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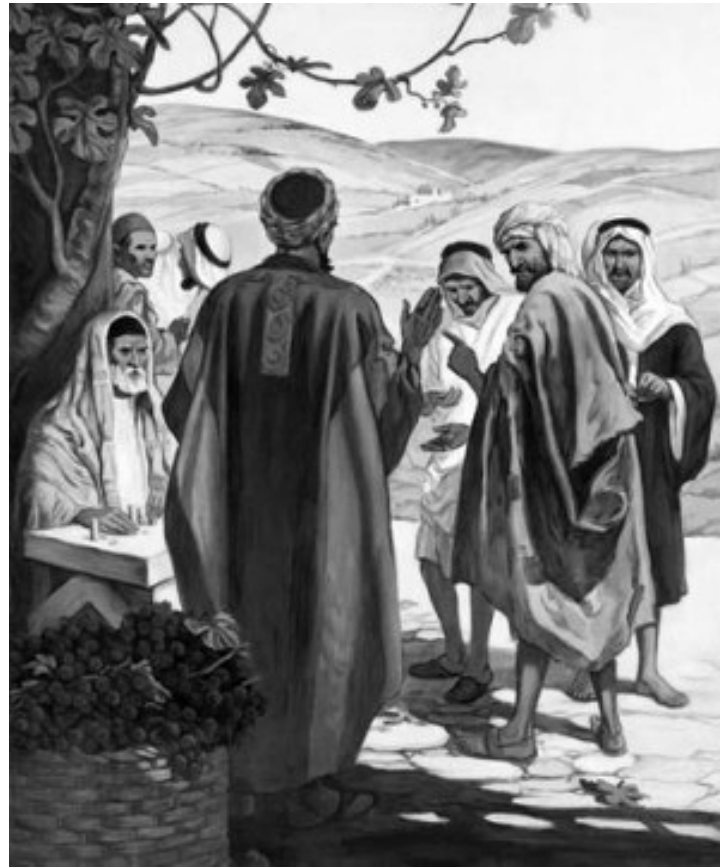


Faith & Spirit, *Alive*

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2017

And on receiving their wages they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us, who bore the days burden and the heat.'

— Matthew 20:11-12



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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Stewardship

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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. Register at givecentral.org/location/209/event/14008 or email claire.kenkel@gmail.com with questions.

Border Ministry

We've raised **\$10,253** to support our border ministry and partnership with *La Posada*. We have faith that we'll reach our \$15,000 goal soon! In the meantime, Fr. Frank will use the funds from our refugee ministry to ensure that Sr. Zita and *La Posada* will receive \$15,000 from St. Teresa plus the additional \$15,000 match from Catholic Extension. We welcome you to make a donation to support this ministry and pave the way for even more support of refugees, asylees, and immigrants.

Fr. Frank will be heading *La Posada* next week to volunteer and learn what it's like to travel to *La Posada*, without being escorted by Catholic Extension. Stay tuned for a guide to help future volunteers who will be making that journey, too.

In the meantime, join us on **Wednesday, October 4th, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Center, where Fr. Frank will share his experience at *La Posada* and we'll kick off our Border Ministry Reading Group with *Rescuing Regina*, by Sister Josephe Marie Flynn (see p.7 of this bulletin). Books will be available then or you can pick one up before/after mass. It'll be an opportunity to learn more about *La Posada* and how you can volunteer.

If you know already that you're interested in going to *La Posada* to help out, please fill out the interest form: <https://goo.gl/forms/mjpFoy0XFH9Daom2>

If you have questions, please email Nhu Phan at nhu712@icloud.com.

To donate, write "La Posada" in the memo line of your check or visit givecentral.org/location/209/event/13891.

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.

Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities

- **Attend** the Time of Your Life Gala on 11/11! Purchase tickets at timeofyourlifegala.com.
- **Volunteer** at the Blood Drive with registration and hospitality. Email Mark.buciak@rcn.com.
- **Donate** to the food pantry at classy.org/give/t124744/#!/donation/checkout. Donations made by November 11th are matched 20%.
- **Become** an altar server! Fr. Frank is recruiting singles, families, adults, anyone interested in serving at the altar. Learn more about the Mass by being involved. Sign up in the Gathering Space.
- **Teach** children during the Children's Liturgy of the Word, or as a catechist. Email Kate Lynch at kolynchdre@gmail.com for more information.
- **Organize** volunteers to coordinate a new, weekly social, in the Parish Center following 6:00 pm Masses.

Email Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org for questions or to get involved with any of these opportunities.

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	9-17-17
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		40	58	60
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		-	60	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		200	200	175
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		40	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		150	130	130
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		52	165	135
Total Weekend Mass Attendance		482	633	500
Average Weekday Mass Attendance		11	11	9
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		29	31	32



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 9-30-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Luke Kolman	Lisa Marquez	Kari Richardson Leigh Hartley
Next French Mass Saturday 10-7-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 10-1-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Children's Service	Geneva Gorgo Shannon Clinton Philip Malloy	Mary Serrahn Frank Swiderski Rose Ohiku Jamie Lutkus
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 10-1-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
Sunday 10-1-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Julie Divis	Alejandro Lopez	Laura Moran Alice Morales-Villenas
Sunday 10-1-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Kate Lynch Lector: Craig Scanlon	Veronique Caffrey Andrew De Leonardis Pete Doyle	Colleen Sulewski Sharon Lindstrom Kevin Lindstrom Bert Olson

Week's Activities

Sunday, September 24

- 10:30 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 1:00 pm, PC, Azar Baptism Reception
- 7:00 pm, REC, Edge-Quest

Monday, September 25

- 11:30 am, PC, Chicago House
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:30 pm, PC, Outside Group Meeting

Tuesday, September 26

- 6:15 am, PC, Men's Spirituality Group
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC-PC, SPRED TC
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, REC, Women's Spirituality Meeting

Wednesday, September 27

- No Activities Planned

Thursday, September 28

- 9:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, September 29

- 10:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 4:00 pm, Church, Smith-Cuda Wedding Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, September 30

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 2:00 pm, Church, Smith-Cuda Wedding

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** Ss. Cosmas and Damian
- Wednesday:** St. Vincent de Paul
- Thursday:** St. Wenceslaus;
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
- Friday:** Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
- Saturday:** St. Jerome

- Domingo:** Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Martes:** Santos Cosme y Damián
- Miércoles:** San Vicente de Paul
- Jueves:** San Wenceslao;
San Lorenzo Ruiz y compañeros
- Viernes:** Los Arcángeles Miguel, Gabriel y Rafael
- Sábado:** San Jerónimo

September 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 23
5:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Sunday, September 24
9:00 am Aine Jones; James Woods
12:00 pm Pedro and Maria Velazquez
6:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

Lauren Dittich 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 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 September 8th and September 14th: **Antonio Monteza (17 years old); Steven Reid; Jazquell Mosley; Dominic Morris; Tyson White; Carlos Cortez; Patrick Thompson, Jr.; Terrance Johnson; Erick Charles, Jr.; and James Posey.**

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 5:15 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.

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**

High School Youth Group, QUEST, Starts September 24th

All high school students are welcome to join our youth group QUEST, which begins September 24th and meets every other Sunday from 4:30-6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

In QUEST, we build community with one another, discuss important topics of the day that revolve around morality and social justice, and of course, have a great deal of fun! Pizza is provided.

Please contact Christina at ccunha@luc.edu to be included in our e-mail list.

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.

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, October 10

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

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, Florida, Puerto Rico, and Mexico City. We are looking for both donors and hospitality volunteers.



Date: Sunday, October 22nd

Time: 8:00 am to 1:30 pm

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.



Thank You, My Brothers & Sisters

To St. Teresa's 9:00 am Mass Community —

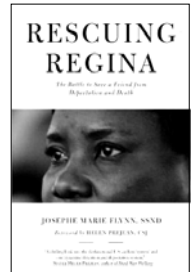
A heartfelt thank you for all your support and help. You truly made me feel like your sister in Christ on Sunday, September 17th.



Sincerely,
Pat Stanley

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 either Fr. Frank at fjsasso@aol.com or Nhu Phan at nhu712@icloud.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.

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Esd 1:1-6; Sal 126 (125):1b-6; Lc 8:16-18
Martes:	Esd 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Lc 8:19-21
Miércoles:	Esd 9:5-9; Tob:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lc 9:1-6
Jueves:	Ag 1:1-8; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lc 9:7-9
Viernes:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 o Apo 12:7-12a; Sal 138 (137):1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Sábado:	Zac 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lc 9:43b-45
Domingo:	Ez 18:25-28; Sal 25 (24):4-9; Fil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

Treasures from Tradition

Along with the reform of the Roman Canon and the redrafting of an ancient Roman prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, two additional prayers were announced in 1969.

Eucharistic Prayer III is a fresh composition. Like Eucharistic Prayer II, it has no preface of its own, but the presider chooses from a long menu of possible prefaces to become part of the prayer on a particular occasion. Also, like Eucharistic Prayer II it has a way to insert the name of the deceased in Masses for the dead such as funerals and memorials. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* views Eucharistic Prayer III as the best substitute for Eucharistic Prayer I on Sundays and feasts.

In practice, this prayer is used very often at Sunday Mass, and its texts are familiar to all members of the assembly. In this prayer, notice that the priest extends his hands over the gifts and calls down the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This call of the Holy Spirit is called the *epiclesis*, and Eastern Christians consider it to be the consecration. Latin Christians have long considered the “institution narrative” to be the consecration. Partly in response to a deep sensitivity to the East, the reformers took care to structure all our new prayers with a strong *epiclesis*. The poetry and images of Eucharistic Prayer III are fruitful sources of meditation. Why not take a sentence or two into your private prayer? — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Las actas de los mártires son documentos de suma importancia en la Iglesia cristiana. En ellas se encuentra el testimonio de hombres y mujeres que con su sangre dieron testimonio del evangelio. En esta documentación encontramos el testimonio de quienes vieron y presenciaron su martirio. Por ejemplo, un soldado dice de los mártires: “Dormían en el suelo. No les vi quejarse en ningún momento y estuvieron todo el tiempo rezando y muy recogidos. . . magníficos, unos santos. . .”.

Testimonios como éste eran comunes en los primeros siglos del cristianismo cuando en la Roma pagana se perseguía a la Iglesia primitiva. Lamentablemente, este testimonio no viene de hace 17 ó 19 siglos, más bien, viene del siglo pasado, siglo en el cual la persecución de cristianos se multiplicó por todas partes del mundo produciendo más mártires que ningún otro siglo.

El testimonio del soldado fue acerca del primer santo Argentino, Héctor Valdivielso Sáez y compañeros, quienes fueron asesinados por los comunistas en Asturias, España. Él fue uno de los más de 8000 cristianos martirizados en España, 30,000 en China, incontables en Latinoamérica y otros lugares durante el siglo pasado. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Call Upon The Lord

The very first line of today's first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today's responsorial psalm: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him" (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, "For to me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today's Gospel. There we find that God's love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Clama Al Señor

La primera línea de la lectura de hoy nos ordena buscar al Señor e invocar a Dios. Escuchamos el eco de este sentimiento en el refrán del salmo responsorial del día: "Cerca está el Señor de los que lo invocan" (Salmo 145:18a). San Pablo es la encarnación de alguien que constantemente buscó al Señor. En la cita que leímos hoy de su carta a los filipenses, encontramos a san Pablo hacia el final de su vida, vida que describe como en completa consonancia con Cristo. Escribe: "Porque para mí, la vida es Cristo" (Filipenses 1:21). Para saber lo que significa vivir una vida de completo acuerdo con Cristo basta mirar el Evangelio de hoy. Allí encontramos que el amor y la misericordia de Dios son inconmensurables para todos los que buscan e invocan al Señor. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Así como el cielo está muy alto por encima de la tierra, así son los caminos y los pensamientos de Dios sobre los nuestros (Isaías 55:6-9).

Salmo — El Señor está cerca de todos los que lo llaman (Salmo 145 [144]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo se

magnificará a través de mí, sea que yo viva o que muera (Filipenses 1:20c-24, 27a).

Evangelio — Los últimos serán los primeros y los primeros serán los últimos (Mateo 20:1-16a).

The Holy Abandon of Love

In the passage just before this reading, the rich young man went away sad his question answered. The apostles ask “Who then can be saved?” Jesus responds, “What’s impossible for people is possible for God.” Jesus tells them that they will sit on thrones and judge Israel. Any who gave up parents, children, or land for him will receive 100 times more (Matthew 19:26-29).

In today’s parable, Jesus likens the kingdom of heaven to a person: a living, breathing, decisionmaking landowner who gives to everyone equally. Are the apostles being called to be this kind of judge? Are we?

Jesus is teaching the flippened-its-head rules of the kingdom. He did it often before: Wash each other’s feet. Take last place. Practice humility.

Jesus reminds us that God is free to do whatever God likes. God’s response to workers hired at dawn reminds me of God’s conversation with Job, “Who do you think you are?” Or, as Scripture says, “Who then dares stand before me? ...Everything under heaven is mine” (Job 41:2-3). Am I envious because God is generous to someone else? Do I resent people who seem to be less deserving or have what appears to me to be less skin in the game? Which workers do *you* most relate to?

Isaiah talks about mercy in the first reading. A forgiving, re-



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Today’s readings are an invitation for us to go looking for God’s forgotten ones. To treat them not with a human standard of fairness, but with a holy abandon of love, compassion and un-earned generosity.

lenting God. Do any of us deserve this kingdom from this God of compassion and loving-kindness? God is generous, even if it seems to me that some people deserve less. Today’s parable isn’t about what I am worth. It’s about what *she’s* worth — Does *she* deserve the kingdom?

God invites us to imitate divine generosity: the extravagant God, who gives and forgives without limit. The early-hires complain. “You have made *them* equal to *us*!”

Imagine for a moment that you are one of the people hired in that final hour. What’s your reaction to seeing the ones who worked all day get the same pay as you? What was God thinking to pay you first? Why not pay those hired at dawn *first*, and let them leave, and more privately lavish generosity on you? Was God showing off?

But what if everyone hired in the Gospel is in one family? The second reading calls us “brothers and sisters.” Would the landowner’s pay-scale be more palatable if the one hired at the end of the day is my sister, my mother? Would we feel more lenient?

The landowner promises to pay what is just, but on a pay-scale we don’t anticipate, or use ourselves: God is good to all; generous to a fault. Extravagantly merciful, allowing rain on the good and the bad (Matthew 5:45).

God seeks out workers constantly. All day God goes to *our* town squares and invites — through us. Workers are passively standing around. They don’t approach the landowner. What does this say about God? In Isaiah, we are commanded to seek God while God may be found. But what if we don’t search for God? The landowner will come looking. God seeks me out.

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