



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2012

If God is for us, who can be against us?

—Romans 8:31b

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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Making Room

“Why would God ask a father to kill his own son?” said Michael to his parish Bible group. “Isaac was spared, but God wanted blind obedience from Abraham!” Jim, the new member, spoke up. “Well it hits me where I live. Isaac was the most precious thing in Abraham’s life, and to give up that child was to give up his greatest treasure. But a relationship with God was a greater treasure than even his own son.” Jim paused. “The most precious thing in my life is my wife. With no children she’s been my whole world. When she got cancer I bargained with God to let her live. I was so grateful she recovered that I joined the parish prayer group and signed up as a food pantry volunteer. Just doing that made me realize how much I wanted God and a life with God. My wife is just as dear to me, but God has taken a hold of my life in ways I could never have imagined—because I have finally made room for God.”

Living Stewardship Now

What matters above anything else in your life? Is it a person, material things, your health and comfort, your career? Be absolutely honest! Is God at the center, or off to one side?



Dale Cabida

“¿Por qué Dios le pide a un padre matar a su propio hijo?” preguntó Miguel al grupo de estudio bíblico de su parroquia. “A Isaac se le perdonó la vida, ¡pero Dios quería una obediencia ciega por parte de Abraham!” Santiago, el nuevo miembro del grupo, habló. “Bueno, a mí me ha tocado de veras. Isaac era lo máspreciado en la vida de Abraham y entregar ese hijo era entregar su mayor tesoro. Pero su relación con Dios era un tesoro aún más grande que su propio hijo”. Santiago hizo una pausa y continuó: “Lo máspreciado de mi vida es mi esposa. Como no hemos tenido hijos ella es mi vida entera. Cuando le diagnosticaron cáncer yo negocié con Dios para que le salvara la vida. Yo estaba tan agradecido por su recuperación que me uní al grupo de oración de la parroquia y me apunté como voluntario en un comedor público. Sólo por hacer eso me di cuenta de cuánto yo deseaba a Dios en mi vida. Mi esposa sigue siendo tan querida para mí, pero Dios ha tomado las riendas en mi caminar de una manera que nunca antes me pude imaginar y es que por fin le he dado cabida a Dios en mi vida”.

La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

¿Qué es lo más importante en tu vida? ¿Una persona, los bienes materiales, tu salud y la comodidad, tu carrera? ¡Dilo con toda honestidad! ¿Ocupa Dios el centro de tu vida o anda por las orillas?

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

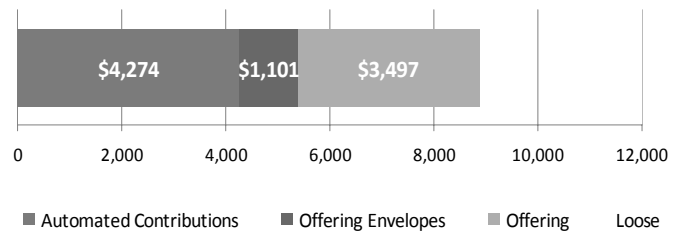
Larger, sturdy paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.



Weekly Collections Recap For February 26, 2012

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,274	\$1,101	\$3,497	\$8,872

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



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

The Counting Team Needs You!

Do you have a few hours once a month that you can dedicate to the church? Of course you do! One of the ministries that is always in need of help is the Counting Team.

The counters help to organize and deposit the church's funds on a weekly basis. Without them, the finances would come to a halt.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Erica at (773) 528-6650 or esacucci@gmail.com.

We are currently running a \$3,128 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of February 26, 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

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

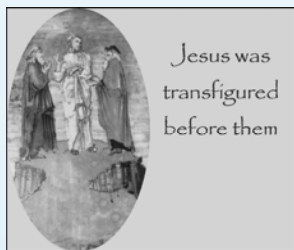
First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I walk before the Lord in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

History of Salvation



The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means

of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Treasures from Our Tradition

The basis of Abraham’s test in the first reading is the fact that his neighbors followed a religious system that demanded human sacrifice. In offering Isaac’s life on an altar of sacrifice, he is following long-accustomed religious practice. Ancient people accepted this because they thought that life was an ever-renewing circle: what had been lost would be restored in time. But here, God springs this trap and gives Abraham, Isaac, and you and me, a future. From now on, God will provide the sacrifice. From this point on, our lives have a direction, a purpose, a goal.

The faithful following of Lent and its consoling, challenging scriptures strengthens and prepares us to remember the Lord’s passion and resurrection. Today, many parishes welcome home the elect, men and women chosen on the First Sunday of Lent for the Easter sacraments, from a celebration with the bishop. The scriptures today are chosen with them in mind, to steady their steps, to clear their vision, to strengthen their resolve: “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31). — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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Historia de la Salvación



Se
transfiguró
delante
de ellos

La primera lectura de hoy continúa la “historia de la salvación”, relato que oímos a lo largo de la Cuaresma de este año. El relato de hoy era uno de los más queridos en la tradición judía (seguramente José se lo contó al joven Jesús cuando le enseñaba los caminos de la fe); a los primeros padres de la Iglesia les gustaba usarlo

para explicar el sacrificio de Cristo en la cruz. El tono general de la primera lectura, del salmo y la segunda lectura me parece un poco fuera de lugar frente al Evangelio deslumbrante, hasta que recordamos que la Transfiguración se incluyó como el Evangelio de este domingo, precisamente para recordarnos la gloria que les espera a aquellos que son fieles y obedientes a la voluntad de Dios. En la vida de Jesús, es un anticipo de la gloria de su resurrección, para nosotros es una visión del destino de aquellos que continúan, como hemos escuchado en el Evangelio de la semana pasada, arrepintiéndose y creyendo en la Buena Nueva. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Durante la cuaresma es importante orar, pero muchas personas se declaran ignorantes sobre el tema de la oración. Dicen que nunca aprendieron a orar o que les gustaría poder orar mejor. Tristemente, muchos tienen un entendimiento equivocado sobre lo que es la oración. Piensan que orar es solo recitar oraciones memorizadas o esperan que la oración produzca visiones extraordinarias como la transfiguración de Jesucristo en el monte Tabor. Esperan que patriarcas y profetas, o por lo menos ángeles y santos, se les aparezcan de repente.

No digo que estas cosas no pasan, muchas personas lo han experimentado, algunos de ellos por ser muy santos mientras otros más por ser locos. Sinceramente la oración es otra cosa, es más fácil que aprender oraciones de memoria y mucho más simple que éxtasis y visiones. Orar es hablar como hijo o hija al Dios que nos ama como madre, padre, hermano, hermana, amante y amigo. Orar es contarle al Señor como nos van las cosas, nuestros temores, nuestros problemas, nuestros gozos y nuestros anhelos. Orar es pasar tiempo con Dios, a veces platicando, y a veces calladitos, pero siempre amados. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — El sacrificio de nuestro patriarca Abraham (Génesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18).

Salmo — Siempre confiaré en el Señor (Salmo 116 [115]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos entregó a su propio Hijo (Romanos 8: 31-34).

Evangelio — Este es mi Hijo amado (Marcos 9: 2-10).

Lecturas de la Semana

- Lunes:** Dn 9:4b-10; Lc 6:36-38
Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Lc 16:19-31
Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sábado: Miq 7:14-15, 18-20; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
Domingo: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Sal 19 (18)]; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25.

Lecturas alternativas
(Año A): Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94); Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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St. Teresa says...



“There sill always be fail-
ures as long as we live in
this mortal body.”

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

March 4, Sunday

2nd Sunday of Lent • Segundo 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
- 10:15 am, Rectory, Bible Study
- 10:30 am, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 12:00 pm, REC1-2-3, RCIC Spanish

March 5, Monday

- 7:00 pm, PC3, Food Pantry Meeting
- 7:00 pm, PC1-2, Finance Council Meeting
- 7:30 pm, APC, Monday Night 12-Step SA Group

March 6, Tuesday

- 5:30 pm, Rectory, RCIA
- 6:00 pm, REC 1, SPRED Preparation
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting AA
- 6:30 pm, PC4, Catholicism Series
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, Kitchen, SPRED Agape

March 7, Wednesday

Ss. Perpetua and Felicity • Santas Perpetua y Felicitas

- 5:30 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step RA Meeting

- 6:00 pm, PC3, La Cuisine du Coeur 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

March 8, Thursday

St. John of God • San Juan de Dios

- 6:00 pm, PC3-4, Food Pantry Setup

March 9, Friday

St. Frances of Rome; Abstinence • Santa Francisca Romana; Abstinencia

- 10:00 am, PC1-2, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Distribution
- 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 10, Saturday

- 8:00 am, PC1-2-3-4, Confirmation Retreat
- 9:30 am, APB, 12-Step SA



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

March 3

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

March 4

9:00 am Doris Reed
All Deceased Members of the Parish
10:30 am Gabriel Bernal
Ethel and Maurice Brumleve
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, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Michael Kinsella, Laura Lee, Isabelle Martinez, Melory Mizicko, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben & Susan Patrasso, Lino Stefani, Jim Teterycz, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

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

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
3-10-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Becky Francis	Maggie Kuhlmann	Leigh Hartley Lisa Marquez
3-11-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Michael Zost	Mary Beth Hughes Lina Hilko Jennifer Barrett	Annie Monak Geneva Gorgo Tom Kosnik Valerie Williams
3-11-12 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Tony Rivera Betsy Velazquez	Josefina Gomez	Josie Gomez
3-11-12 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Raquel Bech	Brendan Lynch	Alice Morales-Villenas Bob Pedro
3-11-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Tony Dosen	Eileen Raia	Jonathan Assell Sharon Lindstrom Luke Kolman	Katie Assell Karen Melchert Mark Van Grinsven Wendy Tynan

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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.

Psalms 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, March 13th,
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

Reflections on Haiti on March 18th

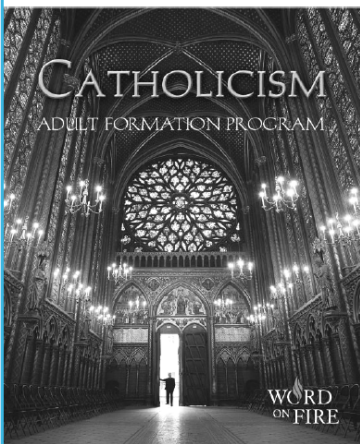
Join us on Sunday, March 18 to hear all about the experiences of Christine and Patrick Murray, Brad McCormick, and Kevin Carlino in their travels to Haiti, and discover the potential opportunities for you to volunteer on behalf of St. Teresa's during a future parish trip!

With all of your support, St. Teresa's is helping to build a church in collaboration with the wonderful people of Ste. Rose de Lima parish in Haiti. The needs of the Haitian people are great, and there are many different ways our parishioners can help.

Find out more on March 18 when presentations are given after the 9:00 am and 6:00 pm Masses at St. Teresa. You won't want to miss this!

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February 28 • March 6, 13, 20, 27 • April 10, 17, 24 • May 1, 8

Refreshments Served

Sign Up for La Cuisine du Coeur

A CELEBRATION OF REGIONAL FRENCH FOODS



St. Teresa of Avila Parish, in cooperation with our French Community, is sponsoring an afternoon luncheon featuring an assortment of home-made regional French specialties accompanied by wine and beer and French musicians.

Proceeds will be used to maintain the parish, including the purchase of kitchen supplies and equipment that support our social outreach ministries.

We cordially invite you to join us for a celebration of regional French cooking on Sunday, March 25th, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the parish center.

Tickets can be purchased for:

Adults — \$50

Children (16 and under) — \$10

Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses.

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 – Call & Response

In today's first reading, Abraham responds faithfully to God, and God bestows blessings on him and all of his descendants. During Lent, we are called to listen to God's voice in our lives and to respond in faith. This week through Operation Rice Bowl, we **learn** about adults and children in Vietnam who struggle with disabilities.



We **pray** that we may recognize the inherent dignity in all of God's people, and we **fast** so that our sacrifices may bring new life to others. We **give** so that CRS can continue to help people with disabilities receive a quality education and find productive work.

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 katiemgarwood@gmail.com

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Lent: Our Speed Bump

Journeys can be wonderful adventures, but they can also be dangerous. They have a way of taking unexpected turns or offering surprising endings. Many journeys are a normal, even mundane, part of life: same carpool ride, bus route to work, business flight. But some take us to a new place: a vacation, a different school or career, a detour.

We hear about two journeys in our readings from Isaiah and Mark. Abraham and Isaac set out for a high place, and Peter, James and John are led by Jesus to a mountain. Both journeys offer a new revelation about God. Both required faithfulness.

Every year, we face the same Lenten journey, walk the same way of the cross, listen to the same readings. We participate in the same rites with catechumens and candidates. When we begin the season with ashes, we fully plan to make *this* the Lent where we pay attention to the conversion to which the church and the Gospel call us. We don't mean for time to slip away — yet days fly by. We have the best intentions — and still we may arrive at Easter without the transformation we intended to have.

Perhaps we need a few speed bumps on our path to shake us from our complacency and awaken us to the inner journey of Lent. We need to be jarred from everyday experiences. Do we face our journey with the same radical faith that Abraham carried up the heights, prepared to offer what we



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hold most precious to show our deep trust in God's mercy and grace?

Yes, God needs to bump our heads on the roof of our cars a bit so we might open our eyes and see that we are not walking alone on *our* path but rather are on *God's* path, which is leading all to the reign of God. What will make us pay attention?

What speed bump will help us hear God's words about Jesus that were spoken to the disciples: "Listen to him"? Like Peter, we have our own plans. We know where we want to pitch our tents and circle our wagons. We expect God to come right along. Listening to where God might call us to pitch those tents and set up shop is much harder. It requires willingness to

change our hearts and break patterns of comfort and self-righteousness. It demands trusting Jesus on the journey.

When it comes to changing our hearts, we each have a journey to make, one that includes soul-searching and personal examination. On Ash Wednesday, we heard Jesus' words giving us three good markers for how to reform our lives during this season: Give alms, pray and fast.

We are all people in need of reconciliation and reform. As individuals and families, parish communities and neighborhoods, as nations and as God's people, we must ask what speed bumps we prefer to avoid. What would we prefer to drive around rather than face being jarred into action? What will shake us from self-reliance and apathy so we might see our sisters and brothers on the path, strewn into the ruts and depressions, lost wandering along the way or trampled under our feet?

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— Denise Simeone, 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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