



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 11, 2012

**The LORD keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.**

— *Psalm 146:7*

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.

Stewardship Matters

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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

Ticket Purchase Deadline: November 11th!

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

We need volunteers!

We still need people to help set up, take down and everything in between for November 16th.

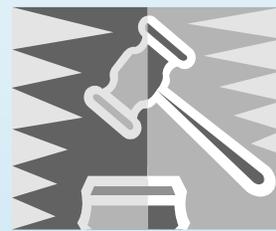
Please email Amir Rafizadeh (amir@staying-true.com) if you are interested.



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 wine drop off box is set up in the Parish Center. You are welcome to make a cash donation online and we will be happy to make the purchase on your behalf.

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

Tuesday, November 20th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

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



Weekly Collections Recap For November 4, 2012

11/4/2012			
Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,785	\$1,481	\$5,137	\$11,403

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



We had a \$1,597 deficit of our budgeted regular Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of November 4, 2012. Please consider donating through automated contributions.

The St. Teresa Water-for-Haiti collection is \$14,110 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

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 widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

Gospel — This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

The Poor

Christ
was offered
once
to take
away
sins



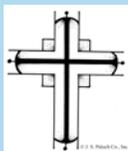
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As Christians, we hear a lot about the witness and service that we are called to render to the poor among us. However, the poor also have a witness and a service to render to us. Like the actions of the widow in today's Gospel, the openness and generosity of many of those who are poor, even in the midst of their own poverty, bear witness to the fact that, ultimately, we can depend only on God. Giving one's all witnesses that God will give all to anyone who trusts in divine goodness.

The poor or disadvantaged also serve. They serve judgment on our individual and corporate ways of acting. If people are sleeping in our streets, that is a judgment on our priorities regarding others. At the same time, the poor can act as mediators of salvation. When they care for others they can redeem our indifference and insensibility, lead us to care as well, and save us from ourselves. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32



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Treasures from Our Tradition

New religious faith gives fresh lenses for viewing human customs, and the wisdom to transform them. In the ancient world, the Romans feared the dead. Funeral customs were designed to hasten the departure of souls to the next world. Cremation was the rule, although burial increased in popularity in the second century. Procession from the place of death to the place of cremation or burial was the most important part of the funeral. Those who carried the funeral bier carried it low, close to the ground, to promote the soul's departure to the nether world.

Christians, on the other hand, did not fear the dead, but cherished them as they consigned them to Christ's love and protection. Gradually, they began to reject customs rooted in fear. Christians carried their dead to their resting places singing, with the bier carried high, away from the ground and toward the heavens. For the Christian, the grave was a sign of hope and a place of remembrance. Superstitious Romans feared burial places, and so the Christians cherished them as places of remembrance and prayer, and in time, even celebrated the Eucharist there. In November, many of us visit the cemetery for prayer and the autumn clean-up. By cherishing our dead, we are responding in faith to a vital part of our Christian tradition. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Los Pobres

Cristo se entregó una vez para quitar el pecado



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Como cristianos, sabemos mucho sobre el testimonio y el servicio que estamos llamados a prestar a los pobres entre nosotros. Sin embargo, los pobres también tienen un testimonio y un servicio que prestarnos. Al igual que las acciones de la viuda en el Evangelio de hoy, la apertura y la generosidad de muchos de los que son pobres, aun en medio de su propia pobreza, dan testimonio del hecho de que, en definitiva, podemos depender solo de Dios. Si damos todo es un testimonio de que Dios dará todo a cualquier persona que confíe en la bondad divina.

Los pobres o desfavorecidos también prestan servicios. Pasan juicio a nuestra manera individual y corporativa de actuar. Si personas que están durmiendo en la calle, eso es un juicio sobre las prioridades respecto a los demás. Al mismo tiempo, los pobres pueden actuar como mediadores de la salvación. Cuando cuidan a los demás pueden redimir nuestra indiferencia e insensibilidad, llevarnos a ser cuidadosos también, y a salvarnos de nosotros mismos. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Antes de regresar a la derecha del Padre, Jesús prometió estar con sus discípulos siempre. Esta es una promesa que Él ha mantenido de diversas maneras, estando con nosotros por su Espíritu, por su palabra, en nuestro corazón. Pero Jesús también desea estar con sus siervos de una manera física y real, es por eso que en su Última Cena tomó pan y vino consagrándolos como su cuerpo y sangre.

La Eucaristía que Jesús inauguró el Jueves Santo continúa consagrándose día tras día en las manos de sacerdotes santos y ni tan santos. No es la dignidad del cura que importa sino, la generosidad de Cristo que desea estar con sus fieles. Uno de estos fieles, el joven uruguayo Walter Elías Chango Rondeau, (1921-1939) en sus pocos años de vida encontró consuelo en el hecho de que Dios se entrega a sí mismo en la comunión.

Según testigos, Walter animaba a sus compañeros a la reconciliación y la Eucaristía. Hablaba tan elocuentemente del Santísimo Sacramento, que parecía sacerdote. Siendo laico, él supo ejercer su sacerdocio bautismal.

— Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — El profeta Elías pide a una viuda pobre que le dé algo de beber y un poco de pan. (1 Reyes 17:10-16).

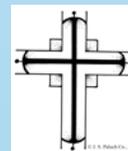
Salmo — El Señor siempre es fiel a su palabra (Psalm 146 [145]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo se sacrificó una sola vez para borrar todos los pecados de los humanos. (Hebreos 9:24-28).

Evangelio — El óbolo de la viuda de unos cuantos centavos es mucho más grande que todas las otras donaciones porque en su pobreza (Marcos 12:38-44).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Ti 1:1-9; Lc 17:1-6
Martes:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lc 17:7-10
Miércoles:	Ti 3:1-7; Lc 17:11-19
Jueves:	Filem 7-20; Lc 17:20-25
Viernes:	2 Jn 4-9; Lc 17:26-37
Sábado:	3 Jn 5-8; Lc 18:1-8
Domingo:	Dn 12:-3; Sal 16 (15); Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mc 13:24-32



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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...

“Do you think He is silent? Even though we do not hear Him, He speaks well to the heart when we beseech Him from the heart.”



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 11, Sunday

Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time •
Trigésimo segundo 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
- 10:00 am, REC, Baptism Preparation
- 10:30 am, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 1:00 pm, PC3, Archdiocesan PR Committee
- 7:00 pm, Kitchen, The Edge

November 12, Monday

St. Josaphat • San Josafat

- Veterans' Day—Office Closed
- 6:30 pm, REC4, Lectio Divina

November 13, Tuesday

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini • Santa Francisca Xavier Cabrini

- 6:15 am, PC3, Men's Spirituality Group
- 1:00 pm, REC1, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, PC3, REC, Kitchen, SPRED Community
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Parish Council

November 14, Wednesday

- 7:00 pm, PC3, Building Committee

November 15, Thursday

St. Albert the Great • San Alberto Magno

- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, PC4, TOYL Meeting

November 16, Friday

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude •
Santa Margarita de Escocia; Santa Gertrudis

- 11:00 am, REC4, Parent-Baby Journey
- 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 17, Saturday

St. Elizabeth of Hungary • Santa Isabel de Hungría

- 9:00 am, REC, Regarding Parents Introductory Session
- 9:00 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Bagging and Distribution



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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

November 10

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

November 11

9:00 am Sheila & Dan Drew

Gertrude Halloran

12:00 pm 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, 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 of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</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
11-17-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Charles Shelby	Becky Francis	Jennifer Barrett	Jocelyn Lutkus Jamie Lutkus
11-18-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Elizabeth Rooney	Frank Swiderski Dennis Kamalick Michael Zost	Bert Olson Geneva Gorgo Phyllis Halloran Annie Monak
11-18-2012 <i>Nuestra Señora de la Providencia</i>	10:30 am	Fr. Edil Calero Cortez	Gerardo Martinez Belen Gonzales	Carmen Vazquez	Bolivar Gonzales
11-18-12 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Alejandro Lopez	Katie Broussard	Aimee Jaszczor Amy McCue
11-18-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Pascal Kasanziki	Kevin Carlino	Luke Kolman Eileen Raia Katie Assell	Christine Villoch Mark Van Grinsven Nancy Van Grinsven Jon Assell

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.



A Friar-like Attitude

Most churchgoers don't mind and actually want to financially support their church. Another group of churchgoers enjoy volunteering for various ministries that benefit the operations of the parish. Yet others are motivated to take to the streets and be involved in ministries that service people not necessary involved in the church but that push the mission of the church forward.

All this volunteering and doing is fostering the Friar in one. And there are many benefits to doing such good work. There is, however, the "attitude" that lies behind the doing. A question to ask every now and again is, "Is all this doing simply for our own edification? Or is this 'doing' pointing us to a place spiritually that is beyond our self and making God center stage?"

It is a difficult question to ask and to reflect upon. I personally like any and all compliments anyone wants to give me. I certainly like to be recognized and appreciated. I quietly love it when my ego is fanned. But does this make God center stage?

Stephen of Muret writes, "The foolish and the wise may differ in many respects, but certainly in this; when something good is done, fools see their own action, not God's." Stephen of Muret is telling us there is something more to doing good works and working toward our salvation. There is an attitude to be developed that is more critical than the work itself. This attitude is that it is not about me, my ego and my edification. It is about letting go of the "me" and attaching to the presence of God in the world. Letting go of "me," adopting an attitude that is totally for the other, is not only Christ-like, but is also making the presence of Christ a reality in the world.

**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

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.

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

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 _____ 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.



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

Log Some Face Time with Fr. Frank

**See Fr. Frank Live
on the
Big Screen
After the 9:00 am Mass
November 11th
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.



Learning from Widows

Psalm 146, the responsorial psalm for today's Mass, is one of 12 "Hallelujah Psalms." These psalms are so named because they begin and end by praising God. The middle of Psalm 146, the part we read today, affirms God's faithful love for his people. God gives food to the hungry, opens the eyes of the blind and upholds the orphan and the widow. The message is clear: There is hope for the downtrodden.

In today's readings we encounter the downtrodden. Our readings from the Hebrew and Christian Testaments focus on the faith journey of widows. In the first reading, Elijah intercepts a widow as she is preparing a last meal for herself and her son. With Elijah's help, this widow stops despairing and begins to hope. In the Gospel, a poor widow demonstrates her faith by putting all she has to live on into the treasury. How did she arrive at this place of faithful surrender? How do we make this same journey through despair toward hope? These women have much to teach us.

When Elijah cries out to the widow, he is a voice in the wilderness. She is lost, forsaken and alone. Unable to provide for herself or her son, she is ready to die. In response to Elijah's request for food, she does not hide her despair. She frankly tells Elijah, "As the Lord your God lives I have nothing" (1 Kings 17:12). Acknowledging despair is the first step on the



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Our journey toward hope begins with acknowledgement of our despair, but also a willingness to act on faith.

journey toward hope. J.R.R. Tolkien, author of *The Lord of the Rings*, said it best: "Oft hope is born when all is forlorn."

Hope is cultivated when acknowledgement of despair is followed by courageous, fearless action. In both cases, the women let go of their only means of sustenance. The first woman gave her food; the second woman gave her money. By any logic, this doesn't make sense. Yet, in the midst of this faithful foolishness, fear is pushed away and hope is given a place to take root. "The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail" (1 Kings 17:16). Jesus praises the widow, who tithes from her want, as more faithful than those who gave more (Mark 12:43-44).

How do these stories relate to our own lives? Fearless self-examination exposes our own areas of hopelessness. We are all downtrodden in one shape or form. Our

journey toward hope begins with acknowledgement of our despair, but also a willingness to act on faith. If the action that is required seems foolish, we must have the courage to continue. Like the two widows, often we need to risk what little we have so we can open ourselves to what God wants to provide.

Psalm 146 is a prayer we can carry into our week, praying it again and again. What do you hunger for? How are you imprisoned? Where are your blind spots? Once you know the answers to these questions, go and talk to the widows. Ask them how they had the courage to take action in the midst of their darkness.

Prayer takes many forms. There are prayers of adoration and prayers of thanksgiving, contrition and petition. Underlying all prayer is an attitude of trust and gratitude for God's never-failing love. Prayer begins and ends with hope. A hopeful prayer washes away all fear and despair. Hope prompts us to open our hands in expectation. In opening our hands, we first let go of everything we are clinging to for ourselves, and the pride and self-sufficiency that can keep us from receiving what God is eager to give us.

Directory

Parish Leadership

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Frank Latzko
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Wisneski, Chair

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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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