



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 24, 2019

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

-- Luke 6:31

Be merciful,



just as your Father is merciful

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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 & Third 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 7:30 PM

Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM

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Letter From Fr. Frank

I want to thank all of you for helping me celebrate my 35th anniversary of priesthood. Last Saturday evening, over 150 parishioners gathered in the Parish Center to show me gratitude for the gift of priesthood. The abundance of food and people truly symbolized God's abundant love and grace. I have never had an anniversary celebration before. Well, this was a celebration to end all celebrations!! How blessed I am to be with such beautiful people. As I said at Mass, when ordained, the People of God became my "spouse." The people of St. Teresas are my life, for without you my life would be empty. Thank you... those who made special efforts to plan this celebration, which brought us together as a family of faith. It was a joyful moment to be remembered. Memory is the foundation of a priest's life: "Do this in memory of me."

Peace and love,
Fr. Frank

Everyday Stewardship

"Blessed are you when people hate you,...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

Time of Your Life

Our 2018 Time of Your Life Gala raised an impressive \$180,000 (net) to benefit the parish and ministries of St. Teresa of Avila. Many thanks to our incredible donors, and all of those who supported the event. The incredible auction items were generously donated by parishioners, friends of St. Teresa and the following businesses. If you find yourself at one of these local shops, please thank them for their generosity to St. Teresa of Avila.

A Red Orchid Theatre, Arc Light Cinemas, Athenian Room, Birch Road Cellar, Blue Door Farm Stand, Blue Plate, Broadway in Chicago, Budlong Chicken, Butcher & the Burger, Casati's, Chicago Bar Shop, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Club Lucky, Corner Stone, Court Theatre, Cynthia Rowley, Dairy Queen, Dee's, East Bank Club, Emily Sachs Wong, Evanston Eye Wellness, Evanston Golf Club, Field Museum of Natural History, Firecakes, Fritzzy's, Gemini Bistro, Goose Island, Homeslice, Interurban Boat House, J9 Wine Bar, Jayson Home and Garden, Jeff Lowe, Jeni's Ice Cream, Le Bouchon, Mariano's, Marshall Pierce, MaZi Dance, Nail Gallery, Nookie's, Oyster Bah, p.45, Porchlight Music Theatre, Regal Webster Place Cinemas, Second City, Shine, SMART Golf Fitness, Starbucks, State, Studio Delcorpo, Tarantino's, The CryoBar, The Kennison, The Lakefront Restaurant, The Robey, TimeLine Theatre Company, Topo Gigio, Twin Anchors, Uncle Julio's, Vision Rehabilitation Associates, P.C., Willow Room, Windy City, Playhouse, Yard House, Zen Yoga Garage

Planning for next year's gala will begin soon. If you are interested in getting involved or making a donation, please contact Rebecca at robrien@sttereseparish.org or (773) 528-6650 for more information.

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

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Financial Collections

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Year 2018-2019	Fiscal	Actual FY 2018-19	% Auto	Budget 2018-19	Actual vs. Budget	Actual Prev Yr	% Auto	Actual vs. Prev Yr	% Prev Yr
Collections Offertory		12,660	27%	12,780	(120)	11,353	24%	1,307	11.5%
Give Central (11/1-11/30)		35,035	73%	32,864	2,171	36,109	76%	(1,074)	-3.0%
Total 4 Weeks-Nov. 2018		47,695	100%	45,644	2,051	47,462	100%	233	0.5%
Total 4 Weeks-Nov. 2017	(In Nov 2018 Extra Special Donation of \$2,600 shown separately below *)								
Collections Offertory		21,950	37%	15,975	5,975	14,729	27%	7,221	49.0%
Give Central (12/1-12/31)		37,703	63%	41,080	(3,377)	39,078	73%	(1,375)	-3.5%
Total 5 Weeks-Dec. 2018		59,653	100%	57,055	2,598	53,807	100%	5,846	10.9%
Total 5 Weeks-Dec. 2017	(In Dec 2018 Extra Donations \$9,500 and \$2,500 shown separately below *)								
Collections Offertory		93,851	30%	86,265	7,586	78,514	26%	15,337	19.5%
Give Central (7/1-12/31/18)		214,976	70%	221,832	(6,856)	223,505	74%	(8,529)	-3.8%
Total 27 Weeks YTD		308,827	100%	308,097	730	302,019	100%	6,808	2.3%
* Extra Special Donations *		24,600				9,500		15,100	
Grand Total (7/1-12/31/18)		333,427		308,097	25,330	311,519		21,908	7.0%
Christmas Collection		35,781		36,000	(219)	35,646		135	0.4%

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday: 2-17-19

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	76
Saturday, 6:30pm Mass Attendance	62
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	175
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	150
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	115
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	578
Christmas 2018 Attendance	800
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 2019	1
Weddings since January 2019	0
Baptisms since January 2019	5

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; for 2018, 652 people at weekend Masses.

The 2018/2019 monthly averages are: January 644/623; February, 566; March, 637; April, 810; May, 583; June, 523; July, 511; August, 509; September, 563; October, 652; November 569; December 576.

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 ratio of 1:7094 Catholics.

Parish Calendars

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Celebrant/Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 3-2-19	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Eric Fredericks	Susan Freund	Luke Kolman Barb Schell
Saturday 3-2-19	6:30 PM	French Mass			
Sunday 3-3-19	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Peggy Teterycz	Jocelyn Lutkus Elizabeth Smith Nancy Gerstad	Geneva Gorgo Carly Johnston Christina Brodell Mary Serrahn
Sunday 3-3-19	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Lector: Alicia Erskine	Aime Jaszczor Mary Stanton Deirdre Curry Bormes	Stephanie Jaworski Laura Moran Daniel Kang Bob Pedro
Sunday 3-3-19	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Abby Greaney	Eileen Raia Margaret Burke <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i>	Sarah Hock Pete Doyle Dani Shain Abel Gonzalez

Week's Activities

Sunday, February 24
 10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality
 10:30 am, Rec/PC2, CGS + Parent Session
 4:00 pm, Rec/PC2, CGS + Parent Session
 4:30 pm, Rec, Edge/Quest Teen Mass
Monday, February 25
 4:00 pm, Rec/PC2, CGS + Parent Session
Tuesday, February 26
 6:00 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
 6:00 pm, PC, SPRED
 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, February 27
 7:00 pm, PC/Kitchen, Night Ministry
Thursday, February 28
 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting
Friday, March 1
 3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes
 7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group
Saturday, February 2
 9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry
 6:30 pm, Church, French Mass

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday: World Day of Prayer
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Domingo: Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;
Viernes: Día Mundial de Oración
Sábado: Santa María Virgen

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, March 2
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

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

Saturday, March 16
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, March 23
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, March 30
 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, February 23

5:00 pm Pat Harriman

Sunday, February 24

9:00 am Patrick Reidy

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, Bruce Brumfield, Nancy Hadler, Chuck Jabaley, Joyce Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Frank Kolman, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Bernadette Rose Micinski, Ray Romero, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

January Baptisms

Cecelia Clare Dowdall (2-17-19), Ella Lennox (2-23-19), Miller Wilson Richter (2-23-19), Thomas Cornelius Bos (2-23-19), Genevieve Rhyme Sopchik (2-24-19)

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
Linda Flasch
Alice Flynn*

*Pat Folland
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
Janette Prush
Hector J. Rivera
Luis Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez
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 -- **Phillip Robinson; Luis Aguilar; Eugene Johnson; Cordero Weathers; Michael Elam; and Sebastian Morales.**

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.

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Welcome Babies!

Your generous donations helped outfit three babies born in the last two months! Moms (Emerence and Faida from Democratic Republic of Congo; Rita from Nepal) and newborns are all doing well. Their families are always so appreciate when we deliver what they will need to welcome the new arrivals. Thank you especially for your response in October to our request for help to purchase cribs and car seats: \$762! At the moment, we are not in need of any supplies, but Catholic Charities could call any time about another precious baby to welcome. If you have questions, contact mairead.reidy@yahoo.com



Clockwise from top left:
Rita, her husband and two sons; Emerence's baby Benny (born 1/20/19); Faida's daughter, Diana (born 12/18/18)



Speakers at DePaul

FEBRUARY 28 (6:30pm)
Bearing Wrongs Patiently*
Challenges & Hopes: The Catholic Church in Contemporary China (details)

Living under communism, Catholics in China, among other Christians, face the risk of persecution and violence. They've long been torn between an "underground" Church and a state-sanctioned one, and in February 2018, Beijing issued new regulations that aim to sinicize (adapt) religions to communism—e.g., banning online Bible sales. And as Dr. Mary Mee-Yin Yuen (Holy Spirit Seminary College, Hong Kong) tells us, despite a recent agreement between China and the Vatican, the persecution continues...and yet, Catholics in mainland China continue to nurture hope.

St. Clement School Pre-K

By enrolling your child in Saint Clement's Pre-K 4 PM program, your child will experience weekly lessons in Spanish, STEAM, Music, Physical Education, Art, and Library. 10 to 1 Student Teacher Ratio

Pre-K 4 PM hours are 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the option to eat lunch at school starting at 11:00 a.m. and to stay later for enrichment classes and/or after-care.

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Parish Council February Updates

Renewed Vision & More Communication

For those of you who don't know, the St. Teresa Parish Council meets every second Monday of the month. We are in the process of revamping the vision and mission of our ministry in an effort to ensure that we can better meet the needs of our growing parish. Please look for more communication about parish happenings at all upcoming masses!

Renew My Church Update

We have entered the phase of Renew My Church that is about evangelizing and creating a vibrant parish. Our primary goal during this phase is to get the word out and encourage people to become followers of Jesus Christ. This fall, we will be exploring using an evangelization tool called Alpha as a catalyst for bringing this outreach to life. No matter where they are in their journeys, we want people to feel like St. Teresa's can become their spiritual home. Additionally, we are actively working to break down parish silos and connecting/sharing resources with the other parishes in our area. These initiatives include combining leadership/ministries teams, RCIA programs and sharing a business manager. We ask that you continue to welcome other parish members into the St. Teresa community!

Please Make Your Gift to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

"Come, Follow Me...and share the Word"

This weekend, our parish will be conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal in-pew Commitment Weekend. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, *"Come, Follow Me...and Share the Word."* was selected to remind us to continue to answer Jesus' call to follow Him in thought, word, and deed by providing the necessary contribution to fund ministers and services to share God's love with many others in our Parish and our Archdiocese.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools, and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

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, July 10th

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



Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Eclo 1:1-10; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Mc 9:14-29
Martes:	Eclo 2:1-11; Sal 37 (36):3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mc 9:30-37
Miércoles:	Eclo 4:11-19; Sal 119 (118):165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mc 9:38-40
Jueves:	Eclo 5:1-8; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mc 9:41-50
Viernes:	Eclo 6:5-17; Sal 119 (118):12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mc 10:1-12
Sábado:	Eclo 17:1-15; Sal 103 (102):13-18; Mc 10:13-16
Domingo:	Eclo:27:4-7; Sal 92 (91):2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lc 6:39-45

Treasures From Tradition

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Según san Mateo, una noche mientras los discípulos estaban en la barca de Pedro, Jesús vino hacia ellos caminando sobre el mar. Ellos se espantaron creyendo que era un fantasma de algún pescador pero él los calmó diciendo “¡Ánimo!, que soy yo; no teman”. Debió ser impactante ver al Señor caminar sobre las aguas, especialmente en una época donde las aguas venían consideradas como el caos.

En varias partes de Latinoamérica los fieles celebran a distintos santos con procesiones de barcos sobre ríos o mares. En el Puerto de Paita, Perú se llevan a los santos Pedro y Pablo en una procesión acuática. San Pedro, que fue pescador, está en casa sobre la barca, ya que normalmente son barcas de pescadores las que forman la procesión. Esta procesión reconoce el caos del mar reconociendo a los pescadores, que durante el año perdieron sus vidas en el mar, con guirnaldas lanzadas a la bahía. Pero, esta procesión no se espanta del mar ya que es una fiesta en honor de dos siervos de aquel que camina sobre las aguas, dominando el mar.

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

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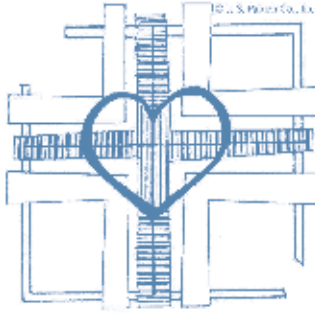
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Do No Harm

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus’ teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

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No Causar Daño

Escuchamos por un buen rato antes de llegar a la “culminación ingeniosa” de la primera lectura de hoy: si bien hubiera sido fácil hacerlo, David no causará daño al ungido del Señor. Nosotros, por supuesto, sabemos que Jesús es el Mesías, el ungido de Dios, mas la Biblia usa ese término para distintas personas. Es la manera bíblica de indicar quién ha sido elegido por Dios para un lugar y misión especial dentro de la historia de la salvación.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús presenta una abultada lista de aquellos a quienes, por ser hijos de Dios, no debemos dañar, sino más bien amar: nuestros enemigos, los que nos maldicen o nos hacen daño, los que nos deben dinero, los ingratos, los malvados. El punto de la enseñanza de Jesús no es alentar esos tipos de comportamiento en otros, sino más bien formarnos a imagen de nuestro Padre celestial cuando incrementamos las oportunidades para amar incondicionalmente, sin esperar nada a cambio; ser misericordiosos y compasivo, aun cuando sería más fácil no serlo.

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Today’s Readings

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — David salvó la vida de Saúl porque él era ungido del Señor (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]).

Segunda lectura — Así como llevamos la imagen del Adán terrenal, llevaremos la imagen del celestial, Jesús (1 Corintios 15:45-49).

Evangelio — Ama a tus enemigos, hazle el bien a los que te odian. Muestra misericordia y perdón (Lucas 6:27-38).

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What We Give

When I was a junior in college, I took a bus across the country with some friends, just for the adventure of it. Our bus was crammed with fellow travelers who were there because they couldn't afford a faster or more pleasant way to see their family members or return home. My friends and I largely kept to ourselves, cracking jokes, laughing, sharing snacks with each other, marveling at the countryside as it went by. A while into the journey, the bus stopped at a traveler's oasis. My group grabbed some cash from our bags and went inside to spend money and stretch our legs.

After a few minutes, we realized that one of us should have stayed on the bus with our bags, and I volunteered to return and keep watch. As I climbed the steps back onto the bus, I saw one of the other passengers poke his head out from our row of seats, and I rushed down the aisle and shouted at him to leave our stuff alone. He jumped out and retreated to the back of the bus, and I remember glaring with suspicion at all the other travelers and perching jealously over our bags until my friends returned and we could form a cone of safety and laugh again.

I think about that moment when I hear this Gospel reading. It is all too tempting to skim this passage from Luke, or to pause on it just long enough to justify a diluted reading of it. After all, if I pay close attention to what Jesus is really saying here, I might have to rethink my behavior on that bus not so long ago. What would my friends have said if they returned to find that I had gifted our bags to a stranger who had taken advantage of our absence, invaded our belongings and claimed them for his own?

Why would Jesus ask this of us? Sure, we understand the wisdom of forgiving another person's bad behavior, but was it to reward the taking of a coat with the gift of a shirt as well? Or was it to wish blessings upon those who hate us? Is it not enough to simply forgive those who curse us?

We get a sense of Jesus' thinking when we consider this Gospel passage with the verses that come just before it. Jesus is teaching in front of a great crowd of people, and

We who enjoy opportunities and privileges must see them as gifts to be shared, not possessions we guard.

he tells them, "Blessed are you who are poor ... hungry ... weeping" for your reward is great in heaven (6:20-23). And then he says, "Woe to you who are rich ... you who are filled now ... you who laugh now" for you have already received your consolation (24-25).

But Jesus is not condemning those who possess more than others. Rather, he is describing our responsibility to each other, which we read today in our Gospel. "To you who hear," he goes on

to say, as if he could tell that those in the crowd with full bellies and clean clothes were turning away, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you" (6:27-28).

Give, and gifts will be given back to you. We who enjoy opportunities and privileges must see them as gifts to be shared, not possessions we guard. Our rewards on earth — our wealth, such as it is, our belongings, our joys — will only become rewards in heaven if we share of them now. And we must be willing to relinquish control of them, remembering perhaps that what we have is only by the grace of God in the first place.

I could easily have shared money, clothes and food from my bag on the bus that day. But rather than see a brother with whom to share my abundance, I saw a thief who came at an inopportune time. Imagine if Jesus had done the same. We are wise to remember the words of Jesus when they came in the night for what he possessed: "Father, not my will but yours be done" (22:42).

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

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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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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.

How to Report Sexual Abuse

To report an allegation of sexual abuse and/or neglect of minors, contact the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Hotline at 800.25.ABUSE (800.252.2873) and/or contact your local police department.

You can also contact the Office of Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) at 312.534.5254.



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Tuesdays
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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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