



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST. 1889

Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018

*Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.*
-- Luke 1:42

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

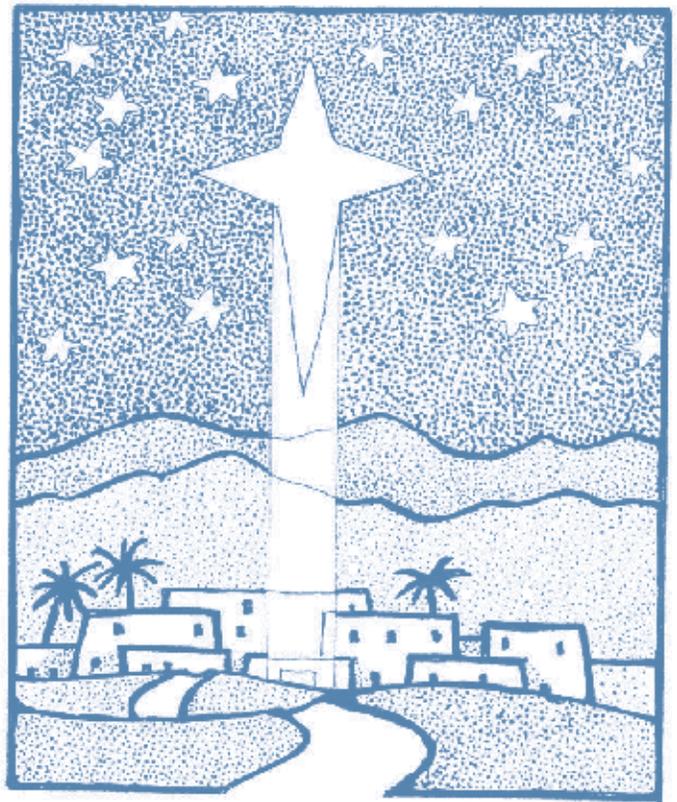
Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

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



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Merry Christmas From Fr. Frank

Thank you for joining us today and celebrating the good news of Christ's birth. Through your participation at Mass, or service to the poor and marginalized, we are responding to our call to share the love of Christ to our neighbors. Thank you for all that you do. Together we are making an impact on our neighborhood, our city and our world.

The best Christmas gift anyone can receive is the gift of Christ's peace in a loving community. If you know someone who would benefit from a spiritual home, please invite them to join us at St. Teresa during this coming year, so that they may experience the same love and joy that you have.

I wish you a blessed and joyful Christmas season. I will be keeping you and your family in my prayers in the coming weeks and months.



PS: Consider making an increased or additional Christmas Gift to St. Teresa of Avila this year. Donations can be made online at st-teresa.net, or by cash or check, memo "Christmas". Your generosity can have a major impact on our capacity for 2019.

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.

Solutions for Your Resolutions! Save the Date!

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce our next ministry fair to be held on January 12th & 13th, after all Masses! A ministry fair is a chance for people to learn more about our volunteer opportunities and other ways to get involved, and enjoy food, drink and raffle prizes! Mark your calendar and be sure to stop by after Mass.

Leadership Training

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and hope to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not just passive bystanders. There are a variety of apps available to curate your Sunday readings (and daily readings too), or you can visit www.usccb.org/bible.

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: 12-9-18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	79
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	275
Sunday, 10:30pm Mass Attendance	85
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	180
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	150
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	769
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	50

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 12-29-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Eric Fredericks	Mary Stanton	Margaret Burke Nancy Gerstad
Sunday 12-30-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Elizabeth Rooney	Deirdre Curry Bormes Molly Malloy Geneva Gorgo	Elizabeth Smith Mary Serrahn Philip Malloy Jocelyn Lutkus
Sunday 12-30-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Raquel Bech	Maria Montes MINISTER NEEDED Carmen Ubides	Daniel Kang Alice Morales-Villenas Bob Pedro Bert Olson
Sunday 12-30-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: MINISTER NEEDED	Anne Seigenthaler Sara Hock Carol Coffey	Pete Doyle Alyssa Stella Luke Kolman Cara Gannon
Monday 12-31-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank			
Tuesday 1-1-19	10:30 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Anastasia Bullinger	Jamie Lutkus Leigh Hartley	Dani Shain Christine Saddy Kari Richardson

Week's Activities

Sunday, December 23
10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality
10:00 am, PC3/4, Breakfast with Santa

Monday, December 24
3:00 pm, Church, Christmas Vigil Family Mass
7:00 pm, Church, Christmas Vigil Mass

Tuesday, December 25
10:30 am, Church, Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 26
5:00 pm, PC/Kitchen, Night Ministry

Thursday, December 27
9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting

Friday, December 28
3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes
7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, December 29
9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday: Vigil of Christmas
Tuesday: The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)
Wednesday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa
Thursday: St. John
Friday: The Holy Innocents
Saturday: St. Thomas Becket

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Adviento
Lunes: La Vigilia de Navidad
Martes: La Natividad del Señor
Miércoles: San Esteban; Kwanza
Jueves: San Juan
Viernes: Los Santos Inocentes
Sábado: Santo Tomás Becket

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, December 29
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, January 5
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

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

Saturday, January 19
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, January 26
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, December 22

5:00 pm Barry McNulty

Sunday, December 23

9:00 am Bill Walsh

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

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

Monday, December 24

3:00 pm Bill Mobley, Sr.; George Collins; John and Emelia Buciak

7:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Tuesday, December 25

10:30 am 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

December 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 -- **Jamal Hubbard; Christopher Marco Salinas; David Gonzalez; and Harold Owens.**

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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Archdiocese of Chicago Immigration Film Festival

One Border One Body

January 7, 2019, 7 pm
St. Julie Billiart
7399 W. 159th Street
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Tony & Janina's American Wedding

January 11, 2019, 7 pm
St. George
6706 W. 175th Street
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Harvest of Empire

January 14, 2019, 7 pm
St. Michael
14327 Highland Ave.
Orland Park, IL 60462

Beyond Borders

January 19, 2019, 5:30
pm
St. Christopher
4130 W. 147th Street
Midlothian, IL 60445

Harvest of Empire

January 6, 2019, 5 pm
St. Clement
642 W. Deming Place
Chicago, IL 60614

Dying to Live

January 13, 2019, 4 pm
St. Teresa of Avila
1033 W. Armitage Ave.
Chicago, IL 60614

Beyond Borders

January 20, 2019, 1 pm &
6 pm
Old St. Patrick's
625 W. Adams St.
Chicago, IL 60661

One Border One Body

January 27, 2019, 11:30
am
St. Gertrude
6200 N. Glenwood Ave.
Chicago, IL 60660

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!

St. Clement Preschool

Saint Clement School is excited that this will be offering Pre-K 3 for the 2019-2020 school year. This is one of our entry points for Saint Clement School. Click here for Pre-K 3 & 4 options <https://www.stclementschooll.org/admissions/tuition-details>. Sign up for the Admissions Coffee and Tour <https://www.stclementschooll.org/admissions/coffeetour>. Applications are due January 15th. For more information email Noreen Valle at nvalle@stclementschooll.org.



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. JOHN 3:16



ST. JOSAPHAT
2311 N. Southport
Belden & Southport

CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00pm

Family Mass
with Children's Choir,
and Live Nativity

CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00am

Mass with Adult Choir
and Brass Quartet
11:00am

Mass with Brass Quartet &
Contemporary Ensemble

ST. TERESA OF AVILA
1037 W. Armitage
Armitage & Kenmore

CHRISTMAS EVE
3:00pm

Family Mass
6:30pm

Christmas Carols
7:00pm

Christmas Vigil Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
10:30am

Christmas Day Mass

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
1010 W. Webster
Webster & Sheffield

CHRISTMAS EVE
4:30pm

Service of Carols
5:00pm

Christmas Vigil Mass with
St. Vincent Singers and Piano
Quintet: Traditional Christmas
Music in a Contemporary Style

11:30pm

Service of Carols
Midnight

Christmas Mass with
St. Vincent Chamber Chorale
and Orchestra: *Missa Brevis:*

Kleine Orgelmesse by
Franz Josef Haydn

CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00am

Christmas Day Mass

*The Catholic Churches of south Lincoln Park
invite you to celebrate the birth of Christ.
Join us for Christmas Mass and feel the true peace
and joy that is complete in Christ. All are welcome.*



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Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;
Lk 2:41-52

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79

Martes: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14 Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20 Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Miércoles: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Jueves: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Viernes: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18

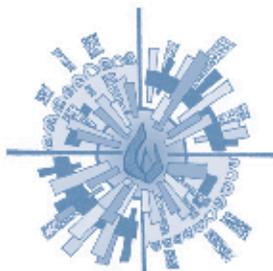
Sábado: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6;
Lc 2:22-35

Domingo: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
Sal 128:1-5 o Sal 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] o 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;
Lc 2:41-52

Treasures From Tradition

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our giftgiving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Esta semana recordamos a los niños judíos que fueron asesinados por orden del Rey Herodes en Belén. Esa tragedia que ocurrió cuando el viejo y celoso rey se enteró del nacimiento de un nuevo rey de los judíos. Él mandó a matar a todo niño que tuviera menos de dos años. El llanto de las familias que perdieron sus pobres inocentes se ha convertido en risas en varios países latinoamericanos. El 28 de diciembre en muchas partes es conmemorado como el día de los inocentes que viene siendo el April Fools de Latinoamérica. En ese día se hacen bromas para burlarse de los amigos. Si la broma funciona al pobre que fue engañado se le llama “inocente”.

La inocencia normalmente se atribuye a los niños o a los ingenuos, pero en si la inocencia es una virtud cristiana, de los que hemos sido perdonados por Cristo. Esta inocencia no es ingenuidad mas bien es la candidez, simplicidad y generosidad de una persona que conoce bien lo duro que es la vida y aún así mantiene la esperanza.

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

Readings/Lecturas

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Memories and Dreams

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.



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Recuerdos Y Sueños

En el curso de nuestra vida mantenemos el idioma y los hábitos de nuestra región nativa y familia de origen. Cuando retornamos a nuestro hogar tras una larga ausencia, rápidamente volvemos a su manera de hablar y a sus prácticas familiares. Nuestros profundos recuerdos se reflejan en viejas historias y palabras y en modos de conversar. Esta familiaridad corre como un río subterráneo y nos acompaña a donde sea que vayamos.

No solamente recordamos, sino que somos incorporados y formamos parte de una memoria más amplia. Cuando traemos recuerdos a la mente somos a la vez reunidos y recordados.

Hoy recordamos a María, una joven frágil, que recorre zonas rurales para visitar a Isabel. Todos los grandes pronunciamientos y sueños de los profetas apuntan a este tiempo en que deben cumplirse las palabras del Señor a María. Las memorias de su pueblo están vivas en ella, y esas memorias alimentan nuestra fe viva.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — De ti, Belén, saldrá el que será el jefe de Israel (Miquea 5:1-4a).

Salmo — Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura — Aquí estoy, Dios mío, para hacer tu voluntad (Hebreos 10:5-10).

Evangelio — Bendita eres entre las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre (Lucas 1:39-45).

Reflection

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The birth of Jesus is framed by two important journeys.

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem...with Mary... (Luke 2:4-5)

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt... (Matthew 2:14)

There is the journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus and the journey of the Holy Family to Egypt as refugees from the violence of King Herod.

These journeys mirror our world and our own lives. Especially in this season, we journey to contemplate the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, God with us at his birth. We are also aware of the perilous journeys of so many who flee violence or who must live surrounded by it. May this season of renewal help us to set our sights on the Lord's promise to bring us safely home as we make our way to him. May that promise renew our joy and our hope.

God bless you and all your loved ones in this holy season.

Card. Blase J. Cupich

ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO



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

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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

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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
klynch@stteresaparish.org

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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