para salvarnos. He allí el por qué, el ayuno, el altruismo y la oración es colaborar con Dios. Dios mismo colabora con nosotros derramando su Espíritu en nuestros corazones. Con el poder del Espíritu Santo podemos practicar el ayunar, ayudar y orar de manera vital. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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People of the Covenant

Personas de la Alianza

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



La palabra que sobresale en las lecturas de hoy es la palabra "alianza". La fidelidad y la bondad de Dios nos sirven como ejemplo de cómo debemos vivir. En Génesis aparece el relato de Noé y de la alianza de Dios no sólo con las personas sino con la naturaleza. Las aguas purificadoras del diluvio nunca más descargarán su poder destructivo en toda la tierra otra vez. La señal, el recordatorio para

Dios y la naturaleza, es el arco iris en el cielo.

El salmo nos recuerda esta compasión de Dios y le implora a Dios que se acuerde de nosotros, no por nuestra bondad, sino por la bondad de Dios y su fidelidad a la promesa. Dios nos muestra cómo ser buenos, no por decreto, sino dándonos el ejemplo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

Lecturas de Hoy

First Reading — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).



Primera lectura — Dios estableció una alianza con Noé y sus hijos y les prometió que nunca más habría un diluvio devastador (Génesis 9:8-15).

Salmo — Tus sendas, Señor, son misericordia y lealtad, para los que guardan tu alianza (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — Aquella agua representaba el bautismo que ahora nos salva (1 Pedro 3:18-22).

Evangelio — Después de los cuarenta días en el desierto, Jesús viene a Galilea proclamando el Evangelio de Dios (Marcos 1:12-15).

Renew My Church

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Attend Renew My Church Meeting Feb. 26th

Jesus Christ calls us to constantly renew His Church. *Renew My Church* is the Archdiocese of Chicago's response to His call and our invitation for renewal.

Through a multitude of *Renew My Church* initiatives, the Archdiocese will re-commit our local Church to our gospel commission to make disciples, build vital communities of faith and inspire witness to bring the light and hope of Christ to a world in need.

Today, we face a trending crisis of faith. Fewer people than ever are connected with organized religion. Many who identify as Catholic do not attend weekly Mass. Overall, we see an increase in signs of a broken world. As a result of this crisis, we find ourselves with less people and financial resources for ministry. However, we are a strong and committed Church that will work together to overcome the challenges we face today and in the centuries to come.

One initiative of *Renew My Church* is focused on increasing the vitality of our local communities. Cardinal Cupich has asked our parish to come together with the other parishes in our grouping to start a process of reflection, discernment, and planning to consider how we can collaborate and combine resources so that we are better equipped to bring Jesus Christ to the world today.

Our journey from now through May will entail collaborating with our neighbors to:

- Assess current realities in our community,
- Understand the criteria and principles for our planning efforts,
- Discuss possible scenarios for how our grouping's parishes and schools could be structured in the future, and
- Compile our feedback to share with the Archdiocese as we move to the discernment and decision phase of this important process

We Invite You

As a first step, we invite you to join parish leadership for our first *Renew My Church* parish session on **February 26th at 6:30 pm in Parish Center at 1950 N. Kenmore.**

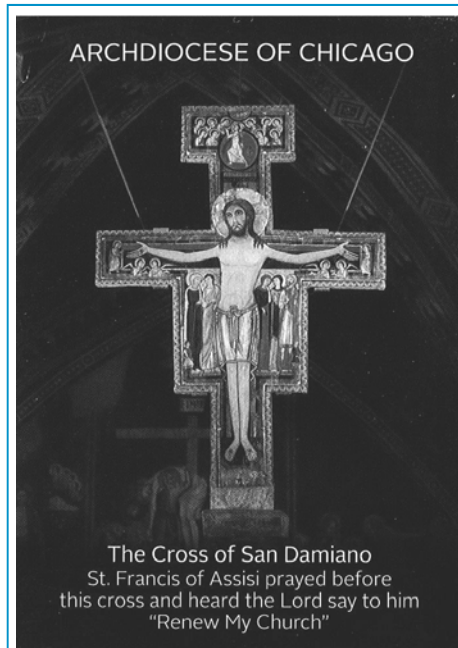
During this session we will:

- Discuss *Renew My Church* and the process we are beginning together;
- Review important information and questions about our community such as the strengths and challenges that exist in our grouping; and,
- Answer any questions you may have.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Let us hold each other and the other parish and school communities in our grouping in prayer as we enter this time of rededication to our faith in Jesus Christ and planning for the future.

Visit archchicago.org/renew to learn more.



A Prayer For "Renew My Church"

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us.

*In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church. Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us
to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations.*

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints.

May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Anna Althoff
Bertel Olson
Luke Kolman
Kate Lynch

Chris Parente
Jose Cervantes
Mary Paz Ramirez
Tom Micinski
Rebecca O'Brien

Jessica Marx is president of the Parish Pastoral Council; her email is chicago2381@hotmail.com
The Parish Pastoral Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Finance Council

Justin Alden
Jane Bronson
Jack Halpin
Ray Genellie
Steve Fortino

Becky Francis
Andrew O'Dekirk
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The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

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Please contact Rebecca O'Brien for information on joining the Stewardship committee; her email is robrien@stteresaparish.org.

Stewardship Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Office Information & Bulletin Deadlines

Parish Offices are located at 1037 W. Armitage Ave. Phone is (773) 528-6650. FAX is (773) 871-6766. Hours are: 9:00 am to 7:30 pm Monday through Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

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. Please contact Dean at dvaeth@stteresaparish.org for more information.



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Evangelization

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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...

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



For information about ...

Friday Playgroup (0-3 year-olds), Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-12 year-olds), The EDGE Youth Group (12-14 year-olds), or Quest Youth Group (High School)

Contact Kate in the Parish Office
klynch@stteresaparish.org

For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick

Contact Deacon Dean in the Parish Office
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