



# ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9, 2018

*He has done all things well.  
He makes the deaf hear and the  
mute speak.”*

*-- Mark 7:37*

**Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor**

### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française<sup>1</sup>)  
Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español<sup>2</sup>) 12 PM, 6 PM

<sup>1</sup>First & Second Saturdays <sup>2</sup>First Sundays

### **Daily Mass Schedule**

Monday — Thursday at 7:30 AM  
Friday Communion Service at 7:30 AM

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

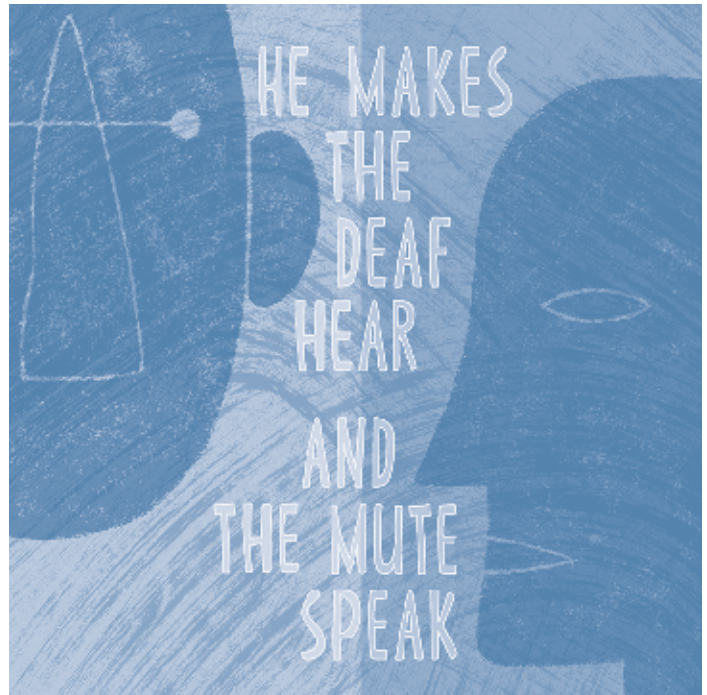
Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

### **Baptism Preparation**

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM (Call to register)

### **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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## Ongoing Service Opportunities

**Food Pantry:** Every Saturday morning from 9am - 12pm. Supervised kids welcome.

**Loaves & Fishes Dinners:** Every Friday night, supervised kids welcome. Set up and serve from 3:30pm-6:30pm, or share a meal with our guests from 4:45pm-6:00pm.

**Night Ministry Meal Service:** Every other Wednesday. Bake cookies and bring to St. Teresa. Help cook a meal from 6:00pm-8:30pm, or take the meal out to the streets from 9pm-11pm.

**Host Fellowship:** Every Sunday following the 9am Mass. Bring treats, juice, make coffee and clean up. A great way for individuals, couples and families to help grow our community.

Browse spots and register online at [signup.com/go/stteresa](http://signup.com/go/stteresa).

## Welcome Back Weekend: 9/8 & 9/9

Join us the first weekend following Labor Day for "Welcome Back Weekend." For many of our members, September means back to school, the end of vacation season, and a return to routine. There will be a celebration following all masses, with light food and beverage, tours of our children's Montessori based catechesis program, opportunities to register as a member, and info about our church, programs and volunteer opportunities.

Volunteers are needed! If you're interested in hosting hospitality after the 12pm Mass, or acting as a greeter, please email Rebecca at [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org).

## 7 ideas for service: TOYL Gala

The Time of Your Life Committee has some exciting announcements!

After all masses on **September 8th and September 9th**, the committee will be helping to host hospitality and it is the last time to purchase tickets with the pre-sale pricing! After the afternoon and evening masses, we will be hosting a BBQ outside of the Parish Center. Bring your appetite! The morning mass will feature complimentary mimosas and treats -- everyone is invited to come learn more about the event and how you can help.

- We sold over 100 tickets during our ice cream social weekend! We are looking to continue the positive momentum.
- Raffle tickets are on sale! Purchase a ticket(s) for the chance to win one of four amazing trips: Sonoma wine country, Whistler ski trip, Cancun vacation and Hawaii!
- We are bringing back Instant Wine Cellar! Donate a bottle (or \$25) of your favorite wine and we will be auctioning off all the bottles during the auction to a lucky winner.
- Interested in joining our committee? Have ideas for the auction? Interested in a sponsorship? Email [annmarie.p. Kearney@gmail.com](mailto:annmarie.p. Kearney@gmail.com).

To purchase tickets anytime, donate items and more: [www.timeofyourlifegala.com](http://www.timeofyourlifegala.com)



## Thank You!

Thanks to all who have donated supplies for our Refugee/ Moms & Babies ministry. Mairead Reidy, Geneva Gorgo, and Lorrie Donnell recently visited with soon-to-be mom, Faida, to supply her with much needed gear for the arrival of her new daughter. Faida is from the Congo and spent the last few years in a refugee camp in Uganda. She conveyed how difficult life in Uganda was with shortages of food and health care, and that she is grateful to America for the opportunity to give birth to a healthy baby.

Over the next few months, St Teresa's Church will work with four additional expectant moms, providing cribs, strollers, car seats, clothing and other baby gear. Two of our expectant moms are from the DR Congo, and one from Afghanistan and one from Nepal.



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

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## Financial Collections

## Everyday Stewardship

Date	Collections Basket	Give Central	Total
7-29-18	\$2,971	\$5,520	\$8,491
8-5-18	\$2,396	\$14,853	\$17,249
8-12-18	\$2,948	\$5,377	\$8,325
8-19-18	\$4,767	\$6,378	\$11,145
8-26-18	\$4,524	\$6,719	\$11,243
<b>YTD 7-1-18 - 8-31-18</b>	<b>\$28,836</b>	<b>\$68,032</b>	<b>\$96,868</b>

*“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” (JAMES 2:5)*

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things. Through giving, we can lessen our dependence on material things and place our trust in God. This act allows us to grow in deeper communion with God and our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ.

What material possession would you have the hardest time parting with? Why?

## Tax Credit Scholarships

Are you interested in supporting low income students with your tax dollars? A 75% state tax credit is available for donations toward a qualified scholarship granting organization (SGO). St. Teresa of Avila has partnered with St. Benedict the African, one of just two schools still servicing Chicago’s Englewood neighborhood, to encourage funding scholarships through the new Illinois tax credit scholarship program.

This program is a great way to maximize your charitable dollars. For example, a net contribution of \$1,045 (\$4180 donation with a \$3,135 tax credit) you can support a full scholarship.

Visit [archchicago.org/tcs](http://archchicago.org/tcs) to learn more, or contact the parish office.

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

### Sunday: 9-2-18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	42
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	175
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance	35
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	100
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	70
<b>Total Weekend Mass Attendance</b>	<b>422</b>
Average Weekday Mass Attendance	10
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	5
Confessions this Week	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	2
Funerals since January 2018	5
Weddings since January 2018	5
Baptisms since January 2018	29

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, 541/523; July, 463/511; August, 510/509; 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 9-15-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Eric Fredericks	Luke Kolman	Leigh Hartley Nancy Gerstad
Sunday 9-16-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Elizabeth Rooney	Geneva Gorgo <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i>	<i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Michael Zost
Sunday 9-16-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Daniel Kang	Alica Morales-Villenas Bob Pedro Tyler Paul	Anne Seigenthaler Margaret Burke Laura Moran Aimee Jaszczor
Sunday 9-16-18	6:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Lector: Claire Kenkel	Abel Gonzalez Dani Shain Connie Becker	<i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Daniel Cortese Eileen Raia Hannah Toohey

### Week's Activities

#### Sunday, September 9

All day - Welcome Back Weekend  
10:30 am - REC - Open House

#### Monday, September 10

4:00 pm, REC - Open House

#### Tuesday, September 11

6:15 am, PC - Men's Spirituality  
8:00 am, PC - NAHN  
4:00 pm, REC - Open House  
6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

#### Wednesday, September 12

No Activities Planned

#### Thursday, September 13

9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

#### Friday, September 14

4:45 pm, GS-PC, Loaves & Fishes Dinner  
7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

#### Saturday, September 15

9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry

### Saints & Special Observances

<b>Sunday:</b>	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Patriot Day
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Most Holy Name of Mary
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. John Chrysostom
<b>Friday:</b>	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
<b>Saturday:</b>	Our Lady of Sorrows
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<b>Domingo:</b>	Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Roshashaná (el Año Nuevo judío)
<b>Martes:</b>	Día de los Patriotas
<b>Miércoles:</b>	El Santísimo Nombre de la Virgen María
<b>Jueves:</b>	San Juan Crisóstomo
<b>Viernes:</b>	La Exaltación de la Santa Cruz
<b>Sábado:</b>	Nuestra Señora de los Dolores

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

#### Saturday, September 15

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

#### Saturday, September 22

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

#### Saturday, September 29

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

#### Saturday, October 6

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

#### Saturday, October 13

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

#### Saturday, October 20

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, September 8

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

6:30 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

### Sunday, September 9

9:00 am Mary Chamberland, Dave Hilko

12:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

## Let Us Pray

### Please pray for the deceased ...

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

## September Baptisms

*Xochitl Yatziri Zavala (9-9-18), Lucas Richard Carusona (9-8-18), Titus Joseph Gregory (9-8-18), Jason Paul Brandstetter, Jr. (9-8-18) Lyla Madaline Brandstetter (9-8-18), Simon Derrick Hock (9-16-18), Mateo Angel Ramos (9-16-18), Hannah Kang (9-30-18)*

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

*Alicia Anderson  
Dorothy Barns  
Berta Billalvazo  
Michelle Brandt  
Carol Coffey  
Patricia Chuck  
Elizabeth Ryan Dean  
Michael De Blasis  
Alex DeNoma  
Kathy Derrick  
Kim Duffy  
Isabelle Eiffert  
Helen Fasano  
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  
Madeline 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  
Juan Nigo  
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill  
Frank O'Toole  
Clayton Poe  
Carol Poyner  
Hector J. Rivera  
Luis Rivera  
Pedro Rodriguez  
Ray Romero  
Jeffrey Roscoe  
Denise Rosen  
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 -- **Addison Sanders; Mason Sanders; Dominique L. Hobson, French Cribbs; Dejanay L. Stanton; James Williams; Jasmine Jackson; and Shane Colombo.**

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.

# Parish Life

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## SPRED Needs You!

St. Teresa's SPRED group needs YOU. We invite you to join this beautiful ministry as a catechist. We host 11 to 16 year-old friends who have developmental disabilities. We are looking for new friends and catechists.

No prior experience in teaching or working with persons with developmental disabilities is required. Our group supports each other in the training and we are always learning together.

We meet on Tuesday evenings only 12 times each semester, six of these meetings are with our friends called Total Community and six of the meetings are with only the catechists called our Prep Sessions which prepare us for Total Community.

It is a meaningful experience which you get more than you give. Please consider joining SPRED and please feel free to contact Carrie Mondschein with any questions at [cmonds@hinshawlaw.com](mailto:cmonds@hinshawlaw.com) or (312) 320-1160.

## Oscar Romero - Save the Dates

Oscar Romero, the archbishop of San Salvador was a human rights activist whose boldly opposed his country's military dictatorship. On March 24, 1980, Romero was assassinated inside his own church in a deliberate, cold-blooded murder that shocked the world.

This October, Fr. Frank will travel to Rome to witness the canonization of Romero, who has had a profound affect on Fr. Frank's own priesthood. In preparation for the canonization, St. Teresa is hosting several Romero themed events. Save the dates below, and stay tuned for more information:

### **\*\*Date Change for Romero Workshops\*\***

**Monday, September 24th, evening:** Workshop, "How Romero's work can inspire your calling."

**Monday, October 1st, evening:** Workshop, "Catholic Social Teaching - a Call to Action"

## Veteran's Grief Group

The Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) program is now offering monthly grief support groups for veterans who have lost a battle buddy, family member, or friend to suicide and for family members of veterans. Support groups are held:


**Every third Sunday of the month**

**2 to 4 p.m.**

**Faith United Methodist Church in Orland Park.**

LOSS is a unique grief support program for individuals and families suffering the loss of a loved one to suicide. LOSS offers a safe, non-judgmental environment where survivors of suicide can openly talk about feelings and experiences. We help you to find community, direction and resources for healing. For more information, visit [www.catholiccharities.net/loss](http://www.catholiccharities.net/loss) or contact (312) 655-7283.

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**Saturday & Sunday**  
**September 22nd and 23rd**

All proceeds benefit special needs charities and SPRED at St. Teresa of Avila Parish.

Thank you for your generosity.

## St. Teresa's Fall Blood Drive

**Date: Sunday, October 21st**

**Location: Our Parish Center**

**Time: 8:00am to 1:30pm**

**Donors & Appointments: Kindly go on-line to: [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) to make your appointment**

**Volunteer: Hospitality Greeters are needed. Do you have 1 or 2 hours to help us?**

**Please contact Mark Buciak at: [mark.buciak@rcn.com](mailto:mark.buciak@rcn.com)**



**Thank you for your sharing God's gift of life to those most in need**

## Monthly Children's Participation Mass

St. Teresa's holds monthly Children's Participation 9AM Masses on the 2nd Sunday of each month during the school year to invite and encourage us all to elevate the role of children and families in the mass.

Dates for this year are below. All children are invited to help as missal, bulletin, or collection basket ushers; gift bearers; or altar servers at these masses. Children in 3rd grade and up can serve as lectors upon receiving preparation. To RSVP for a certain task, indicate lectoring interest, or receive monthly reminders/invitations, please email Kate Lynch at [kolynchdre@gmail.com](mailto:kolynchdre@gmail.com).

Sept 9; Oct 14; Nov 11; Dec 9; Jan 13; Feb 10; Mar 10; Apr 14; and May 12.

## Save the Date!

**10<sup>th</sup> annual Spaghetti Dinner**

**Saturday October 13, 2018 from 5-8 pm**

**PARISH CENTER 1950 N. Kenmore Ave**



**All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner.**

**Dine on salad, pasta, garlic bread, dessert, and soft drinks for only \$13 for adults, \$6 kids.**

**We will also have appetizers, beer & wine, and some amazing meatballs!**

**Bring your Friends and Family!**

**Proceeds from this event will be used for parish operating expenses including Social Outreach.**

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
<b>Friday:</b>	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	1 Cor 5:1-8; Sal 5:5-7, 12; Lc 6:6-11
<b>Martes:</b>	1 Cor 6:1-11; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lc 6:12-19
<b>Miércoles:</b>	1 Cor 7:25-31; Sal 45 (44):11-12, 14-17; Lc 6:20-26
<b>Jueves:</b>	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Sal 139 (138):1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lc 6:27-38
<b>Viernes:</b>	Nm 21:4b-9; Sal 78 (77):1bc-2, 34-38; Flm 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
<b>Sábado:</b>	1 Cor 10:14-22; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 17-18; Lc 6:43-49
<b>Domingo:</b>	Is 50:5-9a; Sal 116 (115):1-6, 8-9; Sant 2:14-18; Mc 8:27-35

## Treasures From Tradition

Back to work we go! Summer break is over and there is much to accomplish in school and in the workplace. It's a venerable Catholic custom to assign patron saints to the trades and occupations of life. This is largely in the realm of popular devotion, and although from time to time the Vatican declares a saint to be patron of this or that, the process is free-wheeling and just about uncontrollable. Still, there is a saint for almost any purpose, whether you are on death row (Dismas), having eye trouble (Lucy), or pursued by poisonous toads (Hubert). Medieval guilds would often associate themselves with heavenly patrons, so Saint Joseph has the carpenters, Thomas More the lawyers, and physicians get Saint Luke. If you're stuck in the airport, St. Joseph of Cupertino is on call since he was said to rise off the floor when he prayed, and if you're in a long line at the ATM, Saint Anthony Claret is for you.

In recent years, the Vatican has from time to time assigned a new patronage, as when Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was named the patron of HIV-AIDS patients, since as a young Jesuit novice he had cared for his fellow novices during a terrible plague. Anything that matters to us—nation, parish church, occupation, illness—can have a patron, and it is an aspect of Catholicism that has enormous appeal. To believe in the “communion of saints” is to know that the ties that bind us as a communion do not unravel with death, and that when we stand before life's struggles, we do not stand alone. Who is your patron saint?

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## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En muchos países latinoamericanos la Fiesta de la Santa Cruz se celebra el 3 de mayo, pero la Iglesia universal la celebra el 14 de septiembre. La fiesta del 14 de septiembre conmemora la consagración del santuario del Santo Sepulcro en Jerusalén. Este es el santuario más importante de la religión cristiana, pues en él se encuentran tanto el monte del Calvario donde falleció Jesús como el sepulcro del cual resucitó al tercer día. Sin estos dos acontecimientos no hubiese cristianismo.

Nosotros los latinos tenemos muchas fiestas y muchos santuarios. Ninguna de éstas puede ser más importante que las que recuerdan la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. El clima del año litúrgico cristiano es el Triduo Pascual el cual termina en la celebración de la Pascua Florida de 50 días.

En Puerto Rico se han celebrado tradicionalmente las fiestas de la cruz con una novena que termina en la fiesta de la Cruz (3 de mayo). Cada día de la novena se canta el rosario frente a un altar hecho para la cruz. Tal vez algunas comunidades hispanas quieran retomar esta devoción y celebración cultural en septiembre.

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





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## See Beyond Outward Appearances

The phrase “Sunday best” has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it’s a healthy sign that we’re as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man’s origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark’s Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.

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## Debes Ver Más Allá de las Apariencias

La frase “vestido de domingo” ha perdido gran parte de su significado en la sociedad actual. Algunos se lamentan de que la gente ya no se ponga elegante para asistir a la iglesia los domingos; otros consideran que es un síntoma saludable que nos vistamos tan informalmente cuando nos reunimos ante el Señor como en los demás lugares. Sin importar cuál sea nuestra opinión sobre este tema, Santiago seguramente nos reprendería. En ambos casos, seguimos

centrándonos en las apariencias, creyendo que suponen una especie de posición privilegiada ante Dios. Es cierto, Santiago critica a la comunidad que favorece a los ricos y bien vestidos mientras condena al ostracismo a los que están pobremente vestidos, pero critica aún más a quienes hacen distinciones y toman decisiones en base a criterios que nada tienen que ver con el Reino de Dios. Puede que Santiago enfoque nuestra atención hacia el Reino de Dios que describe Isaías, en el cual la gente es curada y la tierra se hace fértil para dar fruto. Jesús hoy se enfoca en este Reino de Dios cuando cura a un gentil en una región hostil a su fe judía, sin tener en cuenta el origen, la vestimenta ni la condición social de este hombre, ni siquiera su habilidad para retribuirle la atención. Isaías, Santiago y Jesús en el Evangelio según san Marcos nos llaman a ir más allá de las apariencias para averiguar dónde se debe hacer y se ha hecho la voluntad de Dios, así en la tierra como en el cielo.

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## Today’s Readings

**First Reading** — Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Díganles a los que están asustados: Calma, no tengan miedo. Ya viene su Dios a salvarlos (Isaías 35:4-7a).

**Salmo** — Alaba, alma mía, al Señor (Salmo 146 [145]).

**Segunda lectura** — No hagan diferencias entre personas. Dios ha escogido a los pobres de este mundo para hacerlos ricos en la fe (Santiago 2:1-5).

**Evangelio** — Jesús curó a un sordo que hablaba con dificultad. “Ábrete”. (Marcos 7:31-37)

## Poor in Spirit

My younger sister tells this story about going to Sunday Mass. It happened years ago while she was living in a Minneapolis suburb. As she walked toward the front door of the church, she spotted a shabbily dressed man asking people for money as they entered church. She wasn't sure what to do if he approached her, so she decided to avoid eye contact and walked quickly into church.

Right before Mass began, she turned around, looked back and saw that the panhandler had now come inside the church and was looking for a place to sit. Like a passenger on a plane with an empty seat next to her, she was hoping he wouldn't take a seat by her. To her relief, the man sat somewhere else. She noticed others looking at him with leery eyes.

During the singing of the "Alleluia" before the Gospel, she noticed the panhandler walking down the main aisle toward the altar. When the singing stopped, the shabbily dressed man walked up to the pulpit and read the Gospel. He then returned to his pew and sat down.

As she and the rest of the congregation soon learned: They had been set up. The shabbily dressed man was in cahoots with the pastor. He was a plant. The pastor came to the pulpit and said, "The message of today's readings is, 'It is the poor who announce the good news.'"

In the second reading, James writes about how we treat well-dressed people with deference and people who are in "shabby clothes" with condescension. James then says, "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith?"

For the past 25 years, I have worked at a social service agency and found this insight by James to be accurate. I am frequently impressed by the faith of those who are poor.

How then do we become "rich in faith?" I think the poor can show us the way. When you get to a point in life where you depend upon the kindness of strangers for your next meal, you are a short step away from depending upon the kindness of God.

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it through the day, that person is "rich in faith." It explains why the most common answer I hear when asking a poor person, "How are you?" is "Blessed." In the Gospels, Jesus says both the "poor" and the "poor in spirit" (Mathew 5:3) are blessed. So, if we are not materially poor, we still have a shot at being blessed if we are poor in spirit.

What does "poor in spirit" look like? Imagine the guy that James describes: "a poor person in shabby clothes." It's pretty easy to do because most of us see

this person every day on a street corner, holding a cardboard sign that says, "Anything helps." This is the person that James holds up as the role model of being "rich in faith." I don't think James means that we are all to become materially poor. Rather he means that our souls should look like that person. On our inside, we should all be holding signs pointed at God that say, "Anything helps."

There have probably been stressful times in your life when you metaphorically held that sign up to God. During that time, you and the panhandler on the street corner had much in common. That desperate surrender to God is what poverty of spirit feels like. The good news, Isaiah says, is that when we reach that point, "with divine recompense God comes to save you."

And that is why having a shabbily dressed person read the Gospel at a Sunday Mass makes all the sense in the world.



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