



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST. 1889

Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



10th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 10, 2018

*For whoever does
the will of God
is my brother and sister
and mother.*

-- Mark 3:34-35

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

¹First & Second Saturdays ²First 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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Stewardship

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Update from Fr. Frank

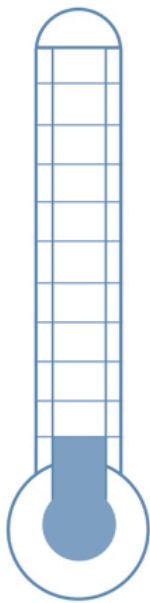
Thank you to all who have responded to my call to sign up for automated giving or increase your Sunday offertory amount. We've had 10 new givers sign up through givecentral.org, and our goal is to find 40 more givers in the next two weeks.

I recently preached on "maintenance vs mission." Maintenance is the death of the Holy Spirit. It stifles the Spirit's ability to help us to GROW! We have to be willing to dive down under the surface - to go deeper. We have to be willing to enter into mission mode.

There is often talk of maintaining our Sunday collections over the summer season, so that we can maintain our buildings, our ministries, our community. Forget maintaining. We are a missionary parish and Jesus didn't take summers off. We can do better than maintain

The single most helpful thing you can do, if you have not already done so, is to sign up for automated giving through Give Central. Give Central ensures we receive steady, predictable income so that our ministries can grow. I thank you for your commitment to the mission of Jesus Christ, and I will do all that I can to ensure our parish remains in mission mode.

You can sign up at givecentral.org/location/209/3495



Time of Your Life Gala

Looking to get involved with a fun and social ministry at St. Teresa of Avila? This year's first Time of Your Life Gala meeting will be Tuesday, June 19 at the St. Teresa Parish Center at 6pm. Wine & appetizers will be provided. Join us and learn how you can help plan the most fun party and fundraiser of the year.

RSVP to Annmarie.p.kearney@gmail.com or text/call: 616-403-9975.

Avila in Action

Do you know of an organization or individual who is working to make the world a better place? Nominate them for an Avila in Action grant award! The application window will be open from June 15th-July 31st on our website at st-teresa.net/avila-in-action.

To nominate an organization, forward the application, along with instructions to include your name and contact information as the "parishioner sponsor."

Questions may be directed to Rebecca O'Brien at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650.

Volunteers Needed: Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic adoration is a time for quiet contemplation to create an awareness of the presence of Christ in our lives. St. Teresa of Avila hosts Adoration every Tuesday night from 6pm-7:30pm. Stop by even if you have just 10-15 minutes. It will truly make a difference in your life! We are also seeking volunteers to set-up and oversee Adoration on an occasional Tuesday night. For more information, contact Dan Summins at dsummins@hotmail.com.

Tax Credit Scholarships

Did you know that you can support low-income students at Archdiocesan schools while receiving a 75 percent state tax credit through the new Illinois tax credit scholarship program?



St. Teresa of Avila will host a short information session on Sunday, June 24th, immediately following the 9:00 am Mass.

Grab your coffee and a snack and join us in the Parish Center to learn how you can stretch your donation dollars and support Catholic education for low-income Chicago kids.

Visit www.archchicago.org/tcs to learn more.

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION

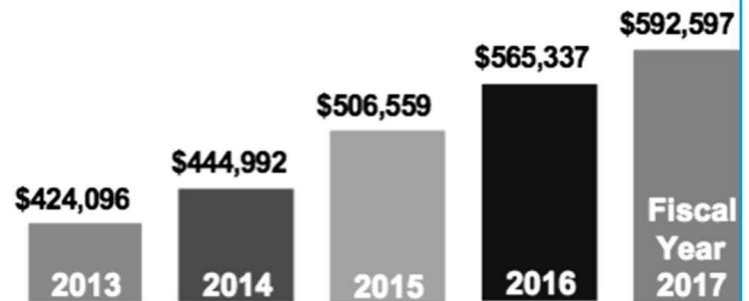
SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

(7/1/2016 – 6/30/2017)

\$592,597*

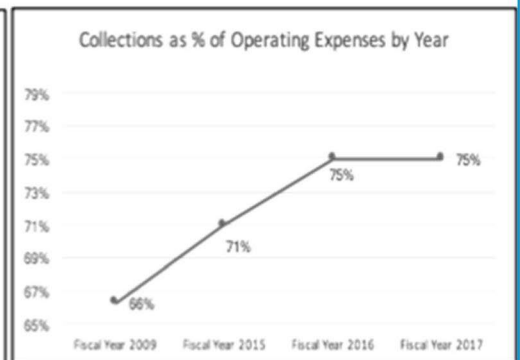
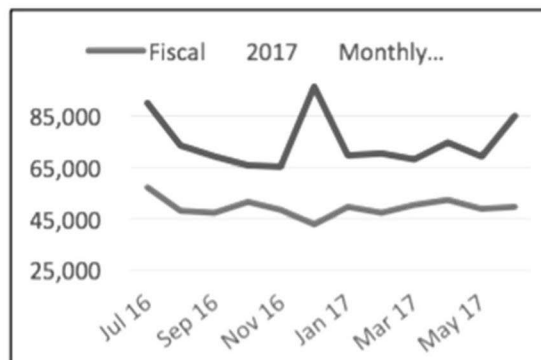
* Our budget for Fiscal 2017 was \$584,000, we surpassed our budgeted collections by \$7,400!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS BY YEAR



COLLECTION AS % OF OPERATING EXPENSES

The goal of the Archdiocese of Chicago is to have collections cover Parish expenses on a 1:1 basis. For every \$1.00 of Parish expenses, \$.75 are covered by our Collections. The remaining \$.25 of Parish expenses are covered by our fundraisers. Our operating expenses include salaries, utilities, health insurance, archdiocese assessments.



Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday: 6-3-18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	53
Saturday, 6:30pm Mass Attendance (French)	68
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	160
Sunday, 10:30am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	42
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	120
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	85
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	528

Average Weekday Mass Attendance	11
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	5

Confessions this Week	0
Anointin/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0
Funerals since January 2018	4
Weddings since January 2018	0
Baptisms since January 2018	18

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, 705/810; May, 573/583; June, 541; July, 463; August, 510; September, 566; October, 621; November 622.

In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ration of 1:7094 Catholics.

Parish Calendars

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Celebrant/Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 6-16-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Luke Kolman	Colleen Sulewski	Margaret Burke Leigh Hartley
French Saturday 6-16-18	6:30 PM				
Sunday 6-17-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Sara Hock	Brian Shea Barb Schell Carly Johnson	Jocelyn Lutkus Mary Serrahn Geneva Gorgo Philip Malloy
Sunday 6-17-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Daniel Kang	Alejandro Lopez	Maria Montes Tyler Paul
Sunday 6-17-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Amir Rafizadeh Lector: Abby Greaney	Andrew De Leonardis Daniel Cortese Kevin Ludden	Cara Gannon Dani Shain Roberto Martinez Anne Helle

Week's Activities

Sunday, June 10

10:00 am, Church, Baptism Preparation

Monday, June 11

No Activities Planned

Tuesday, June 12

6:30 am, PC, Men's Spirituality

5:30 pm, PC, New Parishioner Dinner

6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday, June 13

5:00 pm, Kitchen-PC, Night Ministry

Cooking

Thursday, June 14

9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

6:30 pm, PC-2, Bible Study

Friday, June 15

10:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes

Cooking

5:00 pm, GS-PC, Loaves & Fishes Dinner

7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, June 16

9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry

4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

7:30 pm, PC, CCFC Potluck

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Barnabas

Tuesday: St. Anthony of Padua

Friday: Flag Day

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Domingo: Décimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: San Barnabé

Martes: San Antonio de Padua

Viernes: Día de la Bandera

Sábado: Santa Mariá Virgen

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, June 16

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up

10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, June 23

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up

10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, June 30

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up

10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, July 7

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up

10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, July 14

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up

10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, July 21

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

Saturday, June 9

5:00 pm Tyler Owen Dannaway

Sunday, June 10

9:00 am Carlos Ribeiro; Margot Silva de Moreau

Deceased Members of the Halbert & Monson Families;

12:00 pm Helen Zalewski; Pedro Garcia

6:00 pm Chris Smith

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

Jeffrey Bergen, Michael Dudash, Andrea Harris, Edward Nevera, Andrea Mastro Hoinacki, Chuck Jabaley, Joyce Jaszczor, Elizabeth Kunkel, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Frank Kolman, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, Noemie Sylvestre, Eddy Velazquez, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

May Baptisms

***Britton Doar (6-10-18), Riley Lutkus (6-17-18),
Lux Wonzer (6-23-18), Lenox Wonzer (6-23-18)***

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

*Alicia Anderson
Dorothy Barns
Berta Billalvazo
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.*

*Les Gordon
Mrs. Grabarczyk
George Halloran
Kellar Harris
Peg Hausen
David Ivanac
Ronald Jakubec
Krista Kutz
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*

*Elizabeth Ann True
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 last week -- Zachary Stoner; Kim Edmondson; and Ari Armour.

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. We leave the names of the deceased parishioners and friends on the list for about twelve months.

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St. Mary of the Angels Bible Study

Join us for an exciting excursion through the Bible. Learn what makes the Apocalypse (Book of Revelation) apocalyptic. Help us identify apocalyptic themes we can find in other texts in the Bible.

- Does the spiritual war between angels and demons include us?
- How does Woman play such a decisive role?
What does this tell us about the End Times?

Where: St. Mary of the Angels (*Museum Room*)

When: 7 Mondays: June 11 - July 30

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Contact Dan Cheely if you have any questions at dcheely@sma-church.org

1850 N. Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622

Communion for the Homebound

The Ministry of Care program at St. Teresa of Avila brings the Eucharist to the faithful who are unable to attend church.

If you know of someone who cannot come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Dean in the office at (773) 528-6650 to arrange for a visit.



Friday Morning Playgroup

Join us on Friday Mornings
at the

St. Teresa of Avila
baby-toddler playgroup

10:00 to 11:30 am

in the
Religious Education Center

(Enter at 1950 N. Kenmore)



The Gift that Keeps On Giving

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." – 1 Peter 4:10



Vacation season is upon us, and while you're away we'll be here, joyfully serving those in need of spiritual nourishment and the poor who benefit from our food-based ministries.

Please help us remain financially stable during this season by maintaining your financial commitment to the parish. Automated giving through Give Central is an easy way to ensure our collections won't dive when attendance is low.

If you've already signed up for automated giving, please be sure your credit card information is up to date. If you have questions or need assistance, call the parish office at (773) 528-6650.

Food Pantry Needs

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; toothbrushes & toothpaste



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

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DePaul SWAP

Every year DePaul hosts Demon Surplus With A Purpose (SWAP) – a sale of all the unused items left in the residence halls.

Wednesday, June 13 from 10:00am-3:00pm in the DePaul University Student Center room 120AB located at 2250 N. Sheffield Avenue.



Students living on campus donate gently used clothing, electronics, and household items to be sold at bargain prices. All of the money raised from the sale goes into a fund to assist DePaul students in need.

Men's Spirituality

Are you interested in deepening your faith life through discussion with fellow male parishioners?



The St. Teresa Men's Spirituality Group invites you every second and fourth Tuesday beginning at 6:30am for prayer and conversation.

**The Next
Men's Spirituality Meeting
is Tuesday, June 12th**

For more details, contact Craig Dean at cdean@aegpartners.com.

Wicker Park Kidical Mass Bike Ride

3rd Saturday of the Month

June 16, July 21, August 18
(weather permitting)

Where: Wicker Park Playground
1425 N. Damen Ave

Meet: 9:30 AM
Depart: 10:00 AM
Arrive: 11:30 AM

- Rides are typically at a slow 5-6 mph pace, (roughly 1 hour with stops)
- Rides are suitable for independent riders on two wheels
- Younger children are welcome on trail-a-bikes, trailers, and child seats on parent's bikes
- All kids must bring a parent or guardian with a bike
- Please wear helmets and ride safely

More info at www.chicagofamilybiking.org

Divine Renovation Reading Group

Divine Renovation is an engaging guide for parishes seeking to cultivate communities of discipleship and vibrant, dynamic faith. Highly acclaimed for his work with parish renewal and the New Evangelization, author Fr. James Mallon shares with us the many ways for bringing our parishes to life.

Through humorous and colorful stories, Mallon challenges us to rethink our models of parish life, from membership-based communities to assemblies of disciples of Jesus who proclaim and share the good news with all peoples. Accessible and engaging, Divine Renovation turns to the Church's many writings on evangelization and mission so as to articulate practical ways for injecting new life into our parishes.

If you're interested in reading and discussing Divine Renovation, see Fr. Frank after Mass or email him at fjsasso@aol.com.

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Hch 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Mt 5:1-12
Martes: 1 Re 17:7-16; Sal 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
Miércoles: 1 Re 18:20-39; Sal 16 (15):1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
Jueves: 1 Re 18:41-46; Sal 65 (64):10-13; Mt 5:20-26
Viernes: 1 Re 19:9a, 11-16; Sal 27 (26):7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Sábado: 1 Re 19:19-21; Sal 16 (15):1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
Domingo: Ez 17:22-24; Sal 92 (91):2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mc 4:26-34

Treasures From Tradition

The cathedral is a treasure in a diocese and in our tradition. It is not simply a “big church,” as some say; some parish churches are larger. What makes a cathedral is the presence of the chair, called a cathedra (Latin for seat) reserved for the bishop.

There are many instances in our country of a local church (diocese) outgrowing a cathedral. In Baltimore and St. Louis, the former cathedrals are historic treasures in the heart of the old city, but new and larger structures now function as the seat of the bishop.

When a bishop dies or retires, it is said that “the seat is vacant,” and when the new bishop is installed, the central ritual is the moment when the decree of the Holy Father is read and the new bishop is escorted to the cathedra. No one but the bishop sits in the cathedra during a ritual, but in Los Angeles the cathedra in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels is accessible, and no one seems to mind when a visitor tries the cathedra out for the bishop’s point of view.

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



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Basándose en las palabras de Jesús, Mariano de Blas, compuso su canto: “Entre tus manos”. Este hermoso canto nos recuerda que “hay que morir para vivir”, es decir, que no es nada fácil ser discípulo de Jesucristo. El mismo Jesús nos pide que nos neguemos a nosotros mismos (Mateo 16:24); que carguemos la cruz para seguirlo (Marcos 8:34); que perdamos nuestra vida por su nombre (Lucas 9:24). Todo esto porque Jesús reconoce que el grano de trigo debe morir para dar vida, para multiplicarse (Juan 12:24).

El canto: “Una espiga dorada por el sol”, de Cesáreo Gabaráin, nos recuerda que los cristianos somos trigo del mismo sembrador. Es Jesús quien nos siembra, nos cultiva, nos cosecha, nos tritura, nos amasa, y nos hace un solo pan consagrado a Dios. Somos granos de trigo que, unidos formamos el pan de la comunión que es comunidad. Para esto, cada uno debe morir a sus egoísmos y preferencias. Morir a sí mismo tiene sentido cristiano, sólo si es para trabajar unidos y en la misión de Cristo, la cual es salvación del mundo y construcción del Reino de Dios.

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

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Promises

Today's liturgy is full of promises. The reading from Genesis promises a final triumph over the power of sin and a return to a new creation. The reading from Second Corinthians promises that all who follow Christ will have to struggle. It also promises, however, that we can persevere if we but recognize that Christ is within us, renewing us daily, and giving us the courage and the strength we need to endure. The Gospel promises that doing God's will makes us "family" with Jesus, who forgives all sin and triumphs over evil.

Today might be a good day for us to make some promises as well. We can promise to stop kidding ourselves about our own tendencies to selfishness and sin. We can promise ourselves to believe—really believe—that while we are not sinless, we are forgiven. We can promise ourselves to combat evil and sin by acting as sisters and brothers not only to the Lord, but to one another as well.

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Promesas

La liturgia de hoy está llena de promesas. La lectura del Génesis promete un final triunfante sobre el poder del pecado y un regreso a una nueva creación. La lectura de la segunda carta a los corintios promete que todo aquel que sigue a Cristo tendrá dificultades. Sin embargo, también promete, que podemos perseverar si reconocemos que Cristo está con nosotros, renovándonos cada día, y dándonos el valor y la fuerza que necesitamos para esta perseverancia. El Evangelio promete que hacer la voluntad de Dios nos hace familia con Jesús, quien perdona todos los pecados y triunfa sobre el mal.

Hoy podría ser un buen día para que también nosotros hiciéramos algunas promesas. Podemos prometer dejar de engañarnos a nosotros mismos acerca de nuestras tendencias al egoísmo y el pecado. Podemos prometernos creer —en verdad creer— que, aunque no estamos sin pecado, somos perdonados. Podemos prometernos combatir el mal y el pecado comportándonos como hermanos y hermanas no solamente con el Señor, sino con nuestros prójimos.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — After Adam and Eve eat of the forbidden fruit, the Lord God puts enmity between the serpent and the woman (Genesis 3:9-15).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — We have an eternal dwelling from God, not made with hands (2 Corinthians 4:13 — 5:1).

Gospel — "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:20-35).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor puso enemistad entre la serpiente y la mujer (Génesis 3:9-15).

Salmo — Del Señor viene la misericordia, la redención copiosa (Psalm 130 [129]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos tiene preparada en el cielo una morada eterna (2 Corintios 4:13 — 5:1).

Evangelio — El que cumple la voluntad de Dios, éste es mi hermano, mi hermana y mi madre (Marcos 3:20-35).

Built With Humility

Life is filled with challenges and often consumed with activities, whether at work or school. Many struggle to find time to even share a meal with their families. Time is at such a premium that often the important relationships in our lives take a back seat to the pressures of the day. If a crisis should appear — an illness in the family, loss of a job, a struggling marriage — the challenge can become unbearable, straining already tenuous relationships.

It was no different for Jesus and his followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus' young ministry is faced with many of the same challenges that face us. Jesus has just appointed his apostles, 12 men of varying backgrounds and life experiences — men who will soon understand the demands of discipleship, the sacrifices they will be called to make. Eager to learn from Jesus, they must have wondered what they had gotten themselves into in those early days.

Jesus and his apostles are challenged with a growing group of people putting great demands on their time. They are confronted by the non-believers, the naysayers, those who fear Jesus. And, they are challenged by what the demands of discipleship will do to their personal relationships, their relationships with family and friends.

The scene in today's Gospel is one of chaos, of crowds so demanding the disciples find it impossible "even to eat." Jesus' family, concerned with how his actions reflect on them, claim he is out of his mind. The scribes, fearful of the growing crowd, say Jesus himself is possessed.

And how does Jesus respond? As he so often does, with a parable; with a story meant to guide the listener to look at life from another perspective. To look at life's challenges, not from society's norms, but from the perspective of the Father's love, one that calls us to a deeper understanding of what it means to be his children.

Jesus says "if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand" (Mark 3:25). How do we act when faced with challenge or stress in our life? How do we treat others, especially when our own belief system is questioned? Sometimes when challenged, our actions



are self-centered, borne out of stubbornness, selfishness, hurt or fear. We fail to act with compassion. It is at these times that we feel our "house" begin to collapse, to fall around us.

If we are to live as Christ taught us, to love one another, to help each other journey together, our house must be built with Christ at the center — built with

humility, forgiveness, understanding, love. To build our lives, our house with anything less, is to invite disaster. To live our lives with these virtues is to invite others to participate in the saving grace of God's love. It allows God to transform others by opening our hearts to the Spirit. By living our lives with love, we invite others to become our brothers and sisters, our family.

"Family" was everything during Jesus' time, defining status, wealth, security. Without family, a person was lost and without any support. Yet Jesus redefines what family is, who family is. In the closing verses of today's Gospel, Jesus presents the greatest challenge to his followers then and to us: "Who are my mother and my brothers? And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother'" (Mark 3:33-35).

Jesus reminds us of this as he hung upon the cross. Looking down from the cross, he said, "Woman, behold your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother" (John 19:26-27).

A friend of mine once remarked that being a Christian is not an insurance policy against anything bad happening. What it does mean is that Jesus will always be with us. Challenges, too, will always be with us. But those challenges help us grow in our faith, give us strength for the journey, help us grow closer to our Lord.

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
Rebecca O'Brien

Anna Althoff is president of the Parish Pastoral Council.
Email: anna.althoff@livehealthsmart.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
Jack Halpin
Ray Genellie
Steve Fortino
Becky Francis
Andrew O'Dekirk

Justin Alden is chair of the Parish Finance Council.
Email is justin.alden@gmail.com

The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Stewardship Committee

Daniel Cortese
Kelly Dean
Eryn Gronewoller
Claire Kenkel
Lisa Marquez
John Mitchell

Please contact Rebecca O'Brien for information on joining the Stewardship committee. 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 and 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 7:00 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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Our Mission: Saint Teresa of Avila Parish is a diverse Catholic community of faith that embraces everyone, without exception. We see ourselves as uniquely able to engage in dialogue with people of all faiths and act as peacemakers in our city. Challenged by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the teachings of Saint Teresa of Avila, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's Love for the salvation of all people. We are a stewardship parish. Six percent of our Sunday collections is shared with other missions.

Help With Stress

The Holbrook Center, a service of Catholic Charities, provides confidential counseling at many locations, including its newest office at Holy Name Cathedral. Licensed counselors, affordable fees, and convenient appointment times, including evenings.

The Holbrook Counseling Center is in the network with BC/BS PPO. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call at (312) 655-7725.

Stop In For Quiet Prayer

Tuesdays
6:00 to 7:30PM



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For More 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
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For More Information About...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick
Contact Deacon Dean in the Parish Office
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