



**St. Teresa**  
*of Avila*  
Catholic Church

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**January 1, 2012**

Mary kept all these things,  
reflecting on them in her heart.

— Luke 2:19

**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.



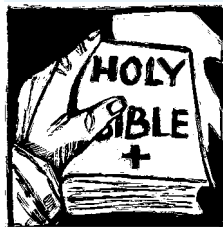
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# Stewardship Matters

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## We are Family



On this day we honor the Holy Family. We are all born, married, or adopted into families. We belong to the family of faith through baptism and to the larger human family. Recently, a story was reported about a woman in England. She was retired and lived alone. She regularly attended Mass, but was not involved in parish life. According to her only friend, this lady had no family left. She spent all her time shopping. Neighbors who saw her come and go finally noticed her car had not been moved in days and reported it to police. Investigating officers discovered a house packed with “stuff.” It took them two days to find the lady in a bedroom, where heavy boxes had fallen on her and killed her. We all know people who are without family support. Some are outgoing and have friends. Others, particularly the frail and elderly, are shy or fearful of bothering anyone. Isolation can have fearful consequences. Don't let it happen if you can help it.

### Living Stewardship Now

If you know someone who is elderly, frail, and isolated, find ways to be a presence and a support. Drop a greeting card in the mail. Make a “How are you?” phone call. Go by with home-made goodies. Offer to run errands or drive to doctor visits or church. Take the family over and do yard work or other chores.

## Somos Un Familia



Hoy honramos a la Sagrada Familia. Todos pertenecemos a una familia, bien por nacimiento, bien por matrimonio o adopción. Pertenecemos a la familia de fe por el bautismo y también a la gran familia humana. Recientemente se reportó una historia acerca de una mujer en Inglaterra, que estaba jubilada y vivía sola. Iba a Misa con regularidad, pero no participaba en la vida parroquial. Según su única amiga, a esta señora no le quedaba ninguna familia. Todo el tiempo se lo pasaba de compras. Los vecinos que veían su ir y venir cayeron un día en la cuenta de que el carro no se había movido en varios días y llamaron a la policía. Los oficiales que vinieron a investigar hallaron una casa abarrotada de “cosas”. Les tomó dos días encontrar a la mujer en un cuarto bajo unas cajas pesadas que la mataron al caerle encima. Todos conocemos a personas que carecen de ayuda familiar. Algunas hacen amistades fácilmente. Otras, particularmente las frágiles y de edad avanzada, se retraen pues temen molestar a los demás. El aislamiento puede tener consecuencias terribles. Si estás en condiciones de ayudar, no permitas que eso suceda.

### La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

Si conoces a alguna persona de edad avanzada, frágil y aislada busca maneras de hacerte presente y prestarle ayuda. Envíale una tarjeta por correo. Interésate por ella con una llamada telefónica. Llévale alguna golosina. Ofrécele hacerle algún mandado, llevarla al doctor o a la iglesia. Visítala con tu familia, arréglale un poco el jardín o ayúdala con alguna tarea doméstica.

## 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

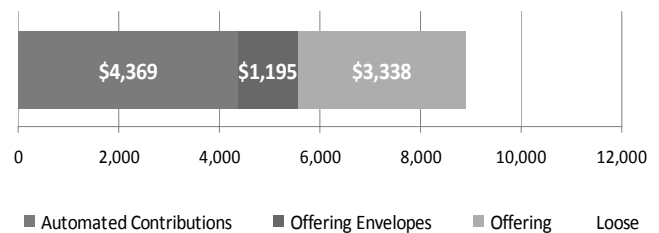


Larger, sturdy paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.

## Weekly Collections Recap For December 11, 2011

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,369	\$1,195	\$3,338	\$8,902

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



We are currently running a \$3,098 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of December 11, 2011. As of November 30, 2011 we are flat with collections from last fiscal year.

**Due to the Holiday publishing schedule, this Financial Corner is a repeat of December 18th.**

## End-of-Year Tax Letters

Please have your end-of-the-year donations to us by January 6th so that we may send you a completed 2011 donation letter for your taxes. When you receive your letter, please look it over for discrepancies. We'll be happy to correct any problems and resend your letter.

It is important to keep personal account of your donations throughout the year. While our end-of-year letters to you are a handy way to keep track of donations to St. Teresa, the letter is not a necessary part of your tax return.

If you have any questions, please call the office.

Erica Saccucci  
St. Teresa of Avila  
Business Manager  
(773) 528-6650

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](mailto: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 Pantry is in need of three volunteers to help shop for groceries twice a month. Please contact Mike Usiak [usiak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:usiak@sbcglobal.net) or the Parish Office to sign up.

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

All are welcome to attend.

# Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

**Psalm** — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

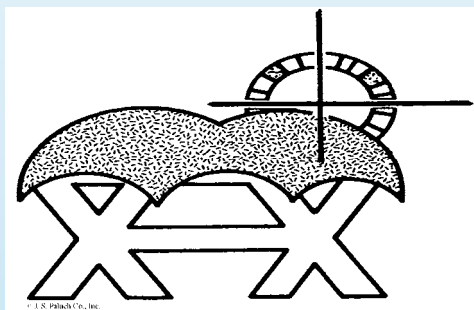
**Second Reading** — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

## The Blessing We Receive

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God’s loving kindness, the shining glory of God’s face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God’s own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God’s face is shown to us and God’s presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Treasures from Our Tradition

On this feast, we can see how devotion to Mary has been a beacon of hope to the sick throughout history. In the new cathedral of Los Angeles, the faithful enter through a single door topped by a striking sculpture of Mary with arms stretched down in compassion. Sculpted into the massive bronze doors are the titles of Mary most treasured by various cultures. Many of them speak of how the sick are consoled by a sense of Mary’s presence.

Dorothy Day once recalled St. Bonaventure’s remark that after the Lord’s long forty days of fasting in the desert, when he was diminished and weak from his struggle, the angels who ministered to him went first to the Blessed Mother’s house. There they saw the soup that was on her stove, and took some to the Lord so that he would delight in it even more since his mother had prepared it. “Of course,” said Dorothy Day matter-of-factly.

In praying the rosary and savoring the stories of Mary’s steadfast love in the face of all suffering, the sick are strengthened by one of our tradition’s most shining treasures, and the whole Church is enriched. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

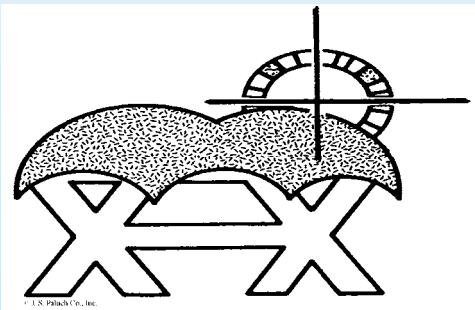
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## La Bendición Que Recibimos

La bendición que experimentamos en Cristo Jesús es proclamada en Números como una bendición especial para el pueblo de Israel. Ellos y nosotros seremos bendecidos por la invocación de la misericordia de Dios, la gloria resplandeciente de su rostro que nos mira con amor y no se aleja de nosotros con ira. ¡Hemos sido bendecidos por la paz de Dios!

Nuestro deseo y nuestra esperanza se cumplen en esta bendición, que se hace visible en la venida de Jesús. En Jesús, la imagen del Dios invisible, se nos muestra su rostro y su presencia se nos da a conocer en la bondad amorosa y fiel. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

¡Año nuevo, vida nueva! El día primero de enero, mientras muchos celebran las cábalas y cabañuelas de un año nuevo, los cristianos conmemoramos a quien dio a luz al autor de la vida. María, bajo el título de Madre de Dios, es como nosotros deseamos celebrar la esperanza de un año nuevo, vida nueva!

El Concilio de Éfeso en el año 431 declaró a María como la Theotokos; la que “carga a Dios”. Este dogma tiene que ver más con el Hijo que con la madre y fue proclamado para afirmar que Jesucristo “desde toda la eternidad fue Dios”. Continúa la doctrina y afirma “Así como toda madre humana, no es solamente madre del cuerpo humano sino de la persona, así María dio a luz a una persona, Jesucristo, quien es Dios y hombre, entonces Ella es la Madre de Dios”.

¡Ésta sí que es vida nueva! Dios nace como ser humano y el ser humano carga a Dios. Gracias a Dios, todo ser humano puede ser como María Theotokos y cargar a Dios en su corazón. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo! — Fray Gilberto

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## Lecturas de hoy

**Primera lectura** — El Señor te bendiga y te proteja. Que el Señor te mire con benevolencia y te conceda la paz (Números 6:22-27).

**Salmo** — El Señor tenga piedad y nos bendiga (Salmo 67 [66]).

**Segunda lectura** — Dios envió a sus corazones el Espíritu de su Hijo, que clama “¡Abbá!” (Gálatas 4:4-7)

**Evangelio** — Los pastores se volvieron a sus campos, alabando y glorificando a Dios por todo cuanto habían visto y oído (Lucas 2:16-21).

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
<b>Martes:</b>	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
<b>Miércoles:</b>	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
<b>Jueves:</b>	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
<b>Viernes:</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13; Mc 1:7-11 o Lc 3:23-38 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
<b>Sábado:</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
<b>Domingo:</b>	Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71); Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

# Sacraments & Ministries

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## January Baptisms



Noah Giangreco (1-15-12)

### St. Teresa says...



“I have seen through experience the great good that comes to a soul when it does not turn aside from obedience. It is through this practice that I think one advances in virtue and gains humility.”

## The Seven 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



## Calendar at a Glance

### January 1, Sunday

The Octave of Christmas; Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God •  
Octava de Navidad; María Santísima, Madre de Dios

- 9:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 9:15 am, REC4, Children's Liturgy of the Word

### January 2, Monday

Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen •  
Santos Basilio Magno y Gregorio Nacienceno  
Parish Office Closed

### January 3, Tuesday

The Most Holy Name of Jesus • El Santísimo Nombre de Jesús

- 5:30 pm, PC-4, RCIA
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

### January 4, Wednesday

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton • Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 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

### January 5, Thursday

St. John Neumann • San Juan Neumann

### January 6, Friday

St. André Bessette; First Friday • San André Bessette; 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

### January 7, Saturday

St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday •  
San Raimundo de Peñafort; Primer sábado

- 9:00 am, GS, PC1-2, Food Pantry Setup
- 10:00 am, GS, PC1-2, Food Pantry Distribution
- 9:00 am, APB, 12-Step SA





# Mass Schedule & Intentions

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## Mass Intentions

### December 31

5:00 pm Jack Williams

### January 1

9:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish

10:30 am Jaime Hernandez  
Edwin Hernandez

12:00 noon All Deceased Members of the Parish

6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

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 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.

## 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 Granzeier, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Michael Kinsella, Isabelle Martinez, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben & Susan Patrasso, Victims of the War & Domestic Violence*

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

*Johnnie Mae Alexander  
Alicia Anderson  
Berta Billalvazo  
Patricia Chuck  
Basilio Diaz  
Jackson Fineske & Family  
Kaylee Frederking  
Padraig Gallagher  
Eloisa Gallegos  
Michael Gibbons  
Angela Goldberg  
Kaylee Gommel  
Les Gordon  
Genevieve Gorgo  
Geneva Gorgo  
Mrs. Grabarczyk  
George Halloran  
Kellar Harris  
Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M.  
David Hoffman  
Rod Holzkamp*

*Chuck Jabaley  
Pat Johnson  
Dave Kostelansky  
Betty LaCour  
Adolfo Lorenzana  
Carmen Dolores Lorenzana  
Carmen Felicita Lorenzana  
Miguel Lorenzana  
Lori Lyons  
George Maroquin  
Jose Marroquin  
Tammy Martin & Family  
Natasha McShane  
Margaret Sue Meadors  
Bill Mobley  
John Monier  
Elda Myers  
Frank Neki  
Angel Nieves  
P. A. O'Neil  
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill  
Nella Palazzolo*

*Honorata Alicea Peña  
Hector J. Rivera  
Irma Rivera  
Pedro Rodriguez  
Ray Romero  
Jeffrey Roscoe  
Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.  
Philomena Russum  
Jack Schank  
Ruth Schmitz  
Mima Tome  
John Wagner  
Bernadine Walters  
Jack Williams  
Michael Woyan  
Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse*

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
1-7-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Maggie Kuhlmann	Kari Richardson	Jane Bronson Becky Francis
1-8-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Tony Doesn C.M.	Mark Van Grinsven	Theresa Jabaley Dan Anderson Rose Ohiku	Frank Swiderski Nancy Van Grinsven Mary Beth Hughes Geneva Gorgo
1-8-12 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. John Rybolt C.M.	Alex Lopes Maria Montes	Antonio Bosque	Carmen Cruz
1-8-12 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Raquel Bech	Brendan Lynch	Myrna Gomez Kinsella Jennifer Barrett
1-8-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Eileen Raia	Christine Villoch Karen Melchert Sharon Lindstrom	Katie Assell Jonathan Assell Luke Kolman Maggie Malone

# Parish Life

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## The Gift of Forgetting at Christmas

There is something about a new baby entering the picture that changes the landscape. Regardless of how rich or how poor, what culture the baby is born into, or the social class of the new child, change happens. Life will never be the same. And it is universally recognized.

This fact that life will never be the same is the ultimate gift of a new child. And the gift this child brings is the gift of forgetfulness. A new child is born and one forgets how important they are. One forgets that the world revolves around them. One forgets one's self.

In life's journey it's so easy to forget what's really important and chase after or be concerned with what in reality is minor. Ask any person or group of people and a common theme will quickly be discovered. "Yea, I use to think this was important..., I can't believe I use to think like that..., I can't believe that I saw life like that."

But a child is born and one forgets how important that child is. One remembers that life is more about the here and now. That life is more about obtaining this object or this status. That little baby is born and one recalls what it's all about. Pulled out of themselves and into a new world..., this is the gift of Christmas and this is the gift of a baby Christ child.

**Join us for the next session of  
Men's Spirituality Group  
on Tuesday, January 10th  
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

## Volunteers Needed For Parish Leadership Day

The Archdiocesan Office for Councils and Christ Renews His Parish will present its 2012 Parish Leadership Day on February 18 at Loyola Academy, 1100 Laramie Ave., in north suburban Wilmette.

This event has been blending faith, knowledge and skills to transform parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago since 1984. It will feature keynote addresses by renowned speakers; opportunities for participants to dialogue with Cardinal Francis George; more than 90 workshops presented in English, Spanish and/or Polish by qualified, experienced presenters in the areas of leader formation, spiritual life, parish life, human concerns and education; exhibits by Archdiocesan agencies, groups outside the archdiocese, and merchants; lunch conversation with Cardinal George; and a closing liturgy celebrated by Cardinal George with a special homilist.

Planning for the 2012 Parish Leadership Day is well under way. Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of functions prior to the event, as well as on Leadership Day itself. For more information on how you can help, call Rita Kattner, Executive Director of the Office for Councils/Christ Renews His Parish, at (312) 534 - 8364.

## The Catholic Perspective: On Climate Change

Why are Catholics called to care for creation? What does the Catholic Church teach about climate change and environmental issues? Environmental Studies Professor and Ambassador for the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change, Dr. Mark Potosnak, seeks to answer these questions.

**February 12th  
St. Teresa of Avila  
Parish Center 1950 N. Kenmore Ave.  
7:00 pm**

For more information contact Tom Howard, Program Director for Justice Education, toward@archchicago.org or (312) 534-3890. Pizza & refreshments will be served.

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### Ministry of Care A Powerful and Rewarding Volunteer Opportunity

Applications are now being accepted for the Ministry of Care. Volunteers in this ministry are commissioned to offer compassion, prayer and Eucharist to those who are sick and/or homebound. Ministers of Care can visit the homebound in their home or visit patients at one of the following healthcare facilities: Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Prentice Women's Hospital, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Warren Barr Pavilion. Initial training and on-going formation is provided. Volunteers serve weekly or on alternating weeks for approximately two hours each time.

If you would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity, please call Ken Jaszczor at (773) 235-8472.

### Do More Than Make It Through This Winter – Make a Difference!

The Center for Economic Progress is looking for volunteers to work one-on-one with low-income families to help them move toward financial security.

#### Volunteer at a Tax Preparation Site

- No experience is necessary—choose a position to fit your current skills or learn something new.
- All training is provided; classes run in January.
- Volunteers are asked to commit 20 hours (averaging to a few hours a week) between January and April.
- Community sites are available throughout Illinois.

#### Volunteer Positions Available

- Tax preparers: Work with clients to file federal and state tax returns and provide counseling on tax credits and forms.
- Tax site assistants: Perform essential non-tax-preparation activities, including client intake, translating and educating on basic banking options available on site.

See why over 1,100 volunteers dedicated last winter to serving 28,000 families statewide. Register to volunteer, view training schedules and find a site near you at [www.economicprogress.org/volunteer](http://www.economicprogress.org/volunteer).

### Introducing the EDGE – St. Teresa's New Youth Program

This fall we have 16 teens (7th, 8th and 9th graders) participating in the EDGE: a fun-filled youth group experience which includes confirmation preparation, learning practical life skills and community service. We meet most Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Religious Education Center. Our first semester we have been learning about the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching and how we can apply them to our lives.

The EDGE is designed to meet the educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of young adolescents. At this age youth are open to good and bad behaviors as well as positive and negative ideas. Many of the values and beliefs that they held as children are now questioned and challenged. As young adolescents they are trying to figure out who they are and what they believe. In many respects middle school kids are on the edge because so much is going on in their lives physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially. It can be a very stressful and difficult time for them and their parents. As a Catholic Community, we are going to give our middle school youth The EDGE they need in life: God's love that is made known to us through Jesus, The Word, The Eucharist, and the Church.

For more information contact Kate Lynch at [kolynchdre@gmail.com](mailto:kolynchdre@gmail.com) or (773) 528-6650 x232



#### Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAYS

7:00-8:30PM



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## The How of Mary

Today we celebrate the motherhood of Mary. All motherhood is worthy of celebrating, but mothering the Son of God is an amazing, almost idolatrous idea. How could anyone actually mother God?

Well, to understand the whole of this story, we have to go back to the very beginning, back to the Garden of Eden.

Kabbalah, that ancient well-spring of Jewish mysticism, teaches that there are four levels of biblical understanding: literal, symbolic, allegorical and mystical. The earliest Christian theologians also taught this fourfold way of approaching scripture. Let's use it to get to the bottom of the biblical story of Eden.

On the first, or literal, level, God placed the first couple in a garden and commanded: "Don't eat that fruit!" Eve disobeyed, and evil entered the world.

This story was not the only myth to explain the presence of evil in a good world. The Greeks told of Pandora, whom the gods commanded: "Don't open that box!" She did, and all kinds of evil spilled out into the world.

Instead of blaming Eve and Pandora, maybe we should thank them for moving the story along. It's like that innocent little girl in a horror movie approaching a dark, scary door. We shout, "Don't open that door!" But we really hope she does; otherwise there is no more movie.

On the second, or symbolic,



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level, perhaps Eve represents the spiritual, creative, compassionate side of humankind (the "feminine") while Adam represents the material, ordered, justice side of humankind (the "masculine"). Together, feminine and masculine traits symbolize the divine human experience of the world. They demonstrate God's infinite capacity for assimilating the total human condition.

On the third, or allegorical, level, we realize that each of us in-

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cludes both feminine and masculine characteristics. Each of us has a creative, intuitive, nurturing side along with a structured, rational, practical side. The tension between the two calls for blame while at the same time it encourages development. Just as Eve moved the human project forward by creating tension with God.

On the fourth, or mystical, level, we see vaguely that Adam and Eve never were ... and that Adam and Eve always are. The gar-

den never existed in time and space, yet now exists each time we make a moral decision. The deceitful serpent was not lying when he said that eating the fruit would make Adam and Eve like God, knowing good and evil.

God could have created humans to remain in an obedient, robotic state to tend a perfect, ever-blooming garden with no serpents. It would have been beautiful, but uncreative and inhuman.

But when the first human disobeyed, and tried to frustrate the divine scheme, she actually furthered God's design. By loosing evil in the world, Eve actually opened the window of the world wide to even more grace.

In the Greek story, when Pandora thought she had emptied the box, there still remained hope at the bottom. And when Eve let sickness loose in the world, she was promised a remedy. It came in the form of a little baby. But not just any baby. This baby had to be healthy enough to overcome all the evil in the world. To do that, he would have to be the Son of God. To be human, he would need a human mother. And that is how Mary got to be the Mother of God.

— Fr. James Smith, Celebration Publications

# Directory

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## Staff

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### Deacon

Deacon Hector Rivera

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### Maintenance/Housekeeping

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## Parish Pastoral Council

Dave Wisneski, Chair

Jon Assell	Jessica Marx
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Becky Khayum	Bertel Olson
Catherine Kosnik	Tony Rivera

## 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](http://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.

## Counseling Services

### Theresa Nollette, M.Div., LCSW

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### Mary Ellen Moore, Ph.D.

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