



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 4, 2012

You shall love the LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.

— *Deuteronomy 6:5*

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.

We are a stewardship parish. Three percent of our operating income is shared with other missions.

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Get Your TOYL Tickets by Nov. 5th

Come out and support our wonderful parish and have a great time doing it! To buy tickets follow the *Time of Your Life* link at www.st-teresa.net.

November 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Merchandise Mart
Tickets: \$125 per person

November 5th is the last day to buy tickets!

Tables: Make it easier to sit with friends and family – a table is \$1250.

Sponsors: For \$700 get a half-page ad in the program + 2 tickets to the event. Business ads or Personal notes are all welcome!

We need volunteers!

We still need people to help set up, take down and everything in between for November 15-17.

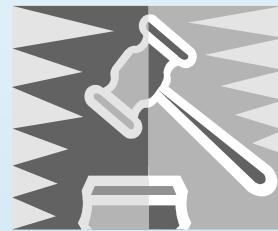
Please email Amir Rafizadeh (amir@staying-true.com) or stop by the table in the parish center to sign up.



Check Out These Fantastic Live Auction Packages

Some of this year's fantastic Live Auction packages:

- A magical week in Central Italy for six people
- A gorgeous property with a private beach on the Mexican Riviera for 10 people
- Five snow-fun nights in beautiful Telluride for eight people
- A very unique four-night stay for six people at a Sporting Club in Montana
- Back by popular demand...*Saturday Night Live* package in New York City
- A dinner cooked in your home by Chef Josh Jones formerly of *Spring Restaurant*



2012 Instant Wine Cellar



A drop off box is set up in the Parish Center. You are welcome to drop off your wine or cash donation at the table in the parish center after Mass or with someone in the parish office. Help us make this auction item great!

Food Pantry Clothing Drive



The weather has already started to turn cold. Snow and ice are only a short time away.

We have historically provided our clients with some clothes to help them keep warm during the colder months. This year we will operate a clothing

drive during November so that we can distribute warm clothes by early December. This year we want to focus on keeping our client's head and hands warm. We will be providing our clients with gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats during our clothing drive.

While there may be a need for coats, we typically do not get enough coats to provide each client a warm coat, so please donate gently used coats to other service providers, such as the St. Vincent de Paul Center at Halsted and Webster.

There are two ways you can help. The first is by donating gently used items to the campaign. There is a large box at the back of church to accept your donations. The second way is to provide a donation that we will use to purchase new items for our clients. We appreciate any help you can provide.

Please contact Bernadette Diaz at bernadette_diaz@comcast.net or Dave Hilko at dahilko@aol.com with any questions.

Food Pantry Schedule for November

Thursday, November 8th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, November 9th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

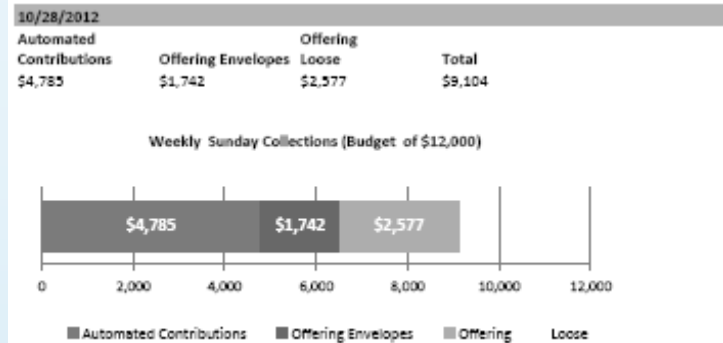
Saturday, November 17th
9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, November 22nd
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, November 23rd
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



Weekly Collections Recap For October 28, 2012



We had a \$2,896 deficit of our budgeted regular Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of October 28, 2012. Please consider donating through automated contributions.

The St. Teresa Water-for-Haiti collection is \$13,985 so far. See page nine of today's bulletin for more information.

St. Teresa has gone beyond its Annual Catholic Appeal goal of \$31,416 by \$1,144 with \$9,000 in outstanding pledges. The \$1,144 overage plus any of the outstanding pledges paid go directly to St. Teresa.

Comments & Concerns

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

The next Finance Council meeting will be held Monday, November 26, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Website & Bulletin Submissions

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

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

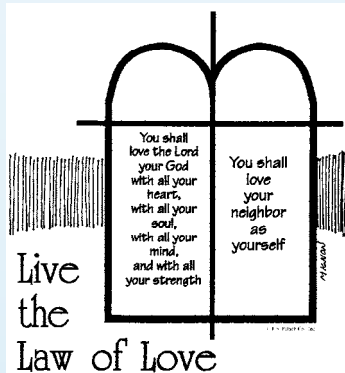
Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).



Readings for the Week

Monday:	Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

Love God



As we near the end of the liturgical year we listen to Gospel readings from the final stage of Jesus' ministry—his teaching in Jerusalem. This Sunday Jesus is in conversation with one of the scribes of the temple. In a rare occurrence Jesus and the scribe agree on the two greatest commandments—to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself.

In today's selection from Deuteronomy Moses gives this teaching to the Israelites as the core of their life of faith and prayer, and Psalm 18 echoes this prayer with the words, "I love you, O LORD, my strength" (Psalm 18:2). Jews and Christians agree that our greatest responsibility is to love the one and only God, and that we cannot claim to love God without loving our neighbor as ourselves.

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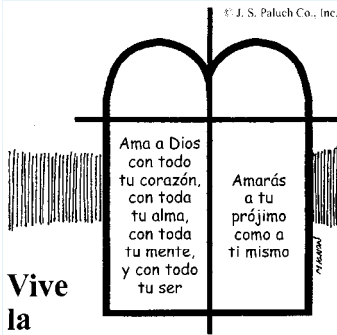
Treasures from Our Tradition

Both the history and the theology of this Friday's feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome make its liturgical ranking more understandable. The early Christians were forced to worship secretly until the year 313, when the Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire. Christians were then free to worship openly. The first public consecration of a church took place eleven years later; that church, built by Constantine, is known today as St. John Lateran.

Until the fourteenth century the Lateran Basilica was the official seat of the bishop of Rome and it is still the cathedral of Rome. Today's feast, then, reminds us that although our parish is our local and primary church, we are related in a special way to the universal Church, which is symbolized by the "Mother Church" in Rome. Indeed, the inscription over its east entrance reads, "Mother and Head of All Churches in the City and throughout the World." It provides us with a physical reminder that we are all members of the same Body of Christ. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Ama a Dios

Lecturas de hoy



Al acercarnos al final del año litúrgico escuchamos las lecturas del Evangelio de la etapa final del ministerio de Jesús: sus enseñanzas en Jerusalén. Este domingo Jesús está en conversación con uno de los escribas del templo. En un hecho más bien raro, Jesús y el escriba están de acuerdo con los dos mandamientos: amar a Dios con todo tu ser y amar a tu prójimo como a ti mismo.

Primera lectura — Guarden los mandamientos y normas del Señor. Ama al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu ser (Deuteronomio 6:2-6).

Salmo — Ye te amo, Señor, tú eres mi fuerza (Psalm 18 [17]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús permanece para la eternidad y no cesará de ser sacerdote. Él se ofreció una vez por todas por los pecados de su pueblo (Hebreos 7:23-28).

Evangelio — Ama al Señor y a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. No hay ningún mandamiento más importante que estos (Marcos 12:28b-34).

En la selección del Deuteronomio hoy, Moisés enseña a los hijos de Israel lo que es el centro de su vida de fe y oración, y el Salmo 17 hace eco a esta oración con las palabras: “Yo te amo, SEÑOR, tú eres mi fuerza” (Salmo 17:2). Judíos y cristianos están de acuerdo en que nuestra mayor responsabilidad es amar al Dios uno y único, y que no podemos pretender amar a Dios sin amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos. -

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Lecturas de la Semana

Uno de los santos más populares de la época medieval fue el soldado húngaro conocido como Martín Caballero o Martín de Tours (c. 315-397). Esta popularidad se debió a su biografía escrita por un discípulo, Sulpicio Severo. Su vida fue el mejor ejemplo de santidad a través de varios siglos. Contiene esta biografía muchos de los acontecimientos, enseñanzas y milagros de la vida del santo que fue soldado en el ejército romano antes de su conversión. Muchos ignoran que fue monje, misionero y obispo por muchos años.

Su imagen decora muchos almanaques latinoamericanos y él continúa siendo un santo popular. La representación más común de san Martín es la de un soldado romano sobre un caballo que rasga su manto rojo a la mitad con una espada para darle una parte a un pobre sentado a los pies del caballo. Según su biografía, Martín hizo esto durante el proceso de su conversión y resulta que el pobre limosnero se le aparece en un sueño revelándose como Cristo mismo, ya que lo que un cristiano hace por los pobres y marginados lo hace por Jesús. - Fray Gilberto Cavazos-GlZ, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lunes:	Fil 2:1-4; Lc 14:12-14
Martes:	Fil 2:5-11; Lc 14:15-24
Miércoles:	Fil 2:12-18; Lc 14:25-33
Jueves:	Fil 3:3-8a; Lc 15:1-10
Viernes:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sábado:	Fil 4:10-19; Lc 16:9-15
Domingo:	1 Re 17:10-16; Sal 146 (145); Heb 9:24-28; Mc 12:38-44 [41-44]

Sacraments & Ministries

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November Baptisms

Felix Patrick O'Neill (11-4-12)
Michael Francis Priesbe (11-10-12)
Jezlyn Anali Calderon (11-10-12)
Clark Thomas Holland (11-18-12)
Lucia Talise Rose Zost (11-18-12)
Cameron Joseph Schmalz (11-25-12)

St. Teresa says...

“Let us give ourselves to mental prayer. And let whoever cannot practice it turn to vocal prayer, reading and colloquy with God.”



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

November 4, Sunday

Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time •
Trigésimo primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 9:00 am, PC3, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:30 am, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, Kitchen, The Edge

November 5, Monday

- 5:00 pm, GS, General Election Setup
- 6:30 pm, REC4, Lectio Divina

November 6, Tuesday

- 6:00 am, GS, General Election
- 1:00 pm, REC1, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

November 7, Wednesday

- 6:00 pm, PC3, CCFC Meeting

November 8, Thursday

- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, GS, PC3, Food Pantry Bagging
- 7:00 pm, PC4, TOYL Meeting

November 9, Friday

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica •
La Dedicación de la Basílica de San Juan de Letrán

- 10:00 am, GS, PC3, Food Pantry Distribution
- 12:00 pm, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

November 10, Saturday

St. Leo the Great • San León Magno

- 11:00 am, Church, Calderon Baptism
- 2:00 pm, Church, Priesbe Baptism
- 2:30 pm, PC3, Baptism Reception



The Religious Ed Center (REC) is located at 1940 N. Kenmore Ave., one block south of the Parish Center (PC) at 1950 N. Kenmore.
The Gathering Space (GS) is the entrance area to the PC at 1950 N. Kenmore Ave.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

November 3

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

November 4

9:00 am Laurette Crost

12:00 pm Wedding Anniversary of
Kenneth and Joyce Jasczor

6:00 pm Lino Stefani
Joseph Tavi
Megan Boken



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, Mark Dudley, Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano, Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez, Donald Grabarczyk, Sr. Joan Granzeier, Timothy Halpin, Fr. Patrick Harrity C.M., Lee Incandela, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Michael Kinsella, Elaine Klecker, Laura Lee, Isabelle Martinez, Melory Mizicko, Cindy O'Keefe, Nella Palazzola, Ben & Susan Patrasso, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Jim Tetrycz, Jon Wagenknecht Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i>
<i>Patricia Chuck</i>	<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Carmen Felicitia Lorenzana</i>	<i>Ruth Schmitz</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jennifer Schubeck</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>George Maroquin</i>	<i>Sandra Seiffert</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Tammy Martin & Family</i>	<i>JoAnn Jahnke Trainer</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Sally Jo Morrow</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Valerie Williams</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Mae Witry</i>
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	<i>Michael Woyan</i>
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	
<i>David Ivanac</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators</i>
<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i>	<i>of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Theresa Jabaley</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>	
<i>Pat Johnson</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>	
	<i>Ray Romero</i>	



Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
11-10-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Charles Shelby	David Kostelansky	Jennifer Barrett	Annie Monak Jean Kostelansky
11-11-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Mark Trinka	Mark Van Grinsven Geneva Gorgo Bernadette Diaz	Frank Swiderski Nancy Van Grinsven Dan Anderson George Halloran
Next Spanish Mass 11-18-2012	10:30 am				
11-11-12 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Amy McCue	Suzanne Chung	Bob Pedro Brendan Lynch
11-11-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Pascal Kasanziki	Karen Melchert	Jane Ott Jonathan Hewitt Christopher Parente	Sharon Lindstrom Aubre Hewitt Eileen Raia Kathy Richgels

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

Sizes are the Maximum

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

Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.)

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



Fostering the Friar Inside Us

Fostering the friar in one by doing good works can be a really good thing. To some saints, like Saint James for example, doing good works in the world is a must in our journey toward our salvation. According to Saint James, our salvation is not handed to us on a silver platter. Rather, our salvation comes to us through both faith and deed. It is a central belief for us Catholics.

The very first chapter of the *Letter of James* reads, "Prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was."

Being a "doer of the word" is being a person that is not afraid to roll up his or her sleeves to bring the presence of Christ in the world. You know, this is what it means to be a Christian, to bring Christ's presence in the world through our attitude and actions. We are the hands of Christ feeding the hungry; we are the eyes of Christ exposing and taking on the evils of the world; we are the feet of Christ taking the message of Christ to those who don't understand or believe.

We all know doers that are giants or semi-giants. I knew a guy who worked in the Robert Taylor Homes. I thought he was nuts. He had a blue jean habit and his mission was to minister to the project residents. He told me was hit by bullets three times. This is the extreme. We don't have to be extreme. We just need the right attitude at first. I want to foster the friar in me by doing something good today. It all starts with something small and grows from there. And before we know it, our salvation is at hand.

Increased Offertory Pledge Cards

Stewardship is an essential element of Christian living. As Christians we are aware that all things come from God, and we are thankful for our gifts.

Everything we have is a gift from God. Sharing of ourselves and our financial resources is a loving and just act, a way to give back in gratitude, a way to say

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Playfully considering how I/we will faithfully and generously share my/our monetary blessings with our parish community, I/we commit to sharing my/our financial resources by making a

weekly offering of \$ _____

monthly offering of \$ _____

This is a declaration of intention and is not legally binding. Parish contributions are tax deductible.

Please complete return your offertory pledge cards today and return them to the parish office, drop them into the weekly collection basket, or place them in the box at the back of church. If you are able, please share your God-given blessings to ensure the mission of St. Teresa of

Greenery Orders Due this Sunday!!

This is the last weekend we will be taking orders for Greenery for the Holidays. All Greenery items will be ready to pick up on December 1st and 2nd.



The Holiday Greenery team is looking for volunteers to help with distribution this year. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Kristen Castelloni at Kris-ten@rlcanning.com or (773) 710-0068.

Join us for the next session of Men's Spirituality Group on Tuesday, November 13, from 6:15 am to 7:30 am in the parish center.

Contact Matt Priesbe at mpriesbe@aol.com and (847) 729-1220, or contact Tom Kosnik at (312) 527-2950 and tkosnik@visusgroup.com

— Tom Kosnik

Excerpt from Fr. Frank's Blog of October 30, 2012 - A Church with REAL Candles

"Walked into Valcarce which is a huge truck stop. Nothing "atmospheric" about this place...so I thought. I took a stroll down a little path and walked just a bit, since the last thing you want to do at rest time is walk. As I turned around I saw a run down looking building with a small cross on top. I almost missed it. It was a tiny little church with real, true candles lit by wooden match sticks!!! I lit a candle for all of you."



Follow Fr. Frank's entire journey
at frfrankscamino.blogspot.com
or see the full journey on the map-wall
in the parish center.



Next 6:51 Club is November 18th!

St. Teresa's 6:51 Club meets every 3rd Sunday of the month after the 6:00 pm Mass for hospitality and community.

November's 6:51 Club will be an after-church French dinner. Join us to meet fellow parishioners. Voila!

You can contact Sara Foley
at foleysar@gmail.com for more details.

Defend Human Dignity Nov. 10-11

In 2010, 46.2 million Americans lived at or below the poverty line, an increase of more than 2 million since 2009. With many families living one paycheck away from financial instability, there is little hope that more Americans won't face poverty in the years to come.



The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) funds programs in communities across the United States where people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions and find ways to improve their lives and their neighborhoods.

The CCHD accomplishes its goal by making society more just by empowering the poor. Every year CCHD funds projects in Chicago and across the United States to help poor communities end the conditions that perpetuate poverty.

Participating in CCHD next weekend is a way to help strengthen our commitment to social justice for our communities. To learn more about CCHD programs go to www.archchicago.org/cchd

Help Bring Clean Water to Haiti

Sponsor Fr. Frank as He Walks the Camino de Santiago



In this country, we take so many things for granted. It is difficult for us to imagine living our lives without sufficient clean water. When we want water, all we have to do is turn on the faucet.

Imagine a poor country like Haiti where 40 percent of its 10 million people do not have access to a dependable supply of clean water, where the walk to the faucet is an average of 5 miles away, walking an average of 10 miles per day

for clean water.

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for Haiti; this money will be used to build wells to provide clean and accessible water. If we raise more than our goal of \$20,000, that money will be used to provide healthcare for the people of Haiti.

All donations Fr. Frank raises through sponsorship of his pilgrimage will go to *Zanmi Lasanté* —Paris, a social justice agency who will have wells built in Haiti by



Haitian labor and fund other education and development in impoverished rural Haiti.

You can help. Sponsor Fr. Frank and bring clean, accessible drinking water to those that need it. To donate go to the Give Central QR code on the right or visit st-teresa.net and follow the link. Or call the St. Teresa of Avila office at (773) 528-6650 for more information.



God Really Likes Us

We know that we are supposed to love God. But God loves us before we love God. How many of us really believe that, or understand what it means?

We think: God loves us — but only if we love God back. God loves us — but we have to deserve that love. God loves us — but we can lose that love through sin.

None of that is true. There are no conditions on God's love. God simply loves as a matter of course; God loves because to be God is to love. We try to get a grasp on God's love by saying that it is unconditional, irrepressible, unbreakable.

But although we understand the words by themselves, our own experience of love is otherwise. We love a little or a lot, up to a point, unless or if. We love as hard as we can, but our love has limits imposed by our humanity. And even if we have never reached that limit, it is just a matter of time. Human love is, by definition, partial.

There are many shades of love all the way from slight preference to the "die-for" kind. At its most intense degree, love means to will another the best. That is how God wills the very best for each of us. But willing, like faith, is dead without works. So love also includes showing that love. That is how God loves us: by doing good to us, such as creating us, sustaining us, forgiving us, being with us.

You might remember the Fiddler on the Roof who asked his



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Each of us is a unique combination of attributes, actions, sin, grace, experience and genes. There is nobody else quite like us...

wife if she loved him. Golda screams, "After 25 years of washing and cleaning and feeding and bearing your children — I suppose I do." And Tevye sighs, "After 25 years, it's nice to know."

Of course, we are not unique in this. We are not God's exclusive lover. And yet, God's love is somehow exclusive, personal to each one of us. God does not simply love all of us together but one at a time. God does not just love us in general but in particular.

We get a better sense of this by saying that God not only loves us, but likes us. It is something like that with us humans. We can love someone without liking them. That is how we love enemies. We will them well, but far away from us.

But if we like someone as well as love them, then that love

has a totally different tenor. It is tinged with emotion. We will them well with a passion; we enjoy their good fortune; they become part of our own life.

Don Quixote looked at a tavern wench covered with slime and sweat and saw Dulcinea, his royal lady. It is the inner essence of a person that we love; it is the exterior idiosyncrasies that we like. As Old Blue Eyes sang: "The way she wears her hat, the way she sips her tea — they can't take that away from me."

Each of us is a unique combination of attributes, actions, sin, grace, experience and genes. There is nobody else quite like us: the way we look and act and want and strive and dream. We can't take that away from God.

God's affection for us is without rhyme or reason, even irrational. Like Sancho's fondness for Don Quixote. They told Sancho: "He is crazy, tilts with windmills, jousts with cattle — why do you follow him?" Sancho sighs: "I like him. Don't ask me why or wherefore. I really like him."

Experience God's deep, personal love for you. Feel intensely God's individual fondness for you. No ifs, ands or buts!

— Fr. James Smith, Celebration Publications

Directory

Parish Leadership

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Wisneski, Chair

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Jessica Marx
Mark Matejka
Bertel Olson

Marjorie Rice
Michael Rice
Tony Rivera
Christine Villoch

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and represents a cross section of the parish. PPC is kept abreast of the activities of the Parish and its operations. Together with the Pastor, the PPC helps to craft and carry out the Mission of the Parish. PPC also researches the needs of the parish and works with Parish leadership to evaluate and improve our quality of life as a faith community.

The Parish Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Bill Mack, Chair

Brian Scullion
Jane Bronson
Jack Halpin
Jane Ott

Dave Hilko
Steve Fortino
Andrew Deye
Becky Francis

The St. Teresa Finance Council reviews the financial documents and position of the parish and advises the pastor and business manager on financial matters, including the preparation of the annual parish budget.

The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

Information

Weekend Masses

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

* *First Sunday of the Month*

Weekday Masses

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

* *Communion Service only*

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays	7:00 pm
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For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation,
Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion
for the Sick

Please call Dean in

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