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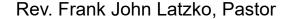
Faith & Spirit, Alive

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 2017

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

"Which of the two did the father's will?" They answered, "The first."

— Matthew 21:31



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

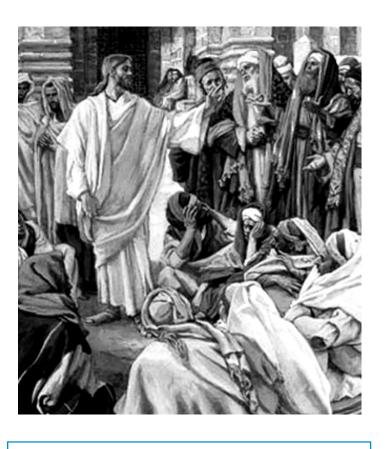
Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

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

A \$20 donation is requested to offset the cost of materials. Register at givecentral.org/location/209/event/14008 or email robrien@stteresaparish.org 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 Miniatry 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/mjpFoy0XFHl9Daom2

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.
- <u>Volunteer</u> at the Blood Drive with registration and hospitality. Email Mark.buciak@rcn.com.
- <u>Donate</u> to the food pantry at classy.org/give/t124744/#!/ donation/checkout. Donations made by November 11th are matched 20%.
- <u>Become</u> an altar server! Fr. Frank is recruiting singles, families, adults, anyone interested in serving at the alter. Lear more about the Mass by being involved. Sign up in the Gathering Space.
- <u>Teach</u> 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.

Financial Stewardship

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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 9-24-17 Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance 40 58 60 64 55 Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French) Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance 200 200 175 235 Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish) 40 Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance 130 130 130 Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance Total Weekend Mass Attendance 649 Average Weekday Mass Attendance Average Friday Communion Service Attendance Confessions this Week Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week Funerals since January 2017 Weddings since January 2017 Baptisms since January 2017

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; September 566.S 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.

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Celebrant-Minister Schedule & Events

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 10-7-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Christopher Toups	Eric Fredericks	Rob Harmer Philip Malloy
Next French Mass Saturday 10-7-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 10-8-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Brian Shea	Margaret Burke Carly Johnston Rose Ohiku	Barb Schell Pete Doyle Molly Malloy Jocelyn Lutkus
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 11-19-17	10:30 AM	TBD	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
Sunday 10-8-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Patti Neugent	Carmen Ubides	Bob Pedro Aimee Jaszczor
Sunday 10-8-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Kate Lynch Lector: Krista Kutz	Andrew De Leonardis Cara Gannon Anne Heller	Sharon Lindstrom Ellen Moiani Minister Needed (C3) Dani Shane

Week's Activities

Sunday, October 1

- · 10:30 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- · 10:30 am, PC, Parent Adult Formation
- · 11:30 am, PC, Ruiz Anniversary Reception
- · 4:30 pm, REC, Quest
- 7:00 pm, REC, The Edge

Monday, October 2

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

Tuesday, October 3

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC-PC, SPRED PC
- · 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:30 pm, PC, Time of Your Life Meeting

Wednesday, October 4

- 5:00 pm, PC-Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking
- 6:00 pm, PC, Border Ministry Reading Group

Thursday, October 5

9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, October 6

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

Saturday, October 7

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

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi
Thursday: Blessed Francis Xavier

Seelos

Friday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie

Rose Durocher; First Friday

Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary;

First Saturday

Domingo: Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del

Tiempo

Lunes: Santos Ángeles Custodios

Miércoles: San Francisco de Asís
Jueves: Beato Francis Xavier Seelos

Viernes: San Bruno; Beata Marie-Rose Durocher; Primer viernes

Sábado: Nuestra Señora del Rosario;

Primer sábado

This Month's Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, October 7

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

Saturday, October 14

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

Saturday, October 21

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

Saturday, October 28

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	Let Us Pray
5:00 pm 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Saturday, September 30 Raymond McGirr Sunday, October 1 Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish Ana Maria Ruiz Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish	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

This Month's Baptisms

Elizabeth Klupchak (10-1), Elle March (10-8), Thomas Johnston (10-14), Charles Assell (10-29)

This Month's Baptism Anniversaries

Nicholas Marselle (10-18), Peggy Teterycz (10-19), Krista Kutz (10-26), Kotrina Hilko (10-30), Sharon Lindtron (10-31)

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

Alicia Anderson	Mrs. Grabarczyk	Margaret Sue Meadors	Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Jason Andre	George Halloran	Sage Mesen	Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Dorothy Barns	Kellar Harris	Daniel Meyer	Jack Schank
Berta Billalvazo	Peg Hausen	Tracy Mirabella	Bob Semmer
Elizabeth Ryan Dean	David Hoffman	Bill Mobley	Will Sullivan
Michael De Blasis	David Ivanac	John Monier	Mima Tome
Alex DeNoma	Chuck Jabaley	Elda Myers	JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Kathy Derrick	Ronald Jakubec	John Paul Nelson	Marianne Usiak
Kim Duffy	Joyce Jaszczor	Angel Nieves	Sara Vega
Isabelle Eiffert	Frank Kolman	Msgr. Kevin O'Neill	Susan Violapiano
Jackson Fineske & Family	Krista Kutz	Frank O'Toole	Jack Williams
Alice Flynn	Liz Kunkel	Clayton Poe	Valerie Williams
Padraig Gallagher	Betty LaCour	Carol Poyner	Mae Witry
Eloisa Gallegos	Carmen D. Lorenzana	Marie Koesters-Ranley	David Zeunert
Michael Gibbons	Gabriel Lozada	Hector J. Rivera	For the intentions on our prayer
Angela Goldberg	Palmira Mancini	Luis Rivera	cards; for survivors and perpetra-
Kaylee Gommel	George Maroquin	Pedro Rodriguez	tors of sexual abuse
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.	Jose Maroquin	Ray Romero	iors of sexual abuse
Les Gordon	Lisa Marquez	Jeffrey Roscoe	

#prayforpeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago between Chicago between September 14th and September 21st: Issac Harper; Joshua Rayborn; John Bolden; Catherine Barnett; Juan Bahena, Jr.; Anthony White; Jesse Bennett; Darius Buckley; Maurice King; Miguel Sandoval; Ida Arvizu; Michelle Cano; Joel Sandoval; Micah Brown; Dantrell Morgan; Jawon Garrett; Angelo Terrell; and Isaac Hughes-Allen.

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

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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 stteresa.net. Or visit signup.com/go/BnYEHC to browse our openings to find one that works for you.

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

2018 Lector Workbooks Available

Lector Workbooks for 2018 in both English and Spanish are in the Sacristy.

All Lectors should pick up a copy. The Workbooks help prepare Lectors to proclaim the Word during Sunday liturgy.



Lectors are asked to please write enter their name on the list when they pick their workbooks.

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.

Save the Date!

9^{ւհ} 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.

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on October 7th at 4:00 pm in the church.



Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la devoción del rosario Primerasábado a Nuestra Señora de Fátima el 7 de Octobre a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

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Thank You Hunger Walkers

A special thanks to everyone who participated in the GCFD's 2017 Hunger Walk in support of our Food Pantry. There is still time to donate and have the funds matched by the Food Depository. Please use the link below to direct your donation to Team St Teresa:



Donations can be accepted up until November 1st. Thanks for all you do in support of St Teresa and the Food Pantry!

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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 appoint-

ment in advance at: www.heartlandbc.org or by call-

ing (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).

tact Fr. Frank at fjsasso@aol.com.



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 con-

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.

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56 **Wednesday:** Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62 **Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;

Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-

24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;

Mt 21:33-43

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Zac 8:1-8; Sal 102 (101):16-21, 29, 22-23;

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Martes: Zac 8:20-23; Sal 87 (86):1b-7; Lc 9:51-56

Miércoles: Neh 2:1-8; Sal 137 (136):1-6; Lc 9:57-62

Jueves: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Sal 19 (18):8-11;

Lc 10:1-12

Viernes: Bar 1:15-22; Sal 79 (78):1b-5, 8-9;

Lc 10:13-16

Sábado: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Sal 69 (68):33-37;

Lc 10:17-24

Domingo: Is 5:1-7; Sal 80 (79):9, 12-16, 19-20;

Fil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Treasures from Tradition

Eucharistic Prayer IV is, like Eucharistic Prayer III, a fresh composition from the 1960s, based on a prayer from the

tradition of the ancient church of Alexandria. It has an interesting structural feature. The new prayers all nod toward the East with the *epiclesis*, or calling down of the Spirit, over the gifts. In this prayer the Spirit is asked to come down again, after the consecration, to make holy the communicants who "partake of this one Bread and one Chalice that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your

glory." This beautiful phrase is well worth meditating on. What is the goal of your reception of Holy Communion today?

The preface for this Eucharistic Prayer is firmly attached to the prayer, and the directives for using the prayer anchor it to Ordinary Time. It is not intended to be an option if the Mass has a proper preface of its own, like a funeral, a Lenten weekday, or a great feast. It is not often used these days, in part because of these limitations. At first, it was suggested that this prayer was better suited to small groups of people who were well educated in scripture. This was kind of an odd stipulation, especially since its images are so beautiful and worthy of attention. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

La práctica de usar nudos en una cuerda para contar oraciones tiene una larga trayectoria en la fe cristiana.

Originalmente un cordón con 150 nudos o piedritas se usaba para contar la recitación de los 150 salmos encontrados en la Sagrada Escritura. Con el tiempo, visto que mucha gente no podía leer o recitar de memoria los salmos, se sustituyeron por el uso de 150 Padrenuestros. A finales de la Edad Media muchos sustituyeron los Padrenuestros con el saludo del ángel Gabriel a María. En el siglo XVI se formuló lo que hoy reconocemos como el Avemaría, y en el año 1569, el Papa

Pío V estableció el Rosario en su forma y uso actual.

En 1592 un fraile dominico mandó hacer una imagen de la Virgen del Rosario para su convento en Guatemala. Según la leyenda, María viajaba por América con su Hijito y éste se quedó dormido en Guatemala, por lo cual se quedaron allí. En 1821 los independistas guatemaltecos tomaron a la Virgen del Rosario como protectora y en 1833 fue nombrada patrona oficial de Guatemala. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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God's Ways

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordi-

nary Time one week's texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week's concluded. The sentiments expressed in today's first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, "The LORD's way is not fair!" (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God's way has the tendency

to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God's mercy and love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

El Proceder de Dios

En la corriente de lecturas durante esta porción del

Tiempo Ordinario a menudo parece que los textos de una semana se retoman donde concluyeron los de la semana anterior. Los sentimientos expresados en la primera lectura de hoy parecen ser reacción directa ante el pasaje del Evangelio que escuchamos la semana pasada. En ese Evangelio, el dueño de la viña paga el mismo salario a sus trabajadores, sea que hayan trabajado todo el día o sólo en los últimos minutos de la jornada. Hoy Ezequiel ofrece este lamento, "No es justo el proceder del Señor" (Ezequiel 18:25). Estos

domingos del Tiempo Ordinario nos ofrecen una ojeada del proceder del Señor. Vemos cómo ese proceder tiene la tendencia de poner patas arriba las convenciones aceptadas. Los que siempre esperaron que su camino al cielo estaba garantizado quedaron desilusionados. A los que pensaron que nunca tendrían la oportunidad, se les da la oportunidad. Hoy se nos ofrece la oportunidad de descubrir la abundancia de la misericordia y el amor de Dios. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from

their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Consider others as

better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Apártate del pecado para que vivas (Ezequiel 18:25-28).

Salmo — Recuerda tus bondades, oh Señor (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — Guarda en ti la misma actitud que está también en Cristo Jesús (Filipenses 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Evangelio — El que obedece al Señor aunque sea con resistencia, es el que hace la voluntad del Padre (Mateo 21:28-32).



What is your opinion?

In today's Gospel, Jesus states the very question posed in this article's title. Amazingly enough, he seems to want feedback! Jesus wants to know, not just what the leaders of the temple thought back then, but what you and I think right now.

So, what is your opinion? What do you think of this story that he proceeds to tell about the two sons who are sent out to work in a vinevard?

Here's my opinion: You and I are both of these sons. At times we're people who say all the right things, follow all the right rules, profess a belief in all the most important ideas about God and church, and present ourselves as upstanding citizens for all to see. At that time considered unclean; the other times, we change our minds and find ourselves slipping into behaviors that imply a denial of all that we profess to believe. In other words, we're the "Yes, sir" people who then "did not go" in today's Gospel. Sometimes.

At other times, we're the people who resist what we know to be the right thing to do. We're the "I will not" person of today's Gospel who "afterwards changed his mind and went."

So, we're a mix. Sometimes we say one thing and do another. Other times, we refuse to do the right thing, but then repent and seek first in the kingdom of God. forgiveness.

Here's another opinion of mine: Where you and I stumble the most is precisely in the area that Jesus keeps emphasizing over and



Perhaps the opinion of St. Paul in the beautiful and poignant reading from Philippians we hear today will suggest a response... "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus ... who ... Emptied himself taking the form of a slave." What's your opinion?

over — our attitudes and behaviors toward the very people Jesus claims will be first in the kingdom of God — the people the Jewish leaders at people they believed should be avoided at all costs, ignored, dismissed from the temple, and viewed as impure.

Two millennia later from the time in which this Gospel was written, these very same people are the ones we still tend to designate to be "impure": the homeless, the mentally ill, the imprisoned, the immigrants.

And yet, these are precisely the ones Jesus embraced; the ones he allowed to wash his feet with their tears and dry them with their hair; the ones he told us would be

How can this be? Why would Jesus choose them?

Most of us, after all, would have the opinion that we're the hardworking ones; we're the ones

who have demonstrated will power and obedience and strength of character — and all those other qualities that make for good citizens and loyal churchgoers.

Perhaps the opinion of St. Paul in the beautiful and poignant reading from Philippians we hear today will suggest a response to this statement: "Have in you the same attitude that is in Christ Jesus ... who ... Emptied himself taking the form of a slave."

All the people listed in the Gospel by Jesus as being first are those who are powerless, "emptied" people. They are people who have been brought to their knees by terrible hardship even to the point of being forced to "take the form of a slave."

But, here's the surprise: What little they do have in their lives is the very thing Jesus is most looking for — room for God. They now have the space for the Spirit to become operative so that true transformation can take place.

This was the opinion of Jesus: The people most pre-disposed to radical change in their lives were those who had nothing to lose, people who were not just hungry, but starving for liberation and transformation.

So, in the end, my opinion is still the same as that of Paul: "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus ... who ... Emptied himself taking the form of a slave." What is your opinion?

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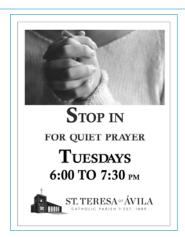
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