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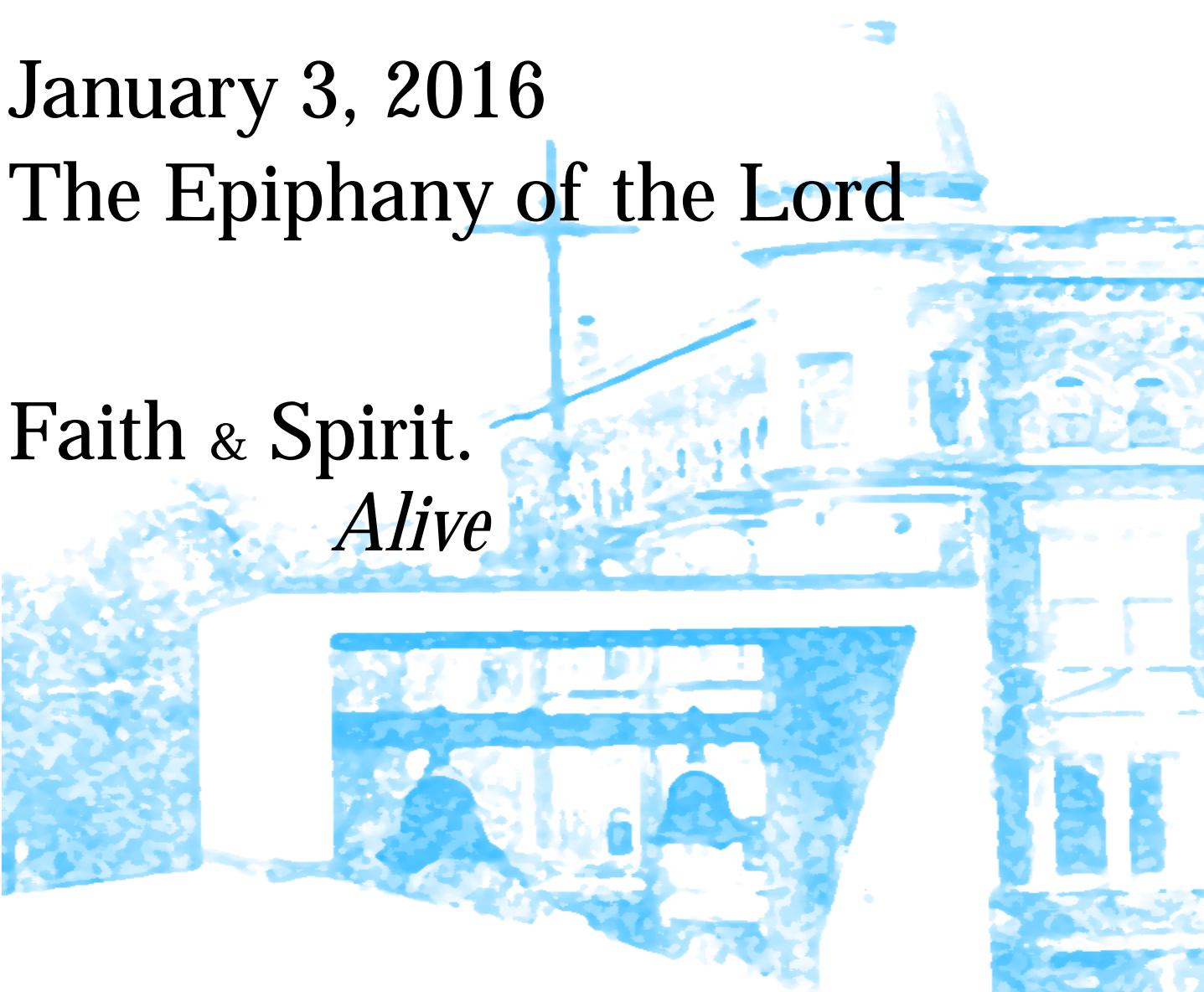
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January 3, 2016

The Epiphany of the Lord

Faith & Spirit. *Alive*



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Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines on you.

— Isaiah 60:1

Stewardship

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Letter from the Night Ministry

On behalf of everyone at The Night Ministry, and especially those we serve, we'd like to thank the parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila for volunteering so generously at our Health Outreach Bus. Thank you for providing hot meals in Uptown on December 2 and in Pilsen on December 21. The chili, soup, vegetables, bread and fresh-baked cookies were all greatly appreciated by our guests. Thank you for spreading joy by singing beautiful Christmas carols, and for thoughtfully preparing songs in Spanish. Thank you, above all, for extending kind words and a listening ear to those facing the hardships of poverty and homelessness. We are grateful for our new relationship with St. Teresa's, and look forward to continuing our partnership in 2016. Merry Christmas!

*Gratefully,
The Night Ministry Staff*



New Year's Resolution: Parish Transformation

As the world around us changes, and as we change as people, it is healthy to step back and evaluate how we are living out the mission of Christ through our parish. This is what we will do through Parish Transformation. Our reflections and discussions will affirm who we are and much of what we are doing as a parish. Our goal is to celebrate the gift that is our parish community, while trying to make our parish even more vibrant and effective in carrying out the spirit of Jesus' mission and ministry.



An important element of the Parish Transformation process is receiving feedback from everyone in the parish. Not everyone will be able to commit the time to attending meetings each week, but we need your input. Please complete the survey that is posted on our site, st-teresa.net, or by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StTeresaAvila>. The survey should take about 20 minutes to complete and your answers will be anonymous. This will be important feedback for the Parish Transformation Team as it reviews what we may need to do differently as a parish. For those of you who prefer filling out a printed version please pick a copy in the parish office during business hours.

I thank you for your time and thoughtful feedback.

Fr. Frank

How will you change in 2016?



The New Year is a great time to set goals for personal improvement and growth in the year ahead. Even our parish, St. Teresa of Avila, is embarking on a path to improvement through the Parish Transformation process. What will you do in 2016? Have you considered volunteering in a regular and meaningful way? There are plenty of ways to get involved: from serving a meal with Loaves & Fishes to managing a meal distribution at the Night Ministry, to creating a welcoming environment by hosting a treats after a Mass, or signing up for our fundraising gala committee. If you'd like to discuss your best volunteer fit, shoot me an email or call me. I'm always happy to meet for coffee and discuss your strengths and how you can put them to use. *Best wishes in the New Year!*

— Rebecca O'Brien, Director of Stewardship
robrien@stteresaparish.org (773) 528-6650

Visit st-teresa.net/volunteer to browse and sign up for a selection of recurring volunteer opportunities.

**Most
Wanted
Volunteers**

**Social
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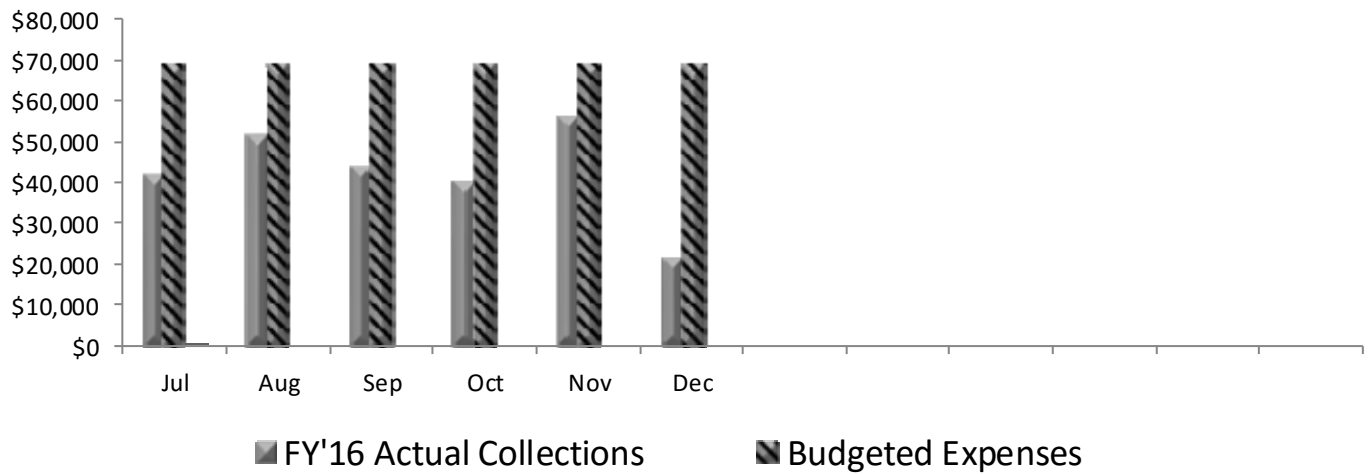
**Graphic
Designer**

**Night Ministry
Volunteers**

**Cookie
Bakers**

Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650

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



- In the graph above you will see that we have not yet met our budgeted expenses with our Sunday collections. We are on budget with our total income, versus expense. Total income includes Sunday collections, Christmas, Easter, fundraising, and miscellaneous donations
- Our goal is to fund all operations and expenses from the weekly collections.
- 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 Business Manager, Erica Saccucci with any questions at esaccucci@stteresaparish.org, or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair. Our financials are also available on our website at www.st-teresa.net.
- The next Finance Council meeting is on January 18th at 7:00pm.
- Due to compressed publication schedules and the holidays, this page has not been updated.

Please help us remain financially stable during the rest vacation season by maintaining your financial commitment to the parish. Automated giving through Give Central is an easy way to ensure our collections do not dive when attendance is low. If you have already signed up for automated giving, please be sure your credit card information is up to date. Call the office at (773) 528-6650 to get help or offer to take us on vacation. Register at www.givecentral.org.

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Have you signed up?

Sign up for online giving at

GiveCentral

for your weekly offertory and other donations!

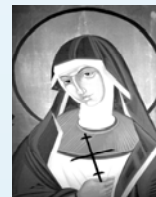
Three reasons to sign up:

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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What St. Teresa says about ...

Love Begets Love



What great love God shows us in giving us a pledge of his love, for love begets love.

Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, January 3

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC, Hospitality
- 10:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Monday, January 4

- No Activities Planned

Tuesday, January 5

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, January 6

- No Activities Planned

Thursday, January 7

- 5:00 pm, Church, New Year's Eve Mass

Friday, January 8

- 10:30 am, Church, New Year's Day Mass
- 3:30 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, January 9

- 9:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 10:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
- Monday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Tuesday:** St. John Neumann
- Wednesday:** St. André Bessette
- Thursday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort

- Domingo:** La Epifanía del Señor; Semana Nacional de Migración
- Lunes:** Santa Isabel Ana Seton
- Martes:** San Juan Neumann
- Miércoles:** Beato André Bessette
- Jueves:** San Raimundo de Peñafort

January 2016 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, January 2nd

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

Saturday, January 9th

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

Saturday, January 16th

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

Saturday, January 23rd

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

Saturday, January 30th

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



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

January 2

5:00 pm For deceased parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

January 3

9:00 am For deceased parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

12:00 pm For deceased parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

10:30 am Ethel & Maurice Brumleve; John Wagner; Eusebio Lopez

6:00 pm For deceased parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

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.

Let Us Pray

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Barbara Byrd, Sr. Barbara Jean Ciszek, Georgina Garcia, Bolivar Gonzales, Jerica Elaine Harris, Fred Jabaley, Rev. Oscar Lukefahr, CM, James H. Mack, Frank Mirabella, Jennifer Mosher, Walter and Germaine Mulvihill, John and Margaret O'Neill, Robert Rooney, Bridie Ryan, Rev. David Stagaman, SJ, Lucille Stanko, John Wagner, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

Alicia Anderson	David Hoffman	Carol Poyner
Dorothy Barns	David Ivanac	Marie Koesters-Ranley
Dolores Berendsen	Chuck Jabaley	Deacon Hector Rivera
Berta Billavazo	Ronald Jakubec	Hector J. Rivera
Ann Buehler	Tom Kinsella	Luis Rivera
Susan Conway	Liz Kunkel	Pedro Rodriguez
Michael De Blasis	Betty LaCour	Ray Romero
Kathy Derrick	Carmen D. Lorenzana	Jeffrey Roscoe
Kim Duffly	Palmira Mancini	Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Jackson Fineske & Family	George Maroquin	Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Alice Flynn	Jose Maroquin	Jack Schank
Padraig Gallagher	Lisa Marquez	Will Sullivan
Eloisa Gallegos	Margaret Sue Meadors	Laura Szejka
Michael Gibbons	Daniel Meyer	Mima Tome
Angela Goldberg	Bill Mobley	JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Kaylee Gommel	Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.	Susan Violapiano
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.	Elda Myers	Jack Williams
Les Gordon	John Paul Nelson	Mae Witry
Mrs. Grabarczyk	Angel Nieves	David Zeumert
George Halloran	Msgr. Kevin O'Neill	Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse
Kellar Harris	Frank O'Toole	
Peg Hausen	Clayton Poe	

We pray for those who have died and those who are ill every Tuesday at Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Come join us in quiet prayer.

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
Saturday 1-9-16	5:00 PM	Rev. Chas Shelby	Rob Harmer	Lisa Hanzelka	Linda Harmer Carly Johnston
Next French Mass Saturday 1-9-16	6:30 PM				
Sunday 1-10-16	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Children Lectors	Barb Schell Margaret Burke Geneva Gorgo	Michael Zost Frank Swiderski Rose Ohiku Jamie Lutkus
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 2-7-16	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM			
Sunday 1-10-16	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Laura Strybel	Carmen Ubides	Bob Pedro Ellen Moiani
Sunday 1-10-16	6:00 PM	Rev. Jim Osendorf, CM	Craig Scanlon	Jon Assell Eileen Raia Dani Shain	Katie Assell Sharon Lindstrom Bert Olson Anne Seigenthaler

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44
Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 10, 12-13; Mc 6:45-52
Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22a
Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16
Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10 o Sal 104 (103):1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Hch 10:34-38 o Tit 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lc 3:15-16, 21-22

Treasures from Our Tradition

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways: “20 + C + M + B + 16.” The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ bless this house.” The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi’s. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi’s quest for meaning and peace. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Es tiempo de añadir los reyes magos al pesebre. En 1448 llegaron los pesebres italianos a las iglesias españolas, pero no fue hasta que el Rey Carlos III le regaló un pesebre a su hijo en el siglo XVIII que el uso de pesebres se expandió en los hogares. Desde entonces, el uso de nacimientos llegó al continente americano en donde se convierte en la decoración principal para las fiestas navideñas.

Así como en todo país latinoamericano el montaje del Belén es una tradición, lo es también en Venezuela. Con el pesebre venezolano llegan también aguinaldos, parrandas, Misas y patines. ¡Sí! ¡Patines!

Desde la mitad del siglo pasado los venezolanos celebran la época navideña con “patinadas”. Estas “patinadas” normalmente se hacen por las mañanas y muchas calles están cerradas a los autos hasta las 8 a.m. para que niños y jóvenes puedan disfrutar de los patines, bicicletas y otros juguetes que les regala el niño Dios. Por eso, muchos niños duermen con un “cordoncito” atado al dedo gordo de los pies, que cuelgan por la ventana para que los despierten los que pasan patinado. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Looking in the Right Places

“Appearances can be deceiving,” as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the “appearing” of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God’s glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God’s glory in our lives: Jesus Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Buscar en el Lugar Correcto

“Las apariencias engañan” dice el refrán. Al celebrar la *epifanía*, la manifestación del Verbo de Dios eterno en la tierra, el refrán sigue siendo cierto.

¡Qué sublime premonición debe haber sentido Isaías al escribir las palabras que hoy escuchamos! Por cuatrocientos años, cómo habrán llenado los corazones del pueblo de Israel con esperanzas de que llegaría el día en que la gloria de Dios se derramaría sobre ellos. ¡Qué desilusionados deben haberse sentido algunos cuando la gloria de Dios les llegó en una vida humana de las más bajas y humildes!

Tenemos muchas expectativas de cómo la presencia divina va a manifestarse entre nosotros. Pero también podemos exponernos, por culpa de esas expectativas, a perder de vista la gloria divina cuando se nos aparece de verdad. Nos entretenemos buscando la estrella, y nos olvidamos que la estrella no es la señal divina, sino el bebé. Puede que tengamos que persistir en el camino antes de llegar a encontrarnos con la apariencia real de la gloria de Dios en nuestra vida: Jesucristo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Today's Readings

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Vinieron unos Magos de Oriente preguntando: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).

Marriage Encounter

Does the way you live your life and especially your marriage give praise and glory to God? Let God transform your marriage relationship.



The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are February 12-14, 2016 or April 8-10, 2016 or June 10-12, 2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

Aprendan como Dios los llama a vivir en su Sacramento de Matrimonio, asistiendo a un Fin de Semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial. Para más información de los Fines de Semana en español, si vive en los suburbios o pertenece a la Diócesis de Joliet, comuníquese con Javier y Gaby Vargas (630) 621-8984 gabyjaviervgs@gmail.com, en el área de Chicago llamar a Oscar y Luz Delgado (847) 826-9525, odelro@aol.com, para los que vivan en el área del sur de Chicago y el Noroeste de Indiana llamar a Juan y Elia Zambrano (708) 825-4099 eliaza4726@sbcglobal.net. Se recomienda registrarse con anticipación ya que el cupo es limitado.

Food Pantry Shopping List

There are six items the Food Pantry could *really* use:

- Pasta & rice (all kinds)
- Oatmeal
- Boxed cereal
- Hearty canned soups
- Regular- and family-size deodorant & shampoo; tooth-brushes & toothpaste
- Extra-strength grocery bags with handles



If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, contact Dave Hilko at dahilko@deloitte.com.

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 contact Dean in the office at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@stteresaparish.org to arrange a visit.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

STOP IN FOR QUIET PRAYER

TUESDAYS

BETWEEN

7:00 & 8:30 PM



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Volunteer Opportunities

The Center for Economic Progress prepared over 18,000 returns and received \$30M in refunds for low-income families in the 2015 tax season!

Help the Center for Economic Progress increase these numbers by volunteering in 2016.

Positions and details can be found at <http://www.economicprogress.org/volunteer/> and questions can be sent to volunteer@economicprogress.org.



Bring Those Bottles Back

Beginning on this weekend, St. Teresa of Avila will participate in the Baby Bottle Project benefiting *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland*.

This non-profit organization directly assists families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer and other aid. Each year the three Chicagoland locations of *The Women's Centers* handle 5,000 appointments with expectant mothers.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you, fill it with your spare change, and return it the week of January 4th.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for *The Women's Centers*. Please return the baby bottles; they are recycled afterwards.

Thank you for supporting *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland*.



Final Call —Clothes Needed

Every week many men are deported from Broadview Detention Center in only the clothing they were detained in: summer clothes, sleepwear, etc.

As a parish community of St.

Teresa of Avila, please consider participating in our clothes collection program by donating new, small or medium men sweatshirts and sweatpants as well as medium and large men's coats, to alleviate the physical suffering of our immigrant brothers and sisters.

Bring your donated items to St. Teresa after any Mass between December 29th and January 3rd.

This project is organized in collaboration with the Office for Immigrant Affairs of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

www.catholicsandimmigrants.org



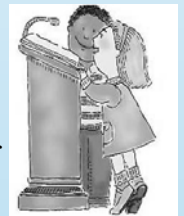
Children's Participation Masses

St. Teresa's next monthly Children's Participation Mass will be Sunday, January 10th at the 9:00 am.

All children are invited to help as greeters, collection basket ushers, or gift bearers at these Masses. Children in 4th grade and up can serve as lecturers upon receiving preparation.

Other Children's Masses next are: January 10; February 7; March 13; April 10; and May 8.

To RSVP for a certain task, to indicate interest in lecturing, or to receive monthly reminders and invitations, please email Kate Lynch at kolynchdre@gmail.com.



Christ the Migrant

January 3-9 is National Migration Week

“Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem ...” The story is so familiar. We so easily see the Epiphany story as a fairytale conclusion to the Christmas season. Magi from the east, a star, camels, special gifts for the newborn king. These are valuable reflections on the beginnings of the life of the Messiah and his different roles. However, these spectacular events may keep us from looking underneath to see the ordinary and sometimes conflicted lives that were the day-to-day reality of the Holy Family.

The magi from the east came from a distance and traveled as they willed. They needed no visas, entry cards or passports. But once they arrived in a territory or country, they were completely subject to the whims of the local ruler.

King Herod was the local ruler in Jerusalem. When the magi came onto his radar, it wasn’t their language, dress or entourage that got Herod’s attention. It was their quest. They had traveled to Jerusalem looking for a prophesied “king of the Jews.” From that point on, Herod dominated the story. His power and control were at stake. A rival king was a threat to Herod. Even if that king was a newborn.

Herod was determined to find this newborn king and do away with him. So, in telling the magi that they might find him in Bethlehem, Herod wanted a report back to help him locate and destroy the child. The magi followed the re-emerged sign of the star and discovered the promised child. How astonished must Mary and Joseph



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have been to welcome these visitors from a far-off country. What delight they must have experienced as the visitors shared precious gifts with their child.

The magi were warned in a dream, and they departed by a different route to avoid giving King Herod information about the child. Not long after, a dream also informed Mary and Joseph that their child was no longer safe in Bethlehem. They must leave their homeland and strike out for a distant place. Jesus, Mary and Joseph became refugees in Egypt.

In recent years, the church has assigned this week between Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord as a time to focus on the plight of people who are migrants and refugees. The magi were migrants in their travels as they sought the messiah. The Holy Family

became refugees in the land of Egypt.

From earliest times, people around the world have migrated from one place to another for countless reasons: to find food, to escape threats and violence, to seek employment, to flee repressive governments, and on and on. The case is the same today. In fact, at this point in history, migrants and refugees number in the hundreds of thousands, their situation due to armed conflicts, hunger, and political and economic instability.

How many times every week do we hear the stories of women, men and children fleeing for their very lives? Families and individuals make long and dangerous journeys because they can no longer bear the devastating conditions of their homelands.

Beginning today, we dedicate a week to migrants and refugees, under the theme: “A Stranger and You Welcomed Me.” Let us reflect on how we, our forebears, and people we know have been or are migrants or refugees. May we find ways to ease the pain and burden of migrants and refugees — those in our midst or at a distance.

In the name of Christ, what mercy can we show to those struggling with the realities of being migrants or refugees?

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Bert Olson
Anna Althoff

Alex Lopez
Justin Peters

Jessica Marx is president of the Parish Pastoral Council; her email is chicago2381@hotmail.com

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

Finance Council

Jane Bronson
Jack Halpin
Chris Parente
Ray Genellie
Elissa Sirovatka

Justin Alden
Dave Hilko
Steve Fortino
Becky Francis

Matt Donner is president of the Parish Finance Council; his email is mddonner19199@gmail.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 Christiansen
Dave Hilko

Dan Hurley
Karen Kinsella
Frank Swiderski
Dave Espinoza
John Mitchell
Dan Summins

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

Parish Offices are at 1950 N. Kenmore, (773) 528-6650, FAX (773) 871-6766. Hours are: 9:00 am to 7:30 pm Monday through Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The submission deadline for Sunday bulletins is 11:00 am on the Monday before. The bulletin is also published electronically on st-teresa.net.

Contact Dean in the Parish Office
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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, including its newest office at Holy Name Cathedral. Licensed counselors, affordable fees, and convenient appointment times, including evenings.

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)
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For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick
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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

Weekday Masses

7:30 am Monday through Thursday
7:30 am Fridays Communion Service

