

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA



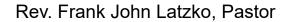


Faith & Spirit, Alive

Third Sunday of Lent March 4, 2018

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables...

— John 2: 15



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

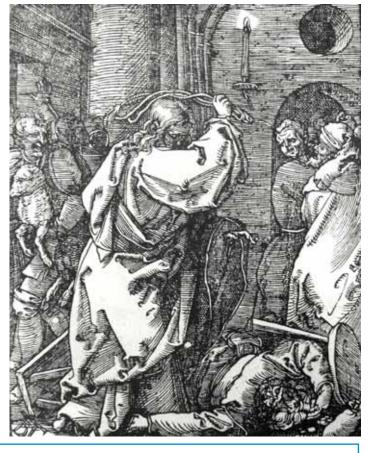
Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

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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Ministry Fair

Special thanks to Eryn Gronewoller from the Stewardship Committee for organizing this year's Ministry Fair! If you missed it, and are still looking for ways to get involved see the bulletin insert to request information



on ministries and actives at St. Teresa of Avila. Simply fill out your contact info, check the ministries you'd like to be contacted by, and drop in the collection basket, or email robrien@stteresaparish.org.

It was also great to introduce our Avila in Action grant winners to our community through the Ministry Fair. Reps from Southwest Organizing Project, UMOJA, the BLOC, and Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership turned out to share what they are doing in their organizations. You can learn more at http://www.st-teresa.net/avila-in-action.

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 t. 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.

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.

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

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Renew My Church Meeting Feedback

On Monday, February 26, St. Teresa Parish had our first parish-wide meeting in response to *Renew My Church*. The meeting had about 80 parishioners in attendance and went for over two hours, much too long. I thought everything went very well, with many questions asked concerning the scenario reconfigurations, finances, how to welcome new people and what it means to share resources. I thought the tenor of the gathering was respectful and open, with a free exchange of ideas and concerns.



We are a small, but strong community with much to offer the larger Church. I believe that we are people open to new expressions of parish life, allowing us to do what we take pride in doing, even better and in ways to attract more people: serving the poor, forming adults and children and celebrating thoughtful and inspiring liturgies.

At the heart of *Renew My Church* is to strengthen our faith and to make Christ known by our witness and community prayer. This is all about Christ and how our relationship with Him, as a community and as individuals, is the driving force in everything that happens in our lives. The word "evangelization" is nothing more than getting the word out about Christ and the difference He makes in our lives. The great challenge: how do we do this so people can receive the message?

Er. Frank

Ps. See page 10 of this bulletin for more information on the February 26th Parish-wide RMC Meeting!

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship				
Sunday:	2-11-18	2-18-18	2-25-18	
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	78	45	58	A.
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-	50	-	(g)
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	182	170	175	107
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	-	-	-	W.
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	165	180	180	
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	115	110	200	
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	540	545	613	(I) <u>\$</u>
Average Weekday Mass Attendance	8	10	12	
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	3	3	4	
Confessions this Week	0	0	0	
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0	0	0	
Funerals since January 2018	0	0	0	
Weddings since January 2018	0	0	0	
Baptisms since January 2018	8	8	8	
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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 2017/2018 monthly averages are: January, 489/644; February, 570/566; 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.

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Celebrant-Minister Schedule & Events

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 3-10-18	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Daniel Kang	Eric Fredericks	Luke Kolman Kari Richardson
Sunday 3-11-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Children's Service	Elizabeth Cuda Mark Van Grinsven Barb Schell	Nancy Van Grinsven Sara Hock Margaret Burke Jocelyn Lutkus
Sunday 3-11-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Jonathan Clinton	Shannon Clinton	Bob Pedro Aimee Jaszczor
Sunday 3-11-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Claire Kenkel	Dani Shane Mike Usiak Bert Olson	Eileen Raia Sharon Lindstrom Anne Seigenthaler Ellen Moiani

Week's Activities

Sunday, March 4

- 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

Monday, March 5

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, PC, La Posada Presentation

Tuesday, March 6

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC-PC, SPRED PC
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, March 7

5:00 pm, PC-Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking

Thursday, March 8

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Committee Meeting

Friday, March 9

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

Saturday, March 10

10:00 am, PC, Food Pantry

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent;

First Scrutiny

Wednesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Thursday: St. John of God

Friday: St. Frances of Rome;

Abstinence

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de

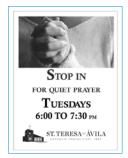
Cuaresma; Primer Escrutinio

Miércoles: Santas Perpetua y Felicitas

Jueves: San Juan de Dios Viernes:

Santa Francisca Romana;

Abstinencia



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
5:00 pm	Saturday, March 3 Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish	Please pray for the deceased
	Sunday, March 4	Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Michael Dudash, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko, Edward Nevera, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Andrea Mastro Hoinacki, Joyce
9:00 am	Marjorie Reidy	Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Fr.
10:30 am	Georgina Garcia	Barry Moriarty, C.M., Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, Noemie Sylvestre, Eddy
12:00 pm	Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish	Velazquez, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence
6:00 pm	Thomas Tremback, MD	
	Tuesday, March 6	
7:30 am	Celeste Barbara Kovalon-Stoddard	

Forgiveness

If a bad person wrongs you, forgive the person, lest there be two bad people.

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

Alicia Anderson Les Gordon Dorothy Barns Mrs. Grabarczyk Berta Billalvazo Michelle Brandt Patricia Chuck 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.

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

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

Jack Schank

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago between February 19th to February 25th -- Laed Jones-Tazrell; Andre Franzell; Ralph Cancel; Maurice Huston; Mateo Garcia Aguayo; Dijon Harris; Larreese Smith; Jontae Hunt; Jovan Killingsworth; Huber Eddings; and Christopher Lewis

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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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 <u>crobinso@depaul.edu</u> 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 of 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



What's in Your Closet?



Tues/Thurs: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

DI FASE DONATE:

Your barely used, freshly laundered or dry cleaned men's and women's designer apparel, accessories, fine jewelry, handbags, and shoes to Catholic Charities Encore Fundraiser to benefit Mary's Closet!

Catholic Charities Mary's Closet program offers professional attire and job readiness consultation to men and women in their final steps toward selfsufficiency as they are seeking employment or celebrating other life milestones.

Please mark all donations "ENCORE" and drop-off by April 6:
Catholic Charities St. Francis Xavier Parish
1717 Rand Rd., Des Plaines 524 9th St., Wilmette



SAVE-THE-DATE for Encore, a designer resale event, on April 27 and 28.

Visit www.catholiccharities.net/maryscloset for more information.

Weekends in sanctuary Weekdays in parish office

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The Stories of *La Posada:* Cooper's Story

"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 over 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.

Cooper's Story (St. Teresa of Avila Parishioner) - Volunteer

During my visit to *La Posada*, I had the opportunity to meet clients from all over the world. I believe that the purpose of a service trip is not only to help those who are not as fortunate as us, but also to immerse ourselves in a dissimilar culture. Since I was granted the opportunity to meet so many unique individuals from different corners of the world. I felt as though I had immersed myself in not just one, but many diverse cultures. And through a lens of empathy, I was able to see with my own eyes how hard it is for people who don't have the liberties that we take for granted.



My time at La Posada consisted of quite the mixed bag of activity. Aside from hearing the wideranging stories of current clients, I spent time gardening, painting, tutoring, building bunk beds, playing with the children, and assisting with meals. I also had the opportunity to attend a bilingual church service on Sunday which included a mariachi band—an experience that was truly eye-opening. I got to pick grapefruit with some of the clients and on MLK Day I helped teach about the civil rights movement in the United States.

Everyone at *La Posada* operates as a family—clients, volunteers, and staff alike. Throughout my time, I did not experience anything but gratitude from the clients. Everyone contributes their fair share— as is naturally expected from any member of a family. *La Posada* has an adage displayed in the main gathering space that is embodied in every client: "Many cul-

tures, one family of God."

Mahatma Gandhi once said: "The best test of a civilized society is the way in which it treats its most vulnerable and weakest members." Social justice is at the core of Jesus' mission, as it is ours. For me, this experience was a call to be active in the ongoing immigration discussion. I understand that this issue is multifaceted and extremely complex. I am not an immigration expert, I am not a lawyer, and I certainly don't have a perfect answer. Nonetheless, until due process rights and human rights are recognized as basic to all immigration law, it does not appear that we will ever have real immigration reform. Let us treat immigrants—and all people—with compassion, respect, and the dignity that they deserve as our fellow human beings.

How to Get Involved

Pray * Donate * Visit/ Volunteer Email Nhu Phan, nhu712@icloud.com with questions.

Upcoming Events

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

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-

30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;

Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;

Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings

(Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-

17, 34-38]

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15b; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4;

Lc 4:24-30

Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6-7bc,

8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;

Mt 5:17-19

Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-

23

Viernes: Os 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17;

Mc 12:28-34

Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc

18:9-14

Domingo: 2 Cr 36:14-16, 19-23; Sal 137 (136):1-6;

Ef 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Lecturas alternativas (Año A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-

17, 34-38]

Treasures from Tradition

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are

elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple. Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is

the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J.

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Durante la Cuaresma es importante orar, pero muchas personas se declaran ignorantes sobre el tema de la oración.

Dicen que nunca aprendieron a orar o que les gustaría poder orar mejor. Tristemente, muchos tienen un entendimiento equivocado sobre lo que es la oración. Piensan que orar es solo recitar oraciones memorizadas o esperan que la oración produzca visiones extraordinarias como la transfiguración de Jesucristo en el monte Tabor. Esperan que patriarcas y profetas, o por lo menos ángeles y santos, se les aparezcan de repente.

No digo que estas cosas no pasan, muchas personas lo han experimentado, algunos de ellos por ser muy santos mientras otros más por ser locos. Sinceramente la oración es otra cosa, es más fácil que aprender oraciones de memoria y mucho más simple que éxtasis y visiones. Orar es hablar como hijo o hija al Dios que nos ama como madre, padre, hermano, hermana, amante y amigo. Orar es contarle al Señor como nos van las cosas, nuestros temores, nuestros problemas, nuestros gozos y nuestros anhelos. Orar es pasar tiempo con Dios, a veces platicando, y a veces calladitos, pero siempre amados. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Giz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Keep Holy the Sabbath

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first

three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be

served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Santifica el Sábado

No hay mejor forma de profundizar nuestras devociones de Cuaresma que repasar los Diez Mandamientos. Los primeros tres, los cuales se refieren a una buena relación con Dios, son

> más extensos. Quizás el que más nos cueste a nosotros, que siempre estamos tan ocupados, es santificar las fiestas refiriéndose al día del Señor.

Si tomáramos este mandamiento literalmente, no cambiaríamos a los bebés, los platos quedarían en la mesa y quizás ni siquiera serviríamos las comidas. Los

enfermos no serían atendidos y no se haría nada que estuviera relacionado con el trabajo físico. ¿Se considera trabajo al trabajo mental? ¿Y qué hay de cambiarle el pañal al bebé (¡pobrecito!)?

Debemos depender de Dios para discernir de qué manera debemos respetar y santificar el día del Señor en nuestras vidas. La clave de este mandamiento es que Dios nos ha dado un gran regalo: un día entero por semana en el cual somos libres para descansar, rendirle culto a Dios, cantar, celebrar, amar y alegrarnos. Como proclama el Salmo 19 (18): "Los mandatos del Señor son rectos y alegran el corazón" (19 [18]:8). Nuestro descanso del domingo es un gran regalo que debemos recibir de Dios con alegría, no poniendo peros. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) *or*

(Exodus 20:1-1/[1-3, /-8, 12-1/]) Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*

Gospel — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Dios entrega los mandamientos al

pueblo por medio de Moisés (Éxodo 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) *o Éxodo 17:3-7*.

Salmo — Señor, tú tienes palabras de vida eterna (Salmo 19 [18]) *o Salmo* 95 (94)

Segunda lectura — Pablo proclama a Cristo crucificado; Cristo es el poder y

la sabiduría de Dios (1 Corintios 1:22-25) *o Romanos* 5:1-2, 5-8.

Evangelio — Jesús echa a los mercaderes del templo y predice su resurrección (Juan 2:13-25) o Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

Renew My Church Parish Meeting Reflections

Thank you to everyone who attended the Renew My Church meeting on Monday evening. We greatly appreciate your engagement in this process and your feedback. We certainly understand and share many of your concerns and anxieties about this process. But, we also increasingly see the opportunities for growth and collaboration. Father Frank asked me to share a reflection on the RMC process, and he will ask the others in our group to do the same in future bulletins.

As I reflect on the RMC process thus far, I am led to consider two points of view. First, what are the things that make St. Teresa's Parish special that we want to preserve? And, second, what are the opportunities for our parish to share with our Old Town/Lincoln Park grouping? When this process began, I told myself I would approach it with an open mind; I would listen, consider all of the options, and engage in cooperative debate. But, admittedly, I had my protective shield on underneath my cloak of cooperation. Like many of you, I love this parish, and would be perfectly happy to have everything remain the same. However,...

We have all sat in church and heard Father Frank call us to look out our beautiful windows onto Armitage Ave. He tells us that us is to consider how we can share our work is outside the doors of our cozy worship space. Our many social outreach programs are an im-



portant way we answer that call. But, we also hear his steady drum calling for evangelization. How can we share our abundance for the benefit of the many? How do we encourage others to join us on our path of discipleship? I ask you to consider - Is this the opportunity that has been calling to us? We have parishes around us that have experienced declining attendance and are searching for solutions to keep their communities vibrant. This could be the opportunity to spread the good news of St. Teresa of Avila Parish. Not only do we want to reach out to the community of people not participating in their faith, but there is also fertile Thank you for your support and ground reaching those who are trying, but maybe not experiencing the ess. level of engagement that we enjoy. There also will be opportunities to increase our outreach by supporting the successful programs of our neighbors. I think the task before what we have and preserve that which makes us who we are.

The RMC process allows us only three representatives, in addition to our Pastor. We fully understand that it is our job to represent you. So, it is your job to provide us with the feedback we need to best do that. We will make an effort to be available after Mass. There are only three of us - we will not be at every Mass, every week, but we will do our best. In addition, I have provided our email addresses below. According to the current schedule, there will be only one additional St. Teresa parish wide meeting before the grouping submits its feedback to the RMC Commission. Please come to the meeting on April 9th. In that meeting, we will have the scenarios proposed by the Archdiocese to share. We also will have completed two group meetings where the parish representatives review and debate the proposed scenarios and potentially begin to draft alternative scenarios. Your input at this stage will be critical.

encouragement through this proc-

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Office Information & Bulletin Deadlines

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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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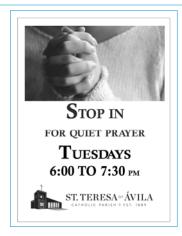
Seeking a Leader

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.



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

For information about ...

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

Contact Deacon Dean in the Parish Office dvaeth@stteresaparish.org