

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2017

*Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.*

— Sirach 28:2



Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française¹)
Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español²) 12 PM, 6 PM
¹ First & Second Saturdays ² 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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Strengths in Action Workshop

Are you interested in learning more about your own personal God-given strengths, and how you can put these strengths to use in your everyday life? Join us for *Strengths in Action*.

Participants will take the Clifton Strengths Finder assessment, learn about their unique strengths and the strengths of others, and learn how to apply these strengths at work, in personal relationship, and by volunteering time in service. By learning about your gifts and cultivating your strengths, you act as a steward of the unique gifts God has given to you.

Introduction Meeting: Thursday, October 12th, 7:30pm-8:30pm

Workshop: Saturday, October 28th, 9am-2pm, lunch will be served

A \$20 donation is requested to offset the cost of materials. Email claire.kenkel@gmail.com for more information or to register.

Border Ministry

St. Teresa is partnering with *La Posada* for our Border Ministry. *La Posada*, supported by the Sisters of Divine Providence, provides shelter while immigrants and asylum seekers wait for their cases to be adjudicated before the U.S. Immigration Court and for asylees as they take steps toward achieving permanent resident status.

St. Teresa parishioners are encouraged to volunteer their time and skills and offer their friendship to clients at *La Posada*. No experience is necessary. This is an opportunity to live out our faith: "...I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matthew 25:35)

If you're interested in serving at *La Posada*,

Please fill out the interest form here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/mjpFoy0XFHl9Daom2>

To learn more, visit our table at the Party in the Park to benefit *La Posada* on September 17, from 1-4pm at Oz Park!"

Time of Your Life Gala

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. This seriously fun evening of dinner, drinks, dancing and great auctions and games all to celebrate the good works of our community made possible by the dedicated volunteers and the generosity of our members and friends.

Without the funds from the *Time of Your Life Gala*, we would not be able to continue to fund our many outreach efforts like the food pantry, loaves & fishes dinners, meal service with The Night Ministry, our refugee and border ministries, and Avila in Action grant program. Please join us!

Tickets are \$150/person or \$1500 for a table of 10. Raffle tickets are also available for \$100/ticket.



Visit timeofyourlifegala.com or text STAP to 52182 to purchase raffle tickets or event tickets. To donate items for auction, email janelpalm@mac.com.

Party in the Park to Benefit *La Posada*

Join us for a good old-fashioned church picnic in Oz Park on Sunday, September 17th from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Look for the orange balloons! Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets and a dish to share. Hot dogs, water, and lemonade will be provided.

This is a free event, though all donations made to benefit the migrant mission of *La Posada* will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$15,000.

Volunteer at signup.com/go/bVejoUj

Donations can be made by cash, or check to St. Teresa of Avila, with "border ministry" in the memo line, or online at givecentral.org/location/209/event/13891.



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

Getting the Word Out About St. Teresa's Mission

Prior Bulletin Question: What money represented St. Teresa's interest income as shown in the graph?

Answer: Interest income was based on the money St. Teresa received from the sale of land.

Our 10 winners are: Mary Ras, Anastasia Bullinger, Dave Wisneski, Marian Lee, Andrew De Leonardis, Jim Miloch, Angela Moret, Annie Kearney, Susan Freund, Dennis Smerko.

Honorable mentions: Alex Vizard, Craig Scanlon, Marisol Sarabia

If you emailed us and I did not include you in the list (I'm sorry), please let me know (and feel free to participate in this poll, too!)

St. Teresa recently decided on which charities would receive donations as part of our Social Outreach Mission. We were able to fund four charities, but many charities asked for our help.

In this bulletin, we'll focus on St. Teresa's method to increase our donations for these social outreach campaigns. *What is the best way to let people know about St. Teresa's mission?*

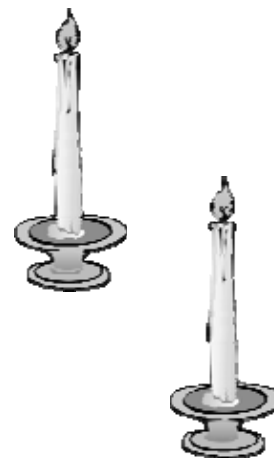
Potential options:

- Articles in major newspapers
- Local community events
- Going to national and international events
- (enter your choice here)

Please stay tuned for our bulletin in the next month where we will have more information from our annual report. In the meantime, please feel free to let us know how you think we can best share our message and help those in need. Thank you again for your help! Please email Maggie Fernandez (mfernandez@stteresaparish.org) or Justin Alden (justin.alden@gmail.com) with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Sunday:	9-3-17	9-10-17
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		40	58
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		-	60
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		200	200
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		40	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		150	130
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		52	165
Total Weekend Mass Attendance		482	633
Average Weekday Mass Attendance		11	11
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance		4	4
Confessions this Week		0	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		0	0
Funerals since January 2017		3	3
Weddings since January 2017		7	7
Baptisms since January 2017		29	30



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; August, 510. 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 9-23-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Barb Schell	Daniel Kang	Eric Fredericks Minister Needed (C2)
Next French Mass Saturday 9-23-16	6:30 PM				
Sunday 9-24-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Therese Rowley	Mark Van Grinsven Brian Shea Jocelyn Lutkus	Michael Zost Rose Ohiku Nancy Van Grinsven Carly Johnston
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 10-1-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
Sunday 9-24-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Callie Pogge	Tyler Paul	Alice Morales-Villenas Bob Pedro
Sunday 9-24-17	6:00 PM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Sacristan: Sharon Lindstrom Lector: Mike Usiak	Robert Martinez Ellen Moiani Anne Seigenthaler	Abel Gonzalez Elizabeth Cuda Luke Kolman Cara Gannon

Week's Activities

Sunday, September 17

[Tootsie Roll Sunday](#)

- 10:30 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Monday, September 18

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Tuesday, September 19

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC-PC, SPRED PC
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, September 20

- 5:00 pm, PC-Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking

Thursday, September 21

- No Activities Planned

Friday, September 22

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

Saturday, September 23

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:30 pm, PC, CCFC Catechesis Registration
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass
- 7:30 pm, PC, CCFC Potluck

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
- Tuesday:** St. Januarius
- Wednesday:** Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions
- Thursday:** St. Matthew
- Friday:** Autumn begins
- Saturday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

- Domingo:** Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo Catequético
- Martes:** San Jenaro
- Miércoles:** Santos Andrés Kim Taegõn, Paul Chõng Hasang y compañeros
- Jueves:** San Mateo
- Viernes:** Inicio del Otoño
- Sábado:** San Pío de Pietralcina (Padre Pío)

August 2017 Food Pantry Dates

- Saturday, September 2**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, September 9**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, September 16**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, September 23**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, September 30**
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, September 16
5:00 pm	Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
	Sunday, September 17
9:00 am	Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
12:00 pm	Tomasita Velazquez; the Jaszczor-Kosek-Pawlowski-Gruszka Families
6:00 pm	Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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

September Baptisms

Brock DeNoma (9-2), Quinn Elias DeWitte (9-3), Matthew James Poplin (9-3), Isabella Figueroa (9-3), Theodore Daniel DeCore (9-10), Annabella Montes de Oca (9-17), Charlotte Grace Azar (9-24)

September Baptism Anniversaries

John Markuson (9-15), Bert Olson (9-16), Craig Scanlon (9-28)

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

*Alicia Anderson
Jason Andre
Dorothy Barns
Berta Billalvazo
Elizabeth Ryan Dean
Michael De Blasis
Alex DeNoma
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
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 September 1st and September 7th: **Melvin James (14 years old); Gregory McDaniels, Jr.; Ashley Harrison; Felipe Bautista, Jr.; Jeremey Tang; Marrio Battles; James McChristian; Antwon Green; Jermaine Jones; and Joshua Bates.**

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 to the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for about twelve months.

Mass to End Domestic Violence

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

Stewardship Opportunity

We are currently scheduling hosts to provide refreshments after all Masses. There are currently 5 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. Or visit signup.com/go/BnYEHC to browse our openings to find one that works for you.

Questions/training: Contact Mairead Reidy
mairiad.reidy@yahoo.com

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Save the Date!

9th annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday October 14, 2017 from 5-8 pm

PARISH CENTER 1950 N. Kenmore Ave



All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner.

Dine on salad, pasta, garlic bread, dessert, and soft drinks for only \$13 for adults, \$6 kids.

We will also have appetizers, beer, sangria & wine and amazing meatballs!

Bring your Friends and Family!

Proceeds from this event will be used for parish operating expenses including Social Outreach.

Daily Prayer, Scripture and Eucharist Weekdays at 7:30 AM

Learn to trust God more.
Attend morning Mass
Monday through Thurs-
day at 7:30am. Mass is
over by 7:50am



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.

Fall Blood Drive October 22nd

When Mother nature is at her worst, human nature is at its best!

Kindly show your support by joining us for our Fall blood drive to help people in Texas and Florida.

We are looking for both donors and hospitality volunteers.

Date: Sunday, October 22nd

Time: 8:00am to 1:30pm

Location: Parish Center, 1950 N. Kenmore

Donors:

Kindly make your appointment in advance at: www.heartlandbc.org or by calling (800) 786-4483.

Thank you for sharing God's gift of life with others most in need.

Hospitality Volunteers:

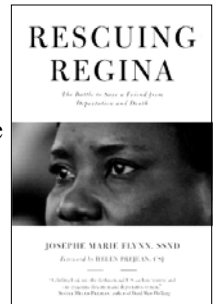
Please e-mail Mark at: mark.buciak@rcn.com
Please consider giving 1 or 2 hours of your time either before or after going to Mass.

Please bring your smile.



Border Ministry Reading Group Starting October 4th

Fr. Frank is starting a border ministry reading group for those interested in participating in the border ministry at St. Teresa. The group will meet to discuss the book *Rescuing Regina*, by Josephe Marie Flynn SSND (2011, Chicago Review Press).



The Border Ministry Reading Group will meet on Wednesdays, beginning October 4th, for six weeks, from 6:00-9:00 pm. If you're interested in participating in the border ministry and joining the reading group, please contact Fr. Frank at sjsasso@aol.com.

Here's a brief synopsis of the book from Amazon:

What is it like to be a young mother threatened with deportation to the country whose government has imprisoned you and whose soldiers have raped and tortured you? You don't want to leave your children behind, but how can you take them with you, knowing that your homeland, ruled by chaos and violence, is notorious for murdering failed asylum seekers?

Regina Bakala found herself in just this situation ten years after escaping the Congo and settling in the United States. Upon arrival, Regina had worked with an immigration lawyer, then joyfully reunited with her husband, also a Congolese torture survivor, and had two children. Life was challenging but full of hope until the night there was a knock at the door and immigration agents burst in. They forced Regina from her home as her family watched, then locked her in prison to await deportation to certain death.

In *Rescuing Regina*, author Josephe Marie Flynn tells Regina's powerful story—and how her husband, a pit-bull lawyer, a group of volunteers, and a feisty nun set aside political differences to galvanize a movement to save her. Revealing what she uncovered about US immigration policies and the dangers faced by those escaping war crimes, Flynn exposes an America most never see: a vast underbelly of injustice, a harsh detention and deportation system, and a frighteningly arbitrary asylum process. In their battle for justice, Regina and Josephe not only confronted dangerous obstacles but also reawakened emotions and traumas from the past. A compelling story of a quest for justice, *Rescuing Regina* is also a tale of friendship, faith, hope, and the transformative journey of two friends.

Join Men's Spirituality

Are you interested in deepening your faith life through discussion with fellow male parishioners?



The St. Teresa Men's Spirituality Group invites you every second and fourth Tuesday at 6:30 am for prayer and conversation.

**Next Meeting
Tuesday, September 19**

For more details, please contact Matt Priesbe at mpriesbe@aol.com.

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Sal 28 (27):2, 7-9; Lc 7:1-10
Martes: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Sal 101 (100):1b-3ab, 5-6; Lc 7:11-17
Miércoles: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Sal 111 (110):1-6; Lc 7:31-35
Jueves: Ef 4:1-7, 11-13; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Viernes: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Sal 49 (48):6-10, 17-20; Lc 8:1-3
Sábado: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 8:4-15
Domingo: Is 55:6-9; Sal 145 (144):2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Fil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Treasures from Tradition

We've seen how the rescue of Eucharistic Prayer II from the mists of history changed the style of our prayer, introducing a sleek simplicity to the prayer said aloud by the priest. Remember, before the reform of our prayer in the late 1960s, the priest whispered the words of the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. His voice was not amplified, his back was to the people, who could only tell what was going on by a shift in his posture as he bowed and genuflected and as bells were rung to indicate his progress through the prayer.

With the emergence of the new prayers, some feared that the old prayer would be lost forever if it weren't somehow changed. The reformers asked that it be streamlined a bit by omitting the repeated "Through Christ" at the end of various intercessions, and trimming the list of somewhat obscure saints. The new edition therefore brackets parts of the two lists of saints in the prayer, unfortunately dropping all the women from the second set. The decision was also made to keep the Lord's words at the consecration exactly the same in every Eucharistic Prayer, although there is precedent for more variety. On November 2, 1968, Pope Paul VI signed off on the plan of the new Mass, and by April 1969, the publication of the revised order of Mass was announced. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1535 los frailes mercedarios construyeron la primera iglesia en Lima Perú dedicada a su patrona, Nuestra Señora de la Merced. Esta orden religiosa se remonta al siglo XIII, mientras algunos musulmanes tomaban prisioneros cristianos en España. Era su misión rescatar a los cautivos, incluso, hasta tomar su lugar si fuera necesario.

Con el paso de los siglos, los mercedarios se han dedicado a rescatar todo tipo de cautivos del abuso social. Por tal razón, muchas imágenes de la Virgen de Nuestra Señora de la Merced la pintan con dos bolsitas de monedas usadas para comprar la libertad de los encarcelados o esclavizados. En otras imágenes carga cadenas abiertas como símbolo de libertad.

Esta patrona de Perú recuerda el deseo latinoamericano de la liberación. Este deseo de liberación se ha convertido en un compromiso urgente para la Iglesia latinoamericana en protesta por los muchos abusos por parte de militares, guerrilleros y carteles de la droga que amenazan la libertad. Jesús vino a liberarnos del pecado y sus consecuencias y su madre (la Merced) ayuda fielmente en esa obra. Su Iglesia no puede hacer otra cosa sino lo mismo. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc..

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Forgiveness

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: “Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?”

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus’ parable in today’s Gospel reminds us of God’s compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Perdón

Unos diez años antes, un padre e hijo se distanciaron cuando el negocio en el que eran socios se fue a bancarrota. El hijo culpó al padre. No se hablaron más.

Entonces el padre se puso gravemente enfermo. La madre llamó al hijo y le dijo que viniera a verlo pronto. El hijo

entró con vergüenza a su habitación en el hospital. El padre hizo un gesto para que se acercara y susurró: “¿Acaso pensaste que podrías hacer algo que me hiciera dejar de amarte?”

El rencor y la cólera son abominables, nos dice la primera lectura de Sirácide. Piensa en tu fin. Deja de odiar. Vive conforme a los mandamientos. Como escribe san Pablo en Romanos, para el Señor vivimos y para el Señor morimos.

En el decimosexto aniversario del 11 de septiembre de 2001, para nosotros en Estados Unidos todavía no nos es fácil perdonar. Sin embargo, la parábola de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda la compasión de Dios. El inmenso pecado de la humanidad ha sido perdonado y borrado del libro.

Tenemos que perdonar a otros de igual manera. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today’s Readings

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — No podemos fomentar el rencor y esperar que se nos perdonen nuestros pecados (Sirácide 27:30 — 28:7).

Salmo — El Señor es bondadoso y misericordioso, lento a la ira y rico en compasión (Salmo 103(102)).

Segunda lectura — Ya sea que vivamos o muramos, lo hacemos en Cristo (Romanos 14:7-9).

Evangelio — Jesús dice que debemos perdonar no sólo siete veces sino setenta veces siete veces (Mateo 18:21-35).

Easier Said Than Done

In Matthew's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to Peter's question, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Jesus further emphasizes his position on forgiveness by instructing Peter: "Each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

Granting forgiveness for minor offences is attainable: the neighbor who gossips about us, the driver who cuts us off in traffic, or the friend who hurts our feelings. As Christians, we are called to forgive all grievances, including the most heinous, brutal, savage crimes against humanity. This level of forgiveness is not only difficult, but can be tricky when dealing with anger, especially when anger is the result of a vicious abuse. As human beings, it is unhealthy not to feel hurt or anger. Not recognizing and acknowledging feelings can lead to depression or even suicide.

Yet, in today's reading from Sirach we hear wrath and anger described as hateful things and "the vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance." And, we hear Jesus' response to Peter. In John's Gospel, we are called even beyond that. Not only are we expected to forgive, but we are called to love: "I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you" (13:34).

Easier said than done. Before we can begin to forgive, and



As difficult as it is to forgive an offender, forgiving one's self may be more strenuous. There can be so many mental blocks to overcome and we may hear condescending, negative voices from past pains.

eventually love, we need to heal. In order to heal, we have to live and work through the pain and anger. We pray for the gift of faith. Faith is a most powerful companion. Faith grows hope. Hope recognizes part of the pain will subside, eventually. Faith and hope grow wisdom. In time, we realize this current pain can't be rushed. We need to embrace the stages of depression. Our self-pitying evolves into self-love.

We begin to do external healing: exercising, socializing, nutrition, self-care and counseling. In order to heal, we realize that we must love ourselves — not a self-centered, myopic love, but rather a healthy acceptance of all our feelings. Internal healing appears when we realize that the love we feel for ourselves is actually the love of God. The love of God has power

over everything. It is in this realization, this power of self-love through God's love, that we are able to forgive. We might never forget the crisis, and maybe we should not forget. Remembering might be necessary to avoid a repeat of the original crisis.

As difficult as it is to forgive an offender, forgiving one's self may be more strenuous. There can be so many mental blocks to overcome and we may hear condescending, negative voices from past pains.

A classic example is the adult-child placing an aging parent into a nursing home. If the parent dies alone, the adult-child might be riddled with guilt. Since the parent is now deceased, the adult-child cannot ask for forgiveness. Healing may require counseling. But, the journey to healing from shock, through depression, through anger, to love and eventual forgiveness surely can be glimpsed in Psalm 103, "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion."

Forgiving can be challenging. The ability to forgive and love is definitely arduous. But, being "crowned with kindness and compassion" makes forgiveness and love possible.

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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...

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