

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA





Faith & Spirit, Alive

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 2017

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."

— Matthew 22:21

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.

Strengths in Action is Saturday, October 28th, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Lunch will be served.

A donation of \$20 is requested to offset the cost of the course materials.

Pre-registration is required.

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

Border Ministry

La Posada, operated 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.

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

please fill out the interest form at: https://goo.gl/forms/mjpFoy0XFHl9Daom2 or email questions to Nhu Phan at nhu712@icloud.com.

To donate to this ministry, write "La Posada" in the memo line of your check, or you can donate at **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

- <u>Attend</u> the Time of Your Life Gala on 11/11! Purchase tickets at timeofyourlifegala.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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Avila in Action: Decidedly Not "Inaction"

In September, St. Teresa of Avila's Stewardship Committee voted on the charities that would receive funds from the *Avila In Action*. Please watch out for the Stewardship Committee's forthcoming information.

Avila in Action is part of St. Teresa's social outreach program. A few years ago, St. Teresa's Stewardship and Finance committees got together to design a more structured approach to social outreach. The result was Avila in Action, and the goal was to allocate a certain percentage of St. Teresa's total annual collection to the program which would then disburse funds to various charities based on specific requirements. Rebecca O'Brien has done a super job putting together the criteria and scoring system so we could arrive as close to an objective score as possible for each charity that applied for Avila in Action funds.

This year about 25 charities were analyzed, discussed, and voted upon. Ultimately six charities were selected for a total disbursement of \$32,500.

Where does the \$32,500 come from?

From July 1st 2015 to June 30th 2016, St. Teresa's Sunday & Holy Day Collection totaled \$565,000. A percentage of the money collected during this period then gets disbursed through *Avila In Action* during the following period, July 1st 2017 to June 30th 2018.

How is the \$32,500 calculated?

6% of the Sunday & Holy Day Collection is disbursed through *Avila in Action*. Ultimately our goal is to increase this percentage to 10% depending on the size of the Collection and the other needs of St. Teresa. For the first year *Avila in Action* disbursed 5% of the Collection, roughly \$20,000, to various charities. This year's *Avila in Action* disbursement of \$32,500 represents a 63% increase from disbursements made in its first year.

"Thank you" to the parishioners of St. Teresa. Without your continued help and living the message of helping those outside of the St. Teresa's walls, *Avila in Action* could not be as successful or grow as quickly as it has.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Maggie Fernandez at mfernandez@stteresaparish.org or Justin Alden at justin.alden@gmail.com.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship 10-8-17 10-15-17 Sunday: 10-1-17 Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance 46 88 Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French) 110 Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance 240 150 195 Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish) 55 Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance 130 100 126 Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance 151 Total Weekend Mass Attendance 630 Average Weekday Mass Attendance Average Friday Communion Service Attendance Confessions this Week 0 Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week Funerals since January 2017 3 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.

Parish Calendars

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Celebrant-Minister Schedule & Events

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 10-28-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Raquel Bech	Kari Richardson	Daniel Kang Leigh Hartley
Next French Mass Saturday 10-21-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 10-29-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Mark Van Grinsven	Jocelyn Lutkus Barb Schell Nancy Van Grinsven	Geneva Gorgo Anne Seigenthaler Brian Shea Michael Zost
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 11-19-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
Sunday 10-29-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Maria Montes	Kevin Ludden	Alejandro Lopez Bob Pedro
Sunday 10-29-17	6:00 PM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM	Sacristan: Sharon Lindstrom Lector: John DeWyze	Cara Gannon Daniel Cortese Abel Gonzalez	Anne Heller Andrew De Leonardis Dani Shain Sharon Lindstrom

Week's Activities

Sunday, October 22

Blood Drive

- · 10:30 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- · 3:30 pm, REC, CGS Makeup
- · 4:30 pm, REC, Edge/Quest/CGS III
- 6:00 pm, Church, Teen Participatory Mass

Monday, October 23

- · 12:30 pm, PC, Chicago House
- · 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- · 7:00 pm, PC, Finance Council

Tuesday, October 24

- 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 Group

Wednesday, October 25

6:00 pm, PC, Border Ministry Reading Group

Thursday, October 26

• 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, October 27

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

Saturday, October 28

- 9:00 am, PC, Strengths Retreat
- 4:30 pm, PC, CCFC Catechesis
- · 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Monday: St. John of Capistrano
Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret

Saturday: Ss. Simon and Jude

Domingo: Vigésimo Noveno Domingo

del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: San Juan de Capistrano
Martes: San Antonio María Claret

Sábado: Santos Simón y Judas



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 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Saturday, October 21 Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish Sunday, October 22 Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish Maria Teresa Saragosa Montes; Annette Ubides; Nelly Vallet 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), 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 Lindstrom (10-31)

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

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

#prayforpeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago between Chicago between October 6th and October 11th: Semaj Berry (17 years old); Ian Ashford; Adonis Johnson; Pleasure Singleton, Jr.; Antonio Moore; Brian Cheek; Patrick Stegmueller, Jr.; Tommie Jones; and Janae Lemon (4 days old) Marques Lewis; Tony Goodrich, Sr.; and, Terry Barry.

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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It's Not Too Late to Donate

A special thanks to everyone who participated in the 2017 Greater Chicago Food Depository 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:



https://www.classy.org/team/124744

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

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 24

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

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

Thanks, Spaghetti Dinner Team!

The 9th Annual Spaghetti Dinner is on the books as one of the best we've ever had. It seems neither rain nor a Cubs playoff game could keep the parish from supporting this fun event.



All of it could not have happened without your help and support. We have received many, many comments on how great the service was, how things moved quickly, and how delicious the food was.

"Almost as good as my Daddy's," said one 8-year-old.

Again, we can't stress enough how happy we are that all of you made this the special evening that it has been now, and over the years.

So you know how hard you worked, we served:

- 74 Adult Dinners
- 13 Child Dinners
- 156 Meatballs
- 42 Glasses of wine
- 7 Beers

...and this does not count the second helpings of bread, pasta, and salad.

So yeah, you worked pretty hard! Hope to have you on the team again next year.

Cheers, Mike & Nancy Usiak

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.

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Welcome, Babies!

As part of our parish refugee program we have outfitted 12 babies with all the essentials for their arrivals. Your overwhelming response in donations has made it possible to support two more women, a



Congolese and Rohingya, who are soon to give birth.

The families are here with little or no support and we can help lighten that load. No clothing is needed at this time, but cash gifts are always welcomed to put toward cribs and car seats.

Thank you for your generous response to help families in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Mairead Reidy at mairead.reidy@yahoo.com.

Are You on Give Central?

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." – 1 Peter 4:10

Vacation season is upon us, and while you're away we'll be here, joyfully serving those in need of spiritual nourishment and the poor who benefit from our food-



based ministries. Please help us remain financially stable during this season by maintaining your financial commitment to the parish. Automated giving through Give Central is an easy way to ensure our collections won't dive when attendance is low.

If you've already signed up for automated giving, please be sure your credit card information is up to date. If you have questions or need assistance, call the parish office at (773) 528-6650.



ICSJ ADMISSIONS SEASON IS OPEN!

Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School is a leading catholic parish school educating 450 students in prekindergarten through grade eight. The challenging curriculum, dedicated and accomplished faculty, unique co-teaching model, and breadth of enrichment opportunities prepare students for the most selective high schools in Chicago.

Come see what all the buzz is about and join us for an Informational Coffee Tour.

For more information, please contact our Admissions Director, Corey Jacobson, at cjacobson@icsjschool.org | ext 109.



Spaces are available on the following tour dates:

SEPTEMBER 19 | OCTOBER 3 | OCTOBER 24 | NOVEMBER 7 | NOVEMBER 28



Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;

Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53 **Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-

94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;

1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Rom 4:20-25; Lc 1:69-75; Lc 12:13-21

Martes: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;

Sal 40 (39):7-10, 17; Lc 12:35-38

Miércoles: Rom 6:12-18; Sal 124 (123):1b-8;

Lc 12:39-48

Jueves: Rom 6:19-23; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 12:49-53

Viernes: Rom 7:18-25a; Sal 119 (118):66, 68, 76-

77, 93-94; Lc 12:54-59

Sábado: Ef 2:19-22; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Lc 6:12-16

Domingo: Ex 22:20-26; Sal 18 (17):2-4, 47, 51;

1 Tes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Treasures from Tradition

What makes the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children different from the others? First, there is the intended

assembly, which is described as comprised of mostly children of school age. There are three Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children available to us now in the missal. The first one has a very simple form, easily grasped by even a young child. The second has a great deal of participation by the assembly—repeated sung acclamations. The third has a number of variations that can be tricky for a priest to handle if he hasn't prepared carefully.

All of this work does point to a true treasure of our tradition: children are part of the Sunday assembly, precisely because they are baptized members of Christ's body. By contrast, the churches of the Reformation tend to look upon children as members in training, and see worship as an adult activity. Sunday school happens downstairs while the adults celebrate Holy Communion upstairs. In a phrase, that's not Catholic. Children belong to Christ and to the assembly. So, the desire to care for the children in the assembly, to draw them into the prayer, and to adapt our rituals and texts to their needs is deeply Catholic, a true pastoral effort to help draw everyone into the praise of God. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En tiempos pasados, cuando los fieles latinoamericanos se enfermaban gravemente se mandaba traer al sacerdote para

que le administrara los "santos óleos" o la "extremaunción". Nadie quería ver a un sacerdote acércasele con los óleos porque significaba que uno estaba por morir.

Gracias a Dios, las reformas del Concilio Vaticano II han regresado al sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos su sentido original. Este sacramento es celebrado para todos los que tengan alguna enfermedad seria, aunque no sea de muerte. El sacramento es para pedir consuelo para el

enfermo y si es voluntad de Dios, la salud. Este sacramento no debe ser reservado para preparar al paciente para la muerte.

Santiago, en su carta a los cristianos, nos dice que si uno de nosotros está enfermo que llame al presbítero de la Iglesia para que lo unja con óleo o aceite santo. Y añade que la oración hecha con fe perdonará los pecados del enfermo y lo sanará para que recupere su vida cotidiana. Este sacramento, como todos los sacramentos, son para la vida, tanto la vida cotidiana como lo vida eterna. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Power Struggle

Power struggles occur on every level of society, from the world stage to relationships at work, to our own homes. We struggle for position in the hierarchy of

power: Who has power over whom? How do they wield it? What is the source of that power? What is the healthy response?

In this Sunday's Gospel reading the Pharisees engage Jesus in a power struggle over whether Jews should show tribute to Caesar by

paying taxes. Jesus' response puts this and every struggle for power into perspective. In harmony with the words of Isaiah and Paul, Jesus teaches us that God is the ultimate source of all power—the power of earthly rulers, the Pharisees, Jesus, the Church, and the power within ourselves.

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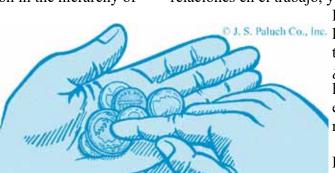
Lucha Por El Poder

Las luchas por el poder ocurren en todos los ámbitos de la sociedad, desde el escenario mundial hasta en las relaciones en el trabajo, y hasta en nuestros hogares.

Luchamos por un puesto en la jerarquía de poder. ¿Quién tiene poder sobre quién? ¿Cómo lo usamos? ¿Cuál es la fuente de ese poder? ¿Cuál es la respuesta sana ante el mismo?

En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy los fariseos mezclan a Jesús en la lucha

por el poder sobre si los judíos deben rendir tributo a César pagando los impuestos. La respuesta de Jesús da a esta lucha y a toda lucha por el poder otra perspectiva. En consonancia con las palabras de Isaías y de Pablo, Jesús nos enseña que Dios es la fuente final de todo poder —el poder de los que gobiernan en la tierra, los fariseos, Jesús, la Iglesia y el poder dentro de nosotros. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Today's Readings

First Reading — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the LORD, there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalm — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Sólo a Dios debemos adorar; al

Dios que nos llama por nuestro nombre (Isaías 45:1, 4-6).

Salmo — Da al Señor gloria y honor (Salmo 96 [95]).

Segunda lectura — Hemos recibido el Evangelio no sólo de palabras sino por el poder del Espíritu Santo

(1 Tesalonicenses 1:1-5b).

Evangelio — Devuelve al César lo que es del César y a Dios lo que es de Dios (Mateo 22:15-21).

Render to Caesar

Much as is with our own politicians, the Pharisees and Jesus today are debating the question of taxes. There really was a lot at stake in this debate because if Pilate could not collect the Roman taxes from the Jews, he would lose his job; if Pilate lost his job, the Jewish leaders who were his sycophants would lose their privileged positions. So, as a prop for the debate, the Pharisees offer a coin to Jesus.

Since Tiberius was the emperor during Jesus' adult years, this coin was minted during his reign and is called Denarius Tiberius. This coin, which can be viewed on the internet, has the head of the emperor on it and the inscription, "Glorified Son of Divine Augustus." In other words, the emperor is a god and the son of a god. So, this Gospel is really not about whether we pay too much tax or whether we should pay none or more. Rather, this passage is about who or what do I center my life on; who or what do I give importance to and obvious in the way I live my life; who or what are the gods in my life and how much energy do I give to them? In other words, to paraphrase the credit card ad, "What's in your wallet?"

Americans tend to see in this passage an argument for the separation of church and state imbedded in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. That would make no sense at all in the first-century Mediterranean world of Jesus. When Jesus asks, "Whose



Getting our priorities straight is what Jesus is pushing us to do in today's Gospel. Give to Caesar what is his. Many of those Caesars of our lives do have real importance and some rightful claim on our time and devotion.

face is on the coin" of the Roman Empire, he's really asking, "Who or to do in today's Gospel. Give to what are the rivals to God in your life? What personalities, what ideologies, what prejudices, what addictions, whateconomics, what possessions?" He's asking, "Where do your loyalties lie?" He is asking both them and us to do a personal inventory and decide who are the Caesars that we attach ourselves to, and do we sometimes give to them what we should give to God.

For avid sports fans, it may be the World Series champion team or your beloved National Football team. Those can be little gods, although they can also often fade quickly. No real rivals for the God to whom we come and give thanks. For investors, it is often the stock

market. And for some of us, our wealth and the lifestyle, comfort and security that it buys, is indeed a rival to the God that draws us here. And sometimes, we'll sacrifice our ethics and morals to advance that wealth.

For working women and men, it is often their jobs and professional goals which become gods that overshadows their family and the quality time they spend with them. The Caesars — the false gods of our lives can be so many different things. Often we can identify them by our obsessions and addictions and what we sacrifice our energy, time, integrity, marriage and even our health as we accord to them excessive importance.

Getting our priorities straight is what Jesus is pushing us Caesar what is his. Many of those Caesars of our lives do have real importance and some rightful claim on our time and devotion. But keep them in the proper perspective. Don't make them our be all and end all, overshadowing faith and family, our health and moral integrity. Don't give to them what rightly belongs to God alone: our confidence, our trust, our humble service, our surrender, and our most fundamental and ultimate allegiance.

Celebration Publications — Patrick Rush

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx **Anna Althoff Bertel Olson** Luke Kolman Kate Lynch

Chris Parente Jose Cervantes Mary Paz Ramirez **Tom Micinski** Rebecca O'Brien

Finance Council

Justin Alden Jane Bronson Jack Halpin Ray Genellie Steve Fortino **Becky Francis** Andrew O'Dekirk **Chris Toups** Cooper Cohen Alexandra Vizard Steve Kolinski

Danny Cortese Anastasia Bullinger Kelly Dean Lisa Marquez John Mitchell

Rebecca O'Brien **Chris Parente** Mary Serrahn Dan Summins Mark Van Grinsven

Jessica Marx is president of the Parish Pastoral Council; her email is chicago2381@hotmail.com

The Parish Pastoral Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Justin Alden is chair of the Parish Finance Council; his email is justin.alden@gmail.com

The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Please contact Rebecca O'Brien for information on joining the Stewardship committee; her email is robrien@stteresaparish.org.

Stewardship Committee

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

Office Information & Bulletin Deadlines

Parish Offices are located at 1950 N. Kenmore. Phone is (773) 528-6650. FAX is (773) 871-6766. Hours are: 9:00 am to 7:30 pm Monday through Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

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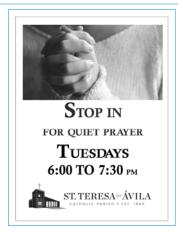
Seeking a Leader

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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For information about ...

Friday Playgroup (0-3 year-olds), Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-12 year-olds), The EDGE Youth Group (12-14 year-olds), or Quest Youth Group (High School)

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For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick

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