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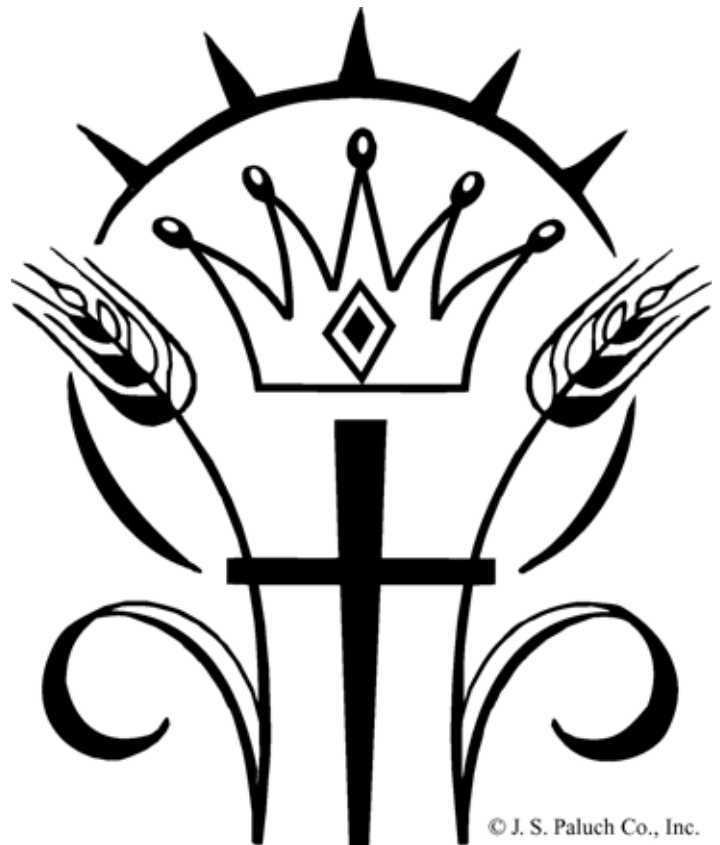


Faith & Spirit, *Alive*

Solemnity of Christ the King November 26, 2017

“I was hungry
and you gave me food,
I was thirsty
and you gave me drink.”

— *Matthew 25:35*



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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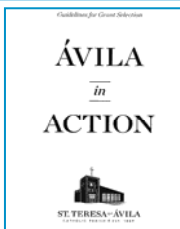
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Avila in Action Grant Winners

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce the 2017 Avila in Action grant winners. Currently, 6% of Sunday Collections are dedicated to groups outside our own ministries who are working to change the world for the better. These six groups were selected from a total of 24 applicants.



Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (\$7,500):

A leadership and community organizing training program grounded in the Catholic spiritual and theological tradition addressing justice issues in Chicago, with plans to increase civic engagement in Maywood and Cicero.

Honduras Educational Development Assistance Corporation (\$7,000): Operates the only after-school center in Morazan, Yoro, Honduras. The grant will be used to complete the center's kitchen to provide meals and facilitate culinary and entrepreneurial programming.

UMOJA Student Development (\$5,000): Umoja facilitates Restorative Justice models in public schools to emphasize repairing harm over the need to assign blame and punishment in discipline situations. Restorative Justice is key to breaking the vicious cycle of harm, violence, and retaliation.

Southwest Organizing Project (\$5,000): Creates neighborhoods of good schools, safe streets, and affordable homes. In an initial target area, crime has been cut in half, schools have dramatically improved, hundreds of families have saved their homes, and more than 50 vacant buildings have been transformed into over 100 new homes. Funds will help expand this work to a new 70-block target area.

The Bloc (\$5,000): The Bloc mentors, tutors, and inspires Chicago 7th through 12th graders on the West Side to reach their full potential through engagement in their boxing program. The Bloc offers students homework help, technology skills training, and access to paid internships. The grant will expand the Bloc's ability to expose kids to the world beyond their neighborhood through student-mentor outings.

The Healing Corner (\$3,000): The Healing Corner goes to street corners directly impacted by violence and engages people in order to spread love and restore hope. Healing Corner events transform traditionally violent areas into safe community events by handing out food, hugs, and resources.

For more information visit st-teresa.net/stewardship/avila-in-action or email robrien@sttersaparish.org.

Time of Your Life

Thank you to all who supported this year's *Time of Your Life Gala*. We raised just over \$200,000, a new record for this event, and the funds will enable our parish to continue offering inspiring liturgies, services and outreach within our community.



If you are interested in assisting with next year's gala planning, join us for our wrap up dinner on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30pm.

Email robrien@sttersaparish.org for more details or to RSVP.

Food Pantry Giving Tree

This year's giving tree supports St. Teresa's food pantry throughout the entire Advent season with a fun and unique approach on the traditional Advent Calendar.



Pick up an instructions "ornament" from the tree, and a food pantry box. Place the box under your own tree, and every day place an item for the food pantry inside the box.

Thank you for keeping those in need at the heart of the Christmas season.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Spread the word: Santa is coming to St. Teresa on December 3rd, following the 12:00 pm Mass. Light refreshments will be provided. Invite your friends, your family, your neighbors, your co-workers, or anyone with small children.



This is a great opportunity to invite those who are not already coming to St. Teresa of Avila to join us for a free, fun, family-friendly event.

For more information, contact Dan Summins at dsummins@hotmail.com.

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

Financial Stewardship

Annual Report Preview

We are at that time of year where we give our Annual Report to the Archdiocese of Chicago. This year's report is particularly important as the Archdiocese reviews various parishes for potential consolidation under its *Renew My Church* program. Here is a preview of some relevant information regarding St. Teresa's Fiscal Year 2017 (July 2016 – June 2017).

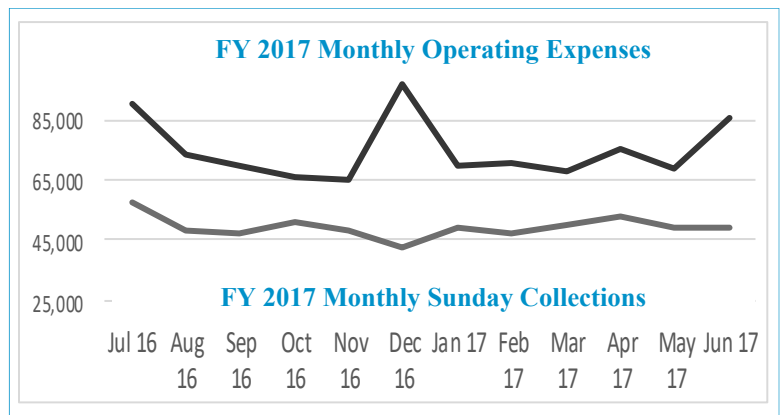
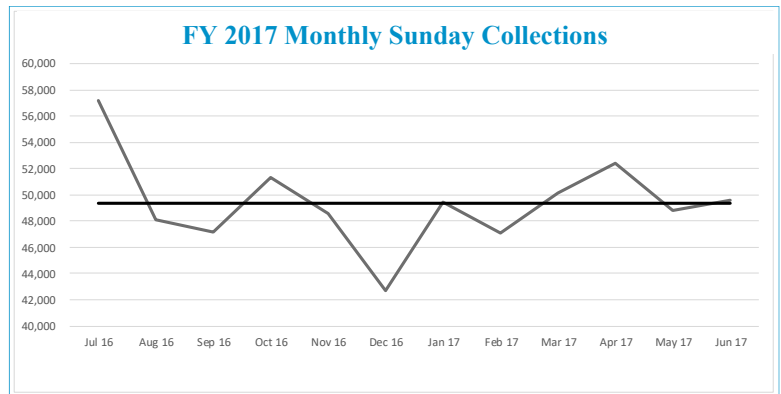
Monthly Sunday Collections:

For fiscal 2017, our Sunday collections totaled \$592,596, a 5% increase from 2016 and a 17% increase from 2015. Our Sunday Collections cover nearly 70% of St. Teresa's operating expenses; our remaining expenses are primarily covered by the proceeds from our *Time of Your Life* fundraiser.

Time of Your Life:

The net proceeds (after paying all the expenses for the event) from our major fundraiser *Time of Your Life* increased from \$156k in 2016 to \$171k in 2017, but remained flat when compared to \$169k in 2015.

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Teresa. Without your continued help, we would not be on a path to a more stable financial position. If you have



Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday: 11-5-17

Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	60
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	290
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	160
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	130
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	640
Average Weekday Mass Attendance	10
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	3
Confessions this Week	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0
Funerals since January 2017	3
Weddings since January 2017	8
Baptisms since January 2017	40



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; 2017 averaged 628. The 2017 monthly averages are: January, 489; February, 570; March, 640; April, 705; May, 573; June, 541; July, 463; August, 510; September, 566; October, 621. 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 12-2-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Christopher Toups	Carly Johnston	Lisa Marquez Kari Richarson
Next French Mass 12-2-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 12-3-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Barb Schell	Mary Serrahn Brian Shea	Philip Malloy Rose Ohiku Molly Malloy Jocelyn Lutkus
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 12-10-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Alex Lopez Maria Montes	Josefina Gomez	Carmen Cruz
Sunday 12-3-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alicia Erskine	Laura Moran	Bert Olson Aimee Jaszczor
Sunday 12-3-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Sharon Lindstrom Lector: Callie Pogge	Anne Heller Margaret Burke Roberto Martinez	Ellen Moiani Daniel Cortese Andrew DeLeonardis Pete Doyle

Week's Activities

Sunday, November 26

- No Activities Planned

Monday, November 27

- 12:30 pm, PC, Chicago House
- 4:30 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Tuesday, November 28

- 4:30 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, November 29

- No Activities Planned

Thursday, November 30

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, December 2

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 2:00 pm, Church, Alden-Sarabia Wedding
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Monday:** Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time
- Thursday:** St. Andrew
- Friday:** First Friday
- Saturday:** First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary
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- Domingo:** Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo
- Lunes:** Trigésima Cuarta o Última Semana del Tiempo Ordinario
- Jueves:** San Andrés
- Viernes:** Primer viernes
- Sábado:** Primer sábado; Santa María Virgen



Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

- Saturday, December 2**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, December 9**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, December 16**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, December 23**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, December 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

Let Us Pray

Saturday, November 25

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

Sunday, November 26

9:00 am Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
12:00 pm Jeremy A. Rivera Ubides
6:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Please pray for the deceased ...

Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Michael Dudash, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko, Edward Nevera, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Andrea Mastro Hoinacki, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Bob Semmer, Noemie Sylvestre, Eddy Velazquez, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

This Month's Baptisms

Adelaide Serrahn (11-5), Elle March (11-12), Charles Finch (11-12), Maeve Sullivan (11-19)

Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries

Steve Kolinski (11-27), Karen Kinsella (12-8), Cindy Patrasso (12-27), Connor DeWitte (28), Tom Micinski (12-29)

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
Pat Folland
Alice Flynn
Eloisa Gallegos
Michael Gibbons
Angela Goldberg
Kaylee Gommel
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.
Les Gordon

Mrs. Grabarczyk
George Halloran
Kellar Harris
Peg Hausen
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
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 November 10th and November 16th: *Devon Thomas; Deshawn Johnson; Alejandro Arellano; Angel Rosario; Ramon Williams; Michael Evans; Armando Reyes; Ronald Terrel James; Joseph Gates; and Juan Jose Martinez Serrano*

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.

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Holiday Greenery Sale Set for December 2nd and 3rd

As St. Teresa Parish has done in the past, we are going to offer a Greenery Sale after all masses the first weekend in December... **December 2nd and December 3rd**. All of the profits benefit St. Teresa Parish.



We will be offering some of our most popular items such as wreaths, swags, centerpieces, and mini table top trees. There are no pre-orders taken on these items; it will just be first come, first serve, until we run out.

So mark your calendars and plan to stop by the gathering space after Mass on the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd to purchase festive items to decorate your home and support St Teresa Parish.

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary on Saturday, December 2nd

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on **December 2nd** at 4:00 pm in the church.



Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la devoción del rosario Primera-sábado a Nuestra Señora de Fátima el **2 de Diciembre** a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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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

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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Grades 4 - 8 | The Program
363 W Hill Street
Chicago, IL 60610
P (312) 944-0304 | F (312) 291-8530
Full Day 8:00 - 3:15

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.

SPRED Needs Catechists

St. Teresa's Special Religious Development (SPRED) group needs adult catechists to volunteer with our children, ages 11-17, for a few hours on Tuesday evenings during the school year.



If you are interested in giving of your time and energy to help us keep this wonderful ministry, please contact Dani Shain at (913) 634-3294 or contact Dani by email at dani.s.shain@gmail.com.

SPRED is always welcoming new friends as well! If you know any children or adults (ages 6+) who would like to participate in SPRED, please give them Dani's contact information and she will direct them to the appropriate parish.

Catechists Needed: Training Provided

We're still in need of catechists for Children's Liturgy of the Word and our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program. Our needs at this point include:

- For Children's Liturgy of the Word we need four leaders to lead the children for 20 minutes during the 9:00 am Mass. Training is provided.
- For our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program has had an increase in enrollment. CGS meets about three times a month through April. So we need:
 - ✓ One assistant catechist for Mondays (4-5:30pm) with the 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders.
 - ✓ One assistant catechist for Mondays (4-5:30pm) with the 4th, 5th & 6th graders.



Contact Kate Lynch to find out more details: klynch@stteresaparish.org or cell (262) 358-0834

Save the Date: February 11, 2018



Save the Date for *Cuisine du Coeur*, Sunday, February 11, 2018, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.



This year we will embark on a culinary tour of the beautiful Valley of the Loire—complete with exciting new dishes from the region.

Stay tuned: more news to follow

Stewardship Opportunity

We are currently scheduling hosts to provide refreshments after all Masses. There are currently five 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 mairead.reidy@yahoo.com

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lc 21:1-4
Martes: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lc 21:5-11
Miércoles: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lc 21:12-19
Jueves: Rom 10:9-18; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Viernes: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lc 21:29-33
Sábado: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lc 21:34-36
Domingo: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mc 13:33-37

Treasures from Tradition

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

México tiene la reputación de ser un país muy católico. Sin embargo, en 1917 México recibió una nueva constitución en la cual se estableció una política de intolerancia religiosa, especialmente en contra de la Iglesia católica romana. Con el paso de los años, se emitieron muchas leyes anticlericales mismas que fueron puestas en vigor hasta el punto que el gobierno federal decretó la suspensión de culto. Esto generó un levantamiento por parte de muchos mexicanos y mexicanas con el único fin de defender su religión y su derecho a celebrarla.

En marzo de 1925, estos mexicanos católicos movidos por el deseo de justicia, fundaron la Liga Nacional para la Defensa de la Libertad Religiosa. Ese mismo mes, el Papa Pío XI proclamó la Fiesta de Cristo Rey, celebrada el último domingo del año litúrgico. Esta fiesta se incluyó al calendario litúrgico para recordar a los cristianos —que no importa en qué país o bajo que gobierno nos encontremos— pertenecemos a un solo poder, a un solo Señor, ¡un solo Rey! Inspirados por el grito “¡Viva Cristo Rey!”, miles de mexicanos dieron testimonio público de su fe y murieron con esta confesión de fe, justo antes de recibir el martirio, demostrando así que Jesús es verdaderamente el único Rey de sus vidas. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Christ, King of All

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ's work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ's saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls "the least ones" (Matthew 25:45). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Cristo, Rey de Todos

En este, el último domingo del año litúrgico, celebramos la solemnidad de Cristo Rey. Al concluir el año con esta fiesta proclamamos nuestra fe en que Jesucristo es el solo y único rey sobre todos los tiempos, todos los pueblos y toda la Creación.

Al final del tiempo que conocemos, quedará completa la obra de Cristo de restaurar todas las cosas en unidad y armonía con Dios su Creador. Este domingo, cuando proclamamos que Cristo es nuestro Pastor y nuestro Rey, reconocemos nuestro llamado a participar en la obra salvadora de Cristo al cuidar de quienes Cristo llama "aquellos más insignificantes" (Mateo 25:45). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El pastor-rey busca a los perdidos y sana a los heridos (Ezequiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo nuestro rey ha conquistado la muerte (1 Corintios 15:20-26, 28).

Evangelio — El Hijo del hombre se sentará en su glorioso trono y los separará unos de otros (Mateo 25: 31-46).

Loving the Powerless

The Solemnity of Christ the King concludes the liturgical year with the assertion that, despite the ominous end-of-time imagery featured in the preceding weeks, God is the ultimate power in the universe.

But what does God's power look like? If Jesus represents God's kingship, then divine power is both mysterious and paradoxical. Earthly power is the capacity to force others by threat or violence to do what you want. Kings are the image of power, dominating their subjects and their adversaries.

The title of "king" applied to Jesus is ironic in that, throughout his earthly life, he never claimed political or physical power other than the power of words. He was a preacher, teacher, storyteller. He sought out powerless people, often the victims of power — the poor, sick and social outcasts. In his confrontation with the power structures of his own time, he did not resist, but surrendered himself to violent abuse and an unjust death. The evangelists depict his death as a kind of parody of kingship. Jesus is cloaked in purple, crowned with thorns, enthroned on a cross between two thieves, mocked as the "King of the Jews." His crucifixion is a sign of contradiction that turns upside down any notion of power and control.

It is a fact of history that the emerging institutional church found two of Jesus' radical witnesses — pacifism and voluntary poverty — too difficult to sustain in practical



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terms. By the third century, the official church was on its way to becoming one of the wealthiest and most dominant powers in the West.

Spiritualizing Jesus as a king is one way to distinguish his power from earthly power. But we should not miss the witness of his life as radically poor and powerless as his way of revealing that God shares these characteristics. As absolute Love, God does not force the divine will. God does not threaten transgressors to get them to obey. God does not withhold forgiveness to shame sinners. God does not prevent us from making mistakes or hold our failures over us when we seek to repent.

The power Jesus practiced was self-emptying love and unlimited mercy. He mirrored perfectly his *Abba* in this, for God is the source of unconditional love, a never-ending offering of divine life to sinners. This is God's very nature, and God has no other name than Mercy.

What does this love and mercy look like in Jesus' disciples in today's world? Today's readings offers two views. First, in Ezekiel, God is presented as a compassionate shepherd. Jesus found this image a perfect description of God. Shepherds were, in fact, the lowest of peasants, hired to wander with the flocks in search of pasture. Jesus' parable of the good shepherd is less about power than vulnerability and extravagant love. His shepherd leaves the whole flock to find a single lost sheep. His shepherd will offer his life for the sheep. What sensible person would do either?

In Matthew, Jesus tells us where to find him. The Lord of the Universe has disappeared among the hungry, thirsty, naked, lost, sick, imprisoned, and persecuted of this world. Our King is hiding in the least of our brothers and sisters. The one power he exhibits is to move our hearts to compassion. His very poverty invites us to exercise the power we share with God as his image and likeness — the power to love. This is the essence of our royal priesthood, the power to sacrifice ourselves for others. This is how we honor and imitate our King.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Anna Althoff
Bertel Olson
Luke Kolman
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The Parish Pastoral Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

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

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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Evangelization

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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.

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For information about ...

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Contact Kate in the Parish Office
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For information about ...

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

Contact Deacon Dean in the Parish Office
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