



**St. Teresa
of Avila**
Catholic Church

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2013**

**“I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the first and the last,
the beginning and the end.”**

— *Revelation 22:13*

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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Reflections

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Reflecting on God's Word

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Gavin's piano teacher might just as well have told him to fly around the room. That's how incapable he felt of playing his Bach invention faster. He stared at Mr. Simons in disbelief. "Gavin, what did I just ask you to do?" "You said to play it faster, sir." "Well, why are you sitting there staring at me? What are you waiting for? Play it faster." In today's two accounts of the ascension of Christ into heaven, the disciples seem to be experiencing the same kind of numbness. Christ is asking them to do the seemingly impossible. While joyful that he had been raised and was ascending to power, perhaps they did not yet have the confidence to be his witnesses "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). They had to wait to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. What are we waiting for?

Living God's Word

We may feel that our faith is too new or that we don't pray enough to witness the forgiveness of sins available through Christ. But we who have been clothed and anointed with the Spirit don't need anything else. We can go forth with confident hope to witness that Christ will keep his promise of eternal life.



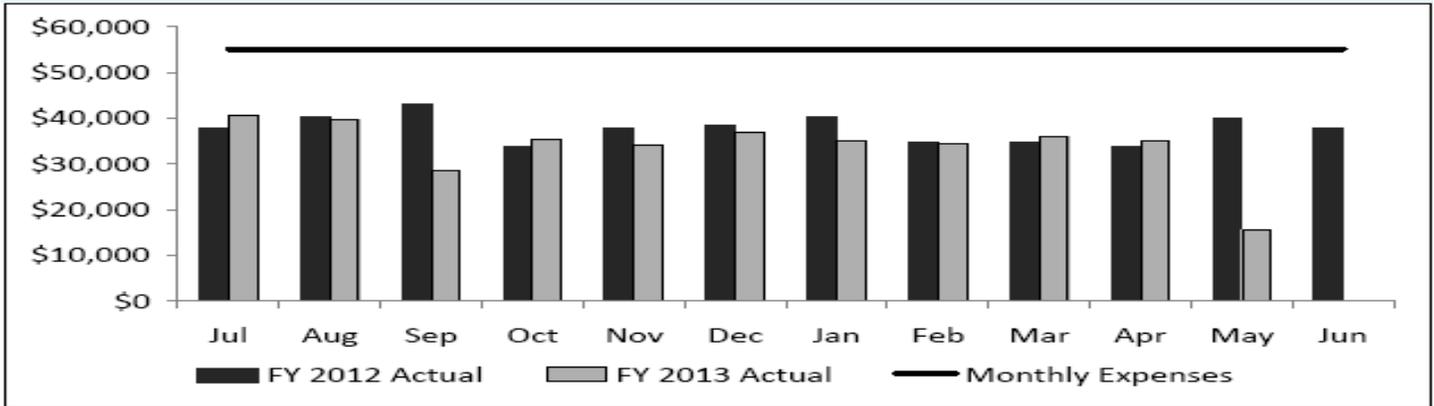
Hubiera dado lo mismo que el maestro de piano de Gabino le dijera que se pusiera a volar alrededor de la habitación. Así de incapaz se sentía para tocar su arreglo de Bach más rápido. Él miró al señor Simons con incredulidad. "Gabino, ¿qué es lo que te acabo de pedir?" "Usted me pidió que tocara la composición más rápido, señor". "Bueno, ¿y por qué te me quedas mirando sin hacer nada? ¿A qué esperas? Tócala más rápido.

En los dos relatos de hoy sobre la ascensión de Cristo al cielo, los discípulos parecen experimentar la misma clase de adormecimiento. Cristo les pide lo que parece imposible. Aunque estaban alegres porque él había resucitado y ascendido al cielo, tal vez aún no tenían la confianza de ser sus discípulos "hasta los extremos de la tierra" (Hechos 1:8). Tenían que esperar a estar llenos del poder del Espíritu Santo. ¿A qué esperamos nosotros?

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Podríamos pensar que nuestra fe es muy reciente o que no rezamos lo suficiente como para dar testimonio del perdón de los pecados al cual tenemos acceso por Cristo. Pero hemos sido purificados en el corazón y ungidos con el Espíritu Santo no necesitamos nada más. Podemos ir con una esperanza confiada a dar testimonio de que Cristo cumplirá su promesa de vida eterna.

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



- For the first ten full months of the 2013 Fiscal Year, Sunday and Holy Day collections are down 5.1% from the 2012 Fiscal Year. As the chart above depicts, the key driver was poor collections in September 2012.
- The Easter collection was successful in raising \$15,223. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute. If you would like to contribute, donations can be made by check, cash, or online at www.givecentral.org.
- In September 2012, Fr. Frank and the Finance Council asked Parishioners to consider an increase to their weekly gifts to St. Teresa's. Thank you to everyone who has been able to do so. As a point of reference, the weekly cost per adult to operate St. Teresa's and all of her programs is \$32.
- 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.
- 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.
- Please contact the Chair of the St. Teresa Finance Council, Bill Mack, at 312-706-4266 or williamdmack@hotmail.com. 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 May

Saturday, May 4th
10:00 am to 12:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, May 9th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, May 10th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, May 18th
10:00 am to 12:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, May 23rd
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, May 24th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Food Pantry Shopping List

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



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

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

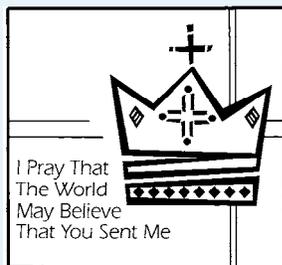
First Reading — Because Stephen professes his faith in the Son of Man, he is stoned to death (Acts 7:55-60).

Psalm — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

Second Reading — I, the Alpha and the Omega, am coming soon (Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

Gospel — Jesus prays that the love of the Father may be in those who believe (John 17:20-26).

Come, Lord Jesus



The first reading today may seem somewhat out of place. Doesn't the "feast of Stephen" evoke memories of the Christmas season, rather than Easter? But it is most relevant for the days after the Ascension. Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, stands at his Father's right hand to welcome Stephen into heaven. Indeed, that is why Jesus has gone before us—to welcome us into God's house.

In the second reading the focus on heavenly reward continues: the new day coming with its hope and expectation. There is also an echo here of Advent, but it is now the fulfillment of those hopes, the resolution of all questions and difficulties.

John's Gospel today is part of the section known as the "high priestly prayer" of Jesus. It was his prayer at the Last Supper as he prepared for his roles as priest and victim. But it is also his prayer as the glorified and ascended high priest, the giver of glory, the center of faith, and the master of his destiny and ours. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Treasures from Our Tradition

The paschal candle, blessed at the Easter Vigil, carried in procession into the darkened church, and aflame with the light of Christ to be passed hand to hand to renew our baptism, burns for the fifty days of Easter whenever we gather as Christ's risen body. In the last fifty years, we have grown to see this candle as the sign of Christ's enduring presence with us. Before then, it was often seen more as a kind of signpost pointing backwards to events in Christ's life. Therefore, in some places, on the fortieth day after Easter, in order to portray the disappearance of Jesus at the Ascension, the candle was hidden.

Now we see the paschal candle as a sign of the great baptismal season of grace and it remains in a prominent place throughout the entire fifty days. We do know of some churches that did not hide the candle after the Ascension. In England before the Reformation, the candle was left in place for fifty days, since on Pentecost Eve there was a vigil, and the candle was used to consecrate the waters of the font. In Salisbury cathedral, the candle was thirty-six feet high, and in Westminster Abbey weighed over three hundred pounds. On Pentecost, the candles were melted to make tapers for the funerals of the poor. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Ven, Señor Jesús



La primera lectura de hoy puede parecer fuera de lugar. La “fiesta de Esteban” ¿no evoca recuerdos de Navidad más que de Pascua? Pero tiene más sentido después de la Ascensión. Jesucristo, el Hijo del Hombre, de pie a la derecha del Padre, da la bienvenida a Esteban en el cielo. Sin duda por eso Jesús nos precede —para darnos la bienvenida a la casa del Padre.

La segunda lectura continúa

refiriéndose a premios celestiales: el nuevo día llega con sus esperanzas y sus expectativas. Resuena un eco aquí también, del Adviento, pero ahora sobre el cumplimiento de esas esperanzas, las respuestas a todas las interrogantes y las soluciones a todas las dificultades. El Adviento es sobre la “venida”. La Iglesia ahora reza: “Ven, Señor Jesús”.

El Evangelio de Juan hoy es parte de la sección conocida como la “oración sacerdotal” de Jesús. Fue su oración en la Última Cena cuando se preparaba para su ministerio de sacerdote y de víctima. Pero es también su oración como sumo sacerdote glorificado y ascendido, dador de gloria, centro de la fe y maestro de su destino y del nuestro. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Hoy celebramos a una mujer potente e importante en nuestras vidas; la madre. La historia del día de la madre se originó en las fiestas Griegas en honor de Rhea, la madre de los dioses. A lo largo de la historia los cristianos también hemos recordado a la Madre de Dios, María, en varias solemnidades, pero hace sólo 100 años que en el 10 de mayo de 1907 en los Estados Unidos se empezó a promover la idea de un día de reconocimiento del amor que tenemos como humanos por nuestras propias madres. Eventualmente se paso a muchas naciones latinoamericanas.

Muchas culturas latinoamericanas son matriarcales, es decir, el papel de la madre en la familia es algo esencial. Para los latinos, no hay amor más grande que el de una madre. Sin olvidar la función del padre, ella es la que nos da la vida, nos enseña como vivirla y nos da alimento. Su amor nos recuerda al de Cristo, quien con sacrificio y amor da vida a la Iglesia. Su amor sostiene y cuando las cosas se ponen difíciles emocionalmente, nuestro deseo secreto es de estar en los brazos de mamá.

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

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Porque Esteban profesa su fe en el Hijo del Hombre, lo matan a pedradas (Hechos 7:55-60).

Salmo — Reina el Señor, alégrense la tierra. Aleluya (Salmo 97 [96]).

Segunda lectura — Yo, el Alfa y la Omega, vendré pronto (Apocalipsis 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

Evangelio — Padre, ruego que todos sean uno, como tú y yo somos uno (Juan 17:20-26).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Hch 19:1-8; Sal 68 (67):2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Martes:	Hch 1:15-17, 20-26; Sal 113(112):1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Miércoles:	Hch 20:28-38; Sal 68 (67):29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Jueves:	Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Viernes:	Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Sábado:	Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Sal 11 (10):4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Domingo:	<u>Vigilia:</u> Gn 11:1-9 o Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b o Ez 37:1-14 o Jl 3:1-5; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Día:</u> Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103):1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 o Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 o Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



May Baptisms

Parker Thomas Stengle (5-5-13)
Sofia Louise Louange (5-5-13)
Giselle Victoria Giuliano (5-19-13)
John James Olson McGuire (5-16-13)

St. Teresa said...



“If we are always fixed on our earthly misery, the stream will never flow free from the mud of fears, faintheartedness, and cowardice.”

Periodic Review of Priestly Ministry

Fr. Frank is participating in the Periodic Review of Priestly Ministry as required by the Archdiocese of Chicago, approximately every five years.

The Archdiocese has been provided with a list of names of staff, leadership and parishioners from which a sample will be selected. All information provided by survey respondents will be kept confidential.

Dare to be Holy! Parish Mission May 19-22

Get ready!! Our week of parish renewal is coming in a few short weeks. The dates are Sunday night, May 19th through Wednesday night, May 22nd, with special sessions after the 7:30am Mass Monday through Wednesday. Bill Wegner, a Catholic Lay Evangelist, will be leading this year's mission. It will be a fantastic way to deepen our relationships with God and with each other. **Plan to be there... and bring a friend!**

Calendar at a Glance

May 12, Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter • Séptimo Domingo de Pascua

- 9:00 am, RR, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:00 am, REC4, Baptism Preparation
- 10:30 am, PC1, RCIA
- 1:00 pm, PC3-4, Spanish Mother's Day Luncheon
- 7:00 pm, REC4, The Edge

May 13, Monday

Our Lady of Fatima • Nuestra Señora de Fátima

- 7:00 pm, PC3, Parish Council

May 14, Tuesday

St. Matthias • San Matías

- 6:15 am, PC3, Men's Spirituality Group
- 1:00 pm, REC1, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Building Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

May 15, Wednesday

St. Isidore • San Isidro

- 5:45 pm, REC, CCFC Chorale
- 7:00 pm, PC3, Parking Lot Party Committee

May 16, Thursday

- 9:30 am, REC4, About Parents
- 4:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:30 pm, REC4, Praying with the Scriptures

May 17, Friday

- 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

May 18, Saturday

St. John I; Vigil of Pentecost • San Juan I; Vigilia de Pentecostés

- 9:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 10:00 am, REC4, Breastfeeding Basics
- 4:30 pm, REC3, CCFC 1st Eucharist

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

May 11

5:00 pm All deceased members of the parish

May 12

9:00 am Catherine Smith Malec

Joanne Chirichiello

12:00 pm Miguel Montes

Estella Montes

Frances May Blakeney

6:00 pm Peggy Dean

May 13

7:30 am Rev. Christopher Robinson, CM

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.

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Phyllis Carlino, Dorothy Cooney, Margaret Dean, Mark Dudley, Emmanuel & Julia Faloyin, Pat Johnson, Jack Kavanagh, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Mike McCabe, Melory Mizicko, John Ryan, Sally Jo Morrow, Henry Pryor, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Ruth Schmitz, John Sylvester, Jim Teterycz, Oscar R. Torres, Jon Wagenknecht, Lindsay Wallemann, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

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

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
5-18-13 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Maggie Kuhlmann	Jennifer Barrett	Kaitlin Cronin Lisa Marquez
5-19-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Dennis Kamalick	Lina Hilko Dan Anderson Becky Francis	Rose Ohiku Deana LaBrosse-Zost Geneva Gorgo Michael Zost
Next Spanish Mass 6-2-13 Sunday	10:30 am				
5-19-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Raquel Bech	Colin McCue	Bob Pedro Aimee Jaszczor
5-19-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Sharon Lindstrom	Minister Needed (H2) (T) Jon Assell Kathy Richgels	Chris Parente Wendy Tynan Mary Serrahn Katie Assell

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.

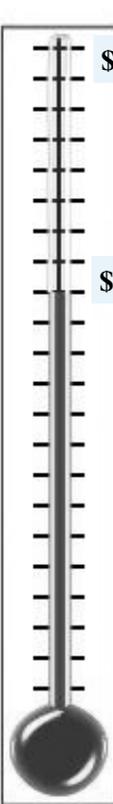
Guide us as we *build faith together*.
Bless us with a unity of mind and spirit as we accept the responsibilities and challenges of this parish undertaking. May our efforts bear fruit for the glory of your kingdom.

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.

By Building. Faith. Together We Continue to Make Progress



We are continuing to make strong progress with the **Building. Faith. Together** capital campaign. I attribute that to the spiritual attitude of who we are as a parish.

As I've said before, we are not seeking equal gifts, but instead equally sacrificial gifts. Our invitations to all who come to St. Teresa is to

be honest about the blessings that God has given them, and respond to this invitation with a spirit of generosity.

Campaign volunteers continue to reach out to our parish families to discuss the project in detail, answer questions and learn of campaign gifts. Our volunteers are working very hard and I know you appreciate their work as much as I do.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to foster this attitude of responsive and responsible gratitude among us as good stewards of his varied gifts. Feel free to visit www.st-teresa.net for updates.

Thank you and God Bless!
Fr. Frank

Parish Deanery Representative: One More Needed

II-D

Fr. Frank is looking for one more individual to represent St. Teresa of Avila Parish on the II-D Deanery Council in which our parish and 10 other neighboring parish

belong.

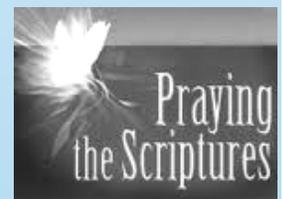
Parish representatives act as liaisons between the parish and the Deanery by gathering information about the parish and letting our neighboring parishes know what is going on at St. Teresa.

Please contact Fr. Frank at (773) 528-6650 or FJSasso@aol.com if you're interested.

Praying the Scriptures

The *Praying the Scriptures* group meets every Thursday evening in the Religious Education Center from 6:30-7:30 pm to read, meditate upon and discuss upcoming Sunday's readings, and also to practice silent, or centering, prayer.

For more information, call our Director of Religious Education, Kate Lynch, at (773) 528-6650 or email her at kolynchdre@gmail.com



Looking for Help in Daily Mass

I attend mass several times a week. It is actually quite easy. I work downtown in the loop and St. Peters in the Loop and the Cathedral offer six masses a day. The masses are twenty-five to thirty minutes in length. There are other downtown locations for daily mass as well. It is easy and something that I have come to enjoy quite a bit.

Sometime my daughter Emma joins me for mass downtown during a weekday. Life can't be all bad. The very first time she joined me for mass, when it was over, she said to me, "Dad, mass was just twenty-five minutes long. How come we don't come here for mass on the weekends"? We laughed and caught the red line home for a family dinner.

The other day, however, my daughter asked me another question about daily mass. "Dad, how come you go to church so often?" Asked just like a sixteen year old would ask (let me interpret, "Dad, are you nuts"). In any case, I said, "Emma, that is a reeeeeeeally good question."

I am naïve to think that within side of me a struggle does not exist. It is simple thinking to think that I am a 100% good guy. I am not. The fact of the matter is that a lot of stuff floats into my brain and some of it is not good. Some thoughts are negative judgments about people on the train, derogatory comments toward crazy drivers, a hundred and eighty degrees opposite of "sweet as roses" thoughts about my wife or my kids. The list could go on and on.

I need help every day. That is the simple truth. And going to mass several times a week just helps me to let negative thoughts go as quickly as they arrive. It is a struggle to be good in such a simple thing such as speech and thought. Sometimes, I just have to reflect on a line in Psalm 19 that reads, "May the spoken words from my mouth and the thoughts of my heart find favor in your sight, Oh Yahweh, my Rock and my Redeemer."

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, May 14,
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

Christmas in June

Help us honor the memory of Isabella Feliciano, who was prematurely taken from this life in Christmas, 2010, after a long battle with leukemia. Although it isn't Christmas quite yet, we are planning something special for the 9:00 am *Sunday Mass* on June 23, 2013.



Please bring a new, unwrapped item that is suitable for children ages 1 to 18 to any of the Masses that weekend. These gifts will be delivered to the Comer Children's Hospital at the University of Chicago, where doctors and nurses undertook heroic efforts to extend Isabella's life.

Another reason we have chosen Comer is that a significant number of the patients at Comer do not have insurance or the private means to pay and receive care, which is paid for with Medicaid and other subsidies. The gifts do not need to be elaborate or expensive. Board games, books, arts and crafts materials (sticks, glue, boxes, sequins, beads, strings, glitters, origami, brushes, paints, ceramic, knitting/crochet materials, etc.), colored pencils, special paper, colored pens, crayons and other similar materials are most appreciated and will go a long way to bring a smile. Art therapy helps children in their healing.

Please make certain that the gift is new because so many of the kids have weakened immune systems. Gifts should not be wrapped so staff at Comer can decide what to distribute to each child.

We are doing this at this time of year because it is unexpected and will hopefully be a wonderful surprise for the kids and will help lift their spirits a bit. It also happens to be Isabella's birthday on June 25th.

To add to the feeling of that Christmas morning surprise, the songs at the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday will have a Christmas theme. So, come prepared to sing some Christmas carols even though the temperature will be in the '80s. And please bring a gift to help honor the memory of Isabella Feliciano.



Coming Home

The ascension of Jesus into heaven is the event of his going back home to heaven. We would appreciate it more if we knew what heaven was like. Alas, the biblical descriptions of streets of gold and gates of pearl do not add much to our knowledge. Nor are we intrigued when the Book of Revelation gives us the physical dimensions of heaven: half the size of America and 1,000 feet high.

So, as is always the case with unknowable mysteries, we are forced to imagine them in terms of our own familiar experiences. Since Saint Augustine talks about the “holiday of heaven,” let’s recall one of our own experiences of coming home. Let’s say, from a European vacation.

You were getting bored with the routine of middle-class American life. Enough of McBurgers and McFries and McShakes. Let’s have some authentic French cuisine. Be done with cookie-cutter motels — let’s stay in some ancient English castle.

A visit to Europe opened your eyes. Nothing helps you appreciate the comfort of an American car like being scrunched in a foreign mini-car. Surviving a Rome rush hour makes you long for American driving rules. You haven’t been really scared until you’ve been stuck between floors in a creaky Greek elevator at 3 a.m.

So might Jesus have mused in happy heaven. Not much happening here — same old, same old



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divine bliss every day. Why not try roughing it in the hinterlands of creation? Humans were made in his own image, so it would be interesting to see how well they lived up to their model.

Earth living taught Jesus that it’s tougher than it looks from afar; that doing good is hard; that critical decisions raise anxiety; that love is not always reciprocated; that the prospect of death relativizes all things; that other people can be a living hell. It’s high time to get himself back to the simple joys of heaven!

But Jesus did not come to earth as a tourist to see how things were on earth. No, he came as a Fixer to change how things were on earth. Since he knew the violent history of humankind, he knew that it would be a battle. Many a young American went off with similar dreams of fighting for his country, defeating the enemy and making the world safe for the latest political

slogan. But the farther they got from home, the less romantic it all seemed: the monotonous routine of military life, the fierce discipline and irrational rules, the antagonisms of different backgrounds.

Jesus also underestimated the challenge of doing battle. He was surprised at how many opponents rose to the surface, and how vehement and violent they were in pursuing their own agendas. He expected rough treatment from the occupying army, but he was surprised to run into evil in the most unlikely places: his family, his village, his religious leaders — even his closest friends.

But then, as tough as the battle had been, it was only a small part of a life that goes on forever. Although he personally left the battle zone, he also left outposts of his Father’s kingdom all over the world. He had defeated the enemy at its home base; all that was left was the mopping-up exercise, which his church would complete.

Each one of us recapitulates the life of Jesus in our own way. Paul tells us that we have a dual citizenship in heaven and earth. We try to make a home here, but we know that we are tourists. So, even as we fight death to the last breath, we secretly long for our real home, which is much larger than America, and stretches way past 1,000 miles.

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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 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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