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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*

# Feast of the Holy Family December 31, 2017

My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of  
all the peoples.

—Luke 2:30-31



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Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor

## Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française<sup>1</sup>)  
Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español<sup>2</sup>) 12 PM, 6 PM  
<sup>1</sup> First & Second Saturdays <sup>2</sup> 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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## Save the Date! Ministry Fair, February 24th-25th

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce our next ministry fair to be held on February 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>! A ministry fair is a chance for people to learn more about our parish ministries, and how to get involved. The Fair will be open after all weekend masses and will feature food, drink and raffle prizes! Stay tuned for more details.



## Save the Date! Volunteer Appreciation Party, May 18th

Mark your calendars for May 18<sup>th</sup>. The Stewardship Committee hosts this annual appreciation party in celebration of all of the people who put in effort, no matter how big or how small, to make our community a special place to worship and give.



## Night Ministry Volunteers Needed!

St. Teresa volunteers serve a meal every other Wednesday alongside the Night Ministry Health Outreach Bus in Uptown.

Volunteer turnout in the winter months has been a little low, and we need more people to step up and sign up to participate in this important ministry.

Winter is a particularly hard time for the poor and homeless in Chicago, and a couple of hours of your time will go a long way in providing comfort to a stranger and nourishing your own spirit.

There are three ways to get involved:

- **Cook a meal** with fellow parishioners here at St. Teresa
- **Serve the meal** directly to the homeless alongside the Night Ministry Health Outreach Bus
- **Contribute to the meal** by baking chocolate chip cookies at home and delivering them to St. Teresa

You can sign up to volunteer at  
[signup.com/go/gxXR2u](http://signup.com/go/gxXR2u)



## Christmas and Year-End Gifts

It's not too late to schedule a Christmas or Year-End gift before 2017 draws to a close.

Gifts can be made by check, with "Christmas" in the memo line, or online at [givecentral.org/209/4175](http://givecentral.org/209/4175).

Thank you for your support this year.



## Special Thanks

Many thanks to **Veronique Caffrey** and the **Chicago Catholic Francophone Community** for hosting and sponsoring the "Concert de Noël" this past week.



The ever-talented soloist, **Farida-Lea Weller**, and pianist, **Xizheng Wang** filled the church with beautiful music and created a wonderful experience for all who attended. On behalf of the parish community, thank you for sharing this gift with us!

Thank you to Stewardship Committee members, **Daniel Cortese, Lisa Marquez, Dan Summins, Mark Van Grinsven, Eryn Gronewoller, and Chris Parente** for sponsoring additional open hours in the Church during Advent. There were several people who passed by and chose to stop in to pray and enjoy the peacefulness of our church. Thank you for providing this meaningful opportunity to the community.

Thank you to the students from **Leyden High School**, and the **After School Matters Musical Theater Teens** for providing beautiful music during our Open House.

Thank you to all those who helped over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day by shoveling, and assisting with moving chairs to accommodate the crowds during the Masses.

Thank you to **Fr. Frank** and **Deacon Dean** for their inspiring homilies, and to **Tom Micinski** and the rest of the parish staff for transforming the church from Advent to Christmas, and providing a beautiful environment in which to celebrate the holiday.

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

## Fiscal Year Holiday Cheer

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 review of St. Teresa's Fiscal Year 2017 (July 2016 – June 2017).

### Monthly Sunday Collections:

As our Fiscal Year 2017 (July 2016 – June 2017) has ended, we are doing better than we were last fiscal year (July 2015 – June 2016). Our Sunday collections totaled \$592,596, a 5% increase from 2016 and a 17% increase from 2015. Our Sunday Collections cover nearly 75% of St. Teresa's operating expenses.

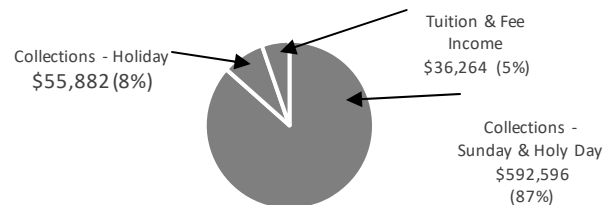
Thank you to the parishioners of St. Teresa. Without your continued help, we would not be on a path to a more stable financial position.

### Time of Your Life:

The recently (last month) concluded *Time Of Your Life* fundraiser was by far the most successful event in parish history. The net proceeds from TOYL was \$200k for the event on November 2017, which is a **nearly 20% increase** from the event in November 2016. (The \$200k is in the FISCAL 2018. Fiscal year 2018 = the time period of July 2017 – June 2018). The Time of Your Life Gala team did an amazing job and has set yet another record to beat for next year's event.

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. Questions or suggestions? Please email our Business Manager, Maggie Fernandez, at [mfernandez@stteresaparish.org](mailto:mfernandez@stteresaparish.org) or Justin Alden [justin.alden@gmail.com](mailto:justin.alden@gmail.com).

### Operational Income: July 2016 - June 2017



St. Teresa's Operational Income	FY 2017	% of total
Collections - Sunday & Holy Day	\$ 592,596	87%
Collections - Holiday	\$ 55,882	8%
Tuition & Fee Income	\$ 36,264	5%
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	\$ 684,742	100%

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# Parish Calendars

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## Celebrant-Minister Schedule & Events

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 1-6-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Eric Fredericks	Shannon Clinton	Leigh Hartley Rob Harmer
Saturday French Mass 1-6-18	6:30 PM				
Sunday 1-7-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Anastasia Bullinger	Nancy Van Grinsven Mary Serrahn Carly Johnston	Jamie Lutkus Molly Malloy Mark Van Grinsven Michael Zost
Sunday Spanish Mass 1-7-18	10:30 AM	Fr. Jose Rubio, CM			
Sunday 1-7-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Karen Secrest	Bert Olson	Alice Morales-Villenas Tyler Paul
Sunday 1-7-18	6:00 PM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM	Sacristan: Craig Scanlon Lector: Sara Hock	Dani Shane Andrew De Leonardis Colleen Sulewski	Elizabeth Cuda Pete Doyle Eileen Raia Roberto Martinez

### Week's Activities

#### Sunday, December 31

- No Activities Planned

#### Monday, January 1

Office Closed

- 10:00 am, Church, New Year's Day Mass
- 7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council Meeting

#### Tuesday, January 2

- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

#### Wednesday, January 3

- No Activities Planned

#### Thursday, January 4

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

#### Friday, January 5

- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

#### Saturday, January 6

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

### Saints & Special Observances

#### Sunday:

#### Monday:

Feast of The Holy Family  
Mary, the Holy Mother  
of God; The Octave Day of  
the Nativity of the Lord; New  
Year's Day

#### Tuesday:

Ss. Basil the Great; Gregory  
Nazianzen

#### Wednesday:

The Most Holy Name of  
Jesus

#### Thursday:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

#### Friday:

St. John Neumann; First Fri  
day

#### Saturday:

St. André Bessette; First  
Saturday

#### Domingo:

#### Lunes:

La Sagrada Familia  
Santa María, Madre de Dios;  
Octava de la Navidad; Año  
Nuevo

#### Martes:

San Basilio Magno; San  
Gregorio Nacianceno

#### Miércoles:

El Santísimo Nombre de  
Jesús

#### Jueves:

Santa Isabel Ana Seton

#### Viernes:

San Juan Neumann; Primer  
viernes

#### Sábado:

San André Bessette; Primer  
sábado

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

#### Saturday, January 6

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

#### Saturday, January 13

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

#### Saturday, January 20

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

#### Saturday, January 27

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

#### Saturday, February 3

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, December 30

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

### Sunday, December 31

9:00 am Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

12:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

6:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

### Monday, January 1

10:00 am Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

## Let Us Pray

### Please pray for the deceased ...

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

## Upcoming Baptisms

***Nathaniel Strybel (1-14-18), Asher Emmanuel Kutz Scanlon (1-14-18)***

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

*Alicia Anderson  
Jason Andre  
Dorothy Barns  
Berta Billalvazo  
Patricia Chuck  
Elizabeth Ryan Dean  
Michael De Blasis  
Alex DeNoma  
Kathy Derrick  
Kim Duffey  
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  
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 Shank  
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 December 15<sup>th</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup>: ***Anthony Johnson; Earron Moore; and Jonathan Gavina***

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.



# Parish Life

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## Save the Date: February 11th

Cuisine du Coeur invites you to



"Promenade Gourmande dans la vallée de la Loire  
Gourmet Promenade through the Loire Valley"

<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, February 11 2018  
11am - 3pm



@ St. Teresa of Avila, 1950 N Kenmore Ave, Chicago  
Enjoy homemade French gastronomy  
with a selection of wine and beer.

## Our Lady of Fatima Rosary on Saturday, January 6th

Everyone is welcome to join the  
First-Saturday  
rosary devotion  
to Our lady of  
Fatima on  
**January 6th** at  
4:00 pm in the  
church.

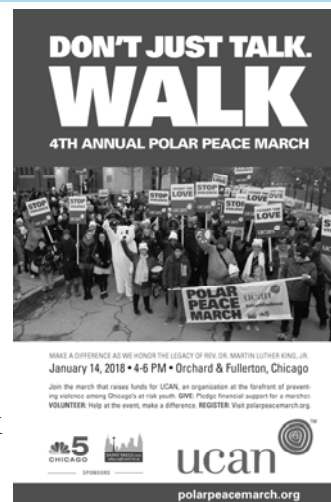


Todos son bien-  
venidos a unirse  
a la devo-  
ción del rosario  
Primera-sábado  
a Nuestra  
Señora de  
Fátima el **6 de  
Enero** a las 4:00  
pm en la iglesia.

## Join the *Polar Peace March*

Join St. Teresa's for the  
Polar Peace March  
on January 14, 2018,  
from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at  
Orchard and Fullerton.

All proceeds go  
to UCAN, an organiza-  
tion on the forefront of  
preventing violence  
among Chicago's at-risk  
youth.



You can participate in two ways:

1. **JOIN OUR TEAM:** Go to this link <http://bit.ly/2ifiqwa>. Find "St. Teresa of Avila" and join us!
2. **DONATE:** Click this link <http://bit.ly/2Anvry2>

**Please contact Ellen Moiani with questions  
at [ellen.moiani@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.moiani@gmail.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](mailto: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](mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org) or cell (262) 358-0834

## Prayer Cards

Do you or does someone you know need prayers? Fill out a prayer request card and pin it to the wooden cross in the church.

Want to let someone know that you're praying for them? Just initial and date the prayer card on the cross.

*I am in need of your prayers*

PRAYER REQUEST

Write your prayer request here and drop the card in the collection basket, or just pin it to the Prayer Cross in the Church.

PIN THIS CARD TO THE PRAYER WALL, OR PLACE IN THE OFFERTORY

*I am praying for you*

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**Blank *Prayer Request Cards* can be found on the table next to the wooden cross near the statue of Our Lady of Providence in the church.**

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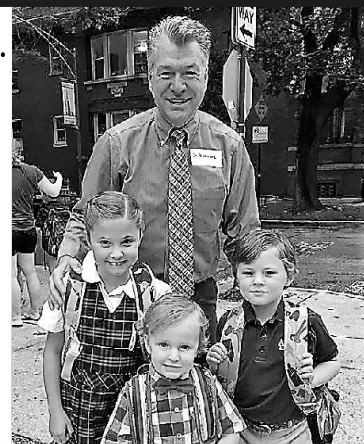
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Dr. Casimer Badynee, Principal

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Lecturas de la Semana

**Lunes:** Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21  
**Martes:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
**Miércoles:** 1 Jn 2:29 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
**Jueves:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
**Viernes:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 4:14-22a  
**Sábado:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Mc 1:7-11 o Lc 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
**Domingo:** Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Treasures from Tradition

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi, dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

¡Año nuevo, vida nueva! El día primero de enero, mientras muchos celebran las cábalas y cabañuelas de un año nuevo, los cristianos conmemoramos a quien dio a luz al autor de la vida. María, bajo el título de Madre de Dios, es como nosotros deseamos celebrar la esperanza de un ¡año nuevo, vida nueva!

El Concilio de Éfeso en el año 431 declaró a María como la *Theotokos*; la que "carga a Dios". Este dogma tiene que ver más con el Hijo que con la madre y fue proclamado para afirmar que Jesucristo "desde toda la eternidad fue Dios". Continúa la doctrina y afirma "Así como toda madre humana, no es solamente madre del cuerpo humano sino de la persona, así María dio a luz a una persona, Jesucristo, quien es Dios y hombre, entonces Ella es la Madre de Dios".

¡Ésta sí que es vida nueva! Dios nace como ser humano y el ser humano carga a Dios. Gracias a Dios, todo ser humano puede ser como María Theotokos y cargar a Dios en su corazón. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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## Bearers of the Word

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



## Potadores de la Palabra

La Iglesia ha puesto unos cuantos días de fiesta notables enseguida después de la Navidad. Las fiestas de Esteban, Juan el Bautista y los Santos Inocentes forman un sumario de la vida vivida en Cristo, la Palabra hecha carne. ¿Qué relación tienen estas fiestas con la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, que corona la Octava de la Navidad? Estas fiestas nos recuerdan que habrá sufrimiento al tratar de cumplir la misión de Cristo, y que estamos todos llamados a ser portadores de esta Palabra cuyo nacimiento celebramos.

También vemos la manifestación de esta verdad en las vidas de José y María, quienes se exponen a riesgos sociales y religiosos para obedecer la voluntad de Dios, y estaban abiertos a la Palabra que Dios les enviaba del cielo. Así ambos fueron prefigurados de Jesús.

Es muy probable que muy pocos de nosotros fuimos a la misa del jueves, el viernes o el sábado pasado, pero la esencia de estas fiestas y la esencia de la santidad de José, María y Jesús es central, santidad que celebramos hoy.

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105*.

**Second Reading** — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

**Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Los que honran a sus padres recibirán bendiciones y pagarán sus pecados (Sirácide 3:3-7, 14-17) o *Génesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

**Salmo** — ¡Dichoso el que teme al Señor, y sigue sus caminos! (Salmo 128 [127]) o *Salmo 105 (104)*.

**Segunda lectura** — Vivan una vida de amor sincero, sean agradecidos, hagan todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús (Colosenses 3:12-21) o *Hebreos 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

**Evangelio** — María y José llevan a Jesús al templo para consagrarlo al Señor (Lucas 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

# Message from Fr. Frank

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## Renew My Church

As we approach the end of the year, it is a time to give thanks for the blessings that have been given to us by God: new life, marriage, healing, successes, family and friends. We also are grateful for the times that have challenged our spirits, giving us the chance to *truly trust* in God's presence, especially in these difficult times of struggle, illness, marriage uncertainties, the many problems facing our youth, and the constant threat of violence and war. We say goodbye, perhaps good riddance, to 2017 and we look forward to 2018 in hope and an optimism grounded in reality.

Let us pray for *Renew My Church*, which begins on February 3. As you know, St. Teresa will be working with our neighboring parishes of St. Vincent, St. Josaphat, St. Michael and Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph, trying to come together to share resources and connect our ministries where needed.

Each parish has a small group of three parishioners, the pastor and maybe one other staff person to represent the parish. I have asked Barb McHugh, Justin Alden, and Ellen Moiani to represent our parish in this process. These parishioners do a great job in sharing the vision of St. Teresa with the other parish groups. Each small group will meet approximately 6 or 7 times, with a parish-wide meeting twice, during the months between February and May.

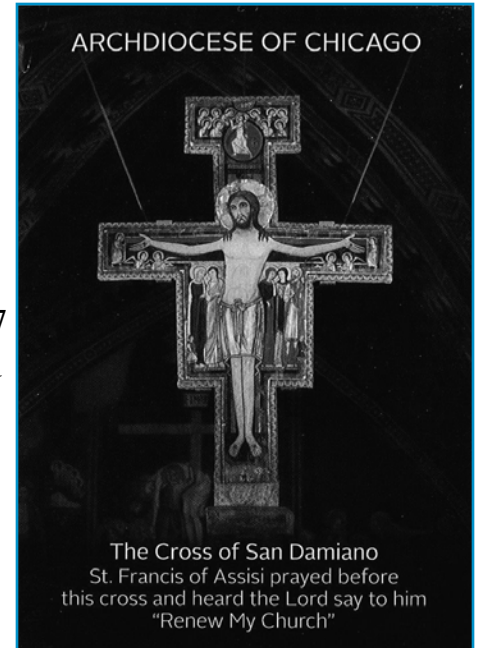
The first half of 2018 will be very important for all the parishes going through *Renew My Church*. By Summer or early Fall we should have an idea as to how we will proceed in the future, strengthening our resolve to better evangelize, and spread the gospel in this part of Chicago. I have hope for the possibilities that await us. All the parishes in our group are strong and have a unique part to play in the larger church. Coming together will only strengthen our mission.

I invite all parishioners to try and come to daily Mass, which is 7:30 am and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. I will be hearing Confessions and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the time of Adoration. What a beautiful way to start the New Year.

Peace,

*Fr. Frank*

Fr. Frank





# 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 Touns  
Cooper Cohen  
Alexandra Vizard  
Steve Kolinski

## Stewardship Committee

Danny Cortese  
Anastasia Bullinger  
Kelly Dean  
Lisa Marquez  
John Mitchell

Rebecca O'Brien  
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Mary Serrahn  
Dan Summins  
Mark Van Grinsven

Jessica Marx is president of the Parish Pastoral Council; her email is [chicago2381@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1037 W. Armitage Ave. 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.

The submission deadline for most Sunday bulletins is 11:00 am on the Monday before; deadlines are accelerated for the holidays. The bulletin is also published electronically on [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net). Please contact Dean at [dvaeth@stteresaparish.org](mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org) for more information.



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### Evangelization

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.

The Holbrook Counseling Center is in the network with BC/BS PPO. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call at (312) 655-7725.



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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)

Contact Kate in the Parish Office  
[klynch@stteresaparish.org](mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org)

## 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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