



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths. Every valley shall
be filled and every mountain
and hill shall be made low.*
-- Luke 3:4-5

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 (Call to register)

Office Hours

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



All people shall see
the salvation of God

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Reverse Advent Calendars for the Food Pantry

Reverse Advent Calendars for the Food Pantry
Back by popular demand: pick up a reverse advent calendar kit and support the Food Pantry. In a traditional Advent calendar, each day of Advent you open a box to receive a treat. In a reverse advent calendar, each day you give something, instead of receiving. Your gifts will benefit those who come to our food pantry. Instructions and materials are provided in the kit, and donations should be returned no later than Sunday, January 6th.

Ministry of Care

Ministers of Care visit with those who are unable to come to church. They offer compassion, a listening presence, prayer and the Eucharist. This ministry allows people to experience the nearness of God and the Christian community through the presence of the Minister of Care and through the reception of Holy Communion.

St. Teresa currently has just one Minister of Care, and we would like to recruit two more. Trainings are being held on Saturday, November 17th and Saturday, December 8th at Holy Name. If you are interested in stepping up in this capacity, contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org.

Everyday Stewardship

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember to share the gifts that God has given us, by giving back to God and to those that are in need.

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 to learn more, or contact the parish office.

Leadership Training

January 19 at St Teresa will be a special day for those who want to take advantage of a free seminar in leadership in the service of social justice.

Presented by The Coalition for Spiritual & Professional Leadership, an Avila in Action grant organization, this seminar will provide you with insights and tools needed to drive positive change through the power of personal leadership.

Watch out for more to come in future announcements, but put the date on your calendar now and make 2019 a good year to take action.

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

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Financial Collections

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Fiscal Year 2018-2019	Actual FY 2018-19	% Auto	Budget 2018-19	Actual vs. Budget	Actual Prev Yr	% Auto	Actual vs. Prev Yr	% Prev Yr
Collections Offertory	14,201	28%	15,975	(1,774)	13,568	25%	633	4.7%
Give Central (7/1-7/31)	37,174	72%	41,080	(3,906)	39,949	75%	(2,775)	-6.9%
Total 5 Weeks-July 2018	51,375	100%	57,055	(5,680)	53,517	100%	(2,142)	-4.0%
Collections Offertory	14,635	30%	12,780	1,855	10,952	23%	3,683	33.6%
Give Central (8/1-8/31)	34,165	70%	32,864	1,301	36,895	77%	(2,730)	-7.4%
Total 4 Weeks-August 2018	48,800	100%	45,644	3,156	47,847	100%	953	2.0%
Collections Offertory	14,962	32%	15,975	(1,013)	11,615	25%	3,347	28.8%
Give Central (9/1-9/31)	32,042	68%	41,080	(9,038)	35,305	75%	(3,263)	-9.2%
Total 5 Weeks-Sept. 2018	47,004	100%	57,055	(10,051)	46,920	100%	84	0.2%
Total 4 Weeks-Sept. 2017								
Collections Offertory	15,443	28%	12,780	2,663	16,297	31%	(854)	-5.2%
Give Central (10/1-10/31)	38,857	72%	32,864	5,993	36,169	69%	2,688	7.4%
Total 4 Weeks-Oct. 2018	54,300	100%	45,644	8,656	52,466	100%	1,834	3.5%
Total 5 Weeks-Oct. 2017								
Collections Offertory	59,241	29%	57,510	1,731	52,432	26%	6,809	13.0%
Give Central (7/1-10/31/18)	142,238	71%	147,888	(5,650)	148,318	74%	(6,080)	-4.1%
Total 18 Weeks YTD	201,479	100%	205,398	(3,919)	200,750	100%	729	0.4%
Foundation Special Extra Gift	10,000							
Grand Total (7/1-10/31/18)	211,479		205,398	6,081	200,750		10,729	5.3%

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday: 12-2-18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	42
Saturday, 6:30pm Mass Attendance	117
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	280
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	175
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	115
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	729
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	7
Baptisms since January 2018	48

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, 628/652; November 622/569.

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 12-15-18	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Raquel Bech	Molly Malloy	Colleen Sulewski Philip Malloy
Saturday 12-15-18	6:30 PM	French Mass			
Sunday 12-16-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Luke Kolman	Deirdre Curry Bormes Michael Zost Carly Johnston	Jocelyn Lutkus Rose Ohiku Barb Schell Nancy Gerstad
Sunday 12-16-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Patti Neugent	Mary Stanton Larua Moran Alyssa Stella	Aimee Jaszczor Kevin Ludden Margaret Burke Maria Montes
Sunday 12-16-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Sara Hock Lector: Callie Pogge	Andrew De Leonardis Daniel Cortese Eileen Raia	Anne De Leonardis Abel Gonzalez Veronique Caffrey MINISTER NEEDED

Week's Activities	Saints & Special Observances	Upcoming Food Pantry Dates
<p>Sunday, December 9 10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality 10:30 am, Rec, CGS 4:30 pm, Rec, CGS III</p> <p>Monday, December 10 4:00 pm, Rec, CGS 4:30 pm, Rec, Edge 7:30 pm, Church, Christmas Concert 8:00 pm, PC, Concert Reception</p> <p>Tuesday, December 11 6:00 am, PC, Men's Spirituality 6:00 pm, PC, Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Wednesday, December 12 5:00 pm, PC/Kitchen, Night Ministry</p> <p>Thursday, December 13 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting</p> <p>Friday, December 14 3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes 7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group</p> <p>Saturday, December 15 9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry 2:00 pm, Church, Christmas Carols 6:30 pm, Church, French Mass</p>	<p>Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent Monday: International Human Rights Day Tuesday: St. Damascus Wednesday: St. Our Lady of Guadalupe Thursday: St. Lucy Friday: St. John of the Cross</p> <hr/> <p>Domingo: Segundo Domingo de Adviento Lunes: Día Internacional de los Derechos Humanos Martes: San Dámaso I Miércoles: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Jueves: Santa Lucía Viernes: San Juan de la Cruz</p>	<p>Saturday, December 15 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p>Saturday, December 22 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p>Saturday, December 29 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p>Saturday, January 5 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p>Saturday, January 12 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p>

Mass Intentions & Prayers

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 8

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

Sunday, December 9

9:00 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

10:30 am Pedro Garcia

12:00 pm Joyce Jaszczor; Richard M. Kleich

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

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

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

November Baptisms

Leonardo Lopez (12-8-18), Archer Bennett Vachris (12-9-18)

Emilia Maeve Herrmann (12-30-18)

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

*Alicia Anderson
Dorothy Barns
Connie Beran
Nicholas Beran
Berta Billalvazo
Michelle Brandt
Elizabeth Brown
Jerry Burdick
Carol Coffey
Susan Conway
Patricia Chuck
Elizabeth Ryan Dean
Michael De Blasis
Maria de la Luz
Alex DeNoma
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*

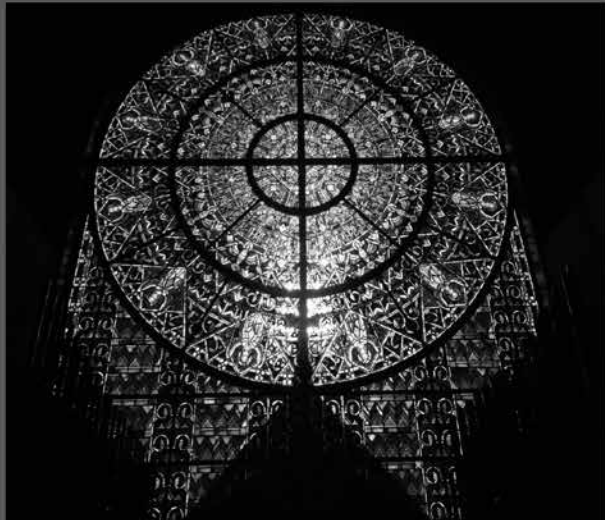
*Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Fr. Cesaire Souissa
Will Sullivan
Mima Tome
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Elizabeth Ann True
Marianne Usiak
Sara Vega
Drew Williams
Jack Williams
Valerie Williams
Mae Witry
David Zeunert
For the intentions on our prayer
cards; for survivors and
perpetrators
of sexual abuse*

#prayforpeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago last week -- **Ke'Nichi Esims; John Williams; Antoine Green; and Robert T.C. Anderson.**

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.

Advent Vespers at Saint Vincent de Paul Church



Saint Vincent de Paul Church | 1010 W Webster | Chicago, IL | 773.325.8610 | www.stvdep.org

Vespers is an evening prayer service with origins in the sixth century. It is a simple and ancient Catholic prayer service which features the recitation of psalms.

Vincentians have sung a unique form of vespers since the 1600s. This devotion—known as a novena—is prayed in Vincentian communities across the world the nine nights preceding Christmas.

This 30-minute prayer is a perfect way to quiet both your mind and your heart in one final preparation for Christmas.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 at 6:15 p.m.

Advent Reconciliations

Prepare for Christmas this Advent with prayer, reflection, and reconciliation. Drop in for a quiet prayer at our weekly Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration on December 11th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Fr. Frank will also be hearing individual confessions December 11th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.



Travel to Holy Land with Fr. Richard Benson

Travel with Fr. Richard Benson, C.M. Adjunct Professor of DePaul University, Chicago, IL on our

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Where: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Via Crucis, Last Supper, Gethsemene, Dormition, Nativity Church, Capernaum, Tel Aviv.

Trip Dates: Jun 10-20, 2020

Cost: \$4,000.00 Airfare and ALL-included

To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also

Register online at www.proximotravel.com

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Breakfast with Santa

Save the date for a visit with Santa on Sunday, December 23rd, following the 9am Mass. Join us for Mass and stick around afterwards for a light breakfast. Children will have the opportunity to speak with Santa. This event is free and open to all. Invite your friends!



Baby Bottles

Beginning on these dates, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved almost 40,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church on **November 25th**, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of **January 13th**.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

Also if you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center. Thank you!

Tutors Needed

HighSight, located at 315 W. Walton, seeks academic tutors for its catholic high school scholarship recipients. The commitment is for two hours, once a week. Volunteers can tutor on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings.

Call Jesus Gomez at 312-787-9824, ext. 229 or email at jesus.gomez@highsight.org for more information.

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, December 11th

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



Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-
47, or any readings from the Common of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;
Lk 3:10-18

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 5:17-26
Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
Miércoles: Zac 2:14-17 o Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-3 o Lc 1:39-
47, o cualquier lectura del Común de la
Santísima Virgen María, nos. 707-712
Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9-13ab;
Mt 11:11-15
Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sábado: Eclo 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79): 2ac, 3b,
15-16, Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Domingo: Sof 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Fil 4:4-7;
Lc 3:10-18

Treasures From Tradition

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistry, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1726, Juan de la Cruz (1542-1591) fue canonizado por el Papa Benito XIII. Nació en la región de Castilla en España, este doctor de la Iglesia junto con Teresa de Ávila fue reformador de la Orden Carmelita. Muchas órdenes religiosas del siglo XV sufrieron grandes decadencias. Por eso mientras los protestantes se separaban de la Iglesia, los religiosos descalzos, recoletos y observantes buscaban reformar órdenes religiosas, como la Orden de la Bienaventurada Virgen María del Monte Carmelo, uniéndose siempre más a la Iglesia romana.

Para los reformadores católicos quedarse en la Iglesia no fue fácil, ¡sin embargo se quedaron! Aunque sus reformas fueron apoyadas por los Papas, muchos de ellos como Juan de la Cruz tuvieron que aguantar muchas oposiciones y persecuciones para lograr sus reformas. Estas reformas ardían con el deseo de amar bien a Cristo

Jesús y a su cuerpo que es la Iglesia.

En sus poesías, Juan de la Cruz muestra la fuerza de esta llama de amor vivo a pesar de la oscuridad de la noche que no lo deja encontrar al amante (Dios).

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

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Awaiting the Salvation of God

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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A la Espera de la Salvación de Dios

El mundo no parece tan grande como para contener el alborozo que causa la primera lectura. En la lectura del Evangelio, el Imperio Romano tampoco es lo suficientemente grande. Los grandes poderes de Roma se designan y se hacen esperar por la salvación de Dios. Y encontramos a Pablo que medita gozosamente en lo que importa, en lo que realmente cuenta.

De acuerdo con Baruc, la ciudad de Jerusalén es como una persona que en puntillas espera la salvación de Dios, que viene del Este. Los que fueron llevados a pie, con la cabeza gacha, regresan ahora orgullosos. Todo el camino está pavimentado. Al lado del camino hay árboles fragantes y frondosos.

No puede haber algo mejor que eso, ¿no es así? Bueno, sí puede haber algo mejor. Porque una voz grita en el desierto. Aquí comienza la salvación de Dios.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).



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Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Sube a la altura, Jerusalén; contempla a tus hijos gozosos porque Dios se acordó de ellos (Baruc 5:1-9).

Salmo — Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor (Salmo 126 [125]).

Segunda Lectura — Que su amor siga creciendo más y más y se traduzca en un mayor conocimiento y discernimiento (Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11).

Evangelio — Juan proclama un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 3:1-6).

Reflection

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Metanoia

Advent is not primarily a time to get ready for Christmas (that might be news to the marketers!) or for celebrating Jesus' birth 2,000 years ago. It is a time to deepen our participation in the presence of the divine being born into the world right now.

Today's readings offer hope — hope grounded in the history of God with the people and hope for a way forward in difficult times.

In the first reading, we see Jerusalem as a mother, mourning the loss of her children who have been exiled to Babylon. We understand the sorrow of a mother who waits, powerless to relieve the suffering of her children so far away. Photos of immigrant mothers whose children were taken from them at the U.S.-Mexico border give us a modern image of this agony.

Yet this reading is one of hope. The prophet announces the exile is coming to an end. The cloak of God's shining presence replaces the mother's sackcloth. She waits on the mountaintop to see her children making their way home from east and west. God hasn't forgotten them.

No. They will return as royalty along rough roads made smooth. God is leading them, not because they were good at keeping rules. They were not. But because God is faithful and full of mercy.

The Gospel uses similar words of straightening roads to introduce the mission of John the Baptist. But first, Luke makes sure we know that John's call came in the midst of messy human history. He names the political "Who's Who," starting at the top with Tiberius Caesar then Pontius Pilate, Herod Antipas and his brother, sons of Herod the Great. The high priests Annas and Caiaphas are included in the list. Politics right down to religious leaders. Both John and Jesus would suffer at their hands.

The powerful and wealthy were not friends of the poor and marginalized then just as they are not now. We wait in a messy world ruled by power and money. Not a lot has changed ... that is, on the outside.

But real change happens on the inside. Hope resides in

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All creation.*

the heart.

When John the Baptist called for repentance, he was not telling people to be sorry for breaking rules. The Greek word translated here as "repentance" is metanoia, and its biblical sense is broad and deep. It is a turning, an inner transformation, a radical change in lifestyle. (The verses following today's Gospel give good examples.)

Isaiah's words describe John as a voice crying out from the margins. The desert was not exactly where people hung out. His message was to prepare the way for God's coming by filling in the valleys and leveling the mountains. But not on the outside. It is the geography of the heart he calls us to change. Clear the path to welcome Christ who is born into our hearts as truly as Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

This inner change is not about personal salvation. It is for all people. All creation. Luke makes sure we know that, too. Jesus was not born to make a "holy family" with Mary and Joseph, or even to make his hometown of Nazareth a better place (though surely he did). Following Jesus is a community thing.

Paul's letter testifies to that. His affection for the community at Philippi is obvious. The word used for his longing referred to heart, lungs and liver: the inner organs. Paul loved them with his gut. He knew he did not labor alone. He was part of a growing community, supporting one another, trying to live as Jesus did, and giving witness to the risen Christ.

We are called to do the same: to live with the tender love and mercy that God showed to the Israelites; and to be people of justice, called to inner transformation so we can participate in Christ's ongoing transformation of the world.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Anna Althoff
Bertel Olson
Luke Kolman

Kate Lynch
Jose Cervantes
Mary Paz Ramirez
Rebecca O'Brien

Anna Althoff is president of the Parish 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

Justin Alden
Jack Halpin
Ray Genellie
Steve Fortino
Andrew O'Dekirk
Chris Toups

Cooper Cohen
Alexandra Vizard
Steve Kolinski
Ann Finlay
Laura Lueninghoener

Justin Alden is chair of the Parish Finance Council.
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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
Rebecca O'Brien
Mary Serrahn
Dan Summins
Mark Van Grinsven

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 John at 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)
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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