

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

*A Roman Catholic Faith Community*

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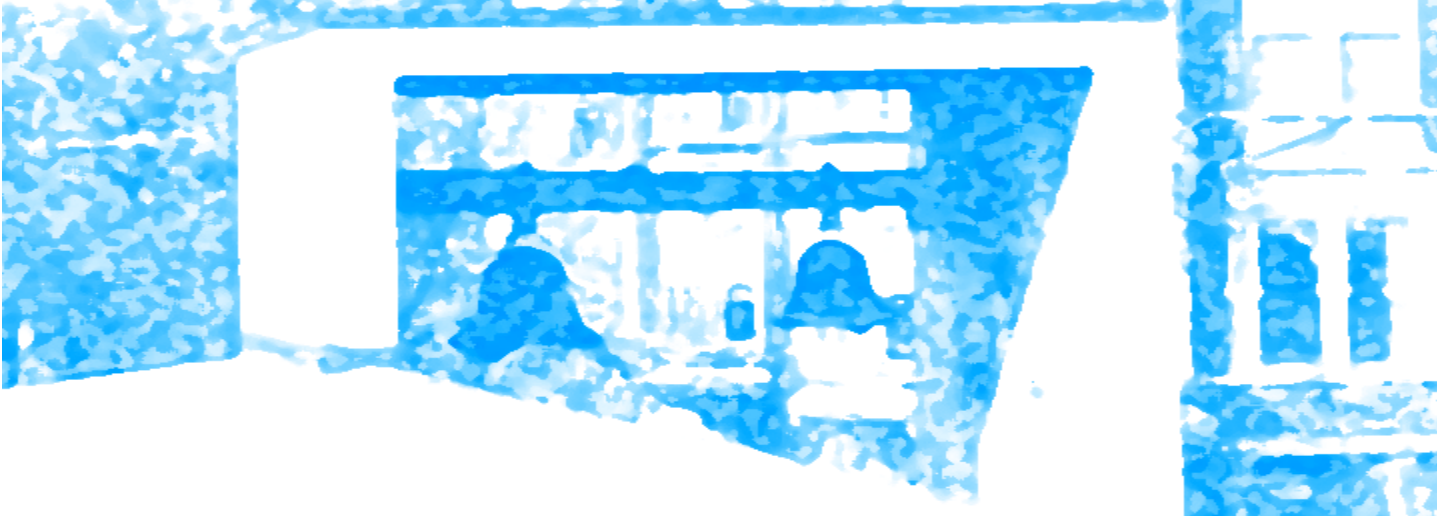


April 9, 2017

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Faith & Spirit.

*Alive*



God greatly exalted [Christ]  
and bestowed on him the name  
which is above every name.

— *Philippians 2:9*

# Stewardship

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## Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities

- Host hospitality after 9:00 am Mass: Hosts needed in April, May & June. Sign up at [signup.com/go/BnYEHC](http://signup.com/go/BnYEHC)
- Join the Welcoming Committee: Are you interested in greeting people on Sunday's, hosting a hospitality, giving tours of the church or helping with new member dinners? Email [kmkutz@gmail.com](mailto:kmkutz@gmail.com) for details.
- Loaves & Fishes dinner: Fridays, 3:30-6:30pm, or socialize during dinner from 5pm-6pm. Register [signup.com/go/NUtfbV](http://signup.com/go/NUtfbV).
- Food Pantry: Saturdays, 9am-12noon. Sign up at [signup.com/go/nLVPbN](http://signup.com/go/nLVPbN)
- Night Ministry: Every other Wednesday. Bake



## Gala Volunteers Needed

The *Time of Your Life Gala* returns to Germania Place this year on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Save the date!

The committee is looking for volunteers to help plan this year's event. If you are fun, social, outgoing, and not afraid to ask your friends, family, coworkers, or complete strangers to buy a ticket or donate an item to our auction, then this ministry

## Refugee Update

St. Teresa continues to help refugees and immigrants through our ministries.

**Mentoring:** A team continues to work with Toyuba, Noorbar and Shakir. St. Teresa has just begun to sponsor a new family from Syria. The family is moving into their new apartment in Albany Park, St. Teresa is donating the furniture and providing rent for the family for the first three months. For more info: [margaretannmiles@gmail.com](mailto:margaretannmiles@gmail.com).

**Job Placement:** Have any job leads for refugees with varying levels of English and experience? Email [Patrickfmurray@mac.com](mailto:Patrickfmurray@mac.com).

**Supply drives:** Two young refugee girls, a Congolese Catholic girl and a Syrian Muslim girl, have been accepted to Josephinum Academy. St. Teresa is sponsoring \$350 towards their registration fee, and will soon be looking to supply them with items required by the school such as a Chromebook and calculator. More details to come, email [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org).

**Save the Date:** On Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, following the 6:00 pm Mass, the refugee committee is hosting an event with a brief discussion of our new Syrian refugee family, followed by a screening of Oscar winning, *The White Helmets*, a 40-minute documentary about volunteer aid workers in Syria.



## Offertory Campaign Results

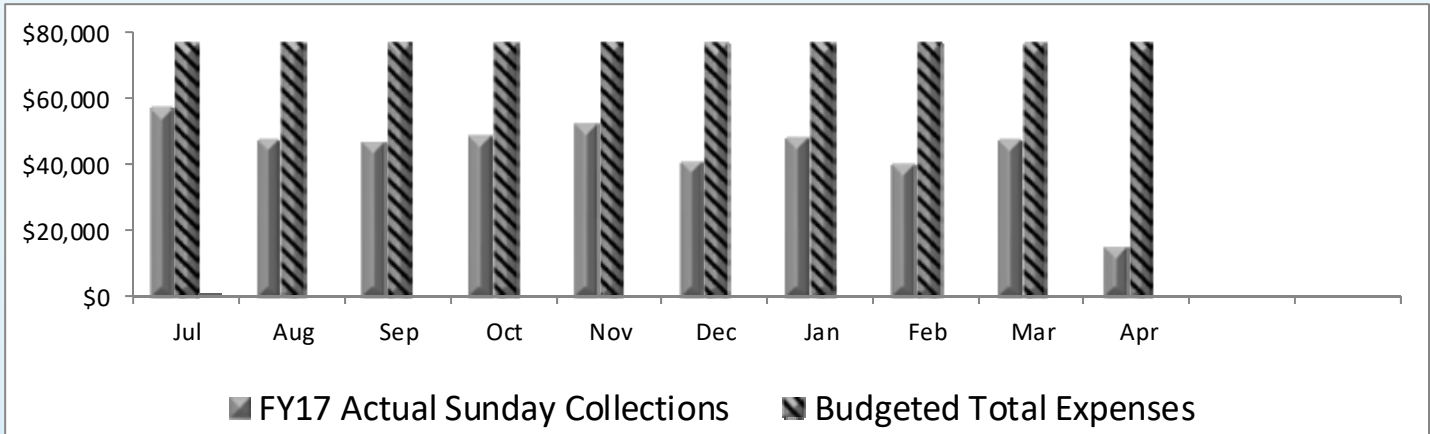
Many thanks to the tremendous support of the parish in our recent offertory campaign. The results are in: We have 48 new givers on Give Central, and another 50 people have participated in our campaign by making an increase to their weekly giving.

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, thank you for stepping up to help the finances within the parish. It's inspiring to see the community come together in this way to make our parish better.

The success with this campaign will get us closer to our goal of covering 100% of our expenses from Sunday Offertory Collections. With a strong financial foundation, we can do even more for our members, the community, and those in need.

**Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org) or (773)**

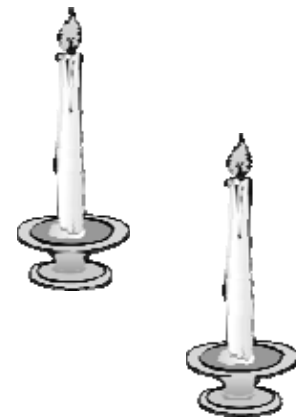
## Fiscal Year (07/1 - 6/30) Comparison to Date



- 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, Christmas and Easter collections, 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 goal of the Finance Council and Fr. Frank to increase weekly giving to meet ongoing expenses and to use the proceeds from fundraisers for special initiatives and outreach programs.
- This year, the Christmas Collection was \$33,580; the Greenery sale netted \$1,511.
- Please contact our Business Manager, Maggie Fernandez, with any questions at [mfernandez@sttereseparish.org](mailto:mfernandez@sttereseparish.org), or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair, at [mddonner19199@gmail.com](mailto:mddonner19199@gmail.com).

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Advent Weekend Count:	3-5-17	3-12-17	3-19-17	3-26-17
Average Daily Mass Attendance	8	12	12	12
Average Friday Communion Service	3	3	3	3
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	75	80	100	43
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	65	-	70	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	240	190	190	200
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	60	-	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	140	145	150	160
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	150	210	130	160
<b>Total Weekend Mass Attendance</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>563</b>
Confessions this Week	0	21*	0	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	1	1	0	1
Funerals since January 2017	0	1	2	2
Weddings since January 2017	1	2	3	4
Infant Baptisms since January 2017	3	3	3	3



\* First Confessions

There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa's 2016 October Count averaged 550 people at weekend Masses. The 2017 monthly averages are: January, 489; February, 570; March, 640 In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1,525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1,653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ratio of 1:7,094 Catholics.

# Parish Calendars

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## Celebrant-Minister Schedule & Events

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Holy Thursday 4-13-17	7:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Minister Needed Lector: Sharon Lindstrom	Andrew De Leonardis Anne Heller Marilyn Aleide	Elizabeth Cuda Minister Needed (C2) Minister Needed (C3)
Good Friday 4-14-17	7:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Minister Needed Lector: Peggy Teterycz Passion: Becky Francis, Daniel Kang, Anastasia Bullinger	Dean Vaeth Minister Needed (H3) Minister Needed (H4)	
Easter Vigil 4-15-17	8:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Genesis: Sharon Lindstrom Exodus: Anne Heller Isaiah: Andrew De Leonardis Ezekiel: Julie Divis Romans: Anastasia Bullinger	Andrew De Leonardis Minister Needed (H3) Minister Needed (H4)	Elizabeth Cuda Anne Heller Dean Vaeth Minister Needed (C4)
Easter Sunday 4-16-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Karen Carpino	Minister Needed (H2) Jamie Lutkus Luke Kolman	Minister Needed (C1,P) Barb Schell Lisa Hanzelka Geneva Gorgo
Easter Sunday 4-16-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Mike Usiak	Laura Moran	Maria Montes Bob Pedro
Easter Sunday French Mass 4-16-17	5:00 PM	TBA			

### Sunday, April 9

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:20 am, Church, Baptism Preparation

### Monday, April 10

- 5:30 pm, PC, New Parishioner Dinner
- 7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council Meeting

### Tuesday, April 11

- 6:15 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm, REC, SPRED PC

### Wednesday, April 12

- No Activities Planned

### Thursday, April 13

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 7:00 pm, Church, Holy Thursday Mass

### Friday, April 14

- 10:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Good Friday Service

### Saturday, April 15

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 8:00 pm, Church, Easter Vigil
- 10:00 pm, PC, Easter Vigil Reception

### Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;

**Thursday:** Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum

**Friday:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence

**Saturday:** Holy Saturday; The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

**Domingo:** Domingo de Ramos "de la Pasión del Señor"

**Jueves:** El Triduo Pascual comienza

**Viernes:** Viernes Santo; Ayudar y Abstinencia

**Sábado:** Sábado Santo; Vigilia Pascual

### April 2017, Food Pantry Schedule

#### Saturday, April 1

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

#### Saturday, April 8

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

#### Saturday, April 15

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

#### Saturday, April 22

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

#### Saturday, April 29

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

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.

# Mass Intentions & Prayers

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 8

5:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

### Sunday, April 9

9:00 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

12:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

### Thursday, April 13

7:30 am Dave Hilko

## Let Us Pray

### Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

*Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Dave Hilko, Joseph Kamalick, Anthony Mastro, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Angel Luis Neris, Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

### Please pray for all those who are ill, especially for ...

*Alicia Anderson  
Dorothy Barns  
Berta Billalvazo  
Elizabeth Ryan Dean  
Michael De Blasis  
Kathy Derrick  
Kim Duffy  
Isabelle Eiffert  
Jackson Fineske & Family  
Alice Flynn  
Padraig Gallagher  
Eloisa Gallegos  
Michael Gibbons  
Angela Goldberg  
Kaylee Gommel  
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.  
Les Gordon  
Mrs. Grabarczyk  
George Halloran  
Kellar Harris  
Peg Hausen  
David Hoffman  
David Ivanac*

*Chuck Jabaley  
Ronald Jakubec  
Krista Kutz  
Liz Kunkel  
Betty LaCour  
Carmen D. Lorenzana  
Gabriel Lozada  
Palmira Mancini  
George Maroquin  
Jose Maroquin  
Lisa Marquez  
Margaret Sue Meadors  
Daniel Meyer  
Tracy Mirabella  
Bill Mobley  
John Monier  
Elda Myers  
John Paul Nelson  
Angel Nieves  
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill  
Frank O'Toole  
Clayton Poe  
Carol Poyner*

*Marie Koesters-Ranley  
Hector J. Rivera  
Luis Rivera  
Pedro Rodriguez  
Ray Romero  
Jeffrey Roscoe  
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD  
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD  
Jack Shank  
Will Sullivan  
Mima Tome  
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer  
Marianne Usiak  
Sara Vega  
Susan Violapiano  
Jack Williams  
Valerie Williams  
Mae Witry  
David Zeunert*

*For the intentions of prayer cards placed on the cross in the church; for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse*

## #prayforpeace

We continue to pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the city of Chicago in 2017.

Our **Mass Intentions** have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Deacon Dean 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 about twelve months.

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25  
**Thursday:** Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
**Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42  
**Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10  
**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

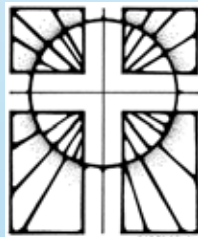
## Lecturas de la Semana

**Lunes:** Is 42:1-7; Sal 27 (26):1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
**Martes:** Is 49:1-6; Sal 71 (70):1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
**Miércoles:** Is 50:4-9a; Sal 69 (68):8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25  
**Jueves:** Cena del Señor: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
**Viernes:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Sal 31 (30):2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42  
**Sábado:** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; o Sal 33 (32):4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Sal 16 (15): 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Sal 19 (18):8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Sal 42 (41):3, 5; 43:3-4 o Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 o Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10  
**Domingo:** Hch 10:34a, 37-43; Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 o 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 o Mt 28:1-10 o (en la Misa de la tarde o la noche) Lc 24:13-35

## Treasures from Tradition

Now we have come to the center of the Christian year, beginning with today, Passion Sunday, Holy Week, and culminating in the Pasch, the Sacred Triduum. Some have called the culminating event in this week's journey of faith "The Three Days of Easter." The origins of many of our observances, including today's blessing of palms and solemn entry into the church, harken back to old Jerusalem.

In the late fourth century, a woman living a consecrated life in southern France made a four-year pilgrimage to Jerusalem. There, she encountered the rich liturgies of the city, bursting with Christians. She was a keen observer, and fortunately for us wrote vivid letters of her experience to a circle of women friends she calls her sisters. By the time of her journey, it is clear that even some catechumens were undertaking the dangerous journey so that they could be formed at the very site of the events of Christ's passion and rising. At the heart of the pilgrim experience were processions, such as today's joyous procession to the Mount of Olives, and brilliant catechesis from the bishop every day, as well as intense fasting and prayer. When you resolve to keep this week holy in your own life, and especially when you commit to participate in the full Triduum with worship in church and fasting at home, a very ancient tradition is within your grasp. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El Viernes Santo es el día más impresionante que se conmemora en el calendario cristiano. Es el día en que Jesús, muriendo en la cruz, se revela al mismo tiempo como Hijo del Hombre e Hijo de Dios. Los hispanos conmemoramos este día no sólo con la liturgia oficial de la Iglesia, sino también con nuestras devociones populares como el Vía crucis en vivo, el Pésame a la Virgen y el sermón de las Siete Palabras. Esta última devoción es también conocida como el Sermón de tres horas y es mayormente usada por las Iglesias protestantes, sin embargo, tiene su origen gracias al sacerdote Jesuita Francisco del Castillo, en Perú.

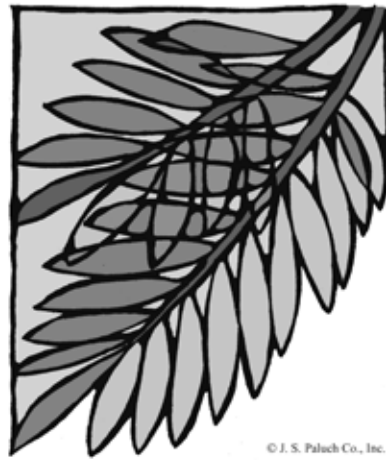
Como Jesús, este santo varón dedicó toda su vida a los pobres y marginados. El Viernes Santo de 1660, mientras predicaba en la iglesia de Nuestra Señora de los Desamparados, ante la efigie del Señor en agonía, decidió hacer una comparación del sufrimiento de Cristo al sufrimiento de los desamparados, llamando a los cristianos al apostolado de caridad y justicia. Las siete últimas palabras de Jesucristo deben movernos al servicio de los desamparados. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## Seeing Christ Clearly

## Para Ver a Cristo Claramente

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

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Hoy comenzamos viendo a través de las puertas de Jerusalén, vemos a la multitud, aclamando y agitando ramos de olivo en el aire. Es una atmósfera de júbilo, triunfo y celebración. Podemos distraernos o embelesarnos con la escena y no ver claramente las características de Jesús cuando entra. Pero nuestras lecturas de Isaías y la carta de Pablo a los filipenses aclaran estas características. Él es el Siervo que Sufre, manso y callado ante sus captores y perseguidores; es la mismísima imagen del Dios invisible, sin embargo, no se aferrará a la igualdad con Dios antes de sufrir su enfrentamiento final en humildad. Isaías y Pablo nos ayudan a "ver al Cordero de Dios" antes de oír el relato de su mayor y último enfrentamiento. Es importante que veamos a Cristo claramente antes de oír el relato de su Pasión, porque nosotros—su Cuerpo por medio del Bautismo, la Iglesia—somos su rostro. Debemos, junto con él, pasar por este tiempo de sufrimiento para que podamos, también junto con él, pasar por su triunfo final.

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## Today's Readings

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).



**Evangelio para la procesión de las palmas** —

¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! (Lucas 19:28-40)

**Primera lectura** — A pesar de mi sufrimientos no quedaré confundido. No me siento avergonzado (Isaías 50:4-7).

**Salmo** — Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado? (Salmo 22 [21]).

**Segunda lectura** — Jesús se despojó totalmente y Dios lo llenó de exaltación (Filipenses 2:6-11).

**Evangelio** — El recuento de la pasión de Cristo según san Mateo (Mateo 26:14 — 27:66).

## Coffee? Tea? Bible Study?

Join fellow St. Teresa members in studying the *Acts of the Apostles*, just down the street at Starbucks. Each study runs for nine weeks - join at any time. Participants will be provided two books: the scripture and a workbook to respond to questions about the scripture. Pick a night and join the group!



**All groups meet at Starbucks, 1001 W. Armitage Ave.**

- Monday at 7:00 pm, leader Jackie Koesters
- Tuesday at 7:00 pm, leader Marisol Sarabia
- Wednesday at 7:00 pm, leader Karen Carpino

**Questions? Email Jackie Koesters at [jackiekoesters@gmail.com](mailto:jackiekoesters@gmail.com)**

## Vacation Retreat: Mariapolis 2017

If you or your family are looking for a different kind of experience this summer, something that is not simply a holiday or a retreat, then the Mariapolis might be just for you.



What is Mariapolis? It is an event organized by the Focolare Movement and is characteristic of its spirit: it is a gathering of people of all ages and backgrounds, spending a few days together putting into practice the Gospel message of love.

The main guideline for these gatherings, which take place in many countries throughout the world, is the 'Golden Rule,' which invites us to do to others what we would like to be done to us. It is an opportunity to experience what happens in a day-to-day life when we have listening, gift of self, and sharing as the basis for our relationships.

**The Midwest Mariapolis is taking place from June 29 to July 3 in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Registration is now open. Visit [midwestmariapolis.org](http://midwestmariapolis.org).**

**Registration deadline is May 4th.  
For more information email [Midwest@focolare.us](mailto:Midwest@focolare.us)**

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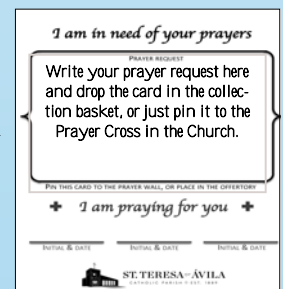
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## Prayer Cards

Do you or does someone you know need prayers? Fill out a prayer request card and pin it to the wooden cross to the right of the tabernacle in the church.

Want to let someone know that you're praying for them? Just initial and date the prayer card on the cross.

Blank Prayer Request Cards can be found on the table next to the wooden cross in the church.





## Experience the Passion of Christ through Living Stations

Experience the Passion of Christ through live interpretation. This annual event will be held on Good Friday at 3:00 pm and all are welcome.

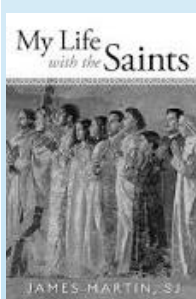
We are also looking for some additional “actors” to help (children and adults). Every year, we have parishioners read each station while the costumed actors interpret the station with no movement. It is a very beautiful and minimal way of interpreting the story of Christ's passion.



If you are interested in participating this year, please contact Carrie Mondschein at (312) 320-1160 or [cmondsch@hinshawlaw.com](mailto:cmondsch@hinshawlaw.com), or Kristen Castelloni at (773) 710-0068 or [kristen@rlcanning.com](mailto:kristen@rlcanning.com).

There will be a rehearsal on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 pm in the church and there will be a mandatory dress rehearsal beginning at 1:00 pm on Good Friday, April 14, prior to the Stations. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## Lenten Book Study for Young Adults



If you are a young adult in the parish (out of college and approximately more or less about under 35ish) and are still looking for a way to engage your prayerful side during lent, St. Teresa is going to be hosting a book study over James Martin's *My Life with the Saints*. It is Fr. Martin's story of becoming a priest and how the lives of the saints influenced his journey. If you aren't familiar with Fr. Martin, he was the Jesuit advisor on the movie *Silence*, the unofficial chaplain of "The Colbert Report," and is a gifted and approachable writer.

**We are considering meeting weekly during lent on Sundays or Tuesdays, so if you are interested please email [john.dewyze@gmail.com](mailto:john.dewyze@gmail.com).**

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- Easter Sunday, April 16th at 9:00 am
- Sunday, May 21st at 6:00 pm

**Email Krista Kutz at [kmkutz@gmail.com](mailto:kmkutz@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining. All are welcome!**



## Confession Times at St. Teresa

If you are unable to attend the Combined Lenten Reconciliation at St. Vincent on April 5th, Fr. Frank will hear confessions on Friday, April 14th, between 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm, before Good Friday Services.



## Who is Our God?

Many years ago, when I was in college, I had a classmate named Jim who distinguished himself as one of the most intellectually gifted persons I ever knew. After graduation, he went on to graduate school to study philosophy in Washington, D.C. I lost track of him until I heard the news of his unexpected and untimely death.

A mutual friend told me that, in cleaning out his room he kept finding notes written in Jim's handwriting with the same two questions: "Who is God? What is it that he wants?"

These questions seem particularly appropriate as we begin Holy Week.

Passion (Palm) Sunday presents us with a very unusual version of a deity. In the words of St. Paul in our second reading, he's a God who "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" — the form of the lowest element of society.

Palm Sunday attempts to answer this question of who our God is by establishing from the beginning that the God of Jesus is like no other. He is unique in all human history.

Notice, for example, that as Jesus enters Jerusalem there are no trumpets blaring, no resplendent carriages proudly acclaiming royalty, no horses bedecked with finery of any kind — nothing that demonstrates power or majesty.

Then remember what Paul told us in today's second reading: He is a God who *emptied* himself.



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**Our God wants us to embody the humble actions of Jesus: the God who "emptied himself" — the God who sat on a donkey.**

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God sits on a donkey. This same God who marches into Jerusalem will encounter a "coronation" ceremony of whips and lashes. His royal "throne" will be a cross. His "glory" will be death.

Why does Jesus do this? Because that is the kind of God Jesus preaches and imitates.

The reason Jesus willingly embraces all of this is for one purpose: to demonstrate visibly that God is the one who identifies with and enters the experience of the people with whom he is madly in love.

Our God is sending a message through Jesus in this Palm Sunday celebration that he wants everyone to hear with utter clarity: "Nothing human is abhorrent to me." All of life — even the most horrible kind of suffering, even death — is something so precious that God wants to be in solidarity with it. God wants to embrace it and transform it. That's who our

God is.

So, what is it that this same God wants from us? Jesus wants us to die with him. Only the death he's talking about is not the one when our earthly time is over. The death in which our God is interested is the death of our egos. He wants us to die to that part of us that wishes to enthrone our own selves, that part of us that dreams of being adored, worshiped, acclaimed, glorified.

God wants us to "die *before* we die," as theologian Richard Rohr so aptly puts it in many of his writings.

So, again: Who is our God? What is it that he wants? These two questions that haunted my friend Jim are the same ones that have mystified modern-day and ancient philosophers alike. In the end, the lessons of Palm Sunday give us the answers to both questions.

Perhaps the apostle Paul sums it up as well as anyone could: "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave."

Our God wants us to embody the humble actions of Jesus: the God who "emptied himself" — the God who sat on a donkey.

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

## Pastoral Council

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The Stewardship Committee meet one Thursday per month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

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

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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.

### Help 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 ...

Friday 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

<b>Saturday</b> <i>en Français</i>	5:00 pm 6:30 pm <sup>+</sup>
<b>Sunday</b> <i>en Español</i>	9:00 am 10:30 am* 12:00 pm 6:00 pm

<sup>+</sup> First and third Saturdays, September through June

\* First Sundays

### Weekday Masses

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

