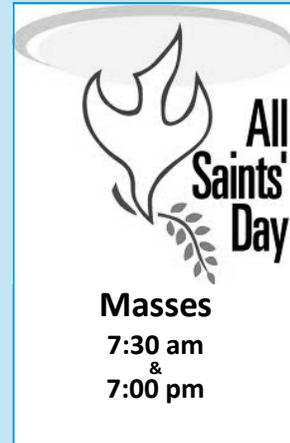




St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 30, 2011



**The greatest among you
must be your servant.**

— *Matthew 23:11*

Parish Mission Statement

The 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.

Stewardship Matters

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Bamboo

A beautiful bamboo once grew in a garden. One day the Master of the garden came by. “Bamboo, I need you.” “Master, I am ready. Use me as you will.” “Bamboo,” said the Master gravely, “I must cut you down.” Bamboo trembled and bent his head. “Do your will and cut.” “Beloved Bamboo, I must take your leaves and branches, too.” “Master, spare me!” “Bamboo, I must cut you in two and take out your heart.” Bamboo bowed low. “Master . . . do your will.” The Master of the Garden cut and, lifting Bamboo gently, carried him to a spring among his dry fields. He carefully laid one end of Bamboo in the spring and the other into a water channel. The sparkling waters raced down Bamboo’s torn body into the fields. Rice was planted, shoots grew, and harvest came. In his growth, Bamboo was life abundant, but in his brokenness, he channeled abundant life into his Master’s world.

Living Stewardship Now

Are you always in charge, always taking control, wanting to be seen as a leader? Try a parish ministry where you simply serve in the background: wash dishes, clean up after an event, run errands, stuff envelopes.



Bambú

Había una vez un bambú hermoso en un jardín. Un día pasó el dueño del jardín y le dijo: “Bambú, te necesito”. “Señor, estoy listo. Úsame como desees”. “Bambú”, le dijo el Señor muy serio, “tengo que cortarte”. El Bambú bajó su cabeza temblando. “Haz tu voluntad y corta”. “Querido Bambú, tengo que cortar tus hojas y ramas también”. “¡Señor, líbrame de eso!” “Bambú, tengo que cortarte en dos y sacarte el corazón”. El Bambú se inclinó profundamente. “Señor . . . que se haga tu voluntad”. El Señor del Jardín cortó el Bambú y lo levantó suavemente llevándolo a un manantial en medio de sus campos secos, puso

cuidadosamente una punta del Bambú roto en el manantial y la otra punta en un canal de agua. Las aguas se precipitaron jubilosas a través del canal, hecho con el cuerpo roto del Bambú, hacia los campos. Entonces se sembró arroz, crecieron las espigas y se dio la cosecha. Como bella planta el Bambú gozaba antes de la vida en abundancia, pero ahora su cuerpo roto servía para canalizar vida abundante hacia el mundo de su Señor.

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

¿Estás siempre encargado de algo, siempre en control, esperando que te vean como líder? Trata de involucrarte en un ministerio parroquial donde prestes tus servicios sin visibilidad: lavando platos, limpiando después de algún evento, haciendo mandados, ayudando a enviar la correspondencia.

St. Teresa of Avila Food Pantry Shopping List

The St. Teresa Food Pantry can always use non-perishable food items such as those listed below.

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pasta Sauce (26 oz.) | Canned Soup (10 oz.) |
| Canned Beans (15 oz.) | Canned Vegetables (15 oz.) |
| Canned Fruit (15oz.) | Spaghetti O's (15 oz.) |
| Peanut Butter (18 oz.) | Chili (15 oz.) |
| Tuna | Cereal |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Pasta |

Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.)

Sizes are the Maximum



Larger, sturdy paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.

Please check the expiration dates on all food items before donating them; we discard anything that is past the expiration date.

If your family would like to sponsor a large amount of a particular item, please contact Mike Usiak at usiak@sbcglobal.net.

The Food Pantry needs larger, sturdy paper and plastic bags with handles. Please drop them off in the church, parish center or parish office.



The next Food Pantry Committee meeting is Monday, December 5th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

The 7 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

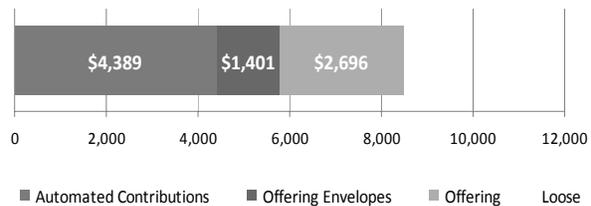
- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- The Call to Family, Community and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity: One Human Family
- Care of God's Creation

Weekly Collections Recap For October 23, 2011

10/23/2011

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,389	\$1,401	\$2,696	\$8,486

Weekly Sunday Collections (Budget of \$12,000)



We are currently running a \$3,514 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of October 23, 2011. We are currently at a 14% increase over last fiscal year to date.

Comments & Concerns

We want to ensure that any questions or concerns are fully addressed. Please contact the Finance Council Chair, Bill Mack, at williamdmack@hotmail.com or (312) 706-4266. Bill can provide you with the latest financial status, projections and key issues.

We also encourage you to attend the monthly Finance Council meetings on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Website & Bulletin Materials

Articles must be submitted by 11:00 am on Monday to be considered for the following Sunday's bulletin or for posting on the Website. Please contact Dean at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@sttereseparish.org

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us? (Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

Psalm — In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).

Second Reading — You have received not a human word but the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).

Gospel — Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven (Matthew 23:1-12).

God is in Charge



The word
of God
is at work
in you



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“Who do you think you are?!” today’s readings demand. We are brought up short, put in our place, given a dose of reality. Who is God? Who is in charge? Who is the greatest?

We begin with a passage from the prophet Malachi, one of the latest prophets, who wrote after the Jews returned from Babylon. Calling the people to task in God’s name, he condemns the divisions and false teachings that have arisen, reminding them that all were created by the one God. Paul tells the Thessalonians the same thing, but in a positive way—praising them for remembering that it is God who is at work within them.

Finally, the Gospel presents Jesus speaking out against hypocrisy and vainglory. “You have but one teacher . . . you have but one Father” (Matthew 23:8, 9). We are firmly put in our place. God is in charge. — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24, 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday:	<u>Suggested:</u> Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 or any readings from no. 668 or the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63; 1 Thes 4:13-18 13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

Prayer After Communion

The rites following the reception of Communion are very short. It is as if the Church is saying to us that the only way to respond to this great gift is to go forth and live it! But there are some significant rites yet before we are sent forth from the Mass. After Communion, we pray together in silence or sing a hymn; both are ways to thank God for the gift of the Son. Then the priest prays another collect, the Prayer after Communion. This prayer, usually very short, gathers our prayers into one. It reminds us of what we have already experienced: in receiving the Eucharist, we have received a foretaste of the heavenly banquet; we have eaten the bread of angels. This reality, this knowledge, should transform us, so that we may journey through this life with our hearts set on eternal life, and find in the Eucharist—which is food from heaven and daily bread—the strength and hope we need to work toward God’s kingdom of justice here and now. — Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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Dios Está a Cargo

“¿Quién te crees que eres?!”, demandan las lecturas de hoy. Nos ponen de cortito, en nuestro lugar, con una dosis de realidad. ¿Quién es Dios? ¿Quién está a cargo? ¿Quién es el máximo?

Comenzamos con el pasaje del profeta Malaquías, uno de los profetas tardíos, quien escribió después que los judíos retornaron de Babilonia. Amonestando al pueblo en el nombre de Dios, condena las divisiones y falsas enseñanzas que han surgido, recordándoles que todos fueron creados por el único Dios. Pablo dice la misma cosa a los tesalonicenses, pero de una manera positiva, elogiándolos por recordar que Dios es el que obra en ellos.

Finalmente, el Evangelio presenta a Jesús hablando contra la hipocresía y la vanagloria. “No tienen más que un Maestro. . . el padre de ustedes es sólo el Padre celestial” (Mateo 23:8, 9). Con firmeza nos pone en nuestro lugar. Dios está a cargo. — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



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Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Adora al Dios que nos creó, y sean fieles unos a otros (Malaquías 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

Salmo — En ti, oh Señor, encuentro la paz (Salmo 131 [130]).

Segunda lectura — Estábamos decididos a compartir con ustedes no sólo el Evangelio de Dios, sino nuestro ser también (1 Tesalonicenses 2:7b-9, 13).

Evangelio — El más grande de ustedes debe ser el servidor de los demás (Mateo 23:1-12).

La Nueva Alianza

La nueva alianza es Cristo mismo, el nuevo Israel es la Iglesia. Una vez más, Dios toma la iniciativa y se hace uno de nosotros, plenamente. La participación mutua de Dios no puede ser mayor, pues se hace uno de nosotros y habita entre nosotros. Las categorías se rompen totalmente, no hay deberes nuestros para con Cristo, hay respuesta a una invitación concreta: coman y beban, hagan esto en memoria mía. Jesús mismo instituye, en el contexto de una cena, una nueva alianza. Ya no se destrozará un animal y se pondrá su cuerpo en dos partes para pasar por en medio de ellos, siendo conscientes de que quien rompa esa alianza correrá la misma suerte. Cristo, al derramar su sangre, corta su propio cuerpo para sellar, mediante él, mediante su sangre, la nueva alianza. La noche antes de ser entregado, partió el pan y lo repartió diciendo que era su cuerpo; del mismo modo con el cáliz, sangre de la alianza nueva y eterna. Al beber su sangre nos hacemos uno con él, porque él ya se hizo uno con nosotros. La alianza no es en un animal sacrificado, sino en él mismo, que se hace cordero para el sacrificio. Lo imitamos en la medida en que nos damos a los demás. — Miguel Arias, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de la Semana

- Lunes:** Rom 11:29-36; Lc 14:12-14
- Martes:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Sal 24 (23), 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Miércoles:** Recomendado: Sab 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 ó 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 o lecturas del #668 ó lecturas de las misas para los difuntos, #1011-1016
- Jueves:** Rom 14:7-12; Lc 15:1-10
- Viernes:** Rom 15:14-21; Lc 16:1-8
- Sábado:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lc 16:9-15
- Domingo:** Sab 6:12-16; Sal 63 (62); 1 Tes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

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Interested in the Catholic Faith?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life.

The RCIA process is for the un-baptized who want to join the Catholic Church; and those who have been baptized either Catholic or in another Christian denomination, and want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Frank at (773) 528-6650.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Openings for 3-5 Year-Olds

There are still a couple openings in the Tuesday and Thursday classes (4:30-6:00pm). Please spread the word, especially to families with 3-5 year olds.

We are looking for someone who can sing with the children before classes on Tuesday or Thursday for twenty minutes: 4:15-4:35pm. Contact Kate Lynch at klynch@stteresaparish.org or (773)528-6650.

October Baptisms



Abigail Jeanette Griffiths (10-2-11)

Morgan Urban (10-2-11)

Jake Michael Wald (10-2-11)

Sophia Noelani Zamora (10-8-11)

Trey Michael Anderson (10-15-11)

Oliver George Johnson (10-16-11)

Kaylee Makena Norberg (10-16-11)

Alivia Evangeline Jacinto (10-16-11)

Calendar at a Glance

October 30, Sunday

Thirty-first Sunday Ordinary Time • Trigesimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 9:00 am, PC1-2, Nine AM Nursery
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:00 am, PC1-2, Time of Your Life Meeting

October 31, Monday

- 12:30 pm, PC1-2, Chicago House
- 7:30 pm, AVC, 12-Step Meeting

November 1, Tuesday

All Saints • Todos los Santos

- 7:30 am, Church, All Saints Day Mass
- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:30 pm, PC-4, RCIA
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting
- 6:00 pm, REC, SPRED Preparation
- 7:00 pm, Church, All Saints Day Mass

November 2, Wednesday

All Souls • Todos los Fieles Difuntos

- 5:30 pm, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step RA Meeting
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Chicago Catholic Scripture School
- 7:30 pm, APC, 12-Step AA Meeting

- 7:30 pm, APB, 12-step SA Meeting
- 8:00 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Bible Study

November 3, Thursday

St. Martin de Porres • San Martín de Porres

- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

November 4, Friday

St. Charles Borromeo; First Friday • San Carlos Borromeo; Primer Viernes

- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

November 5, Saturday

First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary • Primer Sábado; Santa María Virgen

- 9:00 am, PC-4, CCFC Catechesis
- 9:00 am, APB, 12-Step SA
- 9:00 am, PC1-2, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 10:00 am, PC1-2, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:00 pm, Church, Our Lady of Fatima Devotion
- 5:30 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass

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Mass Intentions

October 29

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

October 30

9:00 am Naomi Harmon-Kirksey
 10:30 am All Deceased Members of the Parish
 12:00 noon Sam & Lee Incandela
 John Stanley
 6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Alfonzo Ardana, Amalia Bech, Greg Bruce, Ethel Brumleve, John Breault, Gaspar Diaz, Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano, Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez, Donald Grabarczyk, Sr. Joan Granzier, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Michael Kinsella, Jeanne Kreilkamp, Isabelle Martinez, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben & Susan Patrasso, Victims of the War & Domestic Violence

Let us also pray for those who are ill, especially...

<i>Johnnie Mae Alexander</i>	<i>Dave Kostelansky</i>	<i>Irma Rivera</i>
<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Patricia Chuck</i>	<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Philomena Russum</i>
<i>Kaylee Frederking</i>	<i>Lori Lyons</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>George Marroquin</i>	<i>Ruth Schmitz</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>Robert Usiak</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Tammy Martin & Family</i>	<i>Karen Breen Vogel</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Natasha McShane</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Jim Zwicky</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>Frank Neki</i>	
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	
<i>Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M.</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neil</i>	
<i>Rod Holzkamp</i>	<i>Nella Palazzolo</i>	
<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i>	
	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>	

Our Mass intentions have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office at (773) 528-6650, ext.230 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 list the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for six months. If you wish the name of a loved one left on the list longer than six months, please contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office.

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
11-5-11 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Pascal Kasanziki	David Kostelansky	Theresa Jabaley	Deana Zost Jean Kostelansky
11-6-11 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Mark Trinkka	Phyllis Halloran Annie Monak Frank Swiderski	George Halloran Bernadette Diaz Dan Anderson Rose Ohiku
11-6-11 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Maria Montes Alex Lopez	Francisco Perez	Carmen Cruz
11-6-11 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Pascal Kasanziki	Brian Graziano	Colin McCue	Aimee Jaszczor Bob Pedro
11-6-11 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Pascal Kasanziki	Karen Melchert	Maggie Malone Sharon Lindstrom Eileen Raia	Jane Ott Kathy Richgels Diana Hanan Wendy Tynan

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Learning to be Quiet before God

It can be quite difficult to quiet oneself. We live very hectic lives, in part by our design. At other times, our hectic lives have to do with the times in which we live or where we live. Big cities can be very rush-rush. For most of us, we have a lot coming at us. We are committed to many initiatives. The day begins, the day moves on, and the day ends before we know it.

It can also be difficult to quiet oneself because we are not used to the practice of being quiet. If we try to be quiet, it is a constant battle to keep our minds focused. Our minds wander like a rudderless ship in the ocean. There also is uneasiness with being quiet. We are not sure what will come up, where is it going, whether we are wasting my time, etc.

In the end, if we want to hear God's call for us, and I do believe that most of us do want to know and understand our calling, then we have to learn how to be quite before God and listen.

Many saints have struggled with this dynamic of learning how to be quiet. Our own Saint Teresa of Avila in her writings titled "The Interior Castle" (an excellent read by the way) tells us that there are many "weeds" and "snakes" in the garden prior to getting into our spiritual castle. And once we are in, every room has distractions. Some of these distractions are the feeling of comfort and satisfaction. She urges us to push on in our spiritual development by listening, by being quiet, and by being still before God.

Many have used "centering prayer" as a practice to learn to be quite. It is best to do it in the morning but not necessary. Get up one-half-hour early. Wake yourself up. Read a Psalm or a poem. And then sit for 15 minutes and repeat a word or a short phrase over and over again. It will be challenging at first. But the fruits of your labor will be abundant.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, November 8
from 6:15 am to 7:30 am in the parish center.**

Contact Dan Anderson at (773) 844-4494 or dananderson@ameritech.net or Tom Kosnik at (312) 527-2950 or tkosnik@visusgroup.com

— Tom Kosnik

Toddler Nursery During 9AM Mass

If you are interested in bringing your toddler to our newly founded nursery during the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays in PC1-2, stop in or contact Kate Lynch at klynch@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650.

Remembering Our Loved Ones

ALL SOULS



Beginning this weekend, there will be a Remembrance Table placed near the altar to put pictures and mementos to honor our family members and friends who have died with the hope of rising

again.

If you would like to participate, please bring in your photos and mementos for the Remembrance Table.

The Cardinal's Question

Ken Jaszczor and Tom Kinsella are the St. Teresa of Avila Parish representatives to our Deanery, the organizational level between the Archdiocese and the Parish. They have been tasked to obtain your ideas, concerns and suggestions. Specifically, Cardinal George is seeking your help to develop concrete actions to address the problems facing our community of faith. We will be presented with several issues to consider throughout the year.

Please take time to pray over and consider the current question:

"What are specific things Parishes can do to help people recognize that attending Sunday Mass will make a difference in their lives?"

Ken and Tom are to present our Parish suggestions in the next Deanery meeting in January. Please provide your suggestions and ideas by speaking to them directly or using the specially marked collection container to deposit your written ideas.

Attend the 2012 Primetime Emmy Awards Show

This year's *Time of Your Life* live auction will include two orchestra level tickets to the 2012 Emmy's! Spend two nights at the historic five-star Beverly Wilshire Hotel where recent star sightings include Eva Longoria, Demi Moore and Hugh Jackman to name a few. Enjoy luxury car service to and from the show and rub elbows with stars, producers and nominees as your car drops you off in the exclusive "limo line" right at the start of the stars' red carpet. This package also includes luxury car service to and from the airport so you will be sure to start and finish your trip in style.

Visit www.st-teresa.net to purchase your tickets to this year's *Time of Your Life*, and for updates on Live and Silent Auction Packages. Join our group on Facebook, St. Teresa of Avila Parish, for more updates.

Fatima First Saturday – Fátima Primer Sábado

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday devotion to Our lady of Fatima on November 5th at 4:00 pm in the church.

Todos estan invitados a la devoción a la Virgen de Fátima el 5 de noviembre en la iglesia Santa Teresa de Avila a las 4:00 pm.

St. Teresa of Avila Says ...



“ Serve God and reflect on how all things come to an end. Those who in fact risk all for God find that they have both lost all and gained all. ”

Holiday Greenery Orders Due Nov. 1st!



Now is the time to place your orders for fresh greenery for the holidays. We are coming to the end of accepting Greenery Orders. Get your orders in this week. Someone will be in the back of church to take orders, or drop them in the collection baskets or in the back of church. All orders must be prepaid, and will be delivered to church for distribution after all masses the first week in December. All profits benefit St. Teresa of Avila Parish.

Come to Bible Study This Week

Interested in learning more about the Bible? Join a great group of men and women from the parish who desire to dig deeper into the Word.



BIBLE STUDY

St. Teresa's Bible Study plans to meet twice a month and will be using a top-rated bible study resource. Bible study will meet from 10:15 am to 12:00 noon on the following Sundays in the Rectory:

October 30	November 6
November 20	December 4
December 18	

If you're interested, please call Katie Garwood at (601) 454-0837 or email her at katiemgarwood@gmail.com.

St. Teresa of Avila's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Poor

Thursday, November 24th
12:00 Noon
In the Parish Center



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God is Not a Spy Satellite

The Pharisees had a bad rap. They were good people doing a necessary job. They performed the same function as modern moral theologians — also unloved.

But society and the church both need the Pharisees and the moralists. The average person has neither the time nor the talent to analyze complicated ethical situations and determine the correct moral action. It is not enough to say, “Do good and avoid evil,” or even to say, “Love God and neighbor.” Because in the concrete case, it is often difficult to know what is good and who is neighbor and what the loving thing is.

Moralists are at least as old as writing. Socrates tried to dialogue his way to the good life. Aristotle wrote the first tract on ethics. Moses said he got his laws from God, and many prophets presumed to interpret God’s will in various situations. Somebody has to do it. Somebody has to apply the simple theory of good in each complicated situation.

The heyday of moral theology was the Middle Ages, when St. Thomas Aquinas outlined all possible virtues and vices. Then, some helpful moralists wrote books of all the sins they could think of so priests in the confessional would know one sin from another. But no matter how accurate the catalogues may be, they offer an awful view of humankind, a depressing approach to the Christian life.

In the middle of my studies



Our sins do not define who we are — they are merely symptoms of what is wrong with us. We need to be cured, not cursed.

for the priesthood, I was saved from despair by a breakthrough book called *The Primacy of Love*. It was such a simple idea — so obvious that it took a few centuries for anyone to think of it. The book started with the virtue of love and then arranged all the other virtues around it, with, of course, the contrary vices. It put sin in a whole new light. But as soon as we forget love, moral theology looks pretty much like the old lists of sin in a different order.

It is time for a new breakthrough. Some biblical experts are often several years ahead of usually conservative moralists. They make the distinction between covenant and contract. In any account of sin, the players are God and humans. In our usual view of sin, God is the

lawgiver and we are lawbreakers.

Biblical moralists remind us that the original relationship between God and us was and still is the covenant relationship. We are not just related to God as creature to Creator or as lawgiver to law-keeper. We do not have a legal contract with God but a personal covenant. When we sin, we not only break a law, we break a covenant, a friendship. We are God’s family, not God’s subjects.

In any given situation in a human family, for example, children may decide to do the same thing no matter how they relate to their parents. But it makes a huge difference in their life together if they make decisions of out love or out of fear. And it makes a huge difference in our life with God whether we relate to God as a Parent or as a spy satellite circling our personal world.

Pharisees and moralists are good people who perform a necessary function. We ought to be grateful to them while recognizing their limitations. Hardback catechisms do not translate well into loose-leaf lives. Our sins do not define who we are — they are merely symptoms of what is wrong with us. We need to be cured, not cursed.

— Fr. James Smith, Celebration Publications

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Infant Baptism

Baptisms are generally celebrated on the first Sunday of the month during mass, and on the third Sunday of the month following the noon mass. Parents are required to attend baptism preparation session. Please call Dean at the parish office (773) 528-6650, ext. 230 to schedule a preparation session and baptism at least three months in advance.

Marriage

Weddings are held at 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm on Saturday afternoons. Call the parish office for an appointment at least six months in advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

For those interested in becoming Catholic or simply desiring to learn more about our Catholic faith, contact Fr. Frank..

Children's Religious Education

Religious education is offered for children from age 3 through 8th grades. Two programs are offered - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (a Montessori program) and a middle school program for 7th and 8th grade. For more information on religious education programs or sacramental preparation, please contact Kate Lynch at the parish office, ext. 232.

Registration

Registration forms are available at the back of church or at the parish office, or on our website at www.st-teresa.net.

Time for Prayer

The church may be opened for private prayer during the day. Please come to the parish office.

Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
<i>en español</i>	10:30 am
	12:00 noon
	6:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday to Thursday	7:30 am
Friday *	7:30 am

**Communion Service only*

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday	7:00 pm
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Reconciliation

Please call the parish office to make an appointment with a priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Communion for the Sick

Please call the parish office for arrangements.

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