



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2012

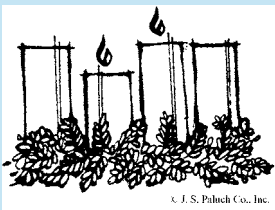
God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low.

— *Baruch 5:7*

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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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I wanted to bring to your attention to a trend in our weekly giving that the Finance Council has been observing during first four months of the fiscal year, July through October. In total, our collections are down roughly \$10,000 over last year's weekly collections. Moreover, we are down nearly \$16,000 versus our budgeted weekly giving amount for the year. The Finance Council will continue to monitor collections and expenses extremely closely over the next several months and communicate with you if the trend continues. We have always provided detailed financials for the Parish on the website, and we are looking to improve how we summarize information in the weekly bulletin.

I have gone back-and-forth about whether to raise this issue to you through this letter. I have concluded that, as the Chairman of the Finance Council and a steward of the parish, I need to make sure that I keep you apprised on things that concern me. I love this parish very much. Though very few parishes in the Archdiocese operate in the black, I feel that it is very important for us to make this the 4th year in a row that we finish with revenues higher than expenses.

Here are things that you can do to help:

1. Increase your weekly giving (if you can.)
2. Make a one-time special donation at Christmas.
3. Move to automated giving. This provides us the most stable source of funding.
4. Bring food for the Food Pantry. Our Food Pantry efforts have increased substantially over the past several years. This is what our parish is called to do, but it also creates a financial strain when we need to go out and purchase food to meet the needs of the poor. In fact, this is a major source of our increased expenses this year. For every dollar worth of food that you bring to church, this goes directly to help take pressure off the parish's expenses.
5. Prayer. Please remember our parish in your daily prayers, that we are all guided by the Lord's will for us.

I am always happy to discuss the parish's financials with you. As I mentioned, the detailed financials are always available on our website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on my cell phone at (312) 286-9190.

Very truly yours,

Bill Mack

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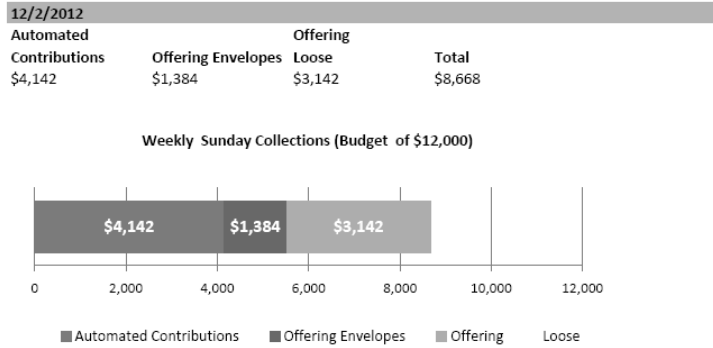
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| Pasta Sauce (26 oz.) | Canned Vegetables (15 oz.) |
| Canned Beans (15 oz.) | Spaghetti O's (15 oz.) |
| Canned Fruit (15oz.) | Chili (15 oz.) |
| Peanut Butter (18 oz.) | Cereal, Oatmeal |
| Tuna | Pasta |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Jelly |
| Hearty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

Weekly Collections Recap For December 2, 2012



We had a \$3,332 deficit of our budgeted regular Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of December 2, 2012. Please consider donating through automated contributions.

The St. Teresa Water-for-Haiti collection is \$14,866 so far. It's not too late to donate.

Food Pantry Schedule for December

Saturday, December 1st

9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, December 13th

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, December 14th

10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 22nd

9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, December 27th

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, December 28th

10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

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, December 17, 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 — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

Awaiting the Salvation of God

All people shall see



The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Treasures from Our Tradition

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

A La Espera de la Salvación de Dios

Todos los pueblos verán



la salvación de Dios

El mundo no parece tan grande como para contener el alborozo que causa la primera lectura. En la lectura del Evangelio, el Imperio Romano tampoco es lo suficientemente grande. Los grandes poderes de Roma se designan y se hacen esperar por la salvación de Dios. Y encontramos a Pablo que medita gozosamente en lo que importa, en lo que realmente cuenta.

De acuerdo con Baruc, la ciudad de Jerusalén es como una persona que en puntillas espera la salvación de Dios, que viene del Este. Los que fueron llevados a pie, con la cabeza gacha, regresan ahora orgullosos. Todo el camino está pavimentado. Al lado del camino hay árboles fragantes y frondosos.

No puede haber algo mejor que eso, ¿no es así? Bueno, sí puede haber algo mejor. Porque una voz grita en el desierto. Aquí comienza la salvación de Dios. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1726, Juan de la Cruz (1542-1591) fue canonizado por el Papa Benito XIII. Nació en la región de Castilla en España, este doctor de la Iglesia junto con Teresa de Ávila fue reformador de la Orden Carmelita. Muchas órdenes religiosas del siglo XV sufrieron grandes decadencias. Por eso mientras los Protestantes se separaban de la Iglesia, los religiosos descalzos, recoletos y observantes buscaban reformar órdenes religiosas, como la Orden de la Bienaventurada Virgen María del Monte Carmelo, uniéndose siempre más a la Iglesia Romana.

Para los reformadores católicos quedarse en la Iglesia no fue fácil, ¡sin embargo se quedaron! Aunque sus reformas fueron apoyadas por los Papas, muchos de ellos como Juan de la Cruz tuvieron que aguantar muchas oposiciones y persecuciones para lograr sus reformas. Estas reformas ardían con el deseo de amar bien a Cristo Jesús y a su cuerpo que es la Iglesia.

En sus poesías, Juan de la Cruz muestra la fuerza de esta llama de amor vivo a pesar de la oscuridad de la noche que no lo deja encontrar al amante (Dios). — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Sube a la altura, Jerusalén; contempla a tus hijos gozosos porque Dios se acordó de ellos (Baruc 5:1-9).

Salmo — Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor (Salmo 126 [125]).

Segunda Lectura — Que su amor siga creciendo más y más y se traduzca en un mayor conocimiento y discernimiento (Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11).

Evangelio — Juan proclama un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 3:1-6).

Lecturas de la Semana

- Lunes:** Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 5:17-26
- Martes:** Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Miércoles:** Zac 2:14-17 o Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-3 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de la Santísima Virgen María, nos. 707-712
- Jueves:** Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Viernes:** Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Sábado:** Eclo 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79): 2ac, 3b, 15-16, Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Domingo:** Sof 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Fil 4:4-7; Lc 3:10-18

Sacraments & Ministries

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December Baptisms

Boland Marie Gregory (12-8-12)



St. Teresa says...

“Humility does not disturb or disquiet however great it may be; it comes with peace, delight and calm...”



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

December 9, Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent • Segundo Domingo de Adviento

- 9:00 am, PC4, Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
- 9:00 am, RR, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, REC, Baptism Preparation
- 10:30 am, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, REC4, The Edge

December 10, Monday

- 6:30 pm, REC4, Lectio Divina
- 7:00 pm, PC3, Parish Council
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Haiti Meeting

December 11, Tuesday

St. Damasus I • San Dámaso I

- 1:00 pm, REC1, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, PC4, REC, Kitchen, SPRED Preparation
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC, PC3, Kitchen, SPRED Community Party
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

December 12, Wednesday

Our Lady of Guadalupe • Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

- 7:00 pm, Church, Advent Reconciliation Service

December 13, Thursday

St. Lucy • Santa Lucía

- 12:00 pm, Kitchen, Holiday Cooking
- 3:00 pm, PC4, Cuisine du Coeur Meeting
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, GS, PC3, Food Pantry Setup

December 14, Friday

St. John of the Cross • San Juan de la Cruz

- 10:00 am, PC3, GS, 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

December 15, Saturday

- 12:00 pm, Kitchen, The Edge: Faith & Food

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. The Reconciliation Room (RR) is at the back of church next to the font.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

December 8

5:00 pm Elda Myers

December 9

9:00 am David Morlock
 10:30 am Petra Martinez
 Hermina Vazquez
 12:00 pm Eric Kittock
 6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

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, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Pat Johnson, Teresa Joan Killecullen, Michael Kinsella, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Isabelle Martinez, Melory Mizicko, Sally Jo Morrow, Cindy O'Keefe, Nella Palazzola, Ben & Susan Patrosso, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Jim Teterycz, Jon Wagenknecht Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

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

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@sttereseparish.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.

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
12-15-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Becky Francis	Jocelyn Lutkus	Jamie Lutkus Annie Monak
12-16-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Tony Dosen	George Halloran	Rose Ohiku Jennifer Barrett Dan Anderson	Phyllis Halloran Tom Kosnik Frank Swiderski Dennis Kamalick
Next Spanish Mass 1-6-2013 Sunday	10:30 am				
12-16-12 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Barry Moriarty	Amy McCue	Aimee Jaszczor	Bob Pedro Katie Broussard
12-16-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Tony Dosen	Jane Ott	Jonathan Hewett Jane Bronson Eileen Raia	Mary Serrahn Aubre Hewett Mark Van Grinsven Kaitlin Cronin

Enroll in Give Central this Weekend

Your stewardship and participation in the life of St. Teresa of Avila Parish is central to the continued vitality of this faith community.

We hope that GiveCentral will offer you a convenient and simple opportunity to continue and enhance your involvement in the church.

GiveCentral is an online donation tool. It is a secure way to give from a bank account, credit card or debit card.

GiveCentral enrollment forms will be available after all Masses this weekend on the tables at the back of church and in the Gathering Space.

Sign up for online giving at

GiveCentral

for your weekly offertory and other donations!

Three reasons to sign up:

1. Give Central is completely safe and secure as it follows SSL encryption standards.
2. It's easy to sign up, update throughout the year, and review your gifts as often as you like.
3. You can make your gifts through most credit cards or online checking.

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Next 6:51 Club is December 16th!

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

December's 6:51 Club will be an after-church Christmas dinner. Join us to meet fellow parishioners. Wassail!

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



Our Troubled Joseph

Every icon is balanced. The icon is balanced with the figures, the colors and the landscape or back drop that make up the icon. Balance is critical to one's spiritual progress. When one is out of balance, it is difficult to advance spiritually. Being out of balance typically leads to walking in circles. We end the day spiritually in the exact same spot as we began the day.

The balance in an icon also helps us to meditate on it; the balance puts us at ease. We don't have to figure out what is happening. The balance in an icon is what allows the icon to come into us, and we, into the icon; it aids the spiritual truth that the icon is communicating to us.

Our icon of the Nativity is cyclically balanced. The story of the birth of Christ revolves around the actual event of the birth that is in the center of the icon. Look in the lower left corner of the icon; there we see a troubled Joseph. He is troubled because he is trying to make sense of his wife becoming pregnant and the birth of this child.

Joseph is visited by an old man who represents the voice of *unenlightened* reason. Ultimately, Joseph has to make a leap of faith; a practice with which he is uncomfortable. He is a man of logic; he is not used to the grey of life and appears *unenlightened* on why he has been chosen to assist in bringing the Christ child into the world. It weighs heavily on him. Just go up to the icon and look at his face.

In our times of misunderstanding, when things don't make sense, this image of a troubled Joseph is comforting to meditate upon. It is as these times that we need to seek out the voice of *unenlightened* reason. And when it comes to us, we need to listen.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, December 11,
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*

Breakfast with Santa December 16th



On Sunday December 16th following the morning Masses, please join Santa and friends for St Teresa's annual Breakfast with Santa Claus.

The price is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children (under 2 will be free) and will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and juice. We look forward to serving you!

This event is sponsored by the St. Teresa's Men's Spirituality Group.

2012 Christmas Giving Tree Tags

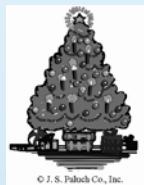
Thank you for your generous response to this year's Giving Tree. Please return the wrapped gifts with tags by December 17th so they can be given to all the children before Christmas.

Wrapped gifts with tags can be placed under the giving tree in church during the weekend, or they can be dropped off at the Parish Office at 1950 N. Kenmore during the week from 9:00 am to 7:30 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

St. Teresa is working with St. Vincent de Paul Center (Halsted and Webster) who is providing us with the names of 185 needy children 5-to-13 years old.

If you missed getting a tag and still want to donate a gift, wrap a gift and bring it to the church or Parish Office. We'll send it along to St. Vincent. The gift list includes books, book bags, art supplies and age-appropriate toys.

Thank you for bringing a little Christmas cheer to these children again this year.



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Relevant Radio Novena



O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

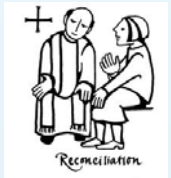
We have a free gift to help you prepare to receive Christ anew this Advent! Join Father Thomas Acklin as he leads us in a Novena prayer from Dec 17–25, including helpful meditations on the prophetic "O" Antiphon titles for Christ.

Go to www.relevantradio.com – keyword "Advent" – for audio links and schedule.

Chicago **950AM**, Chicago West **930AM**,
NW Indiana **1270AM**

Advent Reconciliation December 12th

The Parish-wide reconciliation service is on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. This service is great for whole families to attend together as there will be a communal rite of reconciliation as well as opportunity to have one-on-one reconciliation with a priest.



These services are always wonderful ways for families to acknowledge to God and one another our need for forgiveness and healing. It is in the family, and with those we are closest to, that we often need the most healing, and so to receive the healing power of forgiveness together. What a wonderful gift to receive as we prepare ourselves for Christmas!

Women's Center Baby Bottle Project



St. Teresa will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support.

The Women's Center is committed to helping people help themselves. In some cases, this is simply a matter of bringing out the clients' inner strength, courage and resolve, to face life's challenges. Sometimes, it involves helping to find available community resources to help overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles. A good deal of our counseling staff time is spent working with clients and community organizations to bring together a good match of needs and available resources.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you this week, fill it with your spare change over the next four weeks, and return it the weekend of December 30th. This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Women's Centers.

More than Love

Paul encourages us to grow in experience and understanding, to learn to value the things that really matter, to live justly.

In modern terms, Paul is telling us to grow up. Maturity is an ongoing process. We are born as dependent, selfish creatures and must learn our way into a proper balance between independence and interdependency. This process involves three tasks: creating a self-identity, learning to love and be loved, and taking responsibility for our part of the human enterprise.

Christians work out their personal identity at the intersection of a sacred text and a secular context — between the demands of the Bible and the constraints of the situation. If we emphasize the Bible too much, we may become fanatical, intolerant, judgmental and nasty. And we know what happens when the culture reigns supreme without biblical critique: extreme individuality leads to rich privacy, lonely sex and cafeteria religion.

A negative identity is the easiest to acquire. Just look at the 2-year-old who says “No” to everything; or the rebellious teen who disdains adult wisdom; or the political party out of power whose only platform is to object to whatever the administration offers. The world offers infinite possible identities, but it can’t force anyone to become someone.

Identity cannot really be achieved alone. It takes two to tango and a village to create a real person. Before Eve, Adam saw only disparate things; after Eve, Adam recognized a world. That is, creation went from chaos to a meaningful cosmos. That happens to all of us, because we create



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our own self in relation to other creatures. That is how we learn to love and be loved.

Love can spring up suddenly, like a trout leaping out of a calm stream. We are going along minding our own business when all of a sudden we realize that we are not alone in this world. Of course, we always knew that obvious fact of bumping elbows; but suddenly we actually feel our real connection with other people. We didn’t create the relationships, they are just there. We intuitively understand that the bonds of love are not an addition to our individuality — love is an essential element of our identity.

Encouraged by this experience of human intimacy, we are able to see the good in others, their beauty, their desirability. We begin to love. Then,

strengthened by loving, we become brave enough to open our private self to the public, to reveal our inner being, to allow ourselves to be loved.

Loving and being loved may be the highest level of maturity that most people attain. Yet some people realize that love is not quite enough, that something is missing if we do not feel a personal responsibility for the shape of the secular world and for the condition of God’s kingdom. As the late Cardinal Jaime Sin of the Philippines uncharacteristically said: “Compassion without love is mere sentiment ... and love without justice is baloney.”

Mature persons feel responsible for the world and their position in that world. You and I have won the lottery of life. We benefit from the mysterious meeting of genes that situates us in the middle class of a rich country. That unearned accident obliges us. Someday, we all may mature to the point where, instead of starting with a lot of stuff and whittling down, we will start with bare necessities and gradually build up to a responsible level of livelihood.

— Fr. James Smith, Celebration Publications

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Wisneski, Chair

Jon Assell
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

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