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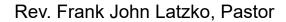


Faith & Spirit, Alive

Third Sunday of Easter April 15, 2018

"You are witnesses of these things."

— Luke 24:48



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

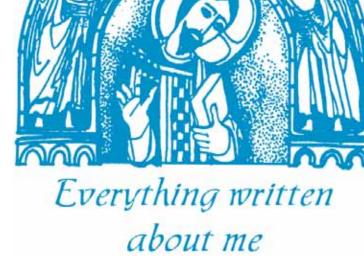
Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:00 PM Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM



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Special Thanks to ...

This year, St. Teresa's young adult community created a beautiful, striking, active, and contemplative Solidarity Stations of the Cross. Each Station reflected on 14 marginalized



groups, from homelessness to mental health sufferers, from those who feel alone to those separated from their families, from global victims of assault to those who lost their lives in Chicago to violence. Thank you to John DeWyze for spearheading this event and to the organizers (below) for the poignant reminder of God's greatest commandments.

John, Lydia & Emery DeWyze | Kelly Birch-Maginot | Abby Greaney | Eryn Groneowoller | Kevin Healey | Anne Heller | Amelie Karam | Roberto Martinez | Hannah Toohey

Thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted during Holy Week and Easter, through serving at the altar, filling holy water bottles, baking Eucharistic bread, setting up the church, organizing the vigil reception, and more. This list is likely missing many more volunteers who helped behind the scenes. Thank you for taking an active role in our church and enhancing the experience for more than 1300 people who celebrated this past week at St. Teresa of Avila.

Abby Greaney | Abby Parente | Alejandro Lopez | Alice Morales-Villenas | Andrew DeLeonardis | Anne Marie Checcone | Anne Seigenthaler | Antonia Pabon | Antonio Rivera | Barb Schell | Cagney Cristancho | Cara Gannon | Carolyn Sarnecki | Chris Parente | Claire Gerber | Colleen Sulewski | Dani Shain | Dennis Smerko | Elaine Green | Elizabeth Cuda | Elizabeth Rooney | Ellen Moiani | Eric Fredericks | Eryn Gronewoller | Frank Swiderski | Geneva Gorgo | Gregory Baloun | Haley & Leonard Giannone | Jackie Koesters | Jessica Camacho | Jocelyn Lutkus | John DeWyze | Josefina Gomez | Kayla Mueller | Laura Moran | Laura Strybel | Lisa Marquez | Maria Montes | Mark Mateika | Mary Serrahn | Megan & Kevin Ward | Mike Usiak | Nancy Van Grinsven | Pat Maloney | Patrick Barrientos | Peggy Teterycz | Rick Rausch | Roberto Martinez | Roman Bira | Rose Ohiku | Sara & Adam Hock | Sharon Lindstrom | Theresa Jabaley | Therese Rowley | Veronique Caffrey

Volunteer Appreciation Party

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce this year's volunteer appreciation party will be held at **Goose Island Brewery** located at 1800 N. Clybourn Avenue. The party will take place on Friday, May 18 from 5:30-8:30 pm.

ALL who have volunteered at St. Teresa IN ANY WAY are invited to come together and celebrate how sharing our time, talent, and treasure makes St. Teresa's such a special place. Invitations will be emailed shortly, and RSVPs are required.

Featured Avila in Action Winner

Last year, St. Teresa of Avila awarded the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership, a \$7,500 grant through *Avila in Action*, to further their mission of training organizers and leaders to advocate for justice. See below for an invitation to their upcoming free Leadership Training.



Leadership Training

Saturday, April 14th 9am – 3 pm at the Quinn Center Coffee & Registration will be at 8:30am 1845 South 9th Avenue Maywood IL. 60153

Interested in tapping into your leadership potential?

Want to learn how to effectively build meaningful relationships so you and others can organize to improve your community?

Want to explore how Jesus and other biblical figures understood and approached leadership?

If so, CSPL is offering a one-day community organizing and leadership training that is grounded in the Catholic theological and spiritual traditions.

Register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/coalition-for-spiritual-and-public-leadership-leadership-training-tickets-44467340011



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Renew My Church Update

There are now two proposed scenarios under discussion for the Renew My Church (RMC) initiative. But first, what can you do over the next weeks and months to sustain our positive trend?

Start thinking of how to reach out to other parishes and consider the ways we can collaborate

- Attend mass
- Bring one friend to mass
- Express to others what makes St. Teresa special

Please share any suggestions or thoughts to each of us:

Barb McHugh (<u>bdmchugh@mac.com</u>) Ellen Moiani (ellen.moiani@gmail.com Justin Alden (Justin.alden@gmail.com)

Archdiocesan Initial Scenario A

The Archdiocese RMC committee feels the staffing and property ownership structure in our grouping is unique because the Redemptorists both staff and own the property at St. Michael and the Vincentians both staff and own the property at St. Vincent de Paul. The Archdiocese RMC committee also feels the relatively recent unification of Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph parishes is also important to take into account. So, here is the Archdiocese RMC committee initial scenario:

"St. Michael, St. Vincent de Paul, and ICSJ each remain in their current structures. St. Teresa of Avila and St. Josaphat would unite as one canonical parish with two active worship sites. This assumes that St. Josaphat's current capital campaign will be able to address the church facility's capital needs. St. Josaphat School would serve as the parish school."

Alternative Scenario B

"For a period of three years, all parishes in the grouping retain their canonical status and each have a pastor. During this time, active collaboration among the parishes – either all five or as two sub-groups of Lincoln Park and Old Town – takes place. For example, shared ministry in terms of RCIA, religious education, marriage and baptism preparation, adult education and formation, youth ministry and young adult



ministry takes place. Instead of each parish having its own ministry, the pastors, in consultation with staff and parishioners, determine how best to share resources. This could result in cost savings for the parishes and break down silos between parish communities.

In addition, the parishes actively collaborate together on the *Phase 5* plan of evangelization to engage Catholics who are already present in our area. There is no need to wait until new development takes place since, according to census data provided by the archdiocese, there are already 18,000 Catholics within our parish boundaries, of which only 3,000 attend mass. This additional time would allow parishes to complete capital campaigns and address maintenance needs.

At the end of the three years, we re-evaluate. If things are not moving in a positive direction, we revisit possibilities and provide input to the archdiocese to make a decision."

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday: 4-1-18 4-8-18 Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance 171 82 Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French) - 40 Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance 653 285 Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish) 80 - Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance 320 200 Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance 80 125 Total Weekend Mass Attendance 1,304 732 Average Weekday Mass Attendance 12 10 Average Friday Communion Service Attendance 3 3	
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Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week 0 0	
Funerals since January 2018 0 0	
Weddings since January 2018 0 0	
Baptisms since January 2018 8 0	
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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 2017/2018 monthly averages are: January, 489/644; February, 570/566; March, 640/637; April, 705; May, 573; June, 541; July, 463; August, 510; September, 566; October, 621; November 622. 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.

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Celebrant-Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 4-21-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Eric Fredericks	Kari Richardson	Minister Needed (C1,P) Lisa Hanzelka
Sunday 4-22-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Children's Service	Jamie Lutkus Michael Zost Geneva Gorgo	Mary Serrahn Philip Malloy Rose Ohiku Molly Malloy
Sunday 4-22-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Patti Neugent	Aimee Jaszczor	Alejandro Lopez Alice Morales-Villenas
Sunday 4-22-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Mark Van Grinsven	Cara Gannon Sara Hock Sharon Lindstrom	Dani Shain Daniel Cortese Kevin Ludden Bert Olson

Week's Activities

Sunday, April 15

- · 10:30 am, REC, Parent Formation
- · 10:30 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- · 3:30 pm, REC, Catechesis Make-up
- · 4:30 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:30 pm, REC, Edge

Monday, April 16

4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Tuesday, April 17

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- · 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, April 18

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

Thursday, April 19

· 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, April 20

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

Saturday, April 21

- · 9:30 am, REC-Church, 1st Communion Retreat
- · 10:00 am, PC, Food Pantry
- · 3:30 pm, Church, Allen Baptism
- 4:00 pm, Church, Dinslage Baptism

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter Income Tax Day
Saturday: St. Anselm

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de

Pascua

Martes: Día de los Impuestos Sábado: San Anselmo

Sign up for online giving at

GiveCentral

for your weekly offertory and other donations!

Three reasons to sign up:

Give Central is completely safe and secure as it follow SSL encryption standards.
 It's easy to sign up, update throughout the year, and review your gifts as often as you like
 You can make your gifts through most credit cards or online checking.



Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, April 21

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

Saturday, April 28

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

Saturday, May 5

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

Saturday, May 12

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

Saturday, May 19

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
5:00 pm	Saturday, April 14 Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish	Please pray for the deceased Jeffrey Bergen, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Michael Dudash, Andrea Harris,
0.00	Sunday, April 15	Dave Hilko, Edward Nevera, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Andrea Mastro Ho-
9:00 am 12:00 pm	Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish Joyce Jaszczor Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish	inacki, 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
6:00 pm	Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish	Sylvestre, Eddy Velazquez, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

April Baptisms

Leo James Berghoff (4-14-18); Charles Clayton Allen (4-21-18); Renner Kathleen Dinslage (4-21-18); Margaret Louise Heissel-Tracy (4-22-18); Andres Ellis Del Real (4-28-18)

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

Alicia Anderson Les Gordon Mrs. Grabarczyk Dorothy Barns Berta Billalvazo George Halloran Michelle Brandt 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.

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

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

Jack Schank

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago last week -- Terrence Ford; Willie E. Anderson; Darlene Toliver; Shaquita Bennett; James Williams; Jaheim Wilson; and Lavergne Smith.

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 st the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for about twelve months.

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St. Teresa Of Avila Church Blood Drive

Sunday, May 20th 8:30 am - 1:30 pm 1950 N. Kenmore, Chicago, IL 60614 Parish Center

Visit <u>www.heartlandbc.org</u> or call 1(800)786-4483 to schedule your appointment.

Photo ID needed.

Drink plenty of fluids.



Sheriff Tom Dart on April 16th



On April 16 Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart will be speaking at St. Clement Catholic Church on "Criminal Justice Reform: Everyone's Responsibility."

The event will begin at 6:45

pm in Fireside Hall, 2524 N. Orchard. The event is open to the public.

If you have questions, contact Patrick Sinozich, Human Concerns Commission, at (773) 281-0371 or psinozich@clement.org

Two Sessions on for Bible Study

We are having two studies this year:

- Monday nights at 7:00 pm at Next Door Café 659
 W. Diversey Pkwy. Leader: Jackie Koesters, jackiekoesters@gmail.com, (773) 372-3186. The first Study is on Monday, April 16.
- Thursday nights at 7:00 pm at St. Teresa of Avila, 1950 N. Kenmore Ave. Leader: Maggie Fernandez, mfernandez@stteresaparish.org, (312) 497-8069. First Study is on Thursday, April 12.

We will review the first study on April 12 and April 16. Please email or text Maggie and Jackie with questions.



We realize that people are busy and may not be able to attend every session. Most participants will miss some sessions and the study is designed so that you can participate in each study even if you didn't attend the previous session.

— Jackie

Run in His Strength

Are you looking to do something powerful in 2018? Something that will bring joy to others?



Consider joining Mercy Home for Boys & Girls' Heroes

team for the sold-out October 7th Bank of America Chicago Marathon and transforming the life of an abused child in Chicago.

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls has been a solution for kids in crisis since 1887. By joining our Heroes team, you will make it possible for us to provide a safe home, emotional healing, and academic opportunities for children who have suffered abuse, neglect, poverty, and abandonment.

Sign up at mercyhome.org/marathon or contact Jim Harding at <u>jimhar@mercyhome.org</u> or (312) 738-9381 for more information.

Parish Life

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Fashion Revolution: Clothing the Naked

As art of the Corporeal Works of Mercy series, there will be a panel discussion as part of Fashion Revolution featuring three individuals whose inspiring work shows us how to shift the garment industry towards more human practices — how to "clothe the naked" without exploiting the vulnerable.

- Nasreen Sheikh: Former child laborer who escaped at age 12 and is now an anti-sweatshop activist as well as founder/executive director of Local Women's handicrafts, a fair trade collective in Katmandu, Nepal.
- Donnie Hodge: CEO/president of Alta Gracia, a collegiate apparel company in the Dominican Republic that provides local workers a way out of poverty through good working condition and a living wage.
- Fr. Andrew O'Connor: Priest, designer, and founder of Social Fabric, a sustainable company that works directly with Mayan cotton producers and weavers in Guatemala to produce the *Goods of Conscience* clothing line.

For more information, visit http://go.depaul.edu/Clothing



S.O.S. Would you have a spare room to host a student through rough times? As many as 50 DePaul University students confront housing insecurity at any given time.

The non-profit, **Depaul USA**, is linked with DePaul University to address a need that has been going unnoticed by many.

Please consider providing a home environment to a student for a brief period of time to ease the way in achieving educational goals.

The program provides a stipend for housing, assistance with textbooks, transportation and meals.

For info and interest in being a host-home, please contact Sister Judy Warmbold, DC, at

judy.warmbold@depaulusa.org or (312) 802-9703 www.us.depaulcharity.org

2018 Midwest Mariapolis

If you or your family are looking for a different kind of experience this summer, something which is not simply a holiday or a retreat, then the *Mari*-



apolis (City of Mary) might be just for you.

Mariapolis is an event organized by the Focolare Movement and is characteristic of its spirit: it is a gathering of people of all ages and backgrounds, spending a few days together putting into practice the Gospel message of love. The main guideline for these gatherings, which take place in many countries throughout the world, is the 'Golden Rule', which invites us to do to others what we would like to be done to us. It is an opportunity to experience what happens in a day-to-day life when we have listening, gift of self and sharing as the basis for our relationships.

Midwest Mariapolis takes place June 29 to July 3 in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Please register at http://www.midwestmariapolis.org no later than April 30th. For more information, email midwest@focolare.us or call (773) 536-7873 or (708) 484-9771.

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-

30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b,

8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-

40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;

Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, **Sábado:**

29;1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Hch 6:8-15; Sal 119 (118):23-24, 26-

27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Martes: Hch 7:51 — 8:1a; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6,

7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Miércoles: Hch 8:1b-8; Sal 66 (65):1-3a, 4-7a; Jn

6:35-40

Jueves: Hch 8:26-40; Sal 66 (65):8-9, 16-17,

20; Jn 6:44-51

Viernes: Hch 9:1-20; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Jn

6:52-59

Sábado: Hch 9:31-42; Sal 116 (115):12-17; Jn

6:60-69

Domingo: Hch 4:8-12; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 21-

23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Treasures from Tradition

There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a "rule" that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses. Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. Several years ago, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolding more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the

founding groups, the so-called "Kentucky Dominicans," began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery, experiencing Christ's dying and rising in an inspiring way. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1563 el Concilio de Trento estableció que todos los católicos debían recibir la comunión por lo menos una vez al año, de preferencia, durante el Tiempo de

Pascua, los 50 días desde la Pascua Florida a la Pascua de Pentecostés. En Chile los sacerdotes en siglos pasados llevaban la Eucaristía a todos aquellos que no pudieron asistir a Misa en la Pascua Florida. Comenzando con el Segundo Domingo de Pascua y acompañados de huasos (vaqueros) quienes los protegían de bandidos llevando

el Sacramento en cálices de plata por toda la región. Esto llegó a llamarse Cuasimodo, en base a la frase inicial de la Misa del Segundo Domingo de Pascua: Quasi modo géniti infantes (Casi como recién nacidos).

Hoy día la fiesta también es conocida como "correr a Cristo," por el hecho de llevar a Cristo en carretas decoradas por las calles de los pueblitos mientras los niños corren por delante gritando "¡Viva Cristo Rey!" De esta manera los niños anuncian la venida de Cristo, algo que todo cristiano debería hacer con hechos y palabras todos los días de año. —Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Believing in Jesus Christ

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday

readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and

peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47). Copyright © J. S. Paluch

Creer en Jesucristo

Durante todo el Tiempo Pascual, las tres lecturas del

domingo son tomadas del Nuevo Testamento, la parte cristiana de la Sagrada Escritura. Juntas exploran qué significa creer que Jesús es el Cristo, aquél que cumplió las profecías de la Sagrada Escritura judía.

Las selecciones de hoy aluden a nuestra debilidad humana; sin embargo, hacen

hincapié en el perdón y la paz que son posibles para quienes tienen fe en "Jesucristo, el Justo" (1 Juan 2:2). En los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Pedro nos dice a todos "arrepiéntanse y conviértanse, para que se borren sus pecados" (Hechos 3:19). La primera carta del apóstol san Juan dice que Jesucristo es "víctima de expiación por nuestros pecados" (1 Juan 2:2). Por último, en el Evangelio, Jesús saluda a los discípulos diciéndoles: "Paz" y los insta a predicar "la necesidad de volverse a Dios y el perdón de los pecados" (Lucas 24:47). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



First Reading — The God of our fathers has glorified Primera lectura — Pedro da testimonio a la gente de his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).

Lecturas de Hoy

que Jesús ha sido glorificado y deberán reformar sus vidas (Hechos 3:13-15, 17-19).

Salmo — Haz brillar sobre nosotros el resplandor de tu rostro (Salmo 4).

Segunda lectura — Jesucristo intercede ante el Padre por nuestos

pecados (1 Juan 2:1-5a).

Evangelio — Jesús se aparece a los discípulos y los envía a predicar la penitencia para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 24:35-48).

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Stories of *La Posada:* Bokum (Sierra Leone)

"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 over 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.

Bokum's Story (Sierra Leone)

I was born in Sierra Leone. This is the second time to be forced to flee my country. The first time was 1995 when my parents fled because of the war. I lost my three brothers during that war, it was a sad experience for my family. My country is mostly known as the land with many years of war and recently the land which was contaminated by Ebola virus. Like many other African countries, people are very superstitious and there is even sacrifice of people in the name of good opportunities.

Since December 2016, my life has changed. Today I am out of my country because of a group called poro society. The poro society is structured by black magic. The poro society have kidnapped and killed everybody who's against them. They use symbols of witchcraft to intimidate community members, vandalize property, and attack families who refuse to participate. They have the support of the government which include some of their members.

After my father died in December 2016, members of the poro society began demanding me to join their group. I refused because I disagree with their

beliefs. I was kidnapped and told I would be killed if I did not join. My uncle and cousin were among them. After five days, my cousin helped me escape. Unfortunately, he was killed a few weeks later when they found it was him that helped me escape. It was horrible to hear that. All I ever wanted was a simple life with my family, to get a good education, good studies which can help me contribute to the development of my country.

I knew there was no visa between my country and Ecuador so it was the best chance for me to get out of the country quietly. I arrived in Quito in March and decided to come to the United States to seek protection because it is a very lawful country. I met up with a Guinean and we made the journey together.

We crossed Colombia with no difficulties but the jungle between Colombia and Panama was really an awful and devastating experience. It was dark days and we only ate for two of the six days. Two days I was alone walking without light or food. I thought I was going to die. I thank God for saving my life in that forest. We took a bus to Costa Rica.

Crossing Nicaragua was difficult. We made it by crossing the forest for two days by foot. After Honduras we went to Guatemala and then Mexico. In May 2017, I entered the United States in the port of entry at San Ysidro.

I've learned to appreciate life and thank God for everything. I hope this country will help me to regain and start my life again without worry that somebody will take away my life. I will do all my possible to contribute in the life of this great country.

[Note: Bokum arrived at *La Posada* in December 2017 after seven months in detention.]

How to Get Involved

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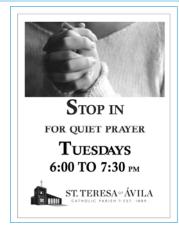
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Our Mission: Saint Teresa of Avila Parish is a diverse Catholic community of faith that embraces everyone, without exception. We see ourselves as uniquely able to engage in dialogue with people of all faiths and act as peacemakers in our city. Challenged 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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