



# ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST. 1889

Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 7, 2018

*“Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”*

-- Mark 10:14

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

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

The objectives of this evening are:

- 1) to prepare a community-based response to Church leaders
- 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) with other parish lay-leaders to demand accountability from church authority

## 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.

## Bible Study

St. Teresa's fall session of Bible Study kicks off soon with a seven week study: Introduction to the Bible. Email Jackie at [jackiekoesters@gmail.com](mailto:jackiekoesters@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.

## 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

Date	Collections Basket	Give Central	Total
8-26-18	\$4,524	\$6,719	\$11,243
9-2-18	\$3,533	\$13,162	\$16,695
9-9-18	\$3,036	\$5,625	\$8,661
9-16-18	\$2,228	\$6,508	\$8,736
9-23-18	\$2,616	\$4,928	\$7,544
<b>YTD 7-1-18 - 8-31-18</b>	<b>\$40,249</b>	<b>\$98,255</b>	<b>\$138,504</b>

## 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 (mairead.reidy@yahoo.com) or Geneva Gorgo (genevag@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Everyday Stewardship

*“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.” (GENESIS 2:19)*

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

### Sunday: 9-30-18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	50
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	175
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	178
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	140

**Total Weekend Mass Attendance 543**

Average Weekday Mass Attendance	10
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	5

Confessions this Week	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0
Funerals since January 2018	5
Weddings since January 2018	5
Baptisms since January 2018	37

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, 566/563; October, 628; 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 10-13-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Tom Ess, OFM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Mary Brennan	Eric Fredericks	Luke Kolman Nancy Gerstad
Sunday 10-14-18	9:00 AM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: <i>Children's Service</i>	Christina Brodell Philip Malloy Margaret Burke	Deirdre Curry Bormes Jocelyn Lutkus Michael Zost Frank Swiderski
Sunday 10-14-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Tom Ess, OFM	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Anthony Rivera	Carmen Ubides Alice Morales-Villenas Maria Montes	Alejandro Lopez Veronique Caffrey Bert Olson Francisco Perez
Sunday 10-14-18	6:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Sara Hock	Nancy Van Grinsven Christine Saddy Mark Vans Grinsven	Sharon Lindstrom Eileen Raia Roberto Martinez Carol Coffey

### Week's Activities

**Sunday, October 7**  
10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality  
12:00 pm, Church, Children's Mass

**Monday, October 8**  
7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council  
7:00 pm, PC, Listening Sessions

**Tuesday, October 9**  
6:30 am, PC, Men's Spirituality  
6:00 pm, PC, SPRED  
6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday, October 10**  
No Activities Planned

**Thursday, October 11**  
6:00 pm, PC/Rec, 1st Communion Prep

**Friday, October 12**  
3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes  
7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group

**Saturday, October 13**  
9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry  
5:00 pm, PC, Spaghetti Dinner

### Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

**Monday:** Columbus Day

**Tuesday:** St. Denis and Companions

**Thursday:** St. John XXIII

**Saturday:** St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher; Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Domingo:** Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo Respetemos la Vida

**Lunes:** Día de Colón

**Martes:** San Dionisio y compañeros  
San Juan Leonardi

**Jueves:** San Juan XXIII

**Sábado:** Santa María Virgen

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

**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

**Saturday, November 10**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

**Saturday, November 17**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

**Saturday, November 23**  
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, October 6**

**5:00 pm** Bernard and Elsie Vaeth

**Sunday, October 7**

**9:00 am** Angela & Canice Prendergast, Thomas Holly

**12:00 pm** Angel Ruiz Feliciano, Ana Ruiz

**6:00 pm** Anthony Pintozzi

## Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

*Jeffrey Bergen, Chuck Jabaley, Joyce Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Frank Kolman, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

## September Baptisms

*Rhett Walter Anderson (10-13-18), Josephine Ubik (10-20-18), Annabel Carmella Clinton (10-21-18), Elizabeth Bell Birch Maginot (10-21-18), Ryan Andrew Scime (10-28-18)*

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 -- **James Jackson; Antonio Jones; Alberto Bocanegra; Terrence Brooks; Deshawn Owens; Terry Wilson; Willard Watts; Tramaine Taylor; Ujuan Draper; Lorenzo Magana; Steve Nixon; and Bruce Miller.**

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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## Food Pantry Shopping List

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](mailto:lhanzelka@gmail.com).



## 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.

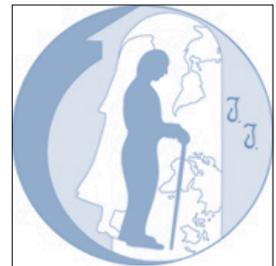
**The Next Men's Spirituality Meeting is Tuesday, October 9th**

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

## Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor are visiting our parish on October 13th and 14th. St. Mary's in Chicago is one of 180 homes operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor in 31 countries.

Opening their doors to welcome the elderly poor in Chicago on July 15, 1876, they have been serving our community ever since. Your support will enable them to continue this important mission. Any assistance you are able to give is deeply appreciated.



## 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

Contact Kate Lynch for schedule [klynch@stteresaparish.org](mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org)



## 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



**Donate Blood In Honor of  
 Commander Paul Baur**  
 Sponsored by St. Teresa Of Avila Church  
 Sunday, October 21, 2018  
 8:00 am - 1:30 pm  
 1950 N. Kenmore at Armitage Ave, Chicago, IL 60614  
 Parish Center  
 Visit [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) or call 1(800)786-4483  
 to schedule your appointment.  
 ~ Photo ID needed ~ Drink plenty of fluids ~  
 Every donor will receive a FREE t-shirt!



Give the Gift of Life. Give Blood.

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## History of the Catholic Church

Monthly, beginning October 21, after the 9:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00 pm Masses, Fr. Frank will host a presentation and discussion of the History of the Catholic Church, from Jesus to the Vatican II Council.

## 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.

JOIN US FOR AN

*Admissions Coffee*

October 17, 2018 / 9:30 AM  
 St. Mary of the Angels School  
 1810 N Hermitage Ave

Register at  
[www.sma-school.org/admissions](http://www.sma-school.org/admissions)

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
<b>Friday:</b>	Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
<b>Sunday:</b>	Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

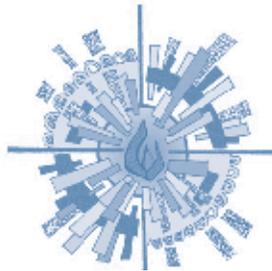
## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	Gál 1:6-12; Sal 111 (110):1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lc 10:25-37
<b>Martes:</b>	Gál 1:13-24; Sal 139 (138):1b-3, 13-15; Lc 10:38-42
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Gál 2:1-2, 7-14; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Lc 11:1-4
<b>Jueves:</b>	Gál 3:1-5; Lc 1:69-75; Lc 11:5-13
<b>Viernes:</b>	Gál 3:7-14; Sal 111 (110):1b-6; Lc 11:15-26
<b>Sábado:</b>	Gál 3:22-29; Sal 105 (104):2-7; Lc 11:27-28
<b>Domingo:</b>	Sab 7:7-11; Sal 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mc 10:17-30 [17-27]

## Treasures From Tradition

One of our great treasures is the way the Church has frequently flourished under unfavorable conditions, like the grape ivy on the mantel that refuses to die no matter how infrequently you water it or open the drapes. Like the apartheid laws in South Africa in the last century, the penal laws of Ireland were aimed at depriving the majority population of basic human rights. The Protestant parliament of Ireland enacted laws limiting the practice of Catholicism. The goal was to force conversion from “popery” to the Church of Ireland, and additional laws took aim at Jews, non-Anglicans, and Quakers.

There were laws against intermarriage, laws against Catholics being lawyers (there was a one-hundred-pound fine), a law granting lifelong income to priests who became Protestant, and a ban on weapons. In fact, until 1793, a Catholic man had to recruit and pay a Protestant man to serve in the local militia in his place! As if family life is not complicated enough in any age, the sons of a deceased father could divide his land equally, unless one became Protestant. In that case all would go to him! When allowed, new Catholic churches had to be built of wood, not stone, be off a main road or city square, have no steeple or bell, and be called a “chapel.” Catholic “Emancipation” was largely secured by 1829, but even up to the founding of the Irish State in the 1920s, some effects of the laws endured. No wonder that poor Irish immigrants to the United States frequently built gloriously beautiful churches as their first act on free soil!



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Un viejo chiste relata que una ancianita por más que se apresuraba a llegar al templo, siempre llegaba tarde al rosario. Un día decidió adelantarse para ver por qué duraba tan poco tiempo el rezo del rosario. A la hora establecida salió un ministro de la sacristía y velozmente recitó “Cruz, Bola, bolita, bolita, bolita, Bola . . .”.

Esta es una exageración del hecho que muchos rezan el rosario como si fuera una serie de fórmulas que se repiten sin pensar. Esta devoción mariana debe meditarse con tranquilidad y en silencio. El enfoque del rezo del rosario son los misterios de la vida de Jesús. Los “Padrenuestros” y las “Ave Marías” nos ayudan a entrar en esa meditación en una forma mas profunda. Esas oraciones deben ayudarnos a penetrar el misterio de un acontecimiento gozoso, luminoso, doloroso, o glorioso de la vida de Jesucristo. Pero, una vez que estamos en presencia del misterio, debemos enfocarnos y contemplar a Dios. Esto no significa que el rosario no deba nunca rezarse en voz alta y en grupo. El rosario también tiene su dimensión comunitaria, pero ésta necesita fundarse en una verdadera meditación. En varias culturas latinoamericanas aún se canta el rosario. Ya sea a solas o en comunidad, rezado o cantado, el rosario es un tesoro de nuestra fe que nos puede facilitar la contemplación del salvador.

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

#### He Embraced Them and Blessed Them

Today Jesus stresses how children embody the reign of God. They are trusting and loving and have hearts that are open to love. They are joyful when they are made aware of God's love for them, and are eager to return that love. This is the model Jesus holds out to us if we want to welcome the reign of God. We need to have open, loving hearts. We must drop our defenses, however we came by them, and welcome Christ's love for us with joy. This is impossible for us on our own. Only the grace of God will enable us to do this, but that grace is freely and generously given. We have only to accept it.

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#### Los Abrazó Y Los Bendijo

Hoy Jesús recalca que el Reino de Dios pertenece a los que son como los niños. Son confiados, tiernos y tienen el corazón abierto al amor. Se alegran cuando se dan cuenta del amor que Dios siente por ellos y están más que dispuestos a retribuir ese amor. Este es el modelo que Jesús nos presenta si queremos recibir el Reino de Dios. Debemos abrir el corazón y amar. Debemos bajar la guardia, sin importar por qué la hayamos montado, y recibir con alegría el amor que Cristo siente por nosotros. Es imposible que hagamos esto sin ayuda. Sólo la gracia de Dios nos permitirá hacerlo y esa gracia se nos concede generosamente y sin condiciones. Lo único que debemos hacer es aceptarla.

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#### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The man said, “This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called ‘woman’ ” (Genesis 2:18-24).

**Psalm** — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).



#### Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Dios crea una compañera apropiada para Adán: Eva (Génesis 2:18-24).

**Salmo** — Que Dios nos bendiga todos los días de nuestra vida (Salmo 128 [127]).

**Segunda lectura** — Cristo, el que consagra, y aquellos a quienes consagra tienen un mismo origen. (Hebreos 2:9-11).

**Evangelio** — Lo que Dios ha unido, que ningún ser humano lo separe. Dejen que los niños vengan a mí. El reino de Dios pertenece a los que son como ellos (Marcos 10:2-16)

## Embrace the Mess

Most couples walk down the aisle on their wedding day filled with the promise of love. They are bound together by their dreams of a mutually life-giving relationship. They are united in trusting their future together. Today's Gospel reading begins with a painful description of what happens when love is wounded beyond healing; when bonds are fragmented beyond repair; and when trust is shattered beyond hope. The divorce of someone close to us can leave us feeling disillusioned and helpless. However, the way Jesus welcomed the little children immediately after being tested by the Pharisees points to how he wants us to support those going through the heartache of divorce, or for that matter, any other difficult and complicated experience.

Although artists like to paint a picture of Jesus sitting nobly on a rock surrounded by serene children gazing attentively at him, those of us who know real-life children doubt the genuineness of this artwork. What are the odds of a baby filling his diaper just as he is being handed to Jesus? Can't you imagine a toddler screeching and clinging to her mother in stranger-danger fear? How long do you think two siblings stood around before they began tussling with each other? Jesus did not tell the parents to clean up their act or scold the children for their youthful energy. Rather, he welcomed the mess with an open heart, and scolded the disciples for trying to avoid it. So, first of all, Jesus calls us to faithfully and courageously wade into the mess with those who are struggling, so they do not have to face it alone.

Life for children in the first century was precarious and servile. Under Roman law, they did not have rights and were often regarded on the same level as property. Perhaps, that is why the disciples were ushering the children away. They felt Jesus had more important things to do than to waste his time on children. Others would have perceived Jesus risking his honor by this undignified behavior. Instead, Jesus turned common perceptions upside down by embracing those that society did not value. Jesus tells us that by serving children, we serve God. If we are following Jesus' lead, we will

*When hearts are broken and dreams are shattered, Jesus calls us to welcome the mess, embrace the pain, and patiently wait for new blessings to emerge.*

encircle those who are feeling vulnerable and marginalized with the same tender care.

Children at play often mirror the behavior they have observed from their parents and other significant adults. Many a parent has been either embarrassed or charmed when they have heard their own words coming out of their child's mouth; when a child mimics their quirky gesture; or when a child insists on doing something exactly the way a parent does it. How do you think the children emulated Jesus blessing them? What do you think they saw reflected in his presence? What did they learn about themselves through their relationship with Jesus? God created us to be in relationship so we could mirror God's presence to each other. When love's mirror has been distorted, those who are hurting especially need someone to reflect God's love clearly. Jesus wants us to bless each other by being his listening, patient and compassionate presence. Would we be embarrassed or charmed by how children might imitate us?

The Pharisees in today's Gospel tried to trip Jesus up with their laws. Even as Jesus sparred with their legalism, he modeled a different way of being in relationship. He welcomed the bedlam and commotion of children, embraced their humble, seemingly insignificant lives, and lifted them up in blessing. When hearts are broken and dreams are shattered, Jesus calls us to welcome the mess, embrace the pain, and patiently wait for new blessings to emerge. Left with the image of Jesus willingly being tackled by a throng of kids, we can ask ourselves, "How good are we at welcoming, embracing and blessing the messiness of life?"



# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

## Pastoral Council

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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...

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