

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

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October 27, 2013

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit *Alive*



The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.

—Sirach 35:17-18a

1033 W. Armitage Ave.

*At the Corner of Armitage & Kenmore Avenues
Chicago, Illinois 60614*

Spirit on Armitage

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ST. TERESA'S 5TH ANNUAL

TIME OF YOUR LIFE

PRESENTS

**TAPAS DINNER &
OPEN BAR**

**UNIQUE LIVE &
SILENT AUCTIONS**

**LIVE MUSIC &
DANCING**

*The Spirit
On Armitage*

DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 6-10PM

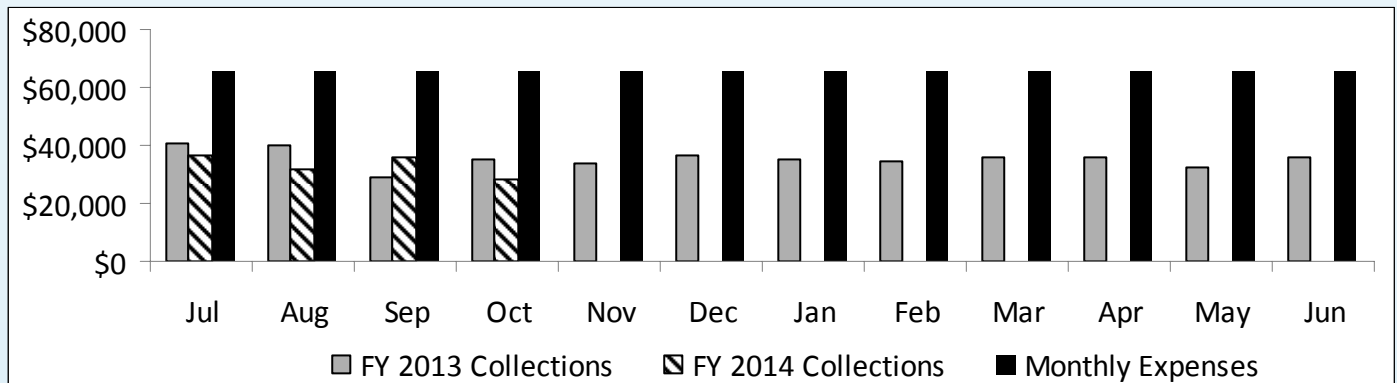
VENUE: PARK WEST, 322 W ARMITAGE AVE

LIVE BAND: LOS VICIOS DE PAPÁ!

TICKETS: AVAILABLE AT WWW.ST-TERESA.NET

All proceeds from the Spirit on Armitage fundraiser benefit St. Teresa of Avila's operating budget, which supports our good works throughout the community including our Social Ministries of Food Pantry and Loaves & Fishes Dinners for those in need, and various educational programs.

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



- The offertory collection for last weekend, October 19-20, 2013, was \$8,019.
- For the 2014 Fiscal Year, Sunday and Holy Day collections are down 14.4% from the 2013 Fiscal Year; versus expenses, we have a \$63,602 deficit.
- For the 2014 fiscal year, the cost per family per week is \$36 as 430 families contribute to the Parish.
- Our goal is to fund all operations and expenses from the weekly collections, i.e. the goal is for the striped bars to exceed the black bars 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 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.

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.

Food Pantry Shopping List

Four items the Food Pantry could *really* use:

Boxed Cereal (sweetened and unsweetened)

Halloween Candy

Hotel Bathroom Lotions and Shampoos

Extra-strength **grocery bags** with handles



And if you have Thursday mornings free, even occasionally, it would be great to have another van driver to pick up groceries at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. If you are willing and able to do so, please contact Karen Vogel, kbreenvogel@gmail.com or Dave Hilko, dahilko@deloitte.com.

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November Baptisms



Jameson Stephen Bell (11-2-13)
Elliot Joseph Hauert (11-3-13)
Marnie Elizabeth Cogan (11-3-13)

St. Teresa said...



“I am consoled to hear the clock strike, for at the passing away of that hour of life it seems to me that I am drawing a little closer to the vision of God.”

The 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

October 27, Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time •
Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 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
- 4:00 pm, PC3, Kitchen, Edge Food & Faith
- 6:00 pm, Church, Youth Mass
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Quest

October 28, Monday

Ss. Simon & Jude • Santos Simón y Judas

- 12:30 pm, PC4, Chicago House
- 4:00 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

October 29, Tuesday

- 4:00 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, PC3-4, REC4, SPRED Community
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, REC3, Women's Spirituality



Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAYS

7:00-8:30 PM



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October 30, Wednesday

- 12:00 pm, PC3, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 4:00 pm, REC4, Lectio Divina
- 7:00 pm, PC3, RCIA

October 31, Thursday

- 10:00 am, REC4, Thursday Morning Play Group

November 1, Friday

All Saints Day; First Friday •

Todos los Santos; Primer Viernes

- 7:30 am, Church, All Saints Day Morning Mass
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, All Saints Day Evening Mass

November 2, Saturday

All Souls Day; First Saturday •

Todos los Fieles Difuntos; Primer Sábado

- 9:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 10:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:00 pm, Church, Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

October 26

5:00 pm All deceased members of the parish.

October 27

9:00 am All deceased members of the parish.

12:00 pm Vidal & Pedro Velazquez

6:00 pm All deceased members of the parish.

Our Mass intentions have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@stteresaparish.org

In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added. We list the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for six months. If you wish the name of a loved one left on the list longer than six months, please contact Dean Vaeth in the parish office.

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Robert Byrwalter, Maria Louisa Cervantes, Dorothy Cooney, Margaret Dean, Mark Dudley, Emmanuel & Julia Faloyin, Pedro Garcia, Dickie Harris, Jack Heil, Pat Johnson, Jack Kavanagh, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Therese Kotowski, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Mike McCabe, Melory Mizicko, John Mondschean, Donald Morich, Sally Jo Morrow, P. A. O'Neil, Honorata Alicea Peña, Henry Pryor, John Ryan, Sophia Sanchez, Angel Santana, Maurice Shatto, Ruth Schmitz, Jennifer Schubeck, Robert Summins, John Sylvester, Jim Tetrycz, Oscar R. Torres, Jon Wagenknecht, Lindsay Walleman, Paulette Zuckerman Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

Alicia Anderson
Berta Billavazo
Kathy Derrick
Basilio Diaz
Jackson Fineske & Family
Padraig Gallagher
Eloisa Gallegos
Michael Gibbons
Angela Goldberg
Kaylee Gommel
Les Gordon
Genevieve Gorgo
Mrs. Grabarczyk
George Halloran
David Harmeier
Kellar Harris
Peg Hausen
David Hoffman
David Ivanac

Chuck Jabaley
Theresa Jabaley
Betty LaCour
Adolfo Lorenzana
Carmen Dolores Lorenzana
Carmen Felicita Lorenzana
Miguel Lorenzana
Palmira Mancini
George Marroquin
Jose Marroquin
Lisa Marquez
Margaret Sue Meadors
Bill Mobley
John Monier
Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.
Elda Myers
Angel Nieves
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill
Clayton Poe

Deacon Hector Rivera
Hector J. Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez
Ray Romero
Jeffrey Roscoe
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Jack Schank
Mima Tome
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
John Wagner
Bernadine Walters
Jack Williams
Mae Witry
David Zeunert
Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
11-2-13 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Maggie Kuhlmann	Annie Monak Kari Richardson	Leigh Hartley
Next French Mass 11-9-13 Sunday	6:30 pm	Rev. Timothy Monahan			
11-3-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Geneva Gorgo	Lina Hilko Michael Zost Rose Ohiku	Deana LaBrosse-Zost Dennis Kamalick Mark Van Grinsven Nancy Van Grinsven
Next Spanish Mass 11-17-13 Sunday	10:30 am	Rev. Octavio Munoz	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Josefina Gomez	Josie Gomez
11-3-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Alex Lopez	Luke Kolman	Aimee Jaszczer Bob Pedro
11-3-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Mark Pranaitis, C..M.	Jane Ott	Jonathan Hewett Eileen Raia Bert Olson	Aubre Hewett Jamie Lutkus Kaitlin Cronin Sharon Lindstrom

November Food Pantry-Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, November 2nd

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Thursday, November 7th

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Set Up

Friday, November 8th

10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, November 16th

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Thursday, November 21st

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Set Up

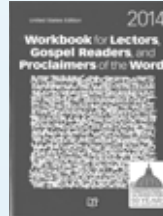
Friday, November 22nd

10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, November 30th

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

2014 Lector Workbooks Available



New lector workbooks for 2014 are now available the sacristy.

Please sign your name to the roster and pick up your copy today.

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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My Dear Friends,
As you all have shared in my life, and formed me into the person I have become, I hope you will be able to join me at a Mass of Thanksgiving, as I give thanks to God for calling me to serve at the Altar as a Deacon.

Know that in the weeks and days ahead as I prepare for Ordination, I will be holding all of you near and dear to my heart, and will be giving thanks to God for each and everyone of you.

God's Choicest Blessings,
Bradley Zamora
1000 East Maple Avenue
Mundelein, IL 60060
bradleyzamora@me.com



*With Praise and Thanksgiving
to our Good and Gracious God*

the Archdiocese of Chicago and
Dawn and Martin Zamora
joyfully announce the

*Ordination to the Diaconate of
Bradley Angelo Zamora*

through the Imposition of Hands and the
Invocation of the Holy Spirit
by

His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

Saturday, November 2, 2013

Chapel of the Immaculate Conception
(ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY)

Please join

Deacon Bradley Zamora

for a Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception
on

Sunday, November 3, 2013

11:30 a.m. Mass

St. Barbara Parish

2859 South Throop • Chicago, IL

“What a good boy am I!”

It's not that the Pharisee's prayer is a bad prayer. It starts out well: “O God, I thank you . . .” Gratitude is good. But then it gets into boasting: “I am not like the rest of humanity . . . I fast . . . I pay tithes” (Luke 18:11, 12). It's a Little Jack Horner prayer. Remember the old nursery rhyme that ends with Jack saying, “What a good boy am I!”? The Pharisee's prayer is all about him and what he does, all the while gauging the distance between himself and the rest of humankind.

In contrast, the tax collector “stood off at a distance” with bowed head, beating his breast and saying, “O God, be merciful to me a sinner” (18:13). He knows who he is and who God is and what God alone can do for him. No repetitive “I,” no swelling ego there, just a repentant figure, one who asks to receive what only God can give—mercy.

Jesus tells this story “to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else” (18:9). How do we hear it? It acknowledges God who makes us “just,” that is, who helps us to be in proper relationship with God, with each other, and with all creation.

Sirach reminds us that our just God hears the cry of the oppressed, the wail of the orphan, the complaint of the widow, the petition of those who serve God willingly, and the prayer of the lowly. These folks allow room for God to enter their minds and hearts, and then all kinds of things can begin to happen, both within and all around them. Copyright © 2012, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

“¡Qué niño más bueno soy!”

No es que la oración del fariseo sea mala. En realidad comienza bien: “Dios mío, te doy gracias . . .” La gratitud es algo bueno. Pero entonces empieza a vanagloriarse: “no soy como el resto de los hombres . . . ayuno . . . pago los diezmos” (Lucas 18:11, 12). Esa clase de oración me recuerda a una antigua canción de cuna en inglés donde al final el niño Jack dice: “¡Qué niño más bueno soy!” La oración del fariseo se enfoca en él mismo y en las cosas que hace midiendo la distancia entre él y el resto de la humanidad.

En contraste el recaudador de impuestos, “manteniéndose a distancia”, se mantenía cabizbajo y se golpeaba el pecho diciendo: “Dios mío, ten compasión de mí, que soy un pecador” (18:13). Él sabe quién es él y quién es Dios, y sabe también lo que sólo Dios puede hacer por él. En su oración no está el “yo” repetitivo ni un ego creciente, sino alguien arrepentido que pide lo que sólo Dios puede dar: misericordia.

Jesús le hace esta historia a los que “presumían de ser hombres de bien y despreciaban a los demás” (18:9). ¿De qué manera la escuchamos nosotros? Esta historia reconoce que es Dios quien nos hace “justos”, o sea, quien nos ayuda a mantener nuestras buenas relaciones con Dios, con los demás y con toda la creación.

El libro del Eclesiástico nos recuerda que nuestro Dios justo escucha el clamor del oprimido, la súplica del huérfano, las quejas de la viuda, la oración del que sirve de buen grado y la del humilde. Esta gente deja que Dios entre en su mente y en su corazón, y así comienzan a suceder muchas cosas, tanto interiormente como al alrededor.

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalms — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor escucha el grito de los oprimidos, el huérfano, la viuda (Sirácide 35:12-14, 16-18).

Salmo — El Señor no está lejos de sus fieles (Salmo 34 [33]).

Segunda lectura — La corona de los santos me está esperando (2 Timoteo 4:6-8, 16-18).

Evangelio — El publicano se quedaba atrás, se golpeaba el pecho (Lucas 18:9-14).

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Women's Spirituality



Tuesday, October 29th at 7:30 pm, women of St. Teresa's seeking spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for quiet prayer, reflection and conversation are invited to gather in the Religious Education Center, 1940 N. Kenmore Avenue, 1st door south of main Parish Center entrance.

We meet on the last Tuesday of the month, September through May. Hope you can join us on the 29th or at any of the gatherings. Contact Cathy Flaherty at (773) 472-8456 with any questions.

Men's Spirituality



**Come join us at the next session
of the
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, November 12,
at 6:15am
in the Parish Center**

Contact Matt Priesbe at mpriesbe@aol.com and (847) 729-1220 for more information.

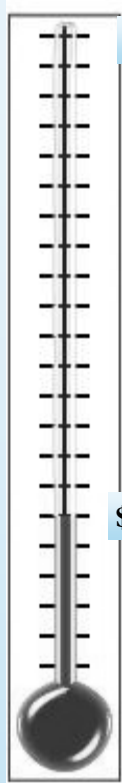
First Saturday—Primer Sábado November 2 — 2 de Noviembre

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on November 2 at 4:00 pm in the church.



Todos estan invitados a la devoción a la Virgen de Fátima el 2 de noviembre Teresa de Avila a las 4:00 pm.

Building Faith Together Collections Reach \$352,240



\$1,320,000 We have formally entered the collection phase of our campaign and have collected \$352,240 in pledges so far. There is a "thermometer" depicting pledges collected located in the church, which we will update in \$88,000 increments.

Even though we have reached our pledge goal, we are still accepting pledges to cover unanticipated costs from changes in fees, demolition of the old school and convent buildings, or the renovation of the church. 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.

Thank you and God Bless!

Fr. Frank

Holiday Greenery on Sale This Weekend!



We are taking pre-paid Greenery orders for the Holidays. Orders are due by November 10th and they'll be ready to pick up the weekend December 7th and 8th.

We will be using the same great vendor we have in the past, offering an arrangement of wreaths, garland, and mantel pieces.

The Holiday Greenery team is looking for volunteers to help with sales and distribution this year. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Kristen Castelloni at Kristen@rlcanning.com or (773) 710-0068.

Remembering Our Loved Ones

In a few days we will celebrate All Saints and All Souls days. Our annual Remembrance Table has been set up near the altar to put pictures and mementos to honor our family members and friends who have died with the hope of rising again.

Please bring in your photos and mementos of those you wish remember and celebrate.

ALL SOULS



6:51 Club November 17th



Stop by after the 6:00 pm Mass on this Sunday, November 17th, for a little food and friends. Come on out to meet your fellow parishioners.

Contact Sara Hock for more details at:

sara.m.hock@gmail.com or foleysar@gmail.com

Fair Trade Market November 3rd

Get an early start on your Christmas shopping and help support indigenous artisans from around the globe!

The Human Concerns Commission of St. Clement Church is holding a Fair Trade/Green Market on Sunday, November 3rd, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in Fireside Hall at St. Clement School, 2524 N. Orchard.

Local vendors will offer quality, eco-friendly products including clothing jewelry, accessories, home décor, beauty and bath products, children's gifts and gourmet treats.

These items are all ethically sourced, as the vendors work closely with artisan groups from third world countries where the workers are receiving a just wage for their work. Many of the goods featured use recycled and natural materials.

As consumers, we have the power to affect positive world change by supporting sustainable and fair trade business practices in our purchasing choices.

Christmas Dinner for those in Need

Are you disillusioned by the materialism of Christmas? Would you like to celebrate Christmas with a spirit of love and outreach? Please join us as we prepare a Christmas Dinner Celebration for those in need.

A small group of St. Teresa of Avila parishioners is planning on providing a Christmas Dinner Celebration for those in need between 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm on Christmas Day. We need people to help in four areas:

- Writing invitations;
- Gathering gifts and wrapping them
- Planning and preparing the meal
- Planning and preparing the Celebration (decorations, music, etc.)

We are just beginning the planning process, so please email Laura King if you would like to get involved: lauraking8383@gmail.com .

Once we have a group of volunteers to help, we will schedule a meeting.



"When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the aimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just." (Luke, 14, 12-14)

Halloween Party for 0—3 year-olds



Come to our First Annual Halloween Party for our 0-3 year old children and their parents or caregivers.

Come in your costume and enjoy getting to know other children and their parents/caregivers. Activities and treats will be provided but family favorites are always welcome.

The Party will be in the Religious Education Center, 1940 N. Kenmore, Room 4, on Thursday, October 31st from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

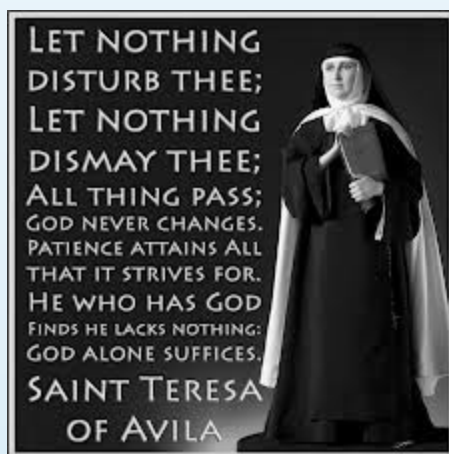
Please email Rob Price for more information: robtpprice@aol.com

Celebrating 125/500

Jesus does not want us to "become weary" and not lose heart, an experience we are all too familiar with. A consistent life of prayer is the only response to never losing heart or becoming discouraged with life. And it is easy to lose heart ...when we are lonely, searching for the right person or friend; when we are caught in addictive behaviors that imprison our spirits; when our marriages seem to be lifeless and going nowhere; when our children can't seem to find their way; when the work we do is exhausting and not meaningful; when our political and religious leaders are not in touch with our lives when technology and busyness have grabbed a hold of our lives. The list is endless....

Prayer is the only response to becoming weary and losing heart. Our patron saint, Teresa of Avila, knew what it was like to become weary and let one's heart be swept away. She experienced constant barriers to her movement of reform. Many of her own Carmelite nuns despised her efforts and tried to have her removed from her position of leadership. The Inquisition was called in to examine her teachings to see if they were heretical. She spent most of her time outside the cloister traveling around Spain founding a number of monasteries and convents. And she had to endure many illnesses, both physical and psychological.

But Teresa never lost her heart because she kept turning to God in prayer, spending many years with no consolation in her life of prayer. If anything, what she experienced was a total absence of God's Presence. But she kept pleading, and praying and entering solitude, like the widow in today's gospel. In the time of Jesus, widows were completely vulnerable due to the fact that they had no male to shelter them and give them security. Widows depended on the Law which commanded that they be taken care of and the widow in the gospel was only asking for what she deserved: "a just decision for me against my adversary." We no nothing of the details except that she was simply asking that justice be



served.

Prayer and justice go hand in hand. Justice is grounded in the dignity of each and every human life. The widow was simply pleading that her dignity be respected or restored. Teresa teaches us that it is through prayer we learn God's will which is to respect our own lives the lives of every human being...to love our neighbor by "washing feet."

When we become weary and about to lose heart, prayer opens our hearts to receive the Peace that only God can give. When we lose heart, we become like the judge in the parable: uncaring, indifferent and cold. We can never lose heart, for when we lose heart, we lose our humanity and injustice begins to take root, first in our hearts and then in institutions and governments, including our church.

In all the times we become weary and want to lose heart, we are on the verge of losing our dignity, which in turn, is the seed of injustice. If we lose our own self-dignity, the dignity of others will mean nothing. Prayer plants the seeds of a just and caring world.

One year from now we will begin a year-long celebration in honor of our parish's 125 anniversary and the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa. Like the widow, we have been a persistent presence in Lincoln Park, refusing to give up in the face of many challenges: immigration,

cultural and language diversity, transformation of the neighborhood and the presence of many large parishes surrounding us. We are only praying for what is rightfully ours: to be here serving the needs of the lonely and poor in response to our being rooted in the Catholic faith. We are needed in the larger Catholic Church to further its mission to proclaim the gospel of Christ and we have Teresa of Avila to guide us and to be a persistent presence in our life as a faith community.

One year from now we will begin our year of Faith with the Pilgrimage to Santiago, provided there is enough support. Yes, I will be walking the Way once again and picking up and leaving off parishioners who want to be a part of this pilgrimage of faith. The entire journey is about 5 weeks but you can decide to go for one week, or ten days, or two weeks or more. The point is to begin the anniversary year with pilgrimage, walking day after day, mile after mile, kilometer after kilometer with no destination in mind. The journey IS the destination. It doesn't matter how far you go or where you join the path or leave the path. What matters is to strengthen your resolve to keep the journey going on your return home, which is when the pilgrimage really begins.

Beginning in October 2014 our year of faith will include the Pilgrimage to Santiago, an Advent opportunity for a mission, evenings of recollection in the Winter, Lenten retreat and mission, and the closing of our church to prepare for renovation in the Spring of 2015. Everything is tentative, depending on the commitment and interest of our parishioners.

However we celebrate our 125/500 anniversaries, may the celebrations and prayer strengthen us to never lose hope, as individuals and as a community.

— Fr. Frank, Homily, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (10-20-2013)