



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 30, 2013

“No one who sets a hand to the plow
and looks to what was left behind
is fit for the kingdom of God.”

— Luke 9:62

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.

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Reflections

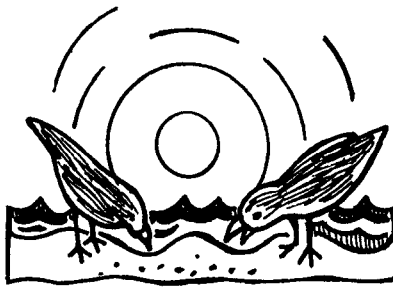
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Reflecting on God's Word

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Everyone seems to have a “to do” list. They help us remember things we need to do. They help us set priorities as we pick and choose which things to attend to and which to let go. We can tell what our priorities are if we look at which items stay on the list



for a long time. We keep finding endless reasons why we can't get to the most difficult tasks just yet. Maybe later. Or maybe never. Discipleship is one of those difficult tasks that some of us just never get around to doing. Like Elisha, or the people Jesus speaks with in the Gospel, we are always tempted to do something else first—get a decent job, buy a house, get in shape, find a mate, raise our children, retire. But, also like Elisha, we are called not to delay and not to look back. Jesus tells us to delete everything else from our “to do” lists and write just one thing: “Go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

Living God's Word

Being a disciple doesn't necessarily require that we leave our current lives behind. Sometimes discipleship requires that we stay right where we are and care for the people God has placed within our reach.

Todo el mundo parece tener una lista de “quehaceres”. Tal lista nos ayuda a recordar las cosas que tenemos que hacer, así como ponerlas en orden de prioridades a fin de escoger cuáles debemos hacer y cuáles posponer o abandonar. Nos

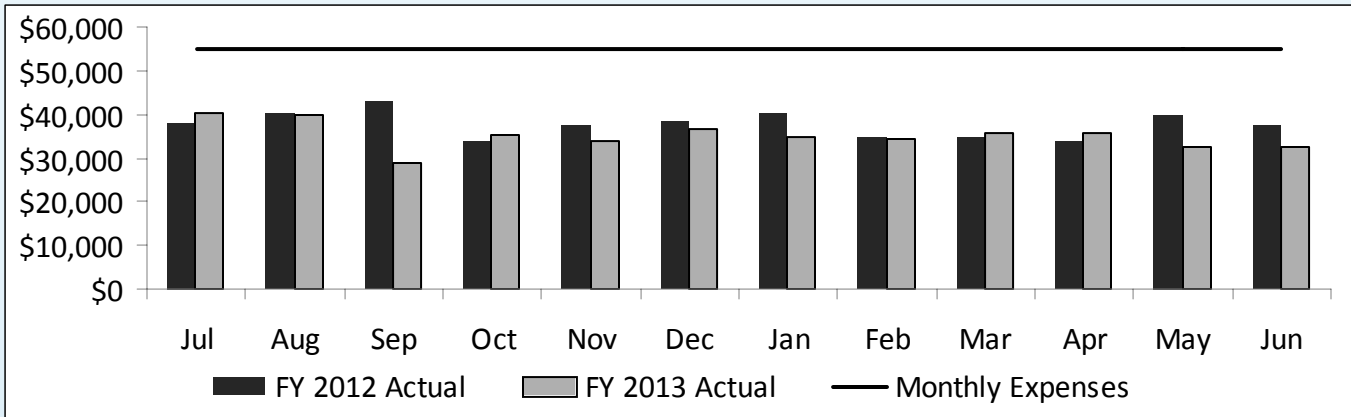
podemos dar cuenta de nuestras prioridades al ver las cosas que se quedan en la lista por largo tiempo. Encontramos infinidad de razones para no llegar a hacer las tareas que más nos cuestan. Tal vez las hagamos más tarde. O tal vez nunca.

El discipulado es una de esas tareas difíciles, que algunos de nosotros nunca llegamos a hacer. Como Eliseo o como la gente con quien habla Jesús en el Evangelio, siempre estamos tentados a hacer alguna otra cosa primero — encontrar un buen empleo, comprar una casa, ponernos en forma, encontrar pareja, criar a los hijos, jubilarnos. Pero, igual que Eliseo, estamos llamados a no demorarnos ni mirar hacia atrás. Jesús nos dice que borremos todo lo que tenemos en nuestra lista de “quehaceres” y escribamos una sola: “Ir a proclamar el reino de Dios”.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Ser discípulo no exige necesariamente que dejemos atrás nuestra vida actual. Algunas veces el discipulado exige que nos quedemos tal en donde estamos y nos ocupemos de las personas que Dios ha puesto a nuestro alcance.

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



- For the first eleven full months of the 2013 Fiscal Year, Sunday and Holy Day collections are down 6.5% from the 2012 Fiscal Year. As the chart above depicts, the key drivers were poor collections in September 2012 and May 2013.
- 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 July

Saturday, July 6th
10:00 am to 12:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, July 11th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

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

Saturday, July 20th
10:00 am to 12:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, July 25th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, July 26th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Food Pantry Shopping List

Pasta Sauce (26 oz.)

Canned Beans (15 oz.)

Canned Fruit (15oz.)

Peanut Butter (18 oz.)

Tuna

Macaroni & Cheese

Hearty Canned Soup (10 oz.)

Canned Vegetables (15 oz.)

Spaghetti O's
(15 oz.)

Chili (15 oz.)

Cereal, Oatmeal

Pasta

Jelly

Canned Chicken

Brown Rice (box) or Rice Pack-
ets

Crackers or Saltines

Boxed Soup (4-5 oz.)



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

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Beware that you are not consumed by one another (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).

Gospel — Go and proclaim the kingdom of God (Luke 9:51-62).

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
Thursday:	Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8; or, the Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882-889, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

The Price of Freedom



Today's readings promise that if we could escape from the shackles of our attachments we would be happier, freer, more peaceful. Luke's Gospel begins, "When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem." Aware of the opposition and danger awaiting him, Jesus went forward.

Naturally, brave people volunteered to join him. But Jesus cautioned them. Could they give up their attachments to home and possessions, friends and family, conventional responsibilities? A tough challenge, but not unprecedented. Centuries before, Elijah had criticized Elisha for wanting time just to kiss his parents good-bye before following Elijah.

Just where would such a path take Elisha? Or Jesus' followers? Or us? Paul tells us, "For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery." The outcome is freedom, but if the requirements don't give us pause, then maybe we're not paying close enough attention. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reaches its high point a month from now at the feast of the Apostle. By now, tens of thousands of pilgrims are already on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

El Precio de la Libertad



Las lecturas de hoy nos aseguran que si somos capaces de escapar de nuestras ataduras seremos más felices, más libres y tendremos más paz. El Evangelio de Lucas comienza diciendo “Cuando ya se acercaba el tiempo en que tenía que salir de este mundo, Jesús tomó la firme determinación de emprender el viaje a Jerusalén”. Consciente de la

resistencia y el peligro que le esperaban, Jesús siguió adelante.

Naturalmente, unos valientes se brindaron a acompañarlo. Pero Jesús les advirtió. ¿Serían capaces de romper sus ataduras con sus casas, posesiones, amigos y familias, de abandonar sus responsabilidades normales? Un duro reto, pero no sin precedentes. Siglos antes, Elías criticó a Eliseo por pedirle tiempo para ir a despedirse de sus padres antes de seguir a Elías.

¿A dónde llevaría a Eliseo ese camino? ¿O a los seguidores de Jesús? ¿O a nosotros? Nos dice Pablo: “Cristo nos ha liberado para que seamos libres. Conserven, pues, la libertad y no se sometan de nuevo al yugo de la esclavitud”. El resultado es la libertad, pero si los requerimientos no nos dan pausa, entonces es que tal vez no estamos prestando suficiente atención. – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El último sábado de junio o el primero de julio en un ayuntamiento de Valcildacos, España, se pone en escena el Miserere escrito por Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer (1836-1870). Esta obra relata como un músico llega de noche a la Abadía de Fetero pidiendo posada. Los hermanos del monasterio lo invitaron a pasar la noche. Allí él les contó su vida pecaminosa y su deseo de encontrar un Miserere (Salmo 51) digno de expiar sus pecados ante Dios. Le contaron del Miserere del Monte que cantaban durante la noche los monjes difuntos de un Monasterio que había sido destruido siglos atrás. El músico afanado por encontrar su Miserere, corrió a la montaña donde escuchó aquel lamentoso y bello canto. Al regresar a la Abadía intentó escribir la música de aquel Miserere, pero lo único que logro fue volverse loco.

Aquel pobre hombre murió sin reconocer que cada quien debe entonar a su manera su propio y pobre Miserere mei (piedad de mi). Dios no nos perdona por la belleza o la fuerza de nuestra confesión, sino por su amor y su misericordia. – Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Eliseo se levantó y siguió a Elías (1 Reyes 19:16b, 19-21).

Salmo — Tú eres, Señor, mi lote y mi heredad (Salmo 16 [15]).

Segunda lectura — Usa tu libertad en Cristo para servirte unos a otros (Gálatas 5:1, 13-18).

Evangelio — Ve y anuncia el Reino de Dios (Lucas 9:51-62).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Gen 18:16-33; Sal 103 (102):1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22
Martes:	Gen 19:15-29; Sal 26 (25):2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27
Miércoles:	Ef 2:19-22; Sal 117 (116):1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
Jueves:	Gen 22:1b-19; Sal 115 (116):1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
Viernes:	Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Sal 106 (105):1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sábado:	Gen 27:1-5, 15-29; Sal 135 (134):1b-6; Mt 9:14-17
Domingo:	Is 66:10-14c; Sal 66 (65):1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; LC 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

July Baptisms



Audrey Margaux Alexander (7-7-13)
Nylan Faith Hernandez (7-21-13)
Avery Hickey (7-21-13)

St. Teresa said...



“I tell you there is a need for more courage than you think.”

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

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Calendar at a Glance

June 30, Sunday

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time •
Decimoercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 9:00 am, RR, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 7:00 pm, REC4, The Edge

July 1, Monday

- No Activities Scheduled

July 2, Tuesday

Blessed Junipero Serra • Beato Junipero Serra

- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

July 3, Wednesday

St. Thomas • Santo Tomás

- No Activities Scheduled

July 4, Thursday

St. Anthony of Padua • San Antonio de Padua

- Parish Office Closed for Holiday
- 9:30 am, REC4, About Parents
- 6:30 pm, REC4, Praying with the Scriptures

July 5, Friday

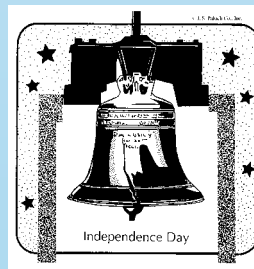
St. Elizabeth of Portugal; St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria; First Friday •
Santa Isabel de Portugal; San Antonio Maria Zaccaria; Primer viernes

- Parish Office Closed for Holiday
- 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

July 6, Saturday

St. Maria Goretti; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday •
Santa Maria Goretti; Santa Maria Virgen; Primer sábado

- 10:00 am, REC4, Breastfeeding Basics
- 10:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:00 pm, Church, Our Lady of Fatima Rosary



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

June 29

5:00 pm	All deceased members of the parish
9:00 am	Donald Morich
12:00 pm	Pedro Garcia Helen Zalewski
6:00 pm	All deceased members of the parish

June 30

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...

Robert Byerwalter, Maria Louisa Cervantes, Dorothy Cooney, Margaret Dean, Mark Dudley, Emmanuel & Julia Faloyin, Pedro Garcia, Pat Johnson, Jack Kavanagh, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Mike McCabe, Melory Mizicko, Donald Morich, Sally Jo Morrow, Henry Pryor, John Ryan, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Ruth Schmitz, Jennifer Schubeck, Robert Summins, John Sylvester, Jim Tetrycz, Oscar R. Torres, Jon Wagenknecht, Lindsay Walleman,

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>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Berta Billavazo</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>Palmira Mancini</i>	<i>Jack Schank</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>Deacon Hector Rivera</i>	
<i>Theresa Jabaley</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>	
<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>	
<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
7-6-13 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Mark Pranaitis	Becky Francis	Jennifer Barrett	Lisa Marquez Annie Monak
7-7-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Tony Dosen	Lina Hilko	Rose Ohiku Geneva Gorgo Jane Ott	Nancy Van Grinsven Mark Van Grinsven George Halloran Phyllis Halloran
7-7-13 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Octavio Munoz	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Josefina Gomez	Josie Gomez
7-7-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Mark Pranaitis	Alex Lopez	Amy McCue	Bert Olson Aimee Jaszczor
7-7-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Mark Pranaitis	Jim Krag	Chris Parente Jonathan Hewett Karen Melchert	Eileen Raia Sharon Lindstrom Kaitlin Cronin Aubre Hewett

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.

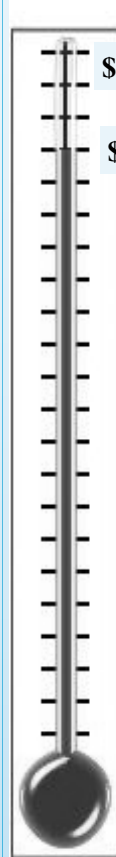
Guide us as we *build faith together*.
Bless us with a unity of mind and spirit as we accept the responsibilities and challenges of this parish undertaking. May our efforts bear fruit for the glory of your kingdom.

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



During the past few months, we have received many pledges to secure the stability and beauty of St. Teresa of Avila for future generations. We're only \$96,748 away from meeting our goal of \$1,260,000. As of last weekend our current campaign total inched up to \$1,163,252.

If you didn't have a chance to make your commitment, you can still do so. Pledge cards are available on the tables at the back of church and in the gathering space.

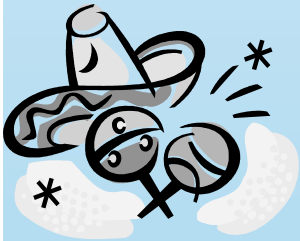
I pray that everyone will rejoice in the graces and hard work of so many of our fellow parishioners and make a meaningful gift that will lead us through a successful effort.

We need everybody's help with this one.

Thank you and God Bless!

Fr. Frank

Fiesta de Ávila



Reserve Saturday, **September 14th** for **FIESTA DE ÁVILA**, a parish/neighborhood party in St. Teresa's parking lot. Feast on Mexican fare and enjoy karaoke, live music and children's activities.

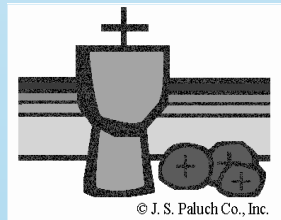
The committee is looking for volunteers to help plan as well as work the event. Volunteers who are willing to reach out to potential sponsors (grocery stores, restaurants, etc.) for donations of goods, are also needed.

Facebook users can check the St. Teresa Parking Lot Party or email Rebecca O'Brien at rebeccaandree@hotmail.com for more information.

Ministry of Care Available

The Ministry of Care program at St. Teresa of Avila brings the Eucharist to the faithful who are unable to attend church.

If you know of someone who cannot come to mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Dean Vaeth at (773) 528-6650 to arrange a visit.



God Does Not Know How to Be Absent

One of my favorite summer reads is Somerset Maugham's "The Razor's Edge." It is based on a true story of a young man from Evanston, Illinois, that leaves the riches of the North Shore to embark on a journey that takes him around the world. His goal was to discover himself, to come to understand the number-one purpose of his existence.

A friend of mine that was a missionary said that every summer he would meet similar characters. People from first world countries traveling about on a journey to find themselves. These travelers all had various ideas of what they needed to do or what they needed to experience in order to achieve their aha moment.

It is easy to fall into a certain frame of thinking that I have to go do something, or experience something in order to experience God. However, our faith and many of our spiritual gurus —John of the Cross, Augustine and Teresa of Avila for example—will tell us that we don't need to do anything. That God is in the marrow of our bones, our ground and our sky. St Paul writes that in God "we live and move and have our being."

On a journey to discover God in your life this summer? Fantastic! The discovery occurs in doing nothing. The discovery occurs in stopping and removing the clutter in our minds and hearts. God does not know how to be absent. God is the ground of our being and the reaches of our sky. If there is work involved in experiencing this God, it is the work of stopping and listening with the ear of the heart.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, July 9,
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 or tkosnik@visusgroup.com

— Tom Kosnik

First Saturday — Primer Sábado

Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on July 6th at 4:00 pm in the church.



Todos estan invitados a la devoción a la Virgen de Fátima el 6 de julio en la iglesia Santa Teresa de Avila a las 4:00 pm.

Praying the Scriptures Thursdays

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

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Jesus, the Parable of the Father

Jesus said that if we look back, we are not worthy of the kingdom of God. This suggests that the kingdom of God is not a place but a situation where God's will is done; it is an atmosphere in which God exercises his governance. It is the occasion of God's love being accepted and returned by all.

Sounds nice in general, but what would that look like in particular cases? That is why Jesus told parables — because the kingdom is too rich, too tremendous to be defined in logical terms. So Jesus described it in symbolic, poetic terms.

The kingdom of God is like a small mustard seed that grows into a huge plant. So don't despise this little band of insignificant followers. The kingdom of God is like a banquet to which all kinds of people are invited. So don't think you are anyone special. But do remember to dress properly, or you will be on the outside looking in.

The kingdom of God is like a pearl, a treasure, a Visa card. Shoes: \$50, car: \$20,000, the kingdom: priceless! The kingdom of God is like a net full of all kinds of fish. But be careful: Some get thrown back into the water.

As hard as Jesus tried, not everybody got what he was trying to say in different ways. But at least they had a feel for the kingdom, an idea of how to enter it if they chose. But what about the God of that kingdom? What was God really like?



God is like a man who welcomed a vagabond son back home, who forgave a woman caught in adultery, who lunched with flagrant sinners. What kind of God is so careless of piety, so indifferent to rules, so accepting of outsiders?

Of course, they knew something about God. They recognized God as the creator of every single thing. They were told what God demanded of them; and they expected God to require an account of their actions. Some even thought of God as their Father.

Yes, but that was all too theoretical. All they really knew was what it was like to be a human being. So, what would God be like if God were a human?

That is when they began to think of Jesus not just as a human, but as the parable of God. Not God defined in logical terms, but described in symbolic, poetic terms.

God is like the man who was baptized even though he was sinless. Now, why would an innocent God be immersed in murky

water fouled by countless sins? Does God somehow participate in sin? God is like a man who cured lepers and deaf people and cripples and all kinds of sick people. Why didn't God cure everybody? Did he not want to? Was he not able to? Does God see some value in continued suffering?

God is like a man who welcomed a vagabond son back home, who forgave a woman caught in adultery, who lunched with flagrant sinners. What kind of God is so careless of piety, so indifferent to rules, so accepting of outsiders?

God is like a man who did nothing but good and was rewarded by being betrayed by friends and executed by enemies. What kind of God allows evil to triumph? What kind of Divine Father accepts being thrown out of the house by his own children? How can the God of all living things himself die?

God is like a man who rose from the dead. Really? Is this the real God we believe in? Is God so close to us, so much like us that God can be described in human words? It sounds preposterous! But we have little choice. If Jesus was not the parable of God, then he was a fool. And we are doubly foolish.

— Fr. James Smith, Celebration Publications

Directory

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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

Justin Peters
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,
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