



**St. Teresa
of Avila**
Catholic Church

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2013**

**I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord.**

— *Philippians 3:8*

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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Reflecting on God's Word

The stone probably didn't feel that heavy when it was first picked up. But it was a stone, not a pebble, and there were many of them. They would do damage, especially when hurled in self-righteous anger. Perhaps it helped the people to believe that no one stone could be blamed for her death. This was an act of the community, all of them in it together, standing up for the Law of Moses, and bringing down God's wrath upon an adulteress.

While things were starting to heat up, no one was paying much attention to the woman. They were all watching Jesus. What was with the crouching down and drawing in the dirt? You really couldn't tell whether he was writing or drawing or maybe he was just stalling for time.

Some said he had tricked them, worked some kind of magic, proof that he was indeed in league with Beelzebub. The more thoughtful ones were silent. One even said he thought Jesus was praying. Where else could his words have come from, words that redirected their gaze from the woman to themselves, words that caused stones to drop and feet to shuffle off?

His words continue to echo any time we find ourselves about to cast stones of condemnation at one another: "Let the one among you who is without sin . . ." After taking these words to heart, we might hear more clearly Jesus' final words, meant not only for her, but for us: Go and sin no more.

Living God's Word

We pray that we might have the grace to see ourselves as we are, both graced by God and yet sometimes still sinful in thought, word, and deed. We pray that we might look on others with compassion and be given the power to forgive others who have harmed us, as God has forgiven us.



Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Es probable que la piedra no se sintiera tan pesada cuando primero la levantaron, pero era una piedra y no una piedrecita.

Además, habían muchas de ellas, y causarían daño, sobre todo si las tiraban con toda esa ira de los santurrones. Tal vez pensaban que ninguna piedra específica causaría la muerte de la mujer, ya que era un acto de la comunidad; todos ellos juntos en nombre de la ley de Moisés desataban toda la ira de Dios contra la adúltera.

Mientras las cosas escalaban y se ponían más serias nadie le estaba prestando mucha atención a la mujer, sino que todos se fijaban en Jesús. ¿Qué hacía agachándose y escribiendo en la tierra? En realidad no se sabe si Jesús estaba escribiendo o pintando, o simplemente dilatando el tiempo.

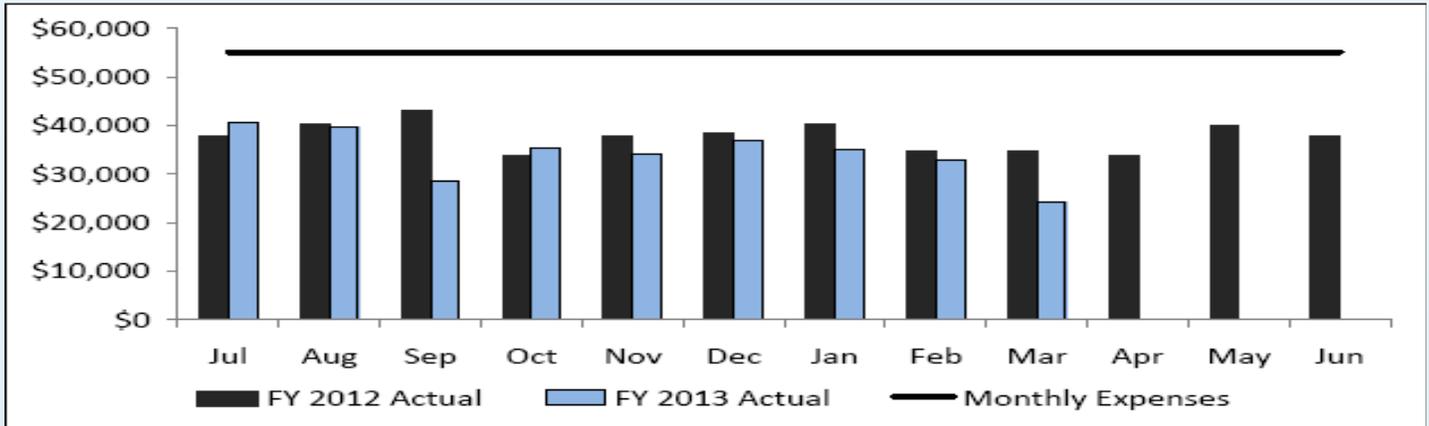
Algunos decían que Jesús los había timado, que hizo algún tipo de magia y eso probaba que en efecto estaba confabulado con Belzebú. Los más considerados guardaban silencio. Uno hasta dijo que Jesús estaba orando. ¿De dónde más podrían salir las palabras de Jesús? Unas palabras que fueron capaces de desviar la mirada de ellos, o sea, en vez de fijarse en la mujer comenzaron a fijarse en ellos mismos. Por eso, al oír aquellas palabras dejaron las piedras y se escabulleron.

Las palabras de Jesús continúan haciendo eco cada vez que tratamos de tirarnos piedras de condenación los unos a los otros. "Aquel de ustedes que no tenga pecado..." Si tomamos en serio estas palabras podremos escuchar más claramente las últimas palabras de Jesús, que no sólo fueron dirigidas a ella, sino también a nosotros: Puedes irte, pero no vuelvas a pecar.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Oremos para tener la gracia de vernos a nosotros mismos tal y como somos, esto es, agraciados por Dios; pero algunas veces pecando de pensamiento, palabra y obra. Oremos para que podamos mirar a los demás con compasión y se nos dé la gracia de perdonar a los que nos han hecho daño, como Dios nos ha perdonado.

Fiscal Year (07/01 - 06/30) Comparison to Date



- For the first seven months of the 2013 Fiscal Year, Sunday and Holy Day collections are down 8% from the 2012 Fiscal Year. As the chart above depicts, the key driver was poor collections in September 2012.
- We ask that Parishioners periodically consider an increase to their weekly gifts to St. Teresa's. Our goal is to fund all operations from the weekly collections, i.e. the goal is for the bars to exceed the expense line in the chart above.
- We are sincerely grateful to all who gave so generously at Christmas. The Parish had a tremendous Christmas collection which was \$20,000 better than last Fiscal Year. This, coupled with our efforts to control expenses, will aid in ending the year with a balanced budget. We hope that our Easter collection is equally successful. If you are able, please consider making a special gift at Easter.
- St. Teresa's annual fundraisers assist in meeting funding gaps. It is the Finance Council's and Fr. Frank's goal to increase weekly giving to meet our ongoing expenses, and use the proceeds from fundraisers to fund special initiatives and outreach programs of the Parish.
- The Special Collection for Ruth Schmitz the weekend of March 10th was \$3,002.
- Please contact the Chair of the St. Teresa Finance Council, Bill Mack, at williamdmack@hotmail.com or (312) 706-4266. Bill can provide you with the latest financial status, projections, and key issues.
- The Finance Council meets the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Food Pantry Schedule for March

- Saturday, March 2nd**
9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution
- Thursday, March 7th**
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging
- Friday, March 8th**
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, March 16th**
9:00 am to 11:00 am Bagging & Distribution
- Thursday, March 21st**
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging
- Friday, March 22nd**
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



Food Pantry Shopping List

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| Pasta Sauce (26 oz.) | Jelly |
| Canned Beans (15 oz.) | Canned Chicken |
| Canned Fruit (15oz.) | Brown Rice (box) or Rice Packets |
| Peanut Butter (18 oz.) | Crackers or Saltines |
| Tuna | Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.) |
| Macaroni & Cheese | |
| Hearty Canned Soup (10 oz.) | |
| Canned Vegetables (15 oz.) | |
| Spaghetti O's (15 oz.) | |
| Chili (15 oz.) | |
| Cereal, Oatmeal | |
| Pasta | |



Extra-strength shopping bags with handles are always in need.

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

First Reading — See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading — I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a <i>or</i> Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

Forgiven



I do not condemn you

Today's liturgy continues the message of forgiveness and reconciliation that we heard last week. The Church seems to be doing its utmost to deliver one simple message: "Your sins are forgiven!" What good news this is!

Isaiah declares that God's saving action on our behalf is not something trapped in the past, but here and now. Paul urges us to recognize that true life is not "won" by following laws, however strictly, but is a free gift of God. Thus, our focus must be on the future, not on past misdeeds. Our eyes must be on the prize of life forever with God.

In the Gospel, Jesus is challenged to demonstrate that he is a law-keeper, but he knows that this is a trap. If he counsels mercy, he will be declared an opponent of the law. If he follows the law and condones its punishment, he will be denounced as an inciter to murder. Jesus decides to do neither. Instead, he turns the tables and invites the crowd to forgo "legality" for the sake of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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Treasures from Our Tradition

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussy-willows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion? — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Perdonados



Tampoco yo te condeno

La liturgia de hoy continúa el mensaje de perdón y reconciliación que escuchamos la semana pasada. La Iglesia parece estar haciendo todo lo posible para comunicarnos un solo mensaje: “¡Tus pecados son perdonados!” ¡Qué gran buena nueva!

Isaías declara que la acción salvadora de Dios por nosotros no es algo que ocurrió en el pasado, sino que acontece aquí y ahora. Pablo nos urge a reconocer que la verdadera vida no se “gana” obedeciendo leyes, no importa cuán estrictamente lo hagamos, sino que es un regalo gratuito de Dios. Así, deberemos enfocarnos en el futuro, no en las faltas del pasado. Nuestra mirada deberá estar fija en el premio de toda una vida eterna con Dios.

En el Evangelio, Jesús es retado a demostrar que él obedece la ley, pero él sabe que es una trampa. Si su consejo es que se dé misericordia, lo declararán enemigo de la ley. Si sigue la ley y excusa el castigo, lo denunciarán como un incitador al homicidio. Jesús no se decide por ninguna de esas opciones. Lo que hace es que invierte la situación e invita a la multitud para que abandonen la “legalidad” y

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Artesanos preparan alfombras de flores y plumas de Quetzal en Guatemala para las fiestas de esta semana santa. Grupos de fieles practican su papel de personaje judío o romano para los vía crucis en México, Texas, Chicago y tantos lugares más. Fraternidades penitenciales están preparándose espiritualmente para cargar con imágenes sagradas y pesadas por calles españolas. Muchos más están preparando sus maletas para irse a la playa o las montañas donde, probablemente, nunca recordaran el nombre de Jesús.

Estos últimos se perderán las liturgias más significativas de nuestra fe cristiana; ritos llenos de movimiento desde afuera de la Iglesia hasta adentro. Están llenos de símbolos que nos llaman a la verdad de la existencia cristiana y humana: somos personas paradójicas. Comenzamos entre los hosannas del Domingo de Ramos, pasamos por las dolorosas imágenes del Viernes Santo y terminamos entre juegos de oscuridad, fuego y agua en la Vigilia Pascual. Muchas veces honramos al Señor y tantas veces lo negamos, pero él nunca deja de llamarnos. En fin nos recuerda que la condición humana es sagrada y profana a la vez. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor hace algo nuevo para el pueblo escogido (Isaías 43:16-21) o *Ezequiel 37:12-14*.

Salmo — Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor (Salmo 125 [124]) o *Salmo 130 (129)*.

Segunda lectura — El bien supremo es conocer a Jesús como Señor (Filipenses 3:8-14) o *Romanos 8:8-11*.

Evangelio — Que el que no tenga pecado tire la primera piedra. (Juan 8:1-11) o *Juan 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

Lecturas de la Semana

- Lunes:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Sal 22(22):1-6; Jn 8:12-20
- Martes:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a
- Miércoles:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
- Jueves:** Gn 17:3-9; Sal 105 (104):4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Viernes:** Jer 20:10-13; Sal 18 (17):2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Sábado:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Domingo:** Lc 19:28-40 (procesión); Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 (21):8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Fil 2:6-11; Lc 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

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This Week's Lenten Opportunities

Monday-Thursday, 7:30 am - 8:00 am: *Mass, Friday, Communion Service*, in the church

Tuesday, March 19th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm: *Eucharistic Adoration* in the Church

Wednesday, March 20th, 7:00 pm—8:30 pm: *Parish Reconciliation Service*

Thursday, March 21st, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm: *Food Pantry Bagging* in the Parish Center

Friday, March 22nd, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm: *Food Pantry Distribution* in the Parish Center

Friday, March 22nd, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: *Loaves & Fishes Diners* in the Parish Center

Friday, March 22nd, 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm: *Stations of the Cross* in the Church

Friday, March 22nd, 7:45 pm - 9:00 pm: *Spanish Prayer Group* in the Church

Principles of Catholic Social Justice

- 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

St. Teresa said...

“In fact, there is a holy simplicity that knows little about the affairs and style of the world but a lot about dealing with God.”



Calendar at a Glance

March 17, Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent • Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

- 9:00 am, RR, 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
- 10:30 am, PC1, RCIA
- 7:00 pm, REC4, The Edge

March 18, Monday

St. Cyril of Jerusalem • San Cirilo de Jerusalén

- 7:00 pm, PC3, Finance Council
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Annual Fundraiser Meeting

March 19, Tuesday

St. Joseph • San José, Esposo de la Virgen María

- 7:00 pm, PC3, Building Committee
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Parish Gift Recruitment
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

March 20, Wednesday

- 7:00 pm, Church, Parish Reconciliation

March 21, Thursday

- 6:00 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Bagging
- 6:30 pm, REC4, Praying with the Scriptures
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Major Gifts Solicitation

March 22, Friday

Abstinence • Abstinencia

- 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
- 7:00 pm, Church, Stations of the Cross

March 23, Saturday

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo • San Toribio de Mogrovejo

- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Celebrating Family Easter Traditions
- 10:30 am, REC4, RCIA Retreat



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

In Our Prayers

March 16

5:00 pm All deceased members of the parish

March 17

9:00 am Fr. Patrick O’Leary
12:00 pm Mary Anne Rawlinson
6:00 pm Sr. Denise Wilkinson, SP

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Alfonzo Ardana, Amalia Bech, Greg Bruce, Ethel Brumleve, John Breault, Phyllis Carlino, Gaspar Diaz, Mark Dudley, Emmanuel & Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano, Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez, Donald Grabarczyk, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Pat Johnson, Jack Kavanagh, Teresa Joan Kitcullen, Michael Kinsella, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Isabelle Martinez, Mike McCabe, Melory Mizicko, Sally Jo Morrow, Cindy O’Keefe, Nella Palazzola, Ben & Susan Patrasso, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Ruth Schmitz, Jim Teterycz, Oscar R. Torres, Jon Wagenknecht, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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 in the parish office.

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

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

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
3-23-13 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Pascal Kasanziki	Becky Francis Becky Francis 1 Jane Ott 2 Luke Kolman 3	Jennifer Barrett	Jane Ott Lisa Marquez
3-24-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Geneva Gorgo Elizabeth Rooney 1 Dennis Kamalick 2 Tom Kosnik 3	Tom Kosnik Dan Anderson Frank Swiderski	James Lutkus Jocelyn Lutkus Rose Ohiku Dennis Kamalick
Next Spanish Mass 4-7-13	10:30 am				
3-24-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. John Rybolt	Alejandro Lopez Raquel Bech 1 Tony Rivera 2 Alejandro Lopez 3	Jane Bronson	Alice Morales-Villenas Suzanne Chung
3-24-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Tom Ess	Christine Villoch Eileen Raia 1 Karen Melchert 2 Christine Villoch 3	Luke Kolman Aubre Hewett Karen Melchert	Eileen Raia Jonathan Hewett Christopher Parente Sharon Lindstrom

Loving God -

You are the Giver of all good gifts.
You are our strength and well-spring of grace.

With confident faith we entrust this parish project to your care and protection.

Guide us as we *build faith together*.
Bless us with a unity of mind and spirit as we accept the responsibilities and challenges of this parish undertaking. May our efforts bear fruit for the glory of your kingdom.

We thank you for all that we have and for the sacrifices and generosity of our Faith Family.

Deepen our commitment to the future of this parish and grant us the ability to share our faith and spread your Good News today, tomorrow, and always.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Communicating with God

How does God communicate with you? This was the question that we took on at the most recent Men's Spirituality session. There was no lack of responses. Some guys said that God most communicated to them through other people such as family members, friends, work associates and/or just people on the street. There certainly is evidence in scripture of such a concept. And our own faith teaches us that God speaks to people through people. Think about Moses in the Hebrew Scriptures or the women in the New Testament whom Jesus spoke to after his resurrection. These people, in turn, communicated to others a message from God.

Some guys said that God communicated to them through writing. To take a few minutes in the middle of the day or at the end of day and get out of their heads and on to paper what they were thinking about or what they were praying about. It was in the writing itself that created a certain clarity. Namely, looking at what was in one's head that now was on paper. Some even said that at times they felt it was God really doing the writing. We call this inspiration.

Some said that God communicated to them through the heart. That they got into a practice of being quiet, not talking, not asking, but just learning to listen with the "ear of the heart." Most often our prayer is filled with quite a bit of chatter. As we chatter we are not listening for any kind of a response or movement internally. Saint Ignatius has a structured practice that is geared toward learning how to quiet the racing mind and still oneself so that true listening can be had. And he is not the only Saint that has such structured practices.

We have been journeying through Lent now for about 30 days. Lent is a special time of the church year when we renew our baptismal vows. As we enter Holy Week, I encourage you to ask yourself, "How does God communicate to you?" It is a great question upon which to reflect.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, March 26,
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

Women's Spirituality Group Meets March 26th



Women of St. Teresa's who seek spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for quiet prayer, reflection and conversation are invited to gather in Avila Place, on Tuesday, March 26th at 7:30 pm at 1940 N. Kenmore Ave.

This will be our final gathering until we resume in September. Hope you can join us on the 26th. Contact Cathy Flaherty, cgflaherty@aol.com, with any questions.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Saturday-Sunday March 23rd — 24th	Saturday, 5:00pm; Sunday, 9:00am, 12:00pm, 6:00pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper	Thursday, March 28th	7:00pm
Living Stations of the Cross	Friday, March 29th	3:00pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	Friday, March 29th	7:00pm
Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord	Saturday, March 30th	8:00pm
The Resurrection of the Lord	Sunday, March 31st	9:00am, 12:00pm (No 6:00pm Mass)

Parish Reconciliation Service Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm

Lent is primarily a penitential season, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying prior to embarking on His public ministry. We are also called into the "desert" during Lent to fast, pray and reflect as individuals and as a community of God's people.



As individuals, we reflect on what we have done and what we have failed to do in our "public ministries" as Christians. As a community, we acknowledge the way in which sin affects us all; we are reminded of the deep spiritual connection between all the Baptized.

This year's Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on **Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm.**

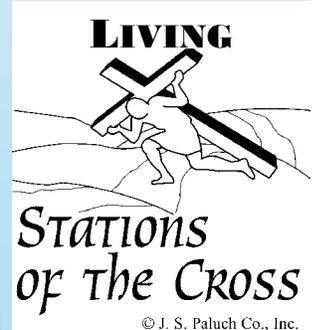
In addition to community worship and reconciliation, there will be an opportunity for individual confession and absolution.

Living Stations of the Cross Good Friday, March 29, 3:00 pm

Experience the Passion of Christ through live interpretation. This annual event will be held on Good Friday at 3:00 pm and all are welcome.

We are also looking for some additional "actors" to help (older children, as well as adults - as no previous training is required and there are no speaking parts).

If you are interested, please contact Dan Anderson at daniel.r.anderson53@gmail.com or (312) 844-4494, or Carrie Mondschean at cmondsch@hinshawlaw.com or (312) 320-1160. Rehearsal will begin at 1:00 pm sharp prior to the event.



To Begin Anew

Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" ... When they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8:3-5, 7

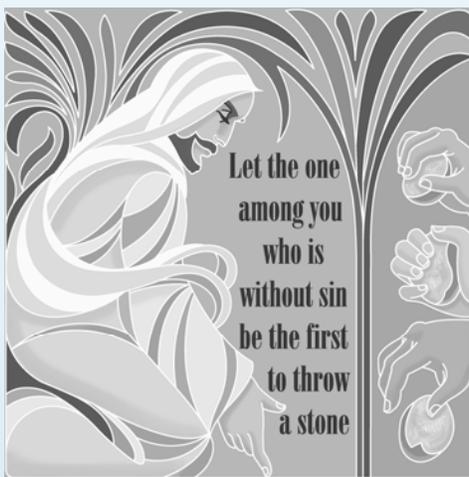
Imprisonment takes many forms. Jail cells, for example, are a very physical kind of imprisonment. Life choices and belief systems can also confine us, albeit not in a visible way.

Sometimes imprisonment isn't so obvious. Sometimes we don't even know we are trapped. But Jesus comes to free us from all our entanglements. He sees the heart of the matter.

In today's Gospel, the adulterous woman is most obviously imprisoned while the Pharisees seem free. Jesus looks at the situation and realizes that everyone is trapped. He sets about to help the adulterous woman begin a new life and to help the Pharisees find a new way of seeing.

The woman didn't expect anyone to care about her. Imprisoned by her own life choices, she stood surrounded by hateful stares and certain death. Adultery was an act punishable by stoning — and she was guilty.

Asked to weigh in on her fate, Jesus looked at her. He *saw* her. He invited her to step outside the circle of hate and begin anew. He looked at her accusers and saw them; he challenged them to step beyond their limited vision and self-absorption, and begin again.



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God wants us to be new again. Listen closely to the words of the prophet Isaiah in today's first reading: "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing ... do you not perceive it?"

Although the adulterous woman made some poor life choices, she is wiser than her accusers. She knows she is a sinner. They still need to be challenged to see this very basic truth. Do we openly acknowledge our sin? Are we like the adulterous woman, flawed and aware of those sins; or are we as

complicated as the Pharisees, focused on the flaws of others? God cannot do a new thing in us if our hearts are not ready.

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If we identify more with the Pharisees in this story, we can pray: "Lord, I don't believe you can truly love me. In a desperate attempt to survive, I hide behind rules and regulations. Help me to step beyond my self-imposed guidelines and embrace the love I know you have for me."

Either prayer will help us to step beyond our own circle of imprisonment; either prayer will bring us to our knees. During this next week, pray to see your sinfulness. Pray equally hard to see how just much you are loved. Soon you will ask, "How can I be so sinful and yet so loved?" This is indeed the mystery and the greatness of our God.

Jesus knocks on the door of our hearts each and every day. He yearns to do a new thing, to make a way in the wilderness, a river in the desert.

Are our hearts ready to believe?

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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.

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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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