

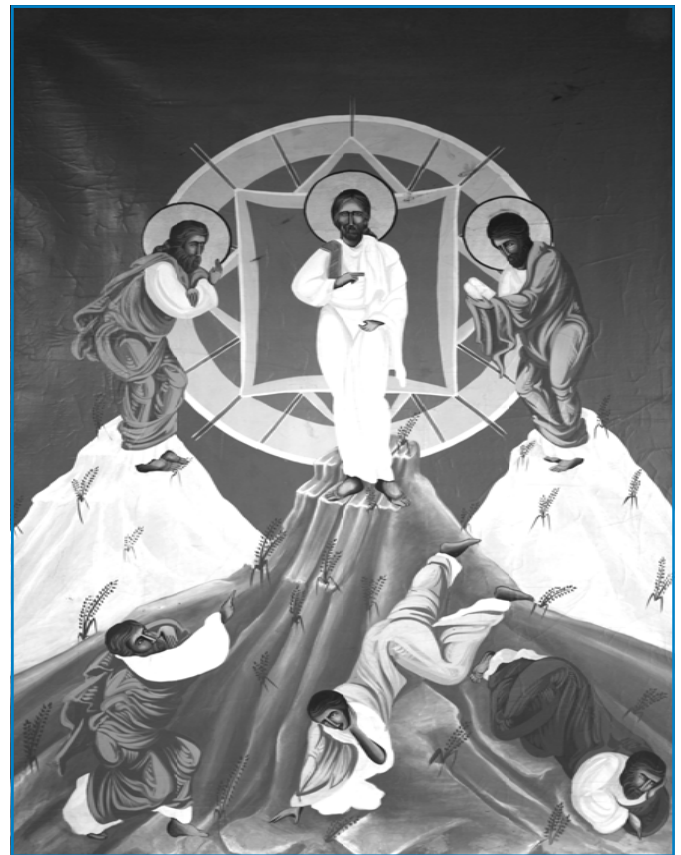
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CATHOLIC PARISH † EST. 1889



Faith & Spirit, *Alive*

Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2018

Jesus took Peter, James, and John
and led them up a high mountain
apart by themselves.
And he was transfigured
before them...
— Mark 9:2



Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française¹)
Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español²) 12 PM, 6 PM
¹ First & Second Saturdays ² First Sundays

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday — Thursday at 7:30 AM
Friday Communion Service at 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:30 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM

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Stewardship

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Ministry Fair this Weekend!

Don't leave today without stopping by the Ministry Fair in the Parish Center.

Grab a snack or something to drink and browse 40+ ways you can get involved and connect deeper to our mission at St. Teresa of Avila.

There is no commitment to sign up for anything. This is a great chance to learn more about what St. Teresa of Avila is doing outside of regular Sunday Mass.

Open your heart this Lent by exploring new ways to give, serve and pray.



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



Save the Date!

Volunteer Appreciation Party, May 18th

Mark your calendars for May 18th. 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.



New Member Dinner

We warmly invite new registered members to join us on Tuesday, March 6th at 5:30pm for our quarterly New Member Dinner.

The evening begins with a tour of the church led by Fr. Frank, followed by drinks and appetizers in the gathering space, and a catered dinner in the parish center.

This is wonderful chance to get to know other parish members, both new and old. Invitations are sent by evite.

If you haven't yet registered as a member of St. Teresa of Avila parish and you would like to, please email robrien@stteresaparish.org, or fill out the contact form on our website at st-teresa.net/register.



Sign up for online giving at

GiveCentral

for your weekly offertory and other donations!

Three reasons to sign up:

1. Give Central is completely safe and secure as it follows SSL encryption standards.
2. It's easy to sign up, update throughout the year, and review your gifts as often as you like.
3. You can make your gifts through most credit cards or online checking.

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

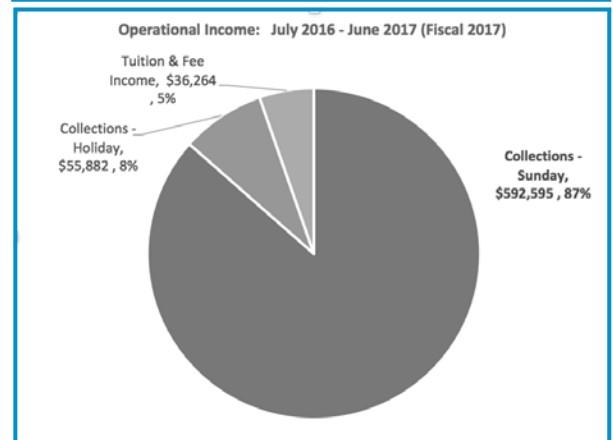
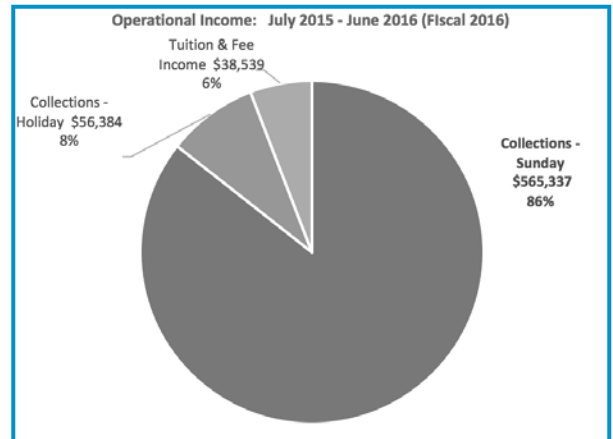
Fiscal Year Wrap-up

We've had an eventful and successful close to the calendar year 2017. We finished the remodeling of the rectory to allow for more staff offices and provide room for the expanding classes in the church. The remodeling was done on time, under budget, and high quality! No longer do the staff have to share a seat or take turns at a desk. There's also a great meeting space for Father Frank in the rectory without the risk of interrupting the education program.

Beginning this calendar year 2018, we are undergoing a Renew My Church review. More information to follow in the next several weeks when the review begins. Fortunately, our finances are doing very well, thanks to all the parishioners.

Monthly Sunday Collections increased 5% from fiscal 2016 to fiscal 2017. 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.



Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Sunday:	2-11-18	2-18-18
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		78	45
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		-	50
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		182	170
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		165	180
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		115	110
Total Weekend Mass Attendance		540	545
Average Weekday Mass Attendance		8	10
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance		3	3
Confessions this Week		0	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		0	0
Funerals since January 2018		0	0
Weddings since January 2018		0	0
Baptisms since January 2018		8	8



There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa's October Count averaged for 2016, 550; for 2017, 628 people at weekend Masses; The 2017/18 monthly averages are: January, 489/644; 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 3-3-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Raquel Bech	Linda Harmer	Minister Needed (C1,P) Rob Harmer
French Mass Saturday 3-3-18	6:30 PM				
Sunday 3-4-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Geneva Gorgo	Carly Johnston Elizabeth Cuda Molly Malloy	Michael Zost Jamie Lutkus Rose Ohiku Philip Malloy
Spanish Mass Sunday 3-4-18	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Garcia, CM			
Sunday 3-4-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Christopher Toups	Bert Olson	Tyler Paul Bob Pedro
Sunday 3-4-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: John DeWyze	Cara Gannon Pete Doyle Daniel Cortese	Anne Heller Andrew De Leonardis Luke Kolman Sara Hock

Week's Activities

Sunday, February 25

- 9:00 am, PC, Ministry Fair
- 10:30 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 3:30 pm, REC, CGS Makeup
- 4:30 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:30 pm, REC, Edge/Quest
- 6:00 pm, REC, Teen Participatory Mass

Monday, February 26

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:30 pm, PC, Renew My Church Parish-wide Meeting

Tuesday, February 27

- 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

Wednesday, February 28

- 6:00 pm, Church, First Reconciliation

Thursday, March 1

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, March 2

- 0:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, March 3

- 10:00 am, PC, Food Pantry

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Friday: Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer

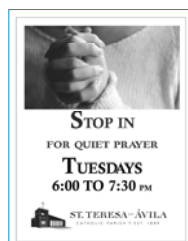
Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

Domingo: Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma; Rito Penitencial

Miércoles: Purim (celebración judía) comienza al atardecer

Viernes: Abstinencia; Primer viernes; Día Mundial de Oración

Sábado: Santa Katharine Drexel; Primer sábado



Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 10

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

Saturday, March 17

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

Saturday, March 24

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

Saturday, March 31

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, February 24

5:00 pm

Frank Brisley

Sunday, February 25

9:00 am

Patrick Reidy

12:00 pm

Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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, Joyce Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, Noemie Sylvestre, Eddy Velazquez, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

February Baptisms

Skylar Annalise MacKenzie (2-3-18), Alexander Bower (2-10-18)

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

*Alicia Anderson
Jason Andre
Dorothy Barns
Berta Billalvazo
Michelle Brandt
Patricia Chuck
Elizabeth Ryan Dean
Michael De Blasis
Alex DeNoma
Kathy Derrick
Kim Duffly
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
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
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 February 3rd to February 10th -- *Leroy Walker; Ravon Fountain; Collette Cammon; Johnny McQueen; Torric Harris; and Mauricio Rivera.*

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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A Camino de Santiago Opportunity

Have you heard of the ancient Christian pilgrimage route in Spain called *The Camino de Santiago* or *The Way of Saint James*? Pilgrims have been walking along the *Camino* for nearly 1,300 years.



Fr. Chris Robinson would like to invite you to consider participating in or supporting a DePaul University trip to the *Camino* in July 2018.

There are presently two open spots on the tour that Fr. Chris has set aside for parishioners who will join DePaul students in Sarria, Spain and complete the last 100 kilometers to Santiago.

Secondly, Fr. Chris invites you to sponsor one of the ten student pilgrims with a donation or perhaps using frequent flyer points to help them make the journey.

Donations can be submitted to alumni.depaul.edu/Camino. You will have the opportunity to meet some of the students and pilgrimage leaders on **Sunday, March 11th** after all of the masses.

Please contact Fr. Chris for more information at crobinso@depaul.edu or by calling (773) 325-4871.

Literacy Training Opportunity

Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center! Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for just 90 minutes per week at 3540 S. Hermitage Ave. in Chicago. You do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English.



Join us for one of our upcoming next tutor training workshops: Friday, March 9th (6:00-9:00 pm) and Saturday, March 10th (9:00am-4:00 pm) or Friday, April 27th (6:00-9:00 pm) and Saturday, April 28th (9:00 am-4:00 pm).

Register in advance and come both days to begin tutoring or for more information:

Please contact Sabrina at sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or (773) 927-0512.

Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Panel on Forced Migration

An asylum seeker, a refugee, and an immigrant cross a border... Come learn what brought them here, what happens next, and who's who!

The panel, organized by St. Teresa of Avila's Border and Refugee Ministries, will include experts on forced migration from around Chicago:

- Galya Ben-Arieh, Director of the Center for Forced Migration Studies, Northwestern University
- Shailja Sharma, Director of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, DePaul University
- Uzoamaka Emeka Nzelibe, Law Professor, Northwestern Prtizker School of Law

Monday, March 5, 2018

St Teresa of Avila Church

7:00-8:00 pm

Appetizers to follow



Our Lady of Fatima Rosary on Saturday, March 3rd

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on **March 3rd** 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 **3 de Marzo** a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

The Stories of *La Posada*

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” – *Matthew 25:35*

St. Teresa is partnering with *La Posada Providencia* for our Border Ministry. Located in the lower Rio Grande Valley, *La Posada* provides shelter for immigrants and asylum seekers waiting for their cases to be adjudicated before the U.S. Immigration Court. Living its mission to “welcome the stranger,” *La Posada* has welcomed more than 9,000 “strangers” since 1989.

In this weekly column, the refugees and volunteers from *La Posada* share their stories with the community of St. Teresa of Avila parish.

Mebrahtom’s Story (Eritrea)

I am from Eritrea. I had finished the 12th grade in SAWA (military training) and I also spent one year in technical school. After that, I was living with my family. My aunt died, and when I traveled to her funeral, which was near the border of Ethiopia, I ran into some soldiers who asked where I was going. When I told them I was going to my aunt’s funeral, they called me a liar and said I was trying to jump the border. They put me in prison in Gorgora. I spent 2



years there. I was sick because of the awful conditions. They took me to a hospital for a week, and I was able to escape when I was feeling better. I went to Sudan where I stayed 2.5 years. It wasn’t safe there because the Eritrean government can come arrest people in Sudan. I went to South Sudan. Then Uganda. Then Kenya. Then to Brazil to Peru to Ecuador to Colombia to Panama (walking five days) to Costa Rica to Nicaragua to Honduras to Guatemala to Mexico, and finally to a US border checkpoint in San Ysidro.

They sent me to a detention center for five months. Then I was given the address for *La Posada* and wrote to ask for their help. I’ve been here two weeks and it’s been a very good experience.

How to Get Involved

Pray * Donate * Visit/
Volunteer

Email Nhu Phan,
nhu712@icloud.com,
with questions.

Upcoming Events

Ministry Fair at
St. Teresa of Avila:
February 24-25, 2018
after each Mass

Immigration Discussion at
St. Teresa of Avila:
Monday March 5, 2018 at
7:00 pm



Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25; (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn:5-42-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79(78):8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38
Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31
Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sábado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
Domingo: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Sal 19 (18):8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25; (Año A): Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Treasures from Tradition

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Regresando a los tres pilares de la conversión, el ayuno es mucho más que el simple hecho de no comer, es aprender a negarme a mí mismo para que ya no sea yo quien vivo, sino Cristo que vive en mí. Es el negarme de ciertas cosas para dar vida a los demás.

El ayudar es poner en práctica la caridad y la justicia social. Es buscar el cargar con nuestra propia cruz y ayudar a los demás con la de ellos. En otras palabras, es practicar la misma generosidad de Dios quien hace caer la lluvia sobre los buenos y los malos, es amar sin distinción de personas.

Contemporáneamente, el orar es entrar en conversación con Dios, es recogerse para entrar en la presencia de Dios, con todo lo que uno es y todo lo que uno tiene, poniendo todo en las manos misericordiosas del Padre que nos ama.

Esta Cuaresma procuremos hacer lo que debemos hacer todo el año: ayunar, ayudar y orar. Es difícil, pero no nos desanimemos porque el Espíritu Santo viene a nuestro alcance porque donde somos más débiles, Cristo es nuestra fuerza. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

The Obedience of Abraham and Jesus

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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La Obediencia de Abraham y Jesus

Dios puso a prueba a Abraham pidiéndole no un sacrificio ordinario, el cual requería que se quemara parcialmente la carne y se dividiera entre Dios y el pueblo y fuera consumido por los que hacían el sacrificio, sino que le pidió un holocausto, la quema completa del animal expiatorio. Este tipo de sacrificio consagraba la ofrenda solo a Dios. Esto es lo que Dios le pedía a Abraham en su ofrenda de su único hijo, Isaac. Cuando Abraham demostró su obediencia, fue suficiente. El relato de la Sagrada Escritura de hoy predice la finalización de los sacrificios de sangre de la vieja alianza en la nueva alianza: la sangre del Hijo de Dios, la cual se nos ofrece en la cruz y en la Eucaristía. La obediencia de Abraham prefigura la obediencia de Jesús a la promesa de salvación de Dios. La recompensa de la obediencia de Abraham yace en el nacimiento, por medio de Isaac, de muchas naciones. La recompensa de la obediencia de Jesús yace en la salvación de todas las personas por los siglos de los siglos.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El sacrificio de nuestro patriarca Abraham (Génesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18).

Salmo — Caminaré en presencia del Señor, en el país de la vida (Salmo 116 [115]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos entregó a su propio Hijo (Romanos 8: 31-34).

Evangelio — Este es mi Hijo amado (Marcos 9: 2-10).

Renew My Church

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Attend *Renew My Church* Meeting on Feb. 26th

Jesus Christ calls us to constantly renew His Church. *Renew My Church* is the Archdiocese of Chicago's response to His call and our invitation for renewal.

Through a multitude of *Renew My Church* initiatives, the Archdiocese will re-commit our local Church to our gospel commission to make disciples, build vital communities of faith and inspire witness to bring the light and hope of Christ to a world in need.

Today, we face a trending crisis of faith. Fewer people than ever are connected with organized religion. Many who identify as Catholic do not attend weekly Mass. Overall, we see an increase in signs of a broken world. As a result of this crisis, we find ourselves with less people and financial resources for ministry. However, we are a strong and committed Church that will work together to overcome the challenges we face today and in the centuries to come.

One initiative of *Renew My Church* is focused on increasing the vitality of our local communities. Cardinal Cupich has asked our parish to come together with the other parishes in our grouping to start a process of reflection, discernment, and planning to consider how we can collaborate and combine resources so that we are better equipped to bring Jesus Christ to the world today.

Our journey from now through May will entail collaborating with our neighbors to:

- Assess current realities in our community,
- Understand the criteria and principles for our planning efforts,
- Discuss possible scenarios for how our grouping's parishes and schools could be structured in the future, and
- Compile our feedback to share with the Archdiocese as we move to the discernment and decision phase of this important process

We Invite You

As a first step, we invite you to join parish leadership for our first *Renew My Church* parish session on **February 26th at 6:30 pm in Parish Center at 1950 N. Kenmore.**

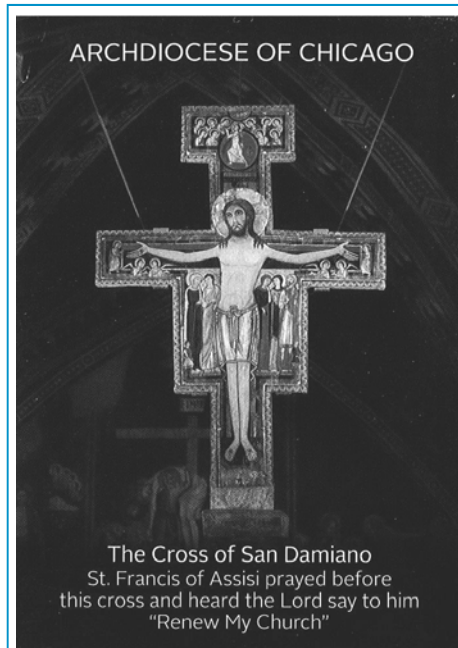
During this session we will:

- Discuss *Renew My Church* and the process we are beginning together;
- Review important information and questions about our community such as the strengths and challenges that exist in our grouping; and,
- Answer any questions you may have.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Let us hold each other and the other parish and school communities in our grouping in prayer as we enter this time of rededication to our faith in Jesus Christ and planning for the future.

Visit archchicago.org/renew to learn more.



A Prayer For "Renew My Church"

*Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,
as you spoke to holy men and women
who have gone before us.*

*In every age and in our own time,
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,
and so enable us
to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations.*

*May we remain in the holy company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all
the saints.*

*May their example and presence
inspire us with patient confidence
in the work of your grace.*

*We ask this of you who live and reign
with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.*

Amen.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

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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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Stewardship Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the 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. Please contact Dean at 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...

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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 QUIET PRAYER
TUESDAYS
6:00 TO 7:30 PM



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
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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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