



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2012

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— *Psalm 25:4*

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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The Community of St. Teresa of Avila: On the Road to Renewal



As you all well know, we are in the process of looking at what to do with the old school building, which has been totally decommissioned for use, and Avila Place, the former convent, which is in serious disrepair. The Monday before last, the people who comprise the leadership of the parish—the Pastoral Staff, the Finance Council and the Parish Council—came together to specifically discuss and come to some conclusions regarding the interior conditions that make Avila Place a difficult and unsafe environment in which to work: unsafe electrical wiring; the plumbing causes more and more problems; the boiler on its last legs; and the reality that the building is not accessible to all.

We have come to the decision that we need to relocate the parish offices so that the environment is welcoming and safe for all: the staff, parishioners and visitors. After considering all options, we have decided to move the parish offices into our parish center, specifically, into rooms one and two, the small rooms with windows facing Kenmore Ave. We see this as a temporary solution until we decide what to do with the land on which stands the old school building and Avila place. The offices in rooms one and two will be much brighter, air-conditioned, provide easy access for deliveries, be accessible for anyone with a physical disability, and are more centrally located. Any ministry or meeting currently in rooms one and two can, with some effort, be accommodated in rooms three and four.

In addition to moving the parish offices, I have asked that a doorway be constructed inside room three on the far wall next to the storage room, connecting the Religious Education Building and the Parish Center. This will facilitate easy access between the two buildings without going outside. Other ministries in the parish can make use of a designated classroom that Kate Lynch, our DRE, is making available. Our children can use this space for our Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 AM Mass, walking from the church into the Parish Center and through this door into the Religious Education Center without going outside.

The old school building and Avila place have served thousands of children and housed dozens of nuns for over a century. These buildings served our mission well but they are tired and their arrangement and configuration of space, as well as their physical deterioration, have made them obsolete.

I am proud to announce that we are no longer at a crossroads, wondering which road to take. We have made a decision that places us firmly on a path, a journey of re-creating and transforming the land that defines our identity and mission. Large school buildings, convents and rectories are slowly giving way to a renewed church, a church of the Second Vatican Council that *calls all to holiness* and that desires to form the entire laity, adults and children, into *disciples of Jesus Christ*.

All alive and vibrant parishes around the world are in the same process of slowly moving the Church out of separation from the world into *engagement* with the larger world. All of us, marked and empowered with Baptism, are being sent into the world to be disciples of transformation. To do this, we need space and buildings to develop and strengthen adult/children formation; we need space for small gatherings and large gatherings; we need spaces for socializing, dialogue, prayer, spiritual direction, 12-step support, teen ministry, social outreach, and an enlarged food pantry. We want to transform the land entrusted to us so that it reflects our mission and allows for current ministries to flourish and new ministries to be developed.

We are a Catholic Community rooted in the call and vision of the Second Vatican Council. The Church needs us to move forward down this road of renewal: dialogue, rather than confrontation; unity in diversity; ecumenism rather than separation; liturgies that engage all to be active participants, not passive observers; the priesthood of the laity, rooted in baptism and the ordained priesthood, walking down this road together rooting ourselves in the *one priest*: Jesus Christ.

In order to keep us moving on this journey from the crossroads of indecision, I am in the process of convening a building committee, comprised of parishioners who want to facilitate the larger parish in making decisions about the old school building and Avila Place. This committee will be a team of people, excited about our future and not afraid to make necessary changes, people who want to engage and inspire whoever is interested to share in this dynamic process. We are no longer at the crossroads, we are on a road, firmly rooted in our Catholic faith, nourished by Eucharist, formed by Sacred Scripture and guided by the Spirit. Let's begin to imagine how St. Teresa Parish might look in five years.

Peace,
Fr. Frank

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

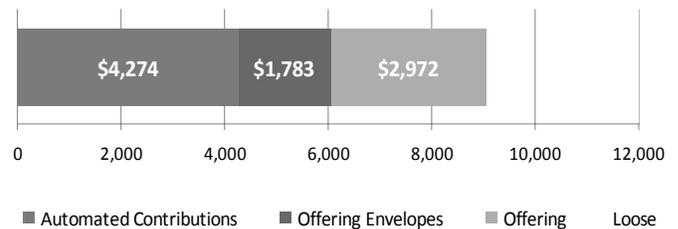


Larger, sturdy paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.

Weekly Collections Recap For February 19, 2012

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,274	\$1,783	\$2,972	\$9,029

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



We are currently running a \$2,971 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of February 19, 2012. Currently we are at a 2% increase over collections from last fiscal year.

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@stteresaparish.org

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, 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 — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9: 8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

Repent and Believe in the Gospel

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Readings for the Week

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Treasures from Our Tradition

By the First Sunday of Lent, many people have given up on "giving up." Yet experiencing hunger for favorite things is a sign of a desire to face our deepest hungers. We do not embrace fasting as individuals, but rather as the community's way of life in this season. Sometimes it helps to see Sunday as an oasis in the Lenten desert, a place where fasting is not as strictly observed. If we count the days of the Lenten calendar, starting backward from the end of Lent on Holy Thursday, it is difficult to measure the forty days.

Many are surprised to learn that the Sundays are counted as part of Lent, but are not counted in tallying the forty days of the Lenten fast. For that, we count the fast backward into last week, beginning on Ash Wednesday. So, until today we have been in the Lenten fast, days that function as a kind of overture to a symphony of conversion.

Today Lent solemnly begins, marked in many places by the sending of catechumens and candidates to the bishop for the call to the Easter sacraments. Tomorrow with them, we embrace the Lenten fast again. Today we are exactly forty days from the opening of the Paschal Triduum on Holy Thursday. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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Arrepiéntanse y Crean en el Evangelio



La Cuaresma es la época del año que dedicamos a examinar nuestras vidas a la luz de nuestro Bautismo en la muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Las lecturas de hoy son un catecismo abreviado de lo que significa estar bautizados. Como Noé pasó por las aguas del diluvio a una alianza con Dios, así también nosotros entramos en una alianza, una relación con Dios, mediante nuestro Bautismo.

La carta de Pedro da una explicación explícita de lo que nuestro Bautismo significa: un llamamiento que hacemos a Dios para que nos dé una conciencia tranquila. ¿Cómo podemos obtener esta conciencia tranquila? Las palabras proclamadas por Jesús inmediatamente después de su tentación nos muestran cómo: “Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio” (Marcos 1:15). Podría ser un buen ejercicio espiritual mantener estas lecturas ante nosotros durante todo el tiempo de Cuaresma, un medio que nos ayude a volver a una vida vivida por las promesas bautismales. – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Regresando a los tres pilares de la conversión, el ayuno es mucho más que el simple hecho de no comer, es aprender a negarme a mí mismo para que ya no sea yo quien vivo, sino Cristo que vive en mí. Es el negarme de ciertas cosas para dar vida a los demás.

El ayudar es poner en práctica la caridad y la justicia social. Es buscar el cargar con nuestra propia cruz y ayudar a los demás con la de ellos. En otras palabras, es practicar la misma generosidad de Dios quien hace caer la lluvia sobre los buenos y los malos, es amar sin distinción de personas.

Contemporáneamente, el orar es entrar en conversación con Dios, es recogerse para entrar en la presencia de Dios, con todo lo que uno es y todo lo que uno tiene, poniendo todo en las manos misericordiosas del Padre que nos ama.

Esta cuaresma procuremos hacer lo que debemos hacer todo el año: ayunar, ayudar y orar. Es difícil, pero no nos desanimemos porque el Espíritu Santo viene a nuestro alcance porque donde somos más débiles, Cristo es nuestra fuerza. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Dios estableció una alianza con Noé y sus hijos y les prometió que nunca más habría un diluvio devastador (Génesis 9:8-15).

Salmo — Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — Aquella agua representaba el bautismo que ahora nos salva (1 Pedro 3:18-22).

Evangelio — Después de los cuarenta días en el desierto, Jesús viene a Galilea proclamando el Evangelio de Dios (Marcos 1:12-15).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ma 25:31-46
Martes:	Is 55:10-11; Ma 6:7-15
Miércoles:	Jon 3:1-10; Lc 11:29-32
Jueves:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Viernes:	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Sábado:	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Domingo:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Sal 116 (115); Rom 8:31b-34; Mc 9:2-10

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St. Teresa says...



“All the harm comes from not truly understanding that He is near, but in imagining Him as far away.”

Ministry of Care

The Ministry of Care program at St. Teresa of Avila brings the Eucharist to the faithful who are unable to attend church. If you know of someone who cannot come to mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Dean Vaeth at (773) 528-6650 to arrange a visit.

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

February 26, Sunday

1st Sunday of Lent • Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

- 9:00 am, PC1-2, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC4, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:30 am, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 12:00 pm, REC1-2-3, RCIC Spanish

February 27, Monday

- 12:30 pm, PC1-2, Chicago House
- 7:30 pm, APC, Monday Night 12-Step SA Group

February 28, Tuesday

- 6:15 am, PC3, Men's Spirituality Group
- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:30 pm, PC4, RCIA
- 6:00 pm, REC 1, SPRED Total Community
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting AA
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, APC, Women's Spirituality Group

February 29, Wednesday

- 5:30 pm, PC1-2, 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

March 1, Thursday

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

March 2, Friday

Abstinence; First Friday • Abstinencia; Primer viernes

- 11:00 am, REC4, Parent-Baby Meeting
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Stations of the Cross
- 7:30 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

March 3, Saturday

St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday • Santa Katharine Drexel; Primer sábado

- 9:00 am, PC4, CCFC Catechesis
- 9:00 am, GS, PC1-2, First Saturday Food Pantry Setup & Distribution
- 9:30 am, APB, 12-Step SA
- 4:30 pm, PC1-2, CCFC First Communion Preparation
- 5:30 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

February 25

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

February 26

9:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish

All Deceased Members of the Parish

10:30 am Gabriel Bernal

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, Phyllis Carlino, Gaspar Diaz, Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano, Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez, Donald Grabarczyk, Sr. Joan Granzeier, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Michael Kinsella, Laura Lee, Isabelle Martinez, Melory Mizicko, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben & Susan Patrasso, Jim Teterycz, Victims of 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
Theresa Jabaley
Pat Johnson
Dave Kostelansky
Dave Kostelansky II
Betty LaCour
Adolfo Lorenzana
Carmen Dolores Lorenzana
Carmen Felicita Lorenzana
Miguel Lorenzana
Lori Lyons
George Maroquin
Jose Marroquin
Tammy Martin & Family
Sally Jo Morrow
Natasha McShane
Margaret Sue Meadors
Bill Mobley
John Monier
Elda Myers
Frank Nekie
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
3-3-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	David Kostelansky	Becky Francis	Kari Richardson Maggie Kuhlmann
3-4-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Tony Dosen	Valerie Williams	Geneva Gorgo Tom Kinsella Dan Anderson	Dennis Kamalick Myrna Gomez Kinsella Rose Ohiku Mary Beth Hughes
3-4-12 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Tony Rivera Betsy Velazquez	Josefina Gomez	Josie Gomez
3-4-12 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Wendy Tynan	Aimee Jaszczor	Colin McCue Brendan Lynch
3-4-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Mark Van Grinsven	Nancy Van Grinsven Kathy Richgels Leigh Hartley	Jane Ott Luke Kolman Katie Assell Jonathan Assell

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Turn Away from Evil *and* Do Good

A couple of years ago I received a call from a young man that I had not heard from for a long time. When I knew him, he was a young African American that was a parishioner in the south side parish in which I was a minister. He informed me that another young man, Jimmy, whom we all knew, was on his death bed.

My friend asked me if I could visit Jimmy along with a number of his friends to give him Last Rites. I explained that only a priest would be able to administer Last Rites but that I would be more than happy to get together at the hospital and lead a prayer service. And that is what we did.

Jimmy looked terrible. He was unconscious, on a morphine drip if I recall, and bloated from certain organs shutting down; it was not good. We gathered in his hospital room and I led a prayer service. A few of Jimmy's friends were with heavy hearts as they wanted to be assured that he would die with no sins to carry over to the next life. How can we be sure Mr. Tom? In times like this, there are no answers.

Psalm 33 reads "Turn away from evil and do good." The operative word is "and." The Psalmist is saying that our salvation is a two-sided equation. One must "turn away from evil" *and* "do good." The Psalmist is also saying that we can, in fact, experience salvation here on earth.

There is a thinking that God will forgive me on my death bed. Live life, and let God forgive when the time comes. Jimmy was not an evil person. He did some really good things. But his death was a result of not turning away from evil. And what is even sadder is that his salvation, which starts on this side of death, he did not get to fully experience.

As we enter lent, let's keep in front of us the two sides of salvation, of turning away from evil and doing good.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, February 28th
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

Help Wanted

St. Teresa parishioner has three part-time positions available: Sales, Clerical-administrative and Delivery. Call Mark at (312) 560-5449 if you're interested in applying.

Women's Spirituality



On Tuesday, February 28th, at 7:30 pm, women of St. Teresa's who seek spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for quiet prayer, reflection and conversation are invited to gather in Avila Place.

We meet monthly, September through May, generally on the last Tuesday of the month. Hope you can join us. Contact Cathy Flaherty, cgflaherty@aol.com, with any questions.

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Refreshments Served

St. Teresa Parent-Baby Journey

We have a new group forming at St. Teresa, the PBJ - Parent-Baby Journey. Twice a month the group will meet to discuss an article or book designed around raising children in our very busy world. Subjects from how to recognize your baby's spiritual growth to eating food in a processed world will be topics of choice. Parents with children ages 0-3 are welcome to join us. For more information contact Erica Saccucci at esaccucci@gmail.com

Next Meeting: Friday, March 2nd @11am in the Religious Education Building Room 4. We'll be discussing a chapter from the book *The Religious Potential of the Child*, contact Erica for a copy.

Support for Job-related Stress

Employment stress can create problems outside of work. We spend a large chunk of our time at work and when we're unhappy there, it can lead to problems in our relationships and health. A bad day at work may make us more irritable with our significant others or kids, leading to feelings of guilt, depression, or anxiety. We may feel too run down after a long day to participate in activities we usually enjoy. If the bad days add up, it can turn into chronic stress and result in physical health problems such as headaches, digestive problems, or a weakened immune system. However, therapy can provide support and help you figure out how to handle job-related stress or decide if this is the right career for you. Maybe you've recently been laid off and would like to take this opportunity to go in a different direction but are not sure how. No matter the reason, working with a therapist can help you figure out what is best for you.

Melanie McNally is a licensed therapist, currently working with the Claret Center. She is available to meet with you weekdays, weeknights, and weekends in a private office at St. Teresa. Sliding scale is available. Call or email to schedule an appointment to attain better mental health. (773) 643-6259, ext. 38 or maxwellmelanie@yahoo.com

2012 Operation Rice Bowl Reflection – God's Covenant

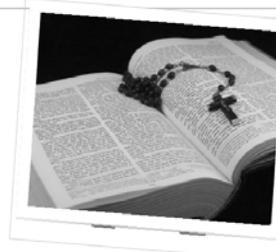
In today's first reading, we hear about God's covenant with Noah, with his descendants and with all living creatures. During Lent, we are called to deepen and strengthen our baptismal and covenantal relationship with God, which includes our responsibility to care for God's creation. This week through Operation Rice Bowl, we **learn** about subsistence farmers in Madagascar. We **pray** for all who struggle to feed their families on depleted lands, and we **fast** in solidarity with those who hunger. We **give** so that CRS can help farmers improve their growing methods and act as good stewards of God's creation.



You're Invited to a Bible Study!

Sunday Mornings at 10:15am – 11:45am

- Join at any time
- No preparation required
- Convenient time between morning masses
- Childcare available (call to arrange)
- Bring your coffee, breakfast, and bible!



Our Presenter: Tom Kosnik

Tom comes to us with a Masters of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union. Tom spent four months in Israel studying scripture and has hosted several well received bible studies at St. Teresa in his 15 years at the parish.

Future Bible Study Dates

MARCH	APRIL	MAY
4	1	6
18	15	20
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Praise from Current Students

"Bible Study opens your heart to hear God's word in a way you never have before. Tom leads us into the history and meaning of the familiar and unfamiliar parables, miracles and stories that totally changes how you hear the readings each week." - Theresa Jabaley

"The thing I have enjoyed the most about the bible study is digging deeper into scripture and learning so much more than I could on my own. It's a wonderful opportunity to get connected with other parishioners and with each meeting I leave feeling rejuvenated and excited for the next lesson!" - Lindsey Hayes

For more information contact Kate Garwood at (601)454-0837 or katiengarwood@gmail.com

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A Tale of Temptation

Mark tells us that Jesus was led into the desert by God's Spirit. But why would the Spirit think that would be a good place for Jesus to start his career as the proclaimer of God's kingdom? There is nobody in the desert, not a living soul. Just a few shrubs and cacti and skinny animals scrambling for survival.

And Jesus was not sent to the desert on a quiet retreat to settle his soul. The Spirit drove Jesus to the desert to be tempted.

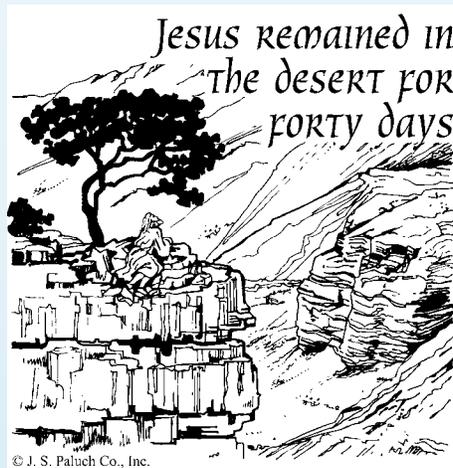
So there he was, gazing out at a wilderness. The locals called it "the place of desolation." It was probably something like our American Death Valley: beautiful in its stark simplicity but deadly in its sterility.

After several days under the blazing sun, Jesus was hungry. There was no herb or bush or berry in sight. He was almost unconscious from dehydration and fatigue.

Just then, through bloodshot eyes, he noticed a few oval objects nearby. They looked like the loaves of bread that his mother used to make. When he crawled closer and touched them, they felt smooth and soft as dough. In his delirium, he swore that they smelled freshly baked. But when he tried to bite into one of them, he was devastated to recognize them for what they were: hard stones.

But he was so intent on eating something that he thought, "God sent these stones for me to turn into bread." Then a wolf howled in the distance. And that plaintive cry reminded him that he could survive on less than he thought necessary, even on the word of God alone.

After a few days of mindless wandering, he came to the end of the



After the ordinary joys and sorrows of each person, everything ends in darkness. Even if he were mayor of the village, governor of the region or Caesar of the world, all that endures will be the kingdom of God.

wilderness at the end of the day. Off in the distance, he saw a village closing down for the evening. As the candlelight flickered through slit windows, he imagined the human lives unfolding inside: chores winding down, problems being resolved, children preparing for sleep.

And he suddenly thought: "That's where I should be. An ordinary man in an ordinary village living out his days in anonymity. Who am I to be concerned about God's kingdom? I should be content to raise a family, craft a table, be kind to the poor, live out my life at peace with God and neighbor."

Then, candles began to be extinguished in house after house until the whole village was sealed in darkness. And it slowly dawned on Jesus that this is just the way every day and

every life ends. After the ordinary joys and sorrows of each person, everything ends in darkness. Even if he were mayor of the village, governor of the region or Caesar of the world, all that endures will be the kingdom of God.

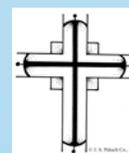
This revelation convinced him that he would not be content until he embraced his unique role as proclaimer of the kingdom. The only decision left was how best to do it. He thought of what organization and resources he would need.

But wait. It was God's kingdom. Let God make it happen. All Jesus had to do was convince people that he was a credible witness. He could gather the people, jump off the Temple roof and let God save him.

But then, God did not need Jesus for that. The kingdom was not a matter of dramatic actions or heroic deeds. The kingdom was already among them without their knowing it. All God needed was one human being to show that this ordinary life could be divinely lived.

So, Jesus turned from the desert and began his ordinary, humble, everyday life of simply doing his Father's will.

— 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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