

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

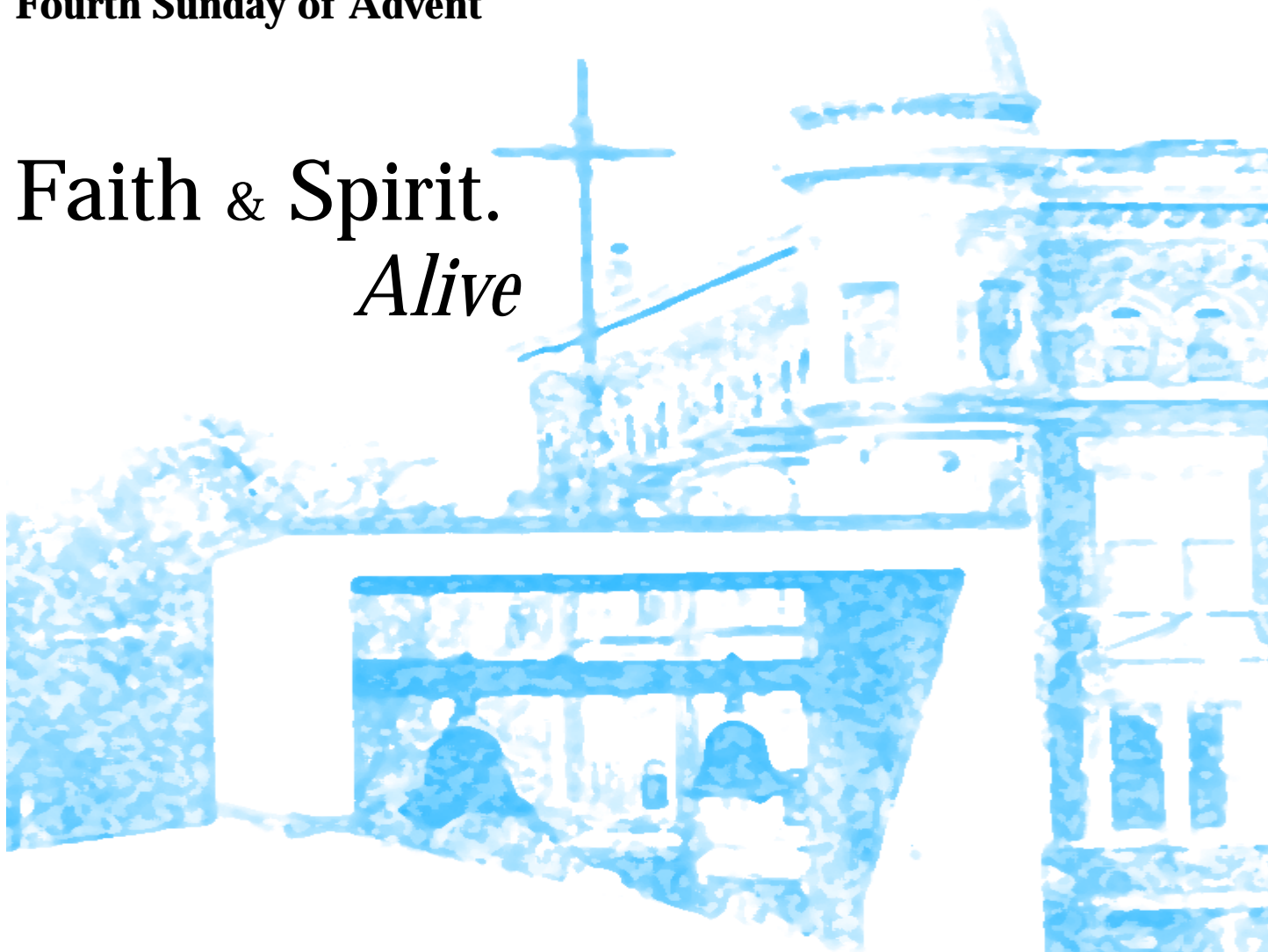
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December 21, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Faith & Spirit.
Alive



The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

— Luke 1:35

1033 W. Armitage Ave.

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

Time to Say 'Yes'

The holy Spirit will come upon you. (Luke 1:35)

Does the Incarnation interrupt history or overtake it? Advent offers believers two ways to wait for God. One is to focus without expectation of God's intervention; the other is to look within for a mystery already present and only waiting for our openness to emerge more fully.

The scriptures support both views. The coming of the messiah is a long-awaited fulfillment of a promise made to Abraham, and repeated by the prophets, that a leader would rise from within the House of David, or that a special Servant would appear to accomplish God's plan to save his people. This heavenly figure, the Son of Man, would arrive riding on the clouds to bring justice and peace.

Or, in the second view, God's Word, already present within creation as its designer and initiating principle, was advancing within history through the long genealogy of God's covenant with his people to emerge in the fullness of time, the Son of God, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Mary, perfect model of faith, receives the ever-present Word so completely in her mind and heart that it becomes flesh in her womb.

The late theologian Edward Schillebeeckx once suggested that at the moment of the Annunciation, Mary might have been reading Isaiah 7:14: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and



As baptized members of the body of Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit and nourished by both Word and Eucharist, are we not God-bearers, temples of the Trinity, extensions of the presence of God in time and space?

they shall call his name Immanuel, which means, 'God with us.' " She contemplates the passage and feels the Spirit moving within her. She consents, and the Word becomes flesh. Matthew cites this passage as being fulfilled in the birth of Jesus (1:23). Luke has Mary say to the angel, "Be it done unto me according to your word" (1:38).

As we enter into the prayer of the church in Advent, how inspiring it is to contemplate that the Word of God is also coming to us. The Incarnation is not just a one-time event but an ongoing invitation to welcome God into our lives. As baptized members of the body of Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit and nourished by both Word and Eucharist, are we not God-bearers,

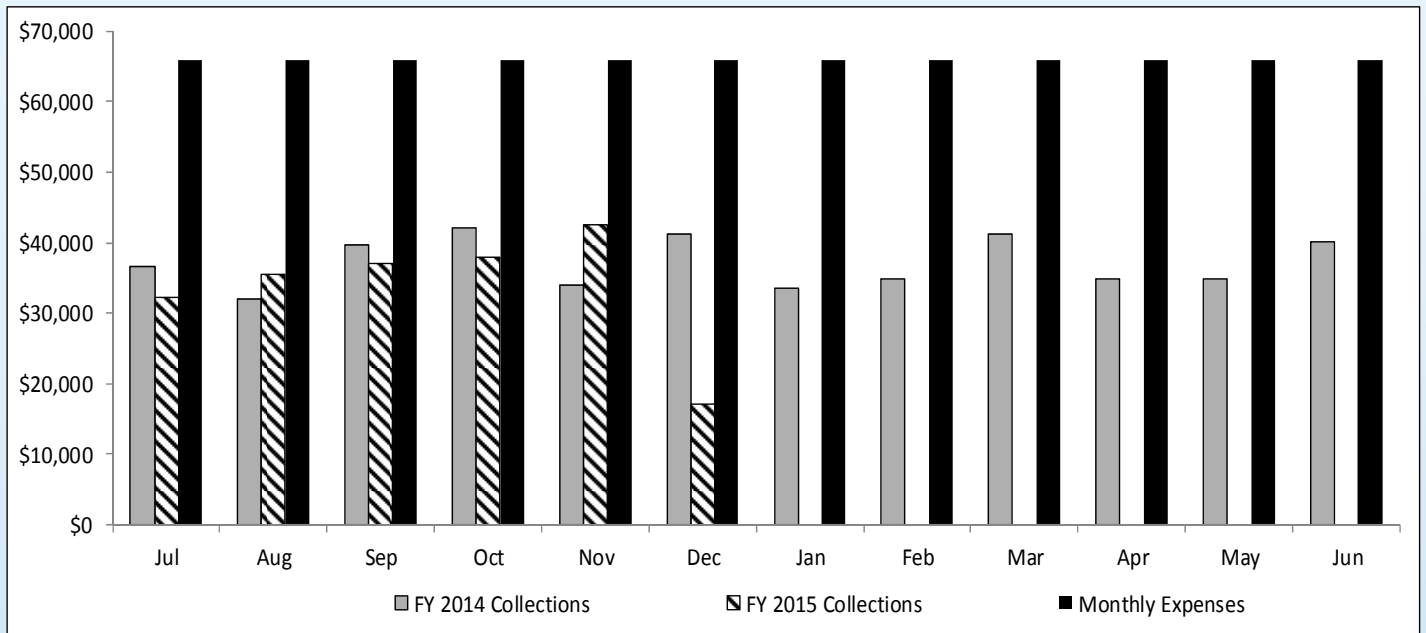
temples of the Trinity, extensions of the presence of God in time and space?

The scene of Mary in her house in Nazareth gives special importance to reading God's Word with faith. Where else but from his mother did Jesus learn the habit of reading the scriptures with the expectation that God's Word is always alive and becoming flesh? Thirty years later, Jesus would come home to Nazareth to stand at the lectern in the synagogue, reading from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor" (61:1). Jesus then startled his hearers by saying, "Today this passage of scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). Standing before them was the Incarnation, the Word made flesh.

Advent is our time to ponder the promise that God is among us, that the Word is asking our consent to become flesh in our lives. Mary invites us to share in the mystery she carried and bore in her human life. The church invites us to say yes to the same overshadowing of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that gave birth to the church, extending the life and mission of Jesus in history.

This is a momentous invitation, and it will change our lives forever. Christmas is our time to say, "Yes. Be it done unto me according to your Word."

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)



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.

About Obedience, St. Teresa said...



“Shouldn’t we think ourselves lucky to repay something of the service toward us? ...He did nothing else but serve us all the time he lived in this world.”

Calendar at a Glance

December 21, Sunday

- 10:00 am, GS, Hospitality
- 7:00 pm, Rectory Open House after Mass

December 22, Monday

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

December 23, Tuesday

- 6:15 am, PC, Men's Spirituality Group
- 7:30 pm, PC, RCIA

December 24, Wednesday

- 3:00 pm, PC, Christmas Vigil Mass
- 5:00 pm, PC, Christmas Vigil Mass
- 9:30 pm, PC, Christmas Carols
- 10:00 pm, PC, Christmas Night Mass

December 25, Thursday

- 10:00 am, PC, Christmas Day Mass

December 26, Friday

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

December 27, Saturday

- 9:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 10:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Distribution



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	Minister Needed (C1, P) Minister Needed (C2) Minister Needed (C3) Minister Needed (C4)
12-24-14 Wednesday	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Lector Needed	Minister Needed (H2, T) Minister Needed (H3) 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 20

5:00 pm For Fr. Walter Takusi and the Parishioners of St. Peter Damian*

December 21

9:00 am For Fr. Honoratus Mwageni and the Parishioners of Ss. Peter & Paul*

12:00 pm Fr. James Isaacson and the Parishioners of St. Peter*

6:00 pm Fr. Michael Wulsch and the Parishioners of St. Peter (Skokie)*

* 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 Gonzalez, 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 Harmeyer	Clayton Poe	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
12-27-14 Saturday	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Maggie Kuhlmann	Laura LoBello	Luke Kolman Carly Johnston
French Mass 1-10-15 Saturday	6:30 PM				
12-28-14 Sunday	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Elizabeth Rooney	Geneva Gorgo Michael Zost Jane Ott	Jocelyn Lutkus Mike Usiak Karen Secrest Theresa Jabaley
Spanish Mass 1-4-15 Sunday	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM			
12-28-14 Sunday	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Raquel Bech	Laura LoBello	Alice Morales-Villenas Aimee Jaszczor
12-28-14 Sunday	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Jim Krag	Jonathan Hewett Bert Olson Jane Bronson	Aubre Hewett Christopher Parente Mary Serrahn Cara Gannon

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
Martes: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66
Miércoles: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79
Jueves: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20
Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Viernes: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sábado: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Domingo: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Sal 128 (127): 1-5 o Sal 105 (104):1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] o Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lc 2:22-40

Treasures from Our Tradition

By the year 800, when anointing was defined as the proper office of priests, very complicated rituals began to take shape. Perhaps this was to reassure the laity, who had memories of an earlier practice, that the new way was not only better, but impossible for a layperson to conduct. Blessings and sprinkling of holy water, the singing of as many as seven psalms, penance, anointing of all the senses, viaticum, all capped off by the clothing of the sick person in penitential garments, were part of the rite. This proved unwieldy, and creative spirits got to work. By the 1500s people made distinctions between visiting the sick, anointing, and viaticum.

The attempt of the Church to be faithful to the image of a healing Christ has some complicated history, including centuries when the celebration was rare. Most sick people had no access to the rites at all; only monastics or the well-off had much hope of this care. Today, those unhappy days are long behind us, and the care of the sick is an essential task in every parish's life. As Christmas approaches almost everyone comes in contact with someone who is a candidate for pastoral care. You live out the best of our tradition when you arrange for a sick person to receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of the sick and the consolation of regular contact with the faith community. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En el cristianismo hay muchas y variadas imágenes de la escena de la Anunciación narrada por Lucas (1:26-38). Casi siempre se ve al ángel Gabriel que, bajando del cielo, se acerca a la Virgen María. La jovencita, a veces está trabajando, pero casi siempre está en oración o leyendo la Sagrada Escritura. Ella se voltea para ver al ángel, quien normalmente apunta hacia el cielo con un dedo, recordando que su mensaje es de origen divino. Estas imágenes son reconocidas como “La Anunciación” y conmemoran el mensaje anunciado: Jesús.

Hay que ver más allá del ángel y la Virgen en estas imágenes. Es necesario seguir el dedo de Gabriel y ver que Dios se manifiesta en este anuncio. Muchas veces Dios es presentado como el Padre celestial y/o el Espíritu Santo que envía rayos de luz hacia el vientre de la Virgen. A veces en estos rayos se encuentra un pequeño grano de trigo: semilla del Verbo Divino. En esa semillita se encuentra el anuncio verdadero: Dios se hace uno de nosotros. El anuncio es la Encarnación del Hijo de Dios. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Echoing Mary's Decision

The angel Gabriel today confronts Mary with a mystery. The mystery of salvation in Christ is not a mystery that is solved, but a reality beyond our comprehension that we must choose to enter into. In the liturgy of the Eastern Church, everyone waits to see if Mary will enter into the mystery: God waits, Adam and Eve and all the souls of the dead who long for paradise wait, angels wait for new heavenly companions. And there is much rejoicing when her decision is “yes.”

We have less dramatic choices offered to us, but the mystery of our salvation in Christ is by no means “solved.” We may understand it a bit better due to Mary’s “yes.” We may be a bit closer to it through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But it still remains a mystery to which we all must give our own “yes.” Soon we will be singing “O come, let us adore him.” May our Advent prayer, our echo of Mary’s “yes,” continue then, so we may enter into the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ, God among us. Copyright ©

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Imitar La Decisión de María

El ángel Gabriel hoy le presenta a María un misterio. El misterio de salvación en Cristo no es un misterio que se pueda resolver, sino una realidad más allá de nuestro entendimiento en la cual nos decidimos a participar. En la liturgia de la Iglesia Oriental, todos esperan para ver si María participará en el misterio: Dios espera, Adán y Eva y todas las almas de los muertos que anhelan el Paraíso esperan, los ángeles esperan tener nuevos compañeros celestiales. Y hay gran regocijo cuando su decisión es un “sí”.

A nosotros se nos ofrecen opciones menos dramáticas, pero el misterio de nuestra salvación en Cristo de ningún modo queda “solucionado”. Puede que ahora lo entendamos un poco mejor gracias al “sí” de María. Puede que estemos un poco más cercanos a él

mediante la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo. Pero un misterio al cual todos debemos dar nuestro propio “sí”. Ya pronto estaremos cantando “Venid y adoremos”. Que nuestra oración de Adviento, a imitación del “sí” de María, continúe para que podamos participar en el misterio de nuestra salvación en Jesucristo, Dios-con-nosotros. Copy-

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Today's Readings

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor promete a David que su casa permanecerá para siempre (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Salmo — Cantaré eternamente las misericordias del Señor (Salmo 89 [88]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo ora para que Dios sea glorificado mediante Jesucristo (Romanos 16:25-27).

Evangelio — El ángel Gabriel anuncia a María que ella concebirá al hijo de Dios (Lucas 1:26-38).

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

2014 Advent-Christmas Calendar

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.

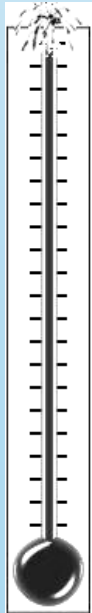


Sr. Sandra Donations Reach \$18,706

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

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.

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.

2014 Christmas Giving Tree

Thank you for your generosity again this year in providing gifts to the nearly 200 children who are cared for at the St. Vincent De Paul Center at Halsted and Webster.



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.

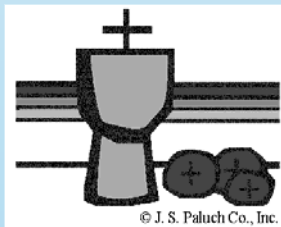
Because of the Christmas Holiday, the December 21st bulletin is being submitted several days ahead of schedule and this update will repeat.



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.



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.



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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
Becky Francis

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
Dave Espinoza
John Mitchell
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Dan Summins is president of the Building Committee; his email is dsummins@hotmail.com

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

