

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

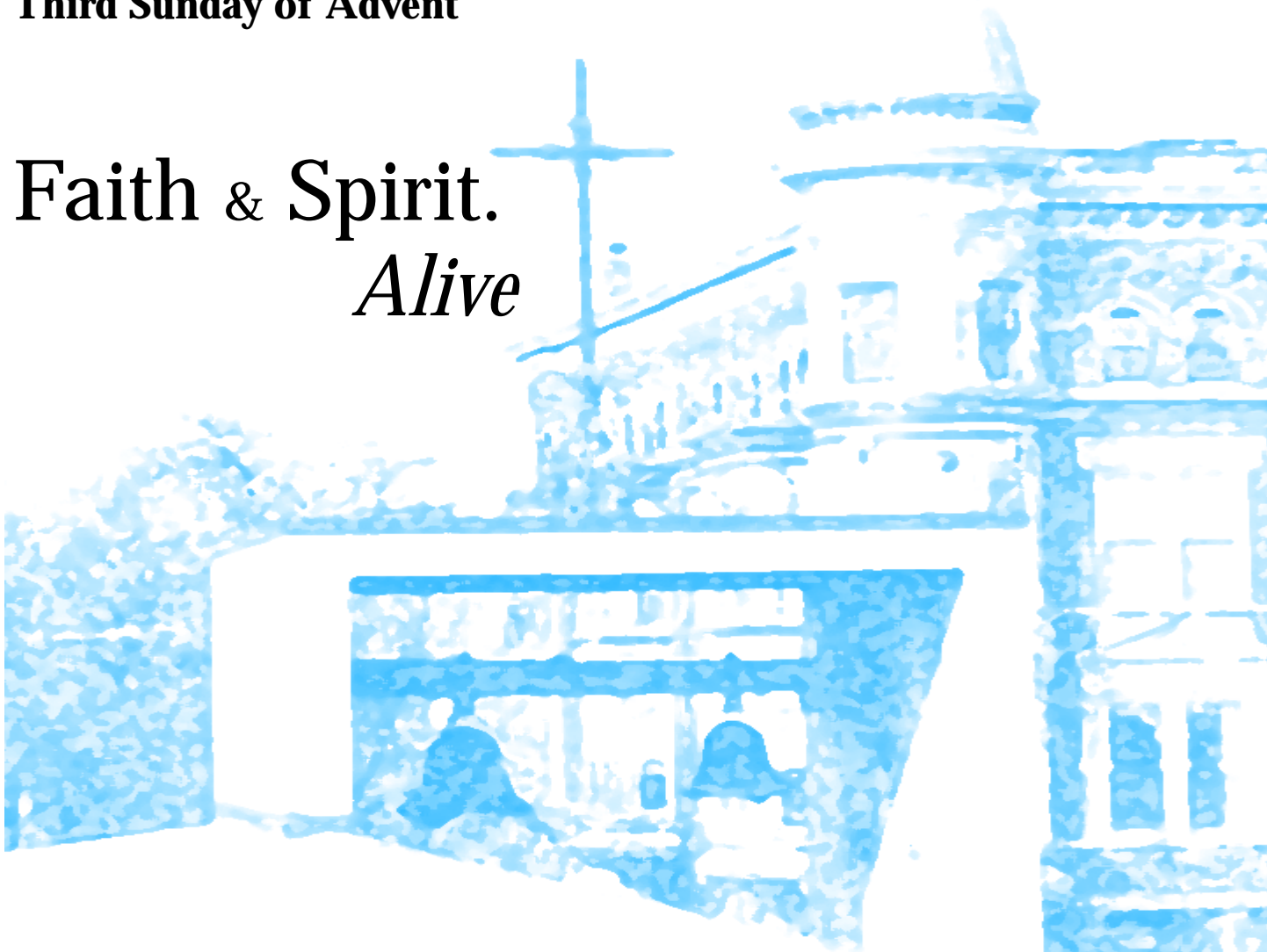
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December 14, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

Faith & Spirit.
Alive



Rejoice always.
Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

1033 W. Armitage Ave.

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

Prepare the Way

I am not the Christ. (John 1:20)

Don't you love a "Gospel of the Lord" in which the Lord does not utter a single word? But such is Advent. It is John the Baptist's time. Today we get hints of the Gospel John the Baptist might have written if he had lived a longer life. Instead of issuing a command to "Follow me," John says, in effect, "You go first."

Is there anything in my life, my way of living, that prepares the way of the Lord? Do I show so much mercy, such love, such joy, such "glad tidings to the poor" and the brokenhearted — that someone would ask me, "Who *are* you?"

Here's how John answers that question: "I am not the Christ." In our world of selfies and social media, how shocking to hear John define himself by who he is *not* instead of promoting who he is! John's whole purpose is to cross the bridge from Isaiah to Jesus and then bow out. Can I, too, find such fulfillment in service that I could sing Mary's Magnificat — so rich with prophecy it serves as today's responsorial? Does "my spirit rejoice in God my Savior"?

Paul's got the bug, too. In what scholars say is the very first New Testament writing, his First Letter to the Thessalonians, the message is ever the same, ever new: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing."

John proclaims that he is a voice crying out. Some scholars

**I am a voice
crying out
in the desert**



Issues of justice and injustice, poverty and equality, rights and liberties, can cloud our vision, and we lose track of the human beings whom God would have us see.

believe we should move the comma so that John's cry reads: "In the desert make straight the way of the Lord!" Because only the Messiah would start a parade in the wilderness where you least expect it, greening it up as he goes, right to the River Jordan for baptism.

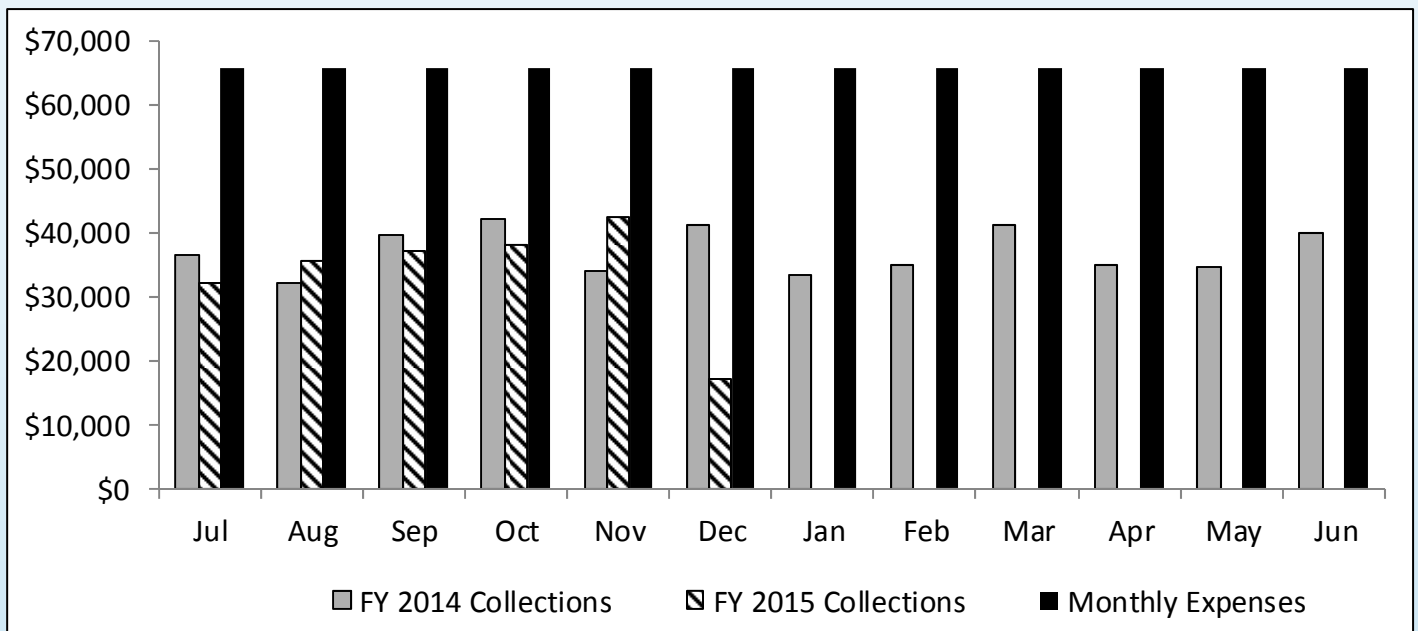
That's where we are supposed to be these days: washing up. My sin has worn me down, dressed me in rags, left me longing for release, burdened with my self. But all those centuries ago, Isaiah saw me "clothed with a robe of salvation," wrapped in "a mantle of justice," jeweled like a bride and groom, a garden of flowers. That's the vision I want, not only for my-

self, but for everyone whose life experience might, in Paul's words, "quench the Spirit." How good must we be to each other, how caring and strong, how faithful. It's not too late. We're right on schedule.

Christmas is coming. We have seen many opportunities to make a difference. Paul says, "Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil." Indeed. Issues of justice and injustice, poverty and equality, rights and liberties, can cloud our vision, and we lose track of the human beings whom God would have us see. We think of the children at the border, refugees they seem to be from terrors in Central America. We think of the children in our own cities, when they explode in racially charged violence. We think of Christian communities in Syria and Iraq who remembered their founding in the days of St. Paul, now extinct in a sudden fall of fanaticism. We look at our own church and wonder if Pope Francis' gospel of joy will sustain hope for reconciliation, especially in our families, so many broken and re-joined.

Things looked bleak in John the Baptist's day, but he had a beautiful vocation: "to testify to the light." Can you see that light? It might shine like a star, bright enough to spark the interest of "wise men" in the East; it might glow like a smile, giving off just enough light to see a sandal strap.

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



- For the 2015 Fiscal Year, Sunday and Holy Day collections are 3 percent below those of Fiscal Year 2014.
- For the 2015 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

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.

Parish Calendar

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December Baptisms

Elliott Anne Kozel (12-20-14)
Owen Thomas O'Neill (12-28-14)
Oscar Vladimir Katek Tavarez (12-28-14)



About Obedience, St. Teresa said...



“Don’t let your soul withdraw into a corner, for instead of obtaining sanctity you will obtain many imperfections.”

Interested in the Catholic Faith?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life.

The RCIA process is for the un-baptized who want to join the Catholic Church; and those who have been baptized either Catholic or in another Christian denomination, and want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

RCIA will begin this Fall. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact Tom Micinski at (773) 528-6650.

Calendar at a Glance

December 14, Sunday

- 10:00 am, GS, Breakfast with Santa
- 10:00 am, GS, Hospitality
- 10:00 am, REC, Baptism Preparation
- 10:30 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:00 pm, REC, Confirmation Preparation
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Confirmation Preparation
- 7:00 pm, REC4, Quest
- 7:00 pm, Kitchen, Faith & Food

December 15, Monday

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, PC3-4, Finance Council

December 16, Tuesday

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:30 pm, PC, RCIA

December 17, Wednesday

- 5:30 pm, REC, CCFC Primary Catechism

December 18, Thursday

- 10:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking

December 19, Friday

- 3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group

December 20, Saturday

- 9:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 9:30 am, REC, First Aid/CPR
- 10:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 6:30 pm, PC3-4, CCFC Mass

December 2014 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, December 6th

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

Saturday, December 13th

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

Saturday, December 20th

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

Saturday, December 27th

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

Christmas Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
12-24-14 Wednesday	3:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Lector Needed	Lisa Marquez Nancy Van Grinsven Mark Van Grinsven	Michael Zost Minister Needed (C2) Minister Needed (C3) Minister Needed (C4)
12-24-14 Wednesday	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Karen Carpino	Aimee Jaszczor Eileen Raia Minister Needed (H4)	Minister Needed (C1, P) Minister Needed (C2) Minister Needed (C3) Minister Needed (C4)
12-24-14 Wednesday	10:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Alejandro Lopez	Karen Secrest	Jane Ott Barb Schell
12-25-14 Thursday	10:00 AM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM	Tony Rivera	Rose Ohiku	Minister Needed (C1, P) Minister Needed (C2)

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

December 13

5:00 pm Carol Marquez;
For Fr. Brendan Couran and the Parishioners of St. Pius V*

December 14

9:00 am Mary Shea and Tim Halpin;
For Fr. Jose Fuentes and the Parishioners of St. Philomena*
12:00 pm For Fr. Thomas Belanger and the Parishioners of St. Philip Neri*
6:00 pm For Fr. Robert Dempsey and the Parishioners of St. Philip the Apostle*

* We continue to pray for all the parishes in the Archdiocese.

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, Casillas Family, Dorothy Cooney, Margaret Dean, Teresa Dempsey, Mark Dudley, Pedro Garcia, Genevieve Gorgo, Dickie Harris, Jack Heil, Francisca Hernandez, Betty Hultberg, Pat Johnson, Therese Kotowski, Carol Marquez, Eleanor Monak, John Mondschean, Donald & Maggie Finn Morich, Sally Jo Morrow, Walter and Germaine Mulvihill, P. A. O'Neil, Honorata Alicea Peña, Charley Pierce, Patrick Reidy, Jeremy Rivera, Angel Santana, Maurice Shatto, Jennifer Schubeck, Paulette Zuckerman, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

Alicia Anderson	Kellar Harris	Deacon Hector Rivera
Dorothy Barns	Peg Hausen	Hector J. Rivera
Dolores Berendsen	David Hoffman	Pedro Rodriguez
Berta Billavazo	David Ivanac	Ray Romero
Sr. Barbara Jean Ciszek	Chuck Jabaley	Jeffrey Roscoe
Michael De Blasis	Liz Kunkel	Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Kathy Derrick	Betty LaCour	Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Jackson Fineske & Family	Carmen D. Lorenzana	Jack Schank
Alice Flynn	Palmira Mancini	Mima Tome
Padraig Gallagher	George Marroquin	JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Eloisa Gallegos	Jose Marroquin	John Wagner
Michael Gibbons	Lisa Marquez	Bernadine Walters
Angela Goldberg	Margaret Sue Meadors	Jack Williams
Kaylee Gommel	Bill Mobley	Mae Witry
Bolivar Gonzalez	John Monier	David Zeunert
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.	Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.	
Les Gordon	Elda Myers	Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse
Mrs. Grabarczyk	Angel Nieves	
George Halloran	Msgr. Kevin O'Neill	
David Harmeier	Clayton Poe	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
12-20-14 Saturday	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Raquel Bech	Luke Kolman	Jane Bronson Kari Richardson
French Mass 12-20-14 Saturday	6:30 PM				
12-21-14 Sunday	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Jane Ott	Mark Van Grinsven Jennifer Barrett Jamie Lutkus	Lina Hilko Michael Zost Rose Ohiku Nancy Van Grinsven
Spanish Mass 1-4-15 Sunday	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM			
12-21-14 Sunday	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Laura King	Carly Johnston	Bob Pedro Alice Morales-Villenas
12-21-14 Sunday	6:00 PM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Lector Needed	Mary Serrahn Sara Hock Bert Olson	Sharon Lindstrom Kaitlin Cronin Christopher Parente Jocelyn Lutkus

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Martes: Sof 3:1-2, 9-13; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Miércoles: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Jueves: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Viernes: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
Sábado: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38
Domingo: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38

Treasures from Our Tradition

The tradition of anointing the sick with blessed oil is very old, but developed slowly and unevenly in the first eight centuries of the church's life. St. Augustine, who wrote volumes of homilies from his thriving church in North Africa, plus pastoral directives, letters, and memoirs, never mentions it at all. We know from ancient prayers that it did happen in Rome, Milan, Gaul, and the British Isles. In Rome the bishop blessed the oil of the sick, but it could be applied by a priest, deacon, or a layperson. It seems that sick persons could even anoint themselves. St. Genevieve of Paris was known for anointing the sick in her care.

Perhaps inevitably, complaints of abuses, and even trickery by sorcerers, brought an end to this consoling practice. In a dangerous world with a dispersed population, clerics may have preferred that this hands-on care was a lay privilege. The purpose of anointing, however, was not simply healing, but forgiveness of sin and an experience of saving power of Christ. By the year 800, dioceses everywhere were organizing rituals for priestly anointing. Although anointing of the sick is reserved to priests today, perhaps this treasured memory will enrich the future of the sacrament. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Jesús proclama que Juan el Bautista es más que un profeta (Lucas 7:26) y lo compara con Elías, el profeta más importante de los judíos (Mateo 17:11-13). Pero, ¿qué es un profeta? El judaísmo, cristianismo e islamismo reconocen a ciertas personas como profetas. La palabra hebrea *nabi* significa portavoz, o profeta. Los *nebiim* eran encargados por Dios para una tarea especial. Así por ejemplo, Moisés fue encargado para liberar al pueblo de la esclavitud egipcia, Elías para recordarle la palabra de Dios cuando se apartaba de la alianza, y Jeremías para denunciar las corrupciones y anunciarle el castigo. Cuando tradujeron al griego el Antiguo Testamento, la palabra *nabi* fue traducida como *prophetes* (profeta). Esto indica un intérprete de la voluntad de Dios. Los profetas griegos eran oráculos que adivinaban el futuro, por lo cual mucha gente confunde al profeta con un adivino. El profeta según el cristianismo es un testigo (Juan 1:6-8, 19-28) del poder de Cristo y la palabra de Dios. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

More than Disciples

Más Que Discípulos

Each of today's four scriptural roles—disciple, prophet, apostle, herald—forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God's reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is "sent." Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord's way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God's favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Cada uno de los cuatro roles en las Escrituras de hoy — discípulo, profeta, apóstol, testigo— forma una faceta de la vida en Cristo que vivimos día a día. Isaías nos dice que el profeta es ungido, tal como fuimos ungidos en el Bautismo con agua y con el Espíritu, para traer la Buena Nueva y promover el Reino de Dios, un reino de salvación, justicia y paz. El apóstol, como Pablo, es un "enviado". Cada uno de nosotros, a su manera, es enviado por Cristo a ser una voz de alegría, a animar las voces proféticas en el mundo y asegurar que prospere la obra del Espíritu. Juan Bautista nos muestra la labor del testigo, enderezando el camino del Señor, anunciando la venida de la

Luz del Mundo.

Hoy escuchamos también a María, discípulo modelo. Su canto, el "Magnificat", nos muestra el mundo en que debemos creer y por el cual laborar: uno en donde Dios sea alabado, donde el favor de Dios se derrama sobre los humildes, donde los hambrientos quedan repletos y los ricos se despiden vacíos, un mundo que continúa conociendo y celebrando la misericordia de Dios que perdura por todos los siglos. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Today's Readings

Lecturas de Hoy

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

Primera lectura — Regocíjense en el Espíritu del Señor que nos trae buenas noticias (Isaías 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Salmo — Mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi salvador (Lc 1:46-50, 53-54).

Segunda lectura — ¡Alégrese! Conserve su integridad en el Espíritu y guárdense sin mancha hasta la venida del Señor (1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-24).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista dice: "Soy la voz que grita en el desierto" (Juan 1:6-8, 19-28).

Building Faith Together Collections Now \$768,877

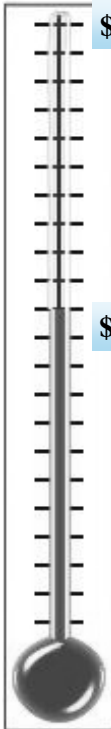
\$1,320,000 We have collected \$768,877 on our pledges so far in our Building Faith Together campaign.

There is a “thermometer” depicting pledges collected located at the back of church that we will update in \$88,000 increments.

Even though we have reached our **\$768,877** pledge goal, we are still accepting pledges to cover unanticipated costs from changes in fees on the renovation of the church.

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



Advent-Christmas Calendar

Sunday, December 14th

Breakfast with Santa at 10:00am in Gathering Space

Monday, December 15th

All Giving Tree gifts to be returned to Parish Office by 7:00pm

Sunday, December 21st

Rectory Open House after the 6:00pm Mass

Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Family Masses 3:00pm and 5:00pm

Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Mass 10:00pm; Carols begin at 9:30pm

Thursday, December 25th

Christmas Day Mass at 10:00am

Wednesday, December 31st

New Year's Eve Mass at 5:00pm

Thursday, January 1st

New Year's Day Mass at 10:00am

Saturday-Sunday, January 3rd & 4th

Feast of the Epiphany
Saturday, 5:00pm; Sunday, 9:00am, 10:30am (Spanish), 12:00pm, and 6:00pm.

Saturday-Sunday, January 10th & 11th

The Baptism of the Lord
Saturday, 5:00pm, 6:30pm (French); Sunday, 9:00am, 12:00pm, and 6:00pm.

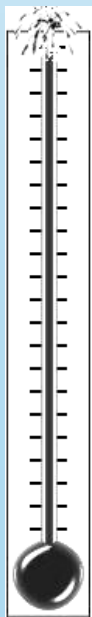


Sr. Sandra Donations Reach \$18,706

We have collected \$18,706 so far in our campaign for Catholic Extension and Sr. Sandra's mission in the Diocese of Monterey California.

We are fortunate to be able to dedicate the funds raised during my Camino to her special ministry that supports some of the poorest and most marginalized people in our country.

You can still donate by writing a check to St. Teresa Parish, noting that it is for Sr. Sandra or Catholic Extension or you can donate to Sr. Sandra's mission at the St. Teresa site on GiveCentral.com



Help with Our 125th Video

St. Teresa's 125th Anniversary Video presentation is well underway, but we continue to need your help. Here are two ways to make the project a memorable one:



1. How has St. Teresa has been, continues to be, a special community for you. Was there a moment, an event, a person that made you know you were in the right place? Are you willing to write two paragraphs about that experience? Stories may be sent to genevag22@gmail.com.

2. Do you have clear, close up photos of parish gatherings: Summer in the City, Spaghetti Dinner, Sunrise Mass at the Beach, Christmas (anything!), Baptisms, Weddings, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, SPRED, etc.

Photos may be sent to genevag22@gmail.com; hard copies may be given to Cathy Flaherty, Carmen Ubides, or Carmen Velasquez.

Please help make this anniversary another milestone in our community. Thanks so much.

December 21–Christmas Open House

On December 21st, after the 6:00 pm Mass, Fr. Frank will host a Christmas Open House in the Rectory. All are welcome. Snacks and refreshments will be served.



The 6:51 Club, which usually meets on the third Sunday of the month after the 6:00pm Mass, will attend the Open House in the Rectory.

Next Men's Spirituality

Join us at the next morning session of the Men's Spirituality Group on :



**Tuesday, December 23,
at 6:15 am,
in the Parish Center**

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

Giving Tree Gifts Due This Monday!

St. Teresa's is being asked to **return the gifts wrapped by December 15th** so they can be given to all the children before Christmas. **Please keep the tag with your gift.**

Thank you for your continued generosity towards the children at St. Vincent de Paul Center.



Resolve: 'To Feed the Hungry in 2015'

Saturday Food Pantry is **seeking about 40 volunteers to fill all December and January Saturdays**. New Year's Resolution, anyone?! We welcome you to experience in a very real way how the St. Teresa community lives out the words of Jesus' every Saturday morning: "For I was hungry and you gave me food."



Please visit the VolunteerSpot site at <http://vols.pt/AFsRya> to browse openings and, if desired, sign up. Contact Dave Hilko at DaHilko@Deloitte.com with questions.

Updates #23 & 24 — Terrazzo



The Terrazzo floor is in the final stages of completion. Final buffing and sanding continues through December 10th. The buckets shown in the photo below are sealer. The floor is expected to be sealed by December 12th.

Because of the Christmas Holiday, the December 21st bulletin is being submitted several days ahead of schedule and this update will repeat.



By Monday, December 8th, Giving Tree Gifts began to fill up the front office!

Gifts need to be brought to the Parish Office at 1950 N. Kenmore by **7:00pm, Monday, December 15th.**

St. Vincent Center will pick them up on the morning of December 16th.

Thank you for your generosity!



Semi-Retired? Retired? Eager to “give something back?”

The **Ignatian Volunteer Corps** may be for You! Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities 2 days per week (Sept-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Jesuit Catholic tradition and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector.

IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, elderly companions, hospital chaplains and more!

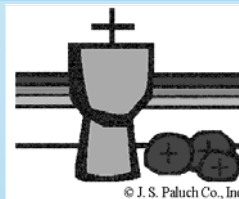
Detailed information is online at www.ivcusa.org/Chicago. To inquire, please contact Jacqueline Fitzgerald at 312-961-6206 or jf Fitzgerald@ivcusa.org.



Ministry of Care

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 in the office at (773) 528-6650 to arrange a visit.



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St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Bert Olson
Anna Althoff
Alex Lopez

Justin Peters
Rebecca O'Brien
Amir Rafizadeh
Addison Carpenter
Laura King

Lina Hilko is president of the Parish Council; her email is lhilko@aol.com

The Parish Pastoral Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Finance Council

Justin Peters
Jane Bronson
Jack Halpin
Matt Donner
Chris Parente

Dave Hilko
Steve Fortino
Andrew Deye
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Bill Mack is president of the Parish Finance Council; his email is williamdmack@hotmail.com

The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Building Committee

Steve Kolinski
Caleb Marx
Bill Mack
Jane Bronson
Jose Cervantes
Carol Christensen
Dave Hilko

Dan Hurley
Karen Kinsella
Frank Swiderski
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John Mitchell
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The Building Committee meets to discuss renovation fundraising issues in the Parish Center.

Renovation Committee

Frank Swiderski
Steve and Anmarie Kolinski
Dave Hilko
Kim Walter
Phyllis Halloran
Kelly Dean

Jack Halpin
Marilee Halpin
Justin Peters
Nancy Van Grinsven
Alicia Slubowski
Dante Domenella, *Architect*
Dwayne Piyatilake, *Stained Glass Artist*

Fr. Frank is president of the Renovation Committee; his email is fjsasso@aol.com.

The Renovation Committee usually meets once per month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center to discuss progress on the church renovation.

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Evangelization

Seeking a Leader

Our Mission 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.

Dealing with Stress...

The Holbrook Center, a service of Catholic Charities, provides confidential counseling at many locations. Licensed counselors, affordable fees, and convenient appointment times.

The Holbrook Counseling Center is in the network with BC/BS PPO. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call at (312) 655-7725.

For information about ...

Thursday Playgroup (0-3 year-olds),
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-12 year-olds),
The EDGE Youth Group (12-14 year-olds),
or Quest Youth Group (High School)
[Contact Kate in the Parish Office](#)
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For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick
[Contact Dean in the Parish Office](#)
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Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 pm
<i>en Français</i>	6:30 pm [†]
Sunday	9:00 am
<i>en Español</i>	10:30 am*
	12:00 pm
	6:00 pm

[†] First and third Saturdays, October through June

* First Sundays

