



# ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH + EST. 1889

Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 23, 2018

*“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”*

*-- Mark 9:35*

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

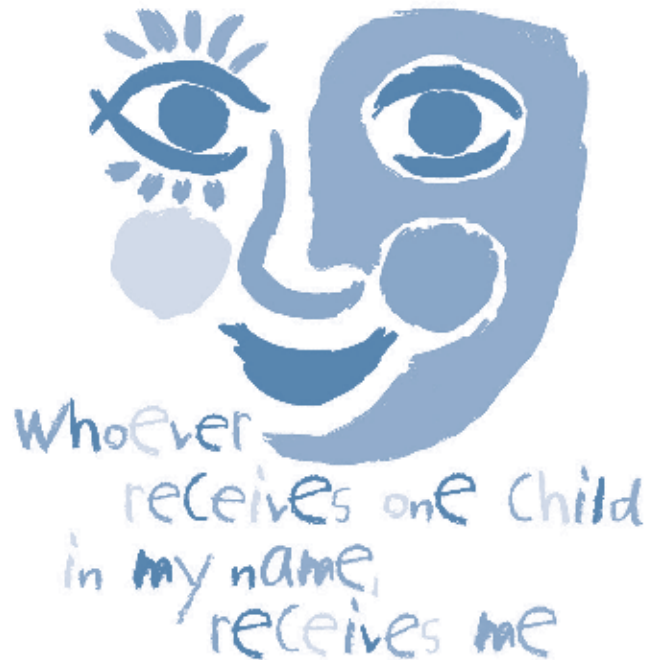
### Baptism Preparation

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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## Second Listening Session Regarding Abuse Crisis

20 people joined us for our first listening session, and shared their frustrations and concerns regarding the abuse crisis. We also discussed what type of response we would like to see from our leaders, and what steps we can take to express our opinions to those in positions of power. Fr. Frank has agreed to hold a second session to allow those who were unable to attend to bring forward their thoughts and concerns.

Monday, October 8th, 6:30pm in the Parish Center

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- 2) to identify lay-leaders who may be interested in collaborating with other parish lay-leaders to demand accountability from church authority

For more information, visit [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net) or contact Rebecca at [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org).  
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## Welcome, Babies!



As part of our parish refugee program we are working with Catholic Charities to supply items for two women who are expecting babies in November: Claudina Gato from DR Congo who is expecting a boy and Farkhunda Azizi from Afghanistan who will welcome a girl. The families are here with little or no support and we can help them by providing a few things they need. We are looking for gently used or new:

- fitted crib sheets**
- crib blankets**
- wearing blankets**
- changing pads**

We would like to purchase two new cribs and highchairs for the babies, so cash gifts are welcomed to put toward those items. Baskets are available today to receive donations. If you are contributing blankets or sheets, please bring them to church on Sundays, not during the week. Thank you for your always generous response to help families in need. Please contact Mairead Reidy ([mairiad.reidy@yahoo.com](mailto:mairiad.reidy@yahoo.com)) or Geneva Gorgo ([genevag@hotmail.com](mailto:genevag@hotmail.com)) if you have questions.



## Time of Your Life Gala

### Back by Popular Demand: Instant Wine Cellar!

Donate a favorite bottle of wine (or two) and help us build an awesome auction prize: 100 bottles of wine to be auctioned on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>! You can also donate \$25 or more and we'll purchase the wine for you.

**Drop off wine before or after Mass or donate online.**

### Get Your Tickets! Nov 17<sup>th</sup> | \$150/person

A "magical" auction evening with dinner, drinks and dancing to benefit St. Teresa. Take a chance on the Gala Getaway Raffle: \$100/ticket for the chance to win 1 of 4 great trips.

**Buy tickets at:  
[stap.givesmart.com](http://stap.givesmart.com)**

### Auction Builder Party Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm

Food, drinks and fun with friends at a top secret Social Club just steps away from St. Teresa. Your ticket to the party is a donation to the Time of Your Life Silent Auction. Mystery door prizes and mini wine cellar raffle.

**RSVP required:  
[janelpalm@mac.com](mailto:janelpalm@mac.com)**

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
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
9-2-18	\$3,533	\$13,162	\$16,695
<b>YTD 7-1-18 - 8-31-18</b>	<b>\$32,369</b>	<b>\$81,194</b>	<b>\$113,563</b>

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (MARK 9:35)*

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make.

*Do you view your gifts of time, treasure and talent as "giving something up," or as a way to "make holy" your life and experiences?*

## 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).

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

### Sunday: 9-16-18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	29
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	250
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	150
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	100

**Total Weekend Mass Attendance 529**

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	36

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 9-29-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Mary Brennan	Leigh Hartley	Luke Kolman Kari Richardson
Sunday 9-30-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Peggy Teterycz	Mary Serrahn Geneva Gorgo Jamie Lutkus	Michael Zost <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Sara Hock Brian Shea
Sunday 9-30-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alejandro Lopez	Anne Seigenthaler Carmen Ubides Laura Moran	Kevin Ludden Aimee Jaszczor Bob Pedro Daniel Kang
Sunday 9-30-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Sharon Lindstrom Lector: John DeWyze	Dani Shain <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i>	Cara Gannon Pete Doyle Ellen Moiani Bert Olson

### Week's Activities

#### Sunday, September 23

All day - Catechetical Sunday  
10:00 am, REC - CGS  
4:30 pm, REC - CGS III  
4:30 pm, REC - Edge

#### Monday, September 24

9:00 am, Romero Event  
4:30 pm, REC - CGS  
5:15 pm, PC2 - TOYL

#### Tuesday, September 25

6:15 am, PC - Men's Spirituality  
4:00 pm, REC - CGS  
6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration  
7:30 pm, PC, Women's Spirituality

#### Wednesday, September 26

No Activities Planned

#### Thursday, September 27

No Activities Planned

#### Friday, September 28

7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

#### Saturday, September 29

9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry

### Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sukkot (Jewish Harvest Festival)

**Wednesday:** St. Cosmas and Damian

**Thursday:** St. Vincent de Paul

**Friday:** St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

**Saturday:** Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

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**Domingo:** Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Sukot (el día judío para celebrar la cosecha)

**Miércoles:** Santos Cosme y Damián

**Viernes:** San Lorenzo Ruiz y compañeros; San Wenceslao

**Sábado:** Santos Arcángeles Miguel, Gabriel, y Rafael

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

#### 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

#### Saturday, October 27

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

#### Saturday, November 3

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 22

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

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

### Sunday, September 23

9:00 am Adriana Parial; James Woods

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 -- **Miranda Blanca; Darnell C. Morton; Natwan Holyfield; DeShawn Wakefield; Mitchell Eiland; Angel Maldonado; Tanny Jackson; Johnathan Jeter; Darius Brown; Mario Ballard; Juan Lopez; Cornelius Jackson; and Levon Averhart.**

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@sttereseparish.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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## 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"

## 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.

## 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, September 25th**

For more details, contact Craig Dean at [cdean@aegpartners.com](mailto:cdean@aegpartners.com).

## Women's Spirituality

The next Women's Spirituality gathering is on

**Tuesday, September 25, at 7:30 pm  
In the Parish Center.**

Women of St. Teresa's are invited to join the circle for prayer, reflection and conversation.

Please enter at the 1950 N. Kenmore Avenue doorway.

Contact Cathy Flaherty at [cgflaherty@aol.com](mailto:cgflaherty@aol.com) with any questions.



## 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**

## Thank You From the Night Ministry!

On behalf of everyone at The Night Ministry, and especially the people we serve, I would like to thank you and St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church for your generous in-kind gift of food that you valued at \$1,050.00. You play a significant role in our mission to provide housing, health care, and human connection to individuals and families who are struggling with poverty or homelessness.

Since our founding in 1976, we at The Night Ministry have been providing *housing, health care, and human connection* to adults and youth who struggle with homelessness and poverty. Today we are deeply aware that this work is as critical as ever.

The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless recently reported that 80,384 Chicagoans were homeless in 2016. 80% of these homeless residents lived doubled-up in the homes of others due to hardship, often in overcrowded conditions. In Chicago Public Schools, there are over 18,000 students experiencing homelessness. Numbers like these demonstrate how important The Night Ministry is to our community. Thanks to you and your generous support, The Night Ministry will continue to meet the critical needs of homeless Chicagoans.

I'm aware that you have many options for your charitable dollars, so please know how much we appreciate your support of The Night Ministry.

Gratefully,  
Paul W. Hamann, President & CEO



# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
<b>Thursday:</b>	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
<b>Friday:</b>	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
<b>Saturday:</b>	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
<b>Sunday:</b>	Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	Prov 3:27-34; Sal 15 (14):2-5; Lc 8:16-18
<b>Martes:</b>	Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Sal 119 (118):1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lc 8:19-21
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Prov 30:5-9; Sal 119 (118):29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lc 9:1-6
<b>Jueves:</b>	Eccl 1:2-11; Sal 90 (89):3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lc 9:7-9
<b>Viernes:</b>	Eccl 3:1-11; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lc 9:18-22
<b>Sábado:</b>	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 o Ap 12:7-12a; Sal 138 (137):1-5; Jn 1:47-51
<b>Domingo:</b>	Nm 11:25-19; Sal 19 (18):8, 10, 12-14; Sant 5:1-6; Mc 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## Treasures From Tradition

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the “Mother School” of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in “national parishes,” were established to preserve the culture and language of the “old country,” and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded “separate schools” were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States.

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

## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Últimamente, hay mucho interés en los ángeles y sobre todo en los arcángeles. Según el catecismo católico, los ángeles existen para glorificar y servir a Dios y para ayudar con el plan salvífico de Jesucristo, cooperando con nuestras buenas obras. Lamentablemente muchos, en especial los de la New Age, se interesan sólo en los ángeles con el fin de utilizarlos en lugar de dejarse guiar por ellos.

La Tradición ha designado una jerarquía de 9 rangos entre los seres espirituales. Los serafines son los primeros y más cercanos a Dios y los ángeles son los últimos y más cercanos a la humanidad. En esta jerarquía, los arcángeles son los penúltimos en poder, aunque sí son los más buscados por su responsabilidad de cuidar los cuatro puntos cardinales de la creación. Según la tradición hebrea, hay siete arcángeles (Tobías 12:15), de los cuales las Sagradas Escrituras sólo mencionan tres por nombre, Miguel (¿Quién como Dios?), Gabriel (hombre de Dios) y Rafael (Dios sana). De estos, Miguel parece ser el más popular gracias a su poder contra el mal.

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# Readings/Lecturas

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## How Do We Treat the Messenger?

## Cómo Tratamos Al Mensajero

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

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No debemos precipitarnos a definir quiénes son "los malvados" y quiénes (es decir nosotros) son los justos. Tendemos a clasificar rápidamente a los demás como malos, porque solemos considerarnos buenas personas. No nos gusta que una voz profética nos critique con malas noticias sobre nuestro propio comportamiento. No nos gusta que nos reprochen que hemos transgredido la ley ni que nos acusen de no haber actuado acorde a nuestra formación.

Puede que condenemos e insultemos a quienes nos enfrentan a estas verdades sobre nosotros mismos, pero si fuéramos realmente buenos, les agradeceríamos por ayudarnos a permanecer en el camino correcto. Éste es el trato que le dieron a los profetas y el trato que le dieron a Jesús. ¿Es éste también el trato que les damos a las personas cuyos mensajes no nos gustan?

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

**Psalm** — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

**Second Reading** — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

**Gospel** — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Los impíos dirán: Probemos y sometamos al justo (Sabiduría 2:12, 17-20).

**Salmo** — El Señor sostiene mi vida (Salmo 54 [53]).

**Segunda lectura** — Donde hay envidia y ambición habrá también inestabilidad y muchas cosas malas. (Santiago 3:16 — 4:3).

**Evangelio** — Jesús les advierte a sus discípulos que viene su Pasión y Resurrección, luego les enseña a tener humildad y sencillez como la de un niño (Marcos 9:30-37).

## “The Lord Upholds My Life”

Harsh, contentious words spring forth from these first two readings. Jealousy, scheming, judgment, selfish ambition, revilement, torture, insincerity, greed, possessiveness: They are quite a comprehensive — though not foreign — list of ungodly human behaviors! Yet, if we are truly honest with ourselves and closely examine our own consciences, we can embrace some of our ancestors’ sins as our own.

We can also recall times when we have been the recipients of others’ sinful natures. People we considered friends or colleagues may have lied to us or used us to achieve selfish ambitions; others may have judged us unfairly, been jealous or tried to disparage the gifts God has bestowed on us. And yet, whether we are in the role of sinner or saint, God enters in.

The writer of Mark’s Gospel typically portrays Jesus’ disciples as faithful, but often clueless about Jesus’ mission. Today’s Scripture is a perfect example. As Jesus talks to the disciples about his impending death and resurrection, they don’t appear to show concern or query their teacher about his mysterious, disturbing words. Rather, they quietly begin to debate who among them is the most faithful disciple, as if to secure their place as Jesus’ successor. (Little do they know what that will involve!)

How many times have we looked past another’s words, needs or suffering before calculating how their loss may benefit us? Has one person’s job loss opened up an opportunity for our own advancement? Do we avoid listening to others’ problems because we are too busy with our own? To remind his friends of his mission, Jesus, who is love incarnate, embraces and holds up a child to remind them who is first and most exalted in his kingdom: a child, the most vulnerable, the one who has nothing to give, nothing to take.

We see this human tendency to hoard and covet continue with the people to whom James wrote — those who professed to be followers of Jesus Christ, but whose actions did not reflect Christian behavior. James’ letter reminded them that true peace and wisdom comes from

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loving and upholding others, not possessing them or succumbing to one’s own passions, pleasures and ambitions. When we pray, how many times do we ask wrongly because we ask without considering the impact our answered prayers will have on others?

In the refrain of today’s responsorial psalm, we find our mantra for the day ... for our week ... and for our lives. Among the thousands of treasured and beloved words and phrases contained in the 150 psalms, we can rest peacefully in these

five simple words: “The Lord upholds my life.” ... The Lord upholds my life. When we live each day with this mindset — this deeply embedded truth — all our sins and the sins of those who have hurt us lose their power. Those five words are the salve for those who have inflicted pain upon us. When we focus on our earthly desires, they are the reminder of where our hearts and lives must truly rest: in Jesus who is waiting to embrace us, bring us back into right relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters.

We are challenged today to take stock of the times we have failed to look at the suffering of those around us as we go through life securing our own pleasures. We go forth this week, into a world where sometimes we are judged and sometimes we are the judges, where sometimes our selfish ambitions blind us from seeing and attending to the needs of others, where our jealousy and insecurity cause us to compare ourselves by earthly standards and forget God’s unconditional love. May we remember those five words that bring us back to our center: Say it with me: *The Lord upholds my life ...*



# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

## Pastoral Council

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

## Finance Council

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## Stewardship Committee

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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](http://st-teresa.net). Please contact John at [bulletin@stteresaparish.org](mailto:bulletin@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)  
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### For More Information About...

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