



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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 18, 2012**

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.

— *John 3:17*

**Parish Mission Statement**

The Saint Teresa of Avila Parish is a diverse Catholic community of faith that embraces everyone, without exception. We see ourselves as uniquely able to engage in dialogue with people of all faiths and act as peacemakers in our city. Challenged by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist and inspired by the teachings of Saint Teresa of Avila, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's Love, for the salvation of all people.

# Stewardship Matters

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## Into the Light Of Christ

We all know the pain and weight of a dark, shameful secret. If we can tell someone, the release is enormous. Saint Paul says that even when we are “dead in our transgressions” we can be “brought . . . to life with Christ” (Ephesians 2:5). Mary Ann McNeil helps burdened people to find the light of Christ. She is the founder of PATH in Atlanta, Georgia, serving people grieving an abortion. Mary Ann knows the steep price they have paid. Some have blamed themselves for decades, convinced they are unforgiveable, or have fallen prey to depression, physical illness, or risky behaviors. Mary Ann and her trained volunteers provide carefully designed mentoring, prayer, scripture study, and sharing. This enables people who are suffering to know they are accepted and forgiven. They can rise up with renewed faith and strength to embrace their lost children in the light of Christ. The light of Christ brings life that can even raise us from the dead.

### Living Stewardship Now

We can all support the worthy efforts of pro-life organizations such as Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Birthright, and Silent No More. If you are someone grieving abortion, find confidential, compassionate help near where you live by contacting [rachelvineyard.org](http://rachelvineyard.org). Go to the same site if you would like to start a ministry like this in your area.



## A La Luz de Cristo

Todos conocemos el dolor y la carga de un secreto vergonzoso. Si lo podemos compartir con alguien, el alivio es enorme. San Pablo dice que aun cuando estamos “muertos por nuestros pecados” podemos recuperar “la vida con Cristo y en Cristo” (Efesios 2:5). Mary Ann McNeil ayuda a las personas agobiadas a encontrar la luz de Cristo. Ella es la fundadora de un ministerio en Atlanta, Georgia llamado PATH, que presta sus servicios a las personas apesadumbradas por un aborto. Mary Ann sabe el precio tan alto que han pagado. Algunas de ellas se han culpado a sí mismas por décadas, convencidas de que son imperdonables, o han caído presas de la depresión, de una enfermedad física o de comportamientos riesgosos. Mary Ann y sus ayudantes voluntarios están entrenados para proporcionar consejería, oración, estudios bíblicos y la oportunidad de compartir en grupos. Esto permite a las personas sufrientes saber que son aceptadas y perdonadas. Pueden renacer con una fe y fortaleza renovadas para abrazar, a la luz de Cristo, a sus hijos e hijas que han perdido. La luz de Cristo puede devolvernos de la muerte a la vida.

### La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

Podemos apoyar los buenos esfuerzos de las organizaciones pro-vida, como Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Birthright y Silent No More. Si estás sufriendo a consecuencias de un aborto puedes encontrar ayuda confidencial y compasiva cerca de donde vives. Comunícate con [rachelvineyard.org](http://rachelvineyard.org). En ese mismo sitio en internet puedes encontrar ayuda para empezar esta clase de ministerio en tu área.

## 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

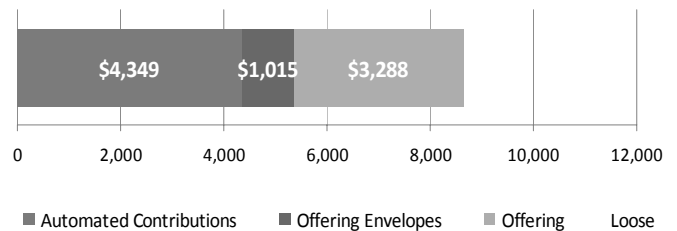
Larger, sturdy paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.



## Weekly Collections Recap For March 11, 2012

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,349	\$1,015	\$3,288	\$8,652

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](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.

We are currently running a \$3,348 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of March 11, 2012. Currently we are at a 2% increase over collections from last fiscal year.

## 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](mailto:esacucci@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org)

# Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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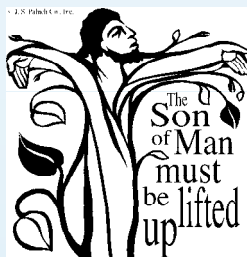
## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalms** — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].



Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53  
**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

## God's Mercy

## Treasures from Our Tradition

Over the years, our tradition has come to see this Sunday as a transition, a midpoint, an oasis in the middle of six long weeks of preparation for Easter. The key is the Latin word *Laetare*, or "Rejoice," which was for centuries the first word sung in the Mass for this Sunday. In southern Europe, the first roses of springtime are appearing now, and there used to be a custom of honoring those to be baptized at Easter with roses on this Sunday. Long ago, this was also seen as a day for celebrating the ordination of priests. Many parishes retain the custom of using rose-colored vestments on this day. Normally flowers are banned from worship in the restrained season of Lent, but here, midway, these signposts of festivity pointing to the renewal of Easter springtime sometimes make a quiet appearance. A project for today would be to plant a few paper-white or narcissus bulbs in a water bowl filled with river rocks. Like those elect who will soon be bathed in baptismal waters, they will come to full stature in the Easter season. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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## La Misericordia del Dios



La lectura de hoy del libro de las Crónicas contiene una especie de “breve historia” de Israel, que pone de relieve la misericordia de Dios en la elección de Ciro el persa para ser instrumento de liberación cuando el pueblo estaba en cautiverio en Babilonia. A pesar de su pecado y el castigo merecido al que estaban siendo sometidos, la misericordia de Dios se prodigó en el pueblo en forma de un acto milagroso de liberación.

La Carta a los Efesios, en términos mucho más teológicos, da una versión similar de un Dios “que nos dio la vida con Cristo y en Cristo [y] por pura generosidad suya, hemos sido salvados”. El autor hace hincapié en que era cuando estábamos “muertos por nuestros pecados” que Dios nos salvó, un acto de pura gracia. Hace hincapié en que no es nuestro propio esfuerzo que nos ha liberado del pecado (“esto no se debe a ustedes mismos”); sino que “es un don de Dios”. Esto, por supuesto, es el corazón de todos los escritos paulinos, que la salvación nos llega por la fe en la misericordia de Dios, revelado en la muerte de Jesús. – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En Latinoamérica, como en muchas partes del mundo, hay una horrible e impresionante pobreza. Enfrentado con la miseria humana, el cristiano puede responder con resignación “Yo no soy nadie, ¿qué puedo hacer yo? Nada.” o puede responder con obras de caridad ayudando uno por uno a los pobres y necesitados. Esta virtud, es el pilar más importante de la conversión. Porque en ella imitamos a Jesucristo que vino no a condenar al mundo sino a salvarlo. Sin la caridad nuestros ayunos son dietas y nuestras oraciones son palabras necias.

La caridad es una virtud cristiana, porque Dios es el mejor ejemplo de lo que es la caridad. La caridad no es limosna, es amor y justicia, es salud y salvación; es cumplir con el mandamiento de amarnos los unos a los otros en un mundo donde la mayoría son pobres y desamparados. La caridad es dar al necesitado algo que uno aun necesite, es obrar por cambios sociales que promuevan la dignidad humana y el bienestar económico de todos. La caridad es amor y Dios es amor; vivamos en ese amor. – Fray Gilberto

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## Lecturas de hoy

**Primera lectura** — La ira y la misericordia del Señor se manifestaron en el exilio y la liberación del pueblo (2 Crónicas 36:14-16, 19-23) o *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

**Salmo** — Que se me pegue la lengua al paladar si no me acuerdo de ti (Salmo 137 [136]) o *Salmo 23 (22)*.

**Segunda lectura** — Dios, rico en misericordia y amor, nos dio vida con Cristo. (Efesios 2:4-10) o *Efesios 5:8-14*.

**Evangelio** — Dios nos dio su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en Él tenga vida eterna (Juan 3:14-21) o *Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.

## Lecturas de la Semana

**Lunes:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a

**Martes:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

**Miércoles:** Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

**Jueves:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

**Viernes:** Sab 2:1a. 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Sábado:** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

**Domingo:** Jer 31:31-34; Sal 51(50); Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Lecturas alternativas (Año A): Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129); Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

# Sacraments & Ministries

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## St. Teresa says...



“This self-love of ours is such that it is a wonder if we ever blame ourselves, not do we know ourselves.”

## 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 18, Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent • Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

- 9:00 am, PC1-2, 9 AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC4, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:00 am, PC1, Baptism Preparation
- 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
- 4:00 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:51 pm, PC3-4, "6:51 Club" Hospitality

### March 19, Monday

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary • San José, Esposo de la Virgen María

- 5:00pm, GS, Primary Election Setup
- 7:00 pm, PC3, Finance Council Meeting
- 7:30 pm, APC, Monday Night 12-Step SA Group

### March 20, Tuesday

- 5:00 am, GS, Primary Election Voting
- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:30 pm, Rectory, RCIA
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting AA
- 6:30 pm, PC4, Catholicism Series
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

### March 21, Wednesday

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

### March 22, Thursday

- 8:00 am, Kitchen, La Cuisine du Coeur Cooking
- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, GS, PC1-2, Food Pantry Setup

### March 23, Friday

Abstinence; St. Turibius de Mogrovejo • Abstinencia; San Toribio de Mogrovejo

- 10:00 am, Kitchen, La Cuisine du Coeur Cooking
- 10:00 am, PC1-2, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- 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 24, Saturday

- 9:30 am, APB, 12-Step SA
- 10:00 am, Kitchen, La Cuisine du Coeur Cooking

# Mass Schedule & Intentions

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## Mass Intentions

### March 17

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

### March 18

9:00 am Maureen Spillane  
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](mailto: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>Nella Palazzolo</i>
<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Theresa Jabaley</i>	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>	<i>Michele Piotrowski</i>
<i>Patricia Chuck</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Irma Rivera</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske &amp; Family</i>	<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>
<i>Kaylee Frederking</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Lori Lyons</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>George Maroquin</i>	<i>Philomena Russum</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Tammy Martin &amp; Family</i>	<i>Ruth Schmitz</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Sally Jo Morrow</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>Natasha McShane</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Geneva Gorgo</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Hilda Williams</i>
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Michael Woyan</i>
<i>Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M.</i>	<i>Frank Neki</i>	
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Rod Holzkamp</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	
	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
3-24-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Maggie Kuhlmann	David Kostelansky	Jean Kostelansky Kari Richardson
3-25-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Geneva Gorgo	Frank Swiderski Valerie Williams Dan Anderson	Tom Kosnik Dennis Kamalick Jennifer Barrett Rose Ohiku
3-25-12 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Tony Rivera Betsy Velazquez	Josefina Gomez	Josie Gomez
3-25-12 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Becky Francis	Myrna Gomez Kinsella	Brendan Lynch Tom Kinsella
3-25-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Jane Ott	Christine Villoch Leigh Hartley Wendy Tynan	Kathy Richgels Sharon Lindstrom Luke Kolman Karen Melchert

# Parish Life

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## An Unusual Sales Call

I made a sales call a few weeks ago; it was not a typical sales call. First, the meeting lasted for three hours. Second, for the first two hours of our meeting, the person I was meeting with did not talk at all about business related issues.

I had met my prospect twice before but the previous encounters were very brief and several other people were involved. This was the first time we were able to meet face-to-face and one-on-one. In sales, this type of prospect is seen as having a high “social” personality. If a rep wants to be successful with such a prospect, then the rep must also be “social.”

My prospect read my bio off my web site and was intrigued about my Masters in Divinity and my work in the Church. I shared a few things with him. You never really know how that can go in a business setting. The conversation, however, took a turn when he spoke about losing a young son to cancer. He actually said he was thinking about it on the way into work knowing that he was going to be meeting with me.

For me, personally, these shifts can be uncomfortable. I mean, I am there to sell the guy. In any case, among many of the things that he shared with me was how his perspective on life radically shifted after his son passed.

Basically, he said that acquiring things really had no value to him anymore. “It’s all just replaceable stuff that can get in the way of what’s really important in life.” He shared that his brother who lives out in California lost his home in a brush fire a few years back and apparently was crushed. “If my home burnt down this afternoon, I wouldn’t lose a wink of sleep.”

My prospect belongs to no religious organizations; he does do a little bit of spiritual reading, but he is involved in a few community organizations. He is just trying to keep things in perspective.

For us Catholics, Lent is a time to remember what is important in life. We know it, but do we really know it? Do we know it in a way that it shows in our actions? I felt grateful that my sales call lasted three hours. I felt even more grateful that we talked very little business.

**Join us for the next session of  
Men’s Spirituality Group  
on Tuesday, March 27th,  
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

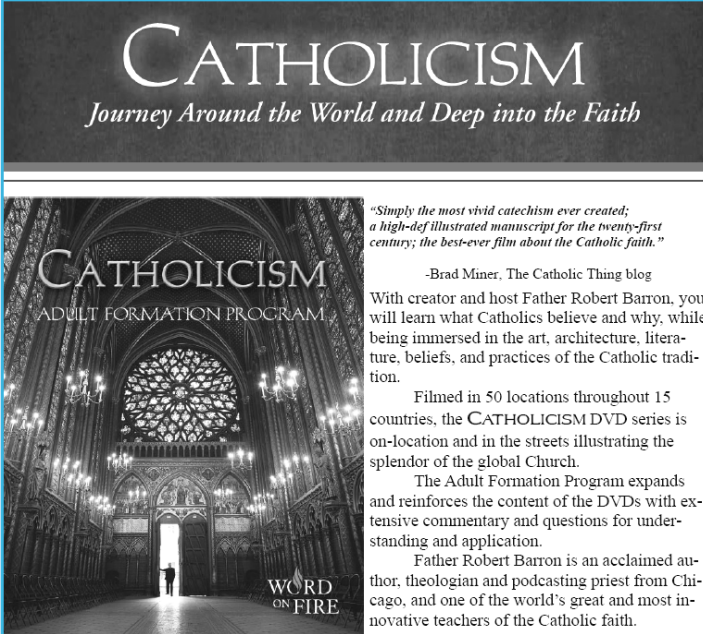
— Tom Kosnik

## 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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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.

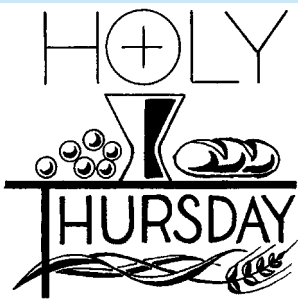
Tickets can be purchased for:

Adults — \$50

Children (16 and under) — \$10

**Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses.**

### Holy Thursday Trolley Tour and Tenebrae



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St. Teresa of Avila Parish is sponsoring a Holy Thursday Trolley Tour immediately after the 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass.

This year, we will visit seven churches on the North Side and return to the parish for a Tenebrae service shortly

before midnight. This traditional devotion mixing prayer, architecture, and city history was highly popular last year and is limited to 32 participants.

Cost is \$50/person or \$35/person if more than one ticket is bought. All proceeds beyond the cost of the transportation to the parish. Please contact Matt Priesbe at 847.729.1220 or mpriesbe@aol.com) to reserve your spot.

### 2012 Operation Rice Bowl Reflection – God’s Mercy



In today’s scriptures, we hear how the Israelites repeatedly break their covenant with God, and yet God continues to respond with merciful and abiding love. Our response to

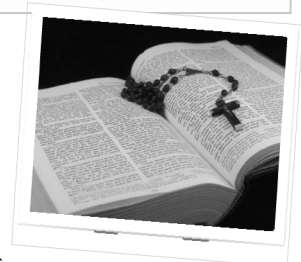
God’s grace must be apparent in our works.

This week through Operation Rice Bowl, we learn about our brothers and sisters in Zambia, who are unable to enter the marketplace and earn a living. We pray for all who struggle to find work, and we fast for those who cannot afford to feed their families. We give so that CRS can help marginalized people obtain loans in order to save money, start small businesses and work toward a brighter future.

### 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
18	1	6
	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

### Where Salvation Comes From

Paul and John agree that salvation comes from Christ. But how do the church and the world interact with that salvation?

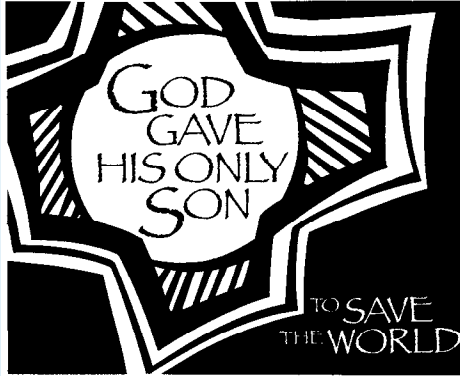
In the beginning, the church was limited to a few people in the small geographic area of the Mediterranean. Then, it rapidly developed across the Roman Empire and into modern Europe and modern history; that is the Western church. But since the Second Vatican Council, the church understands herself as a universal church — catholic not just in theory but in actual geographic extension.

As the church changes in the world, so does her sense of self, her sense of purpose in being a bringer of salvation.

First, the church pronounced: “There is no salvation outside the church.” It was a proud but logical claim. This church saw herself as the kingdom of God on earth, the body of Christ, the privileged preacher of the Gospel. If anyone was to be saved, they had to be aboard this ark of salvation. Those who objected were considered heretics, therefore beyond discussion.

Vatican Council II confronted the church with the modern world. In a fit of fervor, church documents proclaimed: “The hopes and joys and fears of the world are the hopes and joys and fears of the church.”

The slogan “There is no salvation outside the church” became “There is no salvation outside the



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world.”

That would seem too obvious to say. Yet the value of that proclamation is in focusing the church on its worldly mission instead of on itself. It moves God from a private paradise to an earthy, messy entanglement with humankind. Besides working in the church, God also works at the factory, the office, the unemployment line, the ballpark, the bedroom, the school, the battlefield. Absolutely nothing and nobody escapes the notice and concern of God. Grace is everywhere.

Then, some noticed that most of the people in God’s world are poor. Surely God must be especially worried about them, just as his Son was. Some theologians say: “There is no salvation outside the poor.”

That may be true, but it’s a

hard sell for the un-poor people. We find it hard not to believe that we earn what we have. We figure that we could not eliminate poverty if we tried. But when we settle down from our frantic activity, we cannot escape the root reality: There is one world, one humankind, one church, one God.

And that world is tearing a rip between rich and poor, oppressor and victim, the living and the dying. The church fails along those same fault lines. Some Christians live luxuriously while others starve, some Christians are protected by police while others are tortured, some Christians drop bombs while others have bombs dropped on them. We cannot yet quite feel that we are one family, one body of Christ.

How can God gather and guide his church that purports to bring salvation? I don’t presume to know. But I know what I would say if I were God. I would say: “My friends, I implanted in you voracious desires and embedded you in a luxuriant paradise. So I won’t hold too much against you — if you care for the desperate, disconsolate members of your extended family. Because money, lust and power fade away, but my beloved poor people will always cry out to you.”

Come to think of it, that is pretty much what God did say when he sent his personal messenger 2,000 years ago.

# Directory

## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

Monday—Friday: 9:00 am—7:30 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am—12:00 noon

## Staff

### Pastor

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Deacon Hector Rivera

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## Parish Pastoral Council

Dave Wisneski, Chair

Jon Assell	Jessica Marx
Joe Haley	Mark Matejka
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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