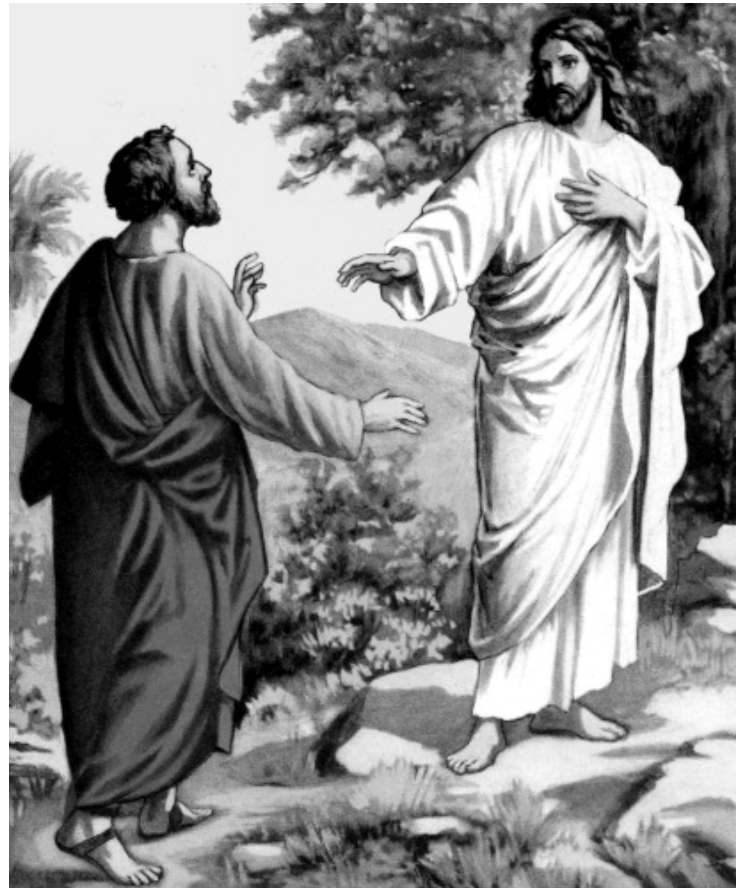


# Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 2017

*He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”*

*Simon Peter said to him, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

— Matthew 16:15-16



Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française<sup>1</sup>)  
Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español<sup>2</sup>) 12 PM, 6 PM  
<sup>1</sup> First & Second Saturdays <sup>2</sup> First Sundays

### Daily Mass Schedule

Monday — Thursday at 7:30 AM  
Friday Communion Service at 7:30 AM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

### Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:30 PM  
Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM

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# Stewardship

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## Refugee Updates

Our Syrian refugee family, Abdulkarim, Latifa and Bisan welcomed the newest addition to their family, baby Mahmoud. The family insists they have all they need, though we welcome anyone from the parish to write a card to the family, or donate a children's book to help the family build their library. Cards and books can be placed in the basket by the prayer cross.

For more information or questions, email Margaret at [margaretanmiles@gmail.com](mailto:margaretanmiles@gmail.com) for more info or questions.

St. Teresa is supporting a new baby from Catholic Charities Refugee program- a woman from Myanmar. We are looking for donations of the following items:

- Gently used crib waterproof mattress pad
- Gently used high chair
- Gently used Sippy Cups
- Digital thermometer

Email Mairead at [mairread.reidy@yahoo.com](mailto:mairread.reidy@yahoo.com) for info

St. Teresa is assisting a young Congolese girl named Tereza. She and her family do not have a sponsor parish. Tereza was recently accepted into Josephinum Academy, and while she received a large scholarship, St. Teresa was able to assist with the remaining tuition costs and fees. We are collecting Old Navy Gift Cards to help Tereza purchase uniforms.

Gift cards can be sent to the parish office or email to [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org).

## Stewardship Opportunity

We are currently scheduling hosts to provide refreshments after all Masses. There are currently 11 spaces left to fill.

If you have ever enjoyed lingering about after Mass over refreshments and conversation, please consider hosting just once per year. It's easy to do. You can sign up through the Signup.com by clicking on the word "Volunteer" at our website [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net). Or visit [signup.com/go/BnYEHC](http://signup.com/go/BnYEHC) to browse our openings to find one that works for you.

Questions/training: Contact Mairead Reidy at [mairread.reidy@yahoo.com](mailto:mairread.reidy@yahoo.com)



## Raffle and Ticket Presale!

Tickets are now on sale for this year's annual fundraising bash, the *Time of Your Life Gala* on November 11, 2017 at Germania Place in Old Town.



Snag your tickets early to this sell-out event and you'll save some money while ensuring that St. Teresa maintains a strong cash flow over the summer season. Tickets are \$125/person now through August 30th, and \$150/person in September and beyond.

Raffle tickets are on sale and our goal is to raise \$50,000 this summer by encouraging our friends, family, coworkers, or fellow philanthropists, to buy a ticket. \$100 gets you a chance at winning your choice of four great trips: Jamaica, Paris, San Diego, or American Music Awards.

Visit [timeofyourlifegala.com](http://timeofyourlifegala.com) or text STAP to 52182 to purchase raffle tickets or event presale tickets. To donate items for auction, email [janelpalm@mac.com](mailto:janelpalm@mac.com)

## Border Ministry Update

This week, Fr. Frank, Tom Micinski, Rebecca O'Brien, Nhu Phan, Daniel Cortese and Abelardo Gonzalez traveled to *La Posada*, a mission on the border of Texas and Mexico, to learn more about how our parish can serve the needs of those entering our country, fleeing from oppression and violence.

The guests at *La Posada* were warm, welcoming, and willing to share their stories. It was an eye opening and moving experience.

*La Posada* is in need of volunteers to assist with tutoring, serving meals, driving clients to immigration hearings, baby-sitting children while parents learn English, and more. Volunteers should plan to spend a week, M-F, in order to have a enough time to connect with the guests and create a meaningful, lasting impact.

If you are interested in visiting *La Posada* on our next ministry trip, please email Rebecca at [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org)

We've just been made aware of a matching grant provided by a donor from Catholic Extension. Donations made to the border ministry will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$15,000. Please consider a donation to benefit *La Posada*. If our parish can raise \$15,000 it will be worth \$30,000 to this wonderful place that is truly welcoming the stranger

Visit [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net) to learn more or make a donation.



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

## Win a \$10 Starbucks Card — Capital Income, Poll #5!

**Prior Bulletin Question:** *What represented 47% (\$66,966) of St. Teresa's Capital Expenses for 2016?*

**Answer:** Church Renovation - *Building Faith Together* Campaign

The winners were **Rick Rausch** and **Jack Halpin** (for the second time). Congratulations! Today is your day! Your \$10 Starbucks gift card awaits.

**To increase the incentive to participate in this poll, we've increase the Starbucks reward to \$10.00!** (A maximum of 10 people can win). Go ahead and give this a try. If you tried this, you should. These things are fun and fun is good.

In this bulletin, we'll focus on St. Teresa's Capital Income. *What money is represented in "Category X"?*

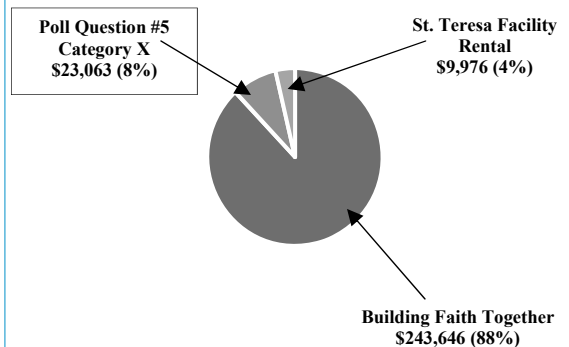
Did this money come from:

- a) Interest income based on the money St. Teresa received from the sale of land;
- b) Dr. Seuss; or
- c) Proceeds from the sale of 10,000 pet rocks

You don't have to answer both correctly to win. Literally any answer will do. In fact, the sentence following this one has the answer. The \$23,063 that St. Teresa received in interest income is based on the money St. Teresa received from the sale of the land to the south of us, at a rate of 5%. Hopefully, this will give you a sense that St. Teresa is making money on its money. Finance council and church staff are welcome to participate in the poll.

Please email your guess to either Maggie Fernandez at [mfernandez@stteresaparish.org](mailto:mfernandez@stteresaparish.org) or Justin Alden at [justin.alden@gmail.com](mailto:justin.alden@gmail.com).

### Capital Income July 2015 to June 2016



St. Teresa's Capital Income	FY 2016	%
Building Faith Together	\$ 243,646	88%
Category X	\$ 23,063	8%
St. Teresa Facility Rental	\$ 9,976	4%
	<b>\$276,685</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Sunday:	8-6-17	8-13-17	8-20-17
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		54	59	50
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		-	-	40
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		175	185	-
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		61	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		145	105	-
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		140	120	-
<b>Total Weekend Mass Attendance</b>		<b>575</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>-</b>
Average Weekday Mass Attendance		12	12	12
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance		4	4	4
Confessions this Week		0	0	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		0	0	0
Funerals since January 2017		3	3	3
Weddings since January 2017		7	7	7
Baptisms since January 2017		22	23	25



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; April, 705; May, 573; June, 541; July, 463. 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
Saturday 9-2-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Lisa Hanzelka	Luke Kolman	Minister Needed (C1,P) Eric Fredericks
Next French Mass Saturday 9-9-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 9-3-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Anne Marie Checcone	Barb Schell Minister Needed (H3) Minister Needed (H4)	Frank Swiderski Margaret Burke Michael Zost Nancy Van Grinsven
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 9-3-17	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
Sunday 9-3-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Julie Divis	Aimee Jaszczor	Daniel Kang Kevin Ludden
Sunday 9-3-17	6:00 PM	Fr. John Rybolt, CM	Sacristan: Minister Needed Lector: John DeWyze	Eileen Raia Luke Kolman Bert Olson	Robert Martinez Cara Gannon Mike Usiak Dani Shain

### Week's Activities

#### Sunday, August 27

- No Activities Planned

#### Monday, August 28

- 12:30 pm, PC, Chicago House
- 6:30 pm, PC, Time of Your Life Meeting

#### Tuesday, August 29

- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, REC, Women's Spirituality Meeting

#### Wednesday, August 30

- 6:00 pm, PC, Zoning Meeting

#### Thursday, August 31

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

#### Friday, September 1

- 10:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 10:00 am, Mom's Group
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

#### Saturday, September 2

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

### Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Augustine
- Tuesday:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Friday:** World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; First Friday
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday
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- Domingo:** Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Lunes:** San Augustine
- Martes:** El Martirio de San Juan Bautista
- Viernes:** Jornada Mundial de Oración por el Cuidado de la Creación; Primer viernes
- Sábado:** Santa María Virgen; Primer sábado

### August 2017 Food Pantry Dates

#### Saturday, August 5

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

#### Saturday, August 12

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

#### Saturday, August 19

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

#### Saturday, August 26

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



# Mass Intentions & Prayers

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 26

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

### Sunday, August 27

9:00 am Frank Kolman  
12:00 pm Julio Luis Ubides  
6:00 pm Frank Kolman

## Let Us Pray

### Please pray for the deceased ...

*Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Eddy Velazquez, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko, Joseph Kamalick, Edward Nevera, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Anthony Mastro, Andrea Mastro Hoinacki, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Angel Luis Neris, Noemie Sylvestre and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

## August Baptisms

*Emory Lucia Shoop (8-6), Amelia Claire Tongelidis (8-6), Thomas Edward Wolforth (8-13), Oliver Enzo Parente (8-13), John Stephen Wanek (8-20), James Joseph Bushman (8-27)*

## August Baptism Anniversaries

*Roberta Sgargolino (8-17), Lisa Hanzelka (8-19)*

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

*Alicia Anderson  
Jason Andre  
Dorothy Barns  
Berta Billalvazo  
Elizabeth Ryan Dean  
Michael De Blasis  
Kathy Derrick  
Kim Duffly  
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  
Joyce Jaszczor  
Frank Kolman  
Krista Kutz  
Liz Kunkel  
Betty LaCour  
Carmen D. Lorenzana  
Gabriel Lozada  
Palmira Mancini  
George Maroquin  
Jose Maroquin  
Lisa Marquez  
Margaret Sue Meadors*

*Sage Mesen  
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 Schank  
Bob Semmer  
Will Sullivan  
Mima Tome  
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer  
Marianne Usiak  
Sara Vega  
Susan Violapiano  
Jack Williams  
Valerie Williams  
Mae Witry  
David Zeunert*

*For the intentions on our prayer cards; for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse*

## #prayforpeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago between Chicago between August 17th and August 22nd: *Damien Rowden; Jose Carlos Romero Hernandez; Kolby Craig; Aaron Clemens; Cornell Verner; Jerrell Perkins; Kenneth Williams; Levell Moore; Victor Davila, Jr.; Kejuan Thomas; Robert Thornton; Stefan Slater; Ernie Gardner; Rakeem Simmons; Curtis Sanderbeck; Javier Pantoja; Celeste Cockriel; Narcisco Ledesma and Antonio Lopez.*

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](mailto: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 to the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for about twelve months.

## The Healing Power of Laughter

A High Tea to tickle your funny bone and touch your spirit. For anyone facing life challenges and for friends and family members of challenged individuals, young or old, men and women 18 and older. This is for you!



Come join us!

Book signing, Photos, Q & A.

Hosted by TV Host Whitney Reynolds

Featuring Lynn Eib,

Author of *When God & Cancer Meet*

Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 1:30 pm

Location: The Ballroom at the Drake Hotel,  
140 E Walton Place, Chicago, Illinois

**\$15 per ticket. Space is limited.**

**Register at [sprinklewishes.com/events](http://sprinklewishes.com/events)  
by September 1, 2017, 12:00 pm CST.**

## Daily Prayer, Scripture and Eucharist Weekday Mass at 7:30 AM

Learn to trust God more. Monday through Thursday morning Mass is over by 7:50 am



There is a brief communion service on Friday mornings, also at 7:30am, for those who want to pray, reflect on scripture, and receive Eucharist.

## Mass to Focus on Domestic Violence

Archbishop Blasé J. Cupich will celebrate a Mass to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, September 30th at 5:15 pm at Holy Name Cathedral. Everyone is invited.



The Archbishop will preach on our need to reach out to victims of domestic violence and their children and work to build healthy relationships in our families.

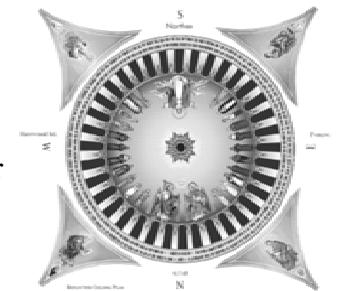
A reception in the parish hall will follow the Mass.

## Trinity Dome Restoration Project Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Next week, parishes throughout the archdiocese will participate in a national collection to complete the final major project, the Trinity Dome, on the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC before its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020.



Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine is the largest church in the United States and is a beacon of our faith to the nearly 1 million who visit it each year and to the millions more who visit and work in our nation's capital.



More information on this project can be found at [trinitydome.org](http://trinitydome.org) and/or [nationalshrine.org](http://nationalshrine.org). Thank you in advance for your support of this initiative through the second collection this week.

## Called to be a Catechist?

Are you being called to be a catechist? We need several more catechists to work with children (3-12 year olds) for this Fall. Sessions are Sundays 10:30am-11:50am, Mondays 4:00-5:30pm or Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm. Training will be provided.



Are you being called to work with Youth? We need several more Youth Ministers to work with our teens this Fall. Our Youth Groups meet Sundays 7:00-8:30pm.

If you are interested in either being a catechist or youth minister, please contact Kate Lynch at [klynch@stteresaparish.org](mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org).

## Help Adults Learn English!

Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for just 90 minutes per week at Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street in Chicago. You do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English.



Join us for one of our upcoming next tutor training workshops: Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> (6:00-9:00pm) and Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am-4:00 pm) or Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> (6:00-9:00 pm) and pm Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am-4:00 pm).

Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

**Register in advance and come both days to begin tutoring. For more information, please contact Sabrina at [Sabrina@aguinasliteracycenter.org](mailto:Sabrina@aguinasliteracycenter.org) or at at (773) 927-0512.**

## Save the Date: September 17th!

Join us for a "Party in the Park" benefiting St. Teresa of Avila's Border Ministries.



Mark your calendar for September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-4:00 pm and join us for a good old-fashioned church picnic to benefit our new Border Ministry.

**Details coming soon. Got questions? Email Sara Hock at [sara.m.hock@gmail.com](mailto:sara.m.hock@gmail.com)**

## Hunger Walk: September 16th!

Save the Date September 16<sup>th</sup> for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hunger Walk. The Hunger Walk is a major fundraising event for the St. Teresa Food Pantry. This year the Walk will be held in Jackson Park.



The Greater Chicago Food Depository is Cook County's local food bank. Working with a network of more than 700 partner agencies and programs including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters, we distribute 160,000 meals every day.

## Annual Men's Retreat on September 8th-10th

Looking for an opportunity to hear God speaking to you? Silence speaks volumes.

St Teresa's Men's Spirituality Group invites and welcomes all men 18 and older to join us at our annual retreat at Bellarmine Retreat House in Barrington, Illinois, September 8th-10th.

This special weekend is spent in silence, providing space to let go of the preoccupations of daily life to allow room to hear God in the depths of your soul.

Retreat master Fr. Peter Etzel, S. J., who has been leading retreats for more than 20 years, will lead a series of talks on *Who Is the Man I Want to Be?* Whether you spend reflective time on your own or participate in Mass and the retreat talks, this will be

rejuvenating weekend, especially among friends who are sharing the silence.

**You can sign up directly at [jesuitretreat.org/retreatschedules/](http://jesuitretreat.org/retreatschedules/) (please indicate Matt Carpenter Group)**

**Contact Craig Dean at either (312)948-5605 or [cdean@aegpartners.com](mailto:cdean@aegpartners.com) for more information.**

**Carpooling will be available.**



**BELLARMINE**  
Jesuit Retreat House

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
<b>Sunday:</b>	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	1 Tes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
<b>Martes:</b>	1 Tes 2:1-8; Sal 139 (138):1-6; Mc 6:17-29
<b>Miércoles:</b>	1 Tes 2:9-13; Sal 139 (138):7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
<b>Jueves:</b>	1 Tes 3:7-13; Sal 90 (89):3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
<b>Viernes:</b>	1 Tes 4:1-8; Sal 97 (96):1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
<b>Sábado:</b>	1 Tes 4:9-11; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
<b>Domingo:</b>	Jer 20:7-9; Sal 63 (62):2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

## Treasures from Tradition

Eucharistic Prayer II is a popular choice for Mass since it is both simple in structure and short. It is written with a preface, which is the section after the dialogue “The Lord be with you . . . Lift up your hearts . . . Let us give thanks,” which introduces all the Eucharistic Prayers. The preface states the reason for the Eucharistic assembly on that occasion, and there are dozens of them covering almost every imaginable gathering for prayer, some specific to feasts, others for Masses for the dead or for other needs. The preface attached to the second Eucharistic Prayer may be dropped in favor of a more appropriate choice, especially one of the prefaces for weekdays. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says that Eucharistic Prayer II is best suited for weekdays or “special circumstances.” In practice, however, it has become the common Sunday prayer because of its brevity and its comfortable familiarity. It also includes an optional phrase for adding the name of a deceased person remembered in the Mass, and therefore is often prayed at funerals. Article 50 of the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* specified that the rites are to be simplified and restored “to the vigor they had in the tradition of the Fathers.” The rebirth of this ancient Roman prayer is a worthy response to this call. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Más del 40% de la población católica en Estados Unidos es de origen hispano y sólo el 6% de los sacerdotes son hispanos. Hay algo que está mal en las cifras. Parte del problema es que en los seminarios estadounidenses no saben qué hacer con las vocaciones y culturas hispanas. Por otra parte, los hispanos deseamos que nuestros hijos tengan mejor vida y la vocación sacerdotal no constituye un lugar privilegiado en la escala social.

Ciertamente, había un tiempo en que los sacerdotes se trataban con mucho respeto, ya no. Últimamente la escasez de sacerdotes y los escándalos en la Iglesia han hecho que el sacerdocio pierda mucho de su encanto. La vida sacerdotal se ha hecho muy difícil. Hoy día el joven que busca el sacerdocio lo busca por servicio y vocación, no por prestigio o posición social.

El sacerdocio es un apostolado que se recibe con el sacramento del Orden. Ser ordenado es recibir órdenes, es decir, ser obediente. Hoy más que nunca, el sacerdote está llamado a la misma obediencia de Jesucristo, obediencia que lo llevó a la cruz y a la resurrección. Oremos por nuestros sacerdotes para que su entrega sea total. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



## Be A Rock

Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



## Sé Una Roca

La historia de Pedro como seguidor o amigo de Jesús es un poco irregular. Resulta natural preguntarnos si Jesús, al darle las llaves del Reino, no se sintió un poco como el padre que le entrega a su adolescente las llaves del auto de la familia. Pero fue en el momento en que el poder y la presencia de Dios irrumpió traspasándolo todo para que brotara de Pedro la gran profesión de fe en Cristo como Mesías que Jesús eligió establecer el vínculo entre la misericordia amorosa de Dios y nuestra vocación como testigos de ese amor y ese perdón en la tierra.

Como cualquier padre, Jesús sin duda previó las fallas, las maniobras irresponsables y los sentidos dañados, las colisiones hacia donde se dirigiría la Iglesia. Pero, lo que es más importante, también nos vio en el momento en que Dios prefiere vernos: capaces de manifestar gran fe, con el deseo de permanecer a los pies de Cristo para comprender lo que realmente es ser Mesías y ser Cristo. Como nos lo señala hoy la carta a los romanos, no hemos conocido jamás el pensamiento del Señor o llegado a ser su consejero, mas Dios nos conoce y aún elige para que manifestemos el reino de justicia, gozo, hermosura y paz. Que esta sea nuestra vocación. Que siempre busquemos ser tierra firme donde se pueda fundar la Iglesia de Jesucristo y sobre la cual sigue edificándose. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

**Psalm** — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-20).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Pondré en sus manos la llave de la Casa de David (Isaías 22:19-23).

**Salmo** — Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente; obra tuya soy, no me abandones (Salmo 138 [137]).

**Segunda lectura** — Los designios de Dios son impenetrables, no se pueden comprender sus caminos (Romanos 11:33-36).

**Evangelio** — Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios vivo (Mateo 16:13-20).

# Reflection

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## Mercy is the Key

For the Israelites, whose history includes a long sojourn in the desert, the image of driving a peg into the sand to establish an encampment of tents was of no small significance.

In today's first reading from the Book of Samuel, when the Lord passes authority over the House of David to Shebna, master of the palace and keeper of the keys, he is designated a well-placed peg to give stability and continuity to God's promises.

In Matthew's Gospel, Peter is chosen by Jesus to serve as that same guarantee for the church. He is the bedrock of the faith and the keeper of the keys. He is the peg placed in the shifting sands of history to safeguard that we have a sure witness to the mystery of Jesus.

Why does Jesus choose Peter? When we look at Peter, we find him described by the evangelists not as the strongest and most reliable of the disciples, but as a boastful man who folds in a crisis, is slow to learn and so weak that he denies he even knows Jesus on the night he is arrested.

Jesus chooses Peter to lead the other apostles for two reasons. First, his Father chooses Peter at Caesarea Philippi by revealing to him what flesh could never know, that Jesus was the Christ, God's Messiah. Peter is the only one who knows the answer to Jesus' question: "Who do you say that I am?"

Second, Jesus understands



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that Peter can only preach God's reconciling love if he first experiences it himself. It is because Peter will fail so completely and weep so bitterly over his denial of Jesus that, when he is finally reconciled with Jesus at the Sea of Tiberius, he will truly understand God's message of mercy (Jn 21:15-19).

In that heart-rending scene, Jesus will walk Peter back through his denials by asking him three times, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" To be the rock on which the church is founded, Peter must first experience the breaking open of his proud heart, like the rock Moses struck in the desert to yield water (Nm 20:11). Peter's tears were his baptism of mercy. It is because of his suffering that he was able to proclaim God's unconditional love to sinners. He was a sinner saved by that love.

It may seem ironic that today's Gospel passage is often used

to assert the superiority of the Catholic church over other Christian denominations. Based on this text, the primacy of the popes and apostolic succession are emphasized as proof for the authority of Catholic teaching.

Yet, the real drama in this story is that Peter has primacy because he is first in failure, first in suffering, first in his need for God's mercy in order to serve the church.

Pope Francis began his time as pope by acknowledging that he was a sinner and that God had first "mercied" him before choosing him. His papal motto, *miserando atque eligendo*, defines his entire ministry. Throughout his papacy, Francis has sought to model leadership for all bishops as merciful shepherds willing to lay down their lives for their flocks.

Isn't this the point of today's Gospel? Isn't this the call that comes to all of us? "Be merciful, for God has shown you mercy." Perhaps the greatest obstacle to showing mercy is that so many Christians feel they have never needed it.

Conversion begins here, with the grace to know ourselves deeply enough to acknowledge our sinfulness and need for God's forgiveness and love. Without this, especially in our human relationships, where all of us fail repeatedly, we will miss the very meaning of the Gospel and the joy of sharing it with others.



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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. Six percent of our Sunday collections 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.

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