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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 18, 2018

“...unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

— John 12:24



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 00 PM to 7:30 PM

Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM

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Stewardship

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Special Thanks to...

- Eryn Gronewoller for her leadership in organizing this year's ministry fair and brining 30+ ministries out to represent our parish to 400+ attendees, and to Roberto Martinez for his set-up support.
- Nhu Phan, and the Border Ministry volunteers, for organizing an informative Forced Migration Panel and reception.
- Barb McHugh, Ellen Moiani, Justin Alden, for their leadership, dedication, and numerous hours put into representing St. Teresa of Avila in the Renew My Church process.
- Bob True, for preparing the meal for our recent new member dinner, and to his crew of volunteers including wife, Pam True,
- Carol Christiansen, their friend Theresa, Janel Palm, and her children Elliot and Cecilia.
- Danny Cortese, for organizing this quarter's new member dinner, and to the additional volunteers from the evening including Mark Van Grinsven, Claire Kenkel, Mary Serrahn, Eryn Gronewoller, and Lisa Marquez.

Thank you!

Would you like to thank someone at St. Teresa?

Who are you thankful for?

Email robrien@stteresaparish.org.

Palm Sunday—Holy Week Volunteers

Get involved as a volunteer this Holy Week, and enhance your spiritual life.

Fr. Frank is seeking altar servers (adults, families, couples, singles...) to serve on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Saturday's Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday Masses.

Other opportunities include baking Eucharistic Bread, assisting with the Easter Vigil, and participating in the Living Stations of the Cross.

Sign up sheets are at the back of the church, or email robrien@stteresaparish.org.



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



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

The Archdiocese of Chicago *Renew My Church* Proposed Scenario

Members of the St. Teresa *Renew My Church* (RMC) committee met with other committee members of the RMC Lincoln Park / Old Town grouping on March 13th at St. Michael. At that meeting, we were given one scenario. Even though it is challenging, we were not given multiple scenarios (as was communicated to us at the beginning of this process), we believe this is an opportunity for us to produce multiple, creative, and viable scenarios for our Lincoln Park grouping.

The Archdiocesan RMC committee feels the staffing and property ownership structure in our grouping is unique because the Redemptorists both staff and own the property at St. Michael and the Vincentians both staff and own the property at St. Vincent de Paul. Additionally, the Archdiocese RMC committee feels the relatively recent unification of Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph as one parish is also important to take into account. Thus, here is the Archdiocese RMC committee initial scenario:

- St. Teresa of Avila and St. Josaphat would unite as one canonical parish with two active church worship sites. This assumes that St. Josaphat's current capital campaign will be able to address the church facility's capital needs. St. Josaphat School would serve as the parish school.
- St. Michael and St. Vincent de Paul would each remain in their current structures, based on their staffing and owner-

ship by their respective religious communities, unless they choose to create something different.

- Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph would remain in its current structure as a multi-site parish. The school would also continue in its current structure.



The RMC process and group discussion is not over. We had a healthy discussion and voiced our challenges with this single scenario as well as opportunities to improve it. Over the next two weeks, the St. Teresa committee will propose additional scenarios that exemplify the strength of St. Teresa's spirit, vitality of our mission, viability of our finances, and the continuing growth of our parish.

What can you do over the next couple weeks? Attend mass, express what makes St. Teresa special, talk to others and share our mission. Please reach out to us to offer any suggestions.

Barb McHugh (bdmchugh@mac.com)
 Ellen Moiani (ellen.moiani@gmail.com)
 Justin Alden (Justin.alden@gmail.com)

Ps. Deadline for written comments is April 2nd; send email to all three representatives. Our next parish meeting is April 9th at 6:30PM — everyone should attend!

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Sunday:	3-4-18	3-11-18
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		88	50
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		70	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		240	240
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		55	
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		140	130
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		130	143
Total Weekend Mass Attendance		623	563
Average Weekday Mass Attendance		12	12
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance		3	5
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 2017/2018 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.

Parish Calendars

March 18 — March 24

Celebrant-Minister Schedule & Events

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 3-24-18	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Lisa Hanzelka Passion Reader #1: Eric Fredericks Passion Reader #2: Luke Kolman Passion Reader #3: Lisa Hanzelka	Rob Harmer	Linda Harmer Leigh Hartley
Sunday 3-25-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Mary Serrahn Passion Reader #1: Elizabeth Rooney Passion #2: Anastasia Bullinger Passion #3: Geneva Gorgo	Jamie Lutkus Michael Zost Peter Doyle	Brian Shea Molly Malloy Philip Malloy Margaret Burke
Sunday 3-25-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Patti Neugent Passion Reader #1: Raquel Bech Passion Reader #2: Daniel Kang Passion Reader #3: Mike Usiak	Carmen Ubides	Alice Morales-Villenas Kevin Ludden
Sunday 3-25-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Sharon Lindstrom Passion Reader #1: Andrew DeLeonardis Passion Reader #2: Anne Heller Passion Reader #3: Barb Schell	Cara Gannon Veronique Caffrey Anne Seigenthaler	Ellen Moiani Dani Shain Sharon Lindstrom Colleen Sulewski

Week's Activities

Sunday, March 18

- 10:30 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 10:30 am, REC, Sacramental Preparation
- 3:30 pm, REC, CGS Makeup
- 4:30 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:30 pm, REC, Edge

Monday, March 19

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Tuesday, March 20

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

Wednesday, March 21

- 5:00 pm, Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking
- 6:30 pm, PC, RMC All Groupings Meeting

Thursday, March 22

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, March 23

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

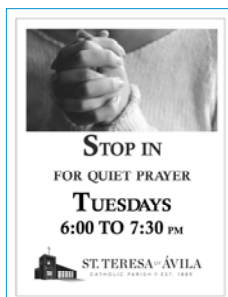
Saturday, March 24

- 10:00 am, PC, Food Pantry

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: Spring begins
Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

- Domingo:** Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma
Lunes: San José, Esposo de la Virgen María
Martes: Comienza la primavera
Viernes: Abstinencia; San Toribio de Mogrovejo



Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

- 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
- Saturday, April 7**
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, April 14**
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, April 21**
 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, March 17

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

Sunday, March 18

9:00 am Airute Kozica
12:00 pm Georgina Garcia
6:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Michael Dudash, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko, Edward Nevera, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Andrea Mastro Ho-inacki, 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

Repentance

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

— Paul Claudel

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

*Alicia Anderson
Dorothy Barns
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.*

*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
Mgr. 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 March 5th to March 10th -- ***Gilbert Casteneda; Elliott Marshall; Jason Rodriguez; Marvin Pierce; Joseph Smith; Eduardo Cornelio; Tony Webb; and Terrell Robinson.***

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.

WHATEVER YOU DO TO

THE LEAST OF THESE

YOU DO UNTO ME

I was hungry and you gave me food
I was thirsty and you gave me drink
A stranger and you welcomed me
Naked and you clothed me
Ill and you cared for me
In prison and you visited me

Solidarity Stations of the Cross
Interactive. Challenging. Passionate.

St. Teresa of Avila, Lincoln Park

Monday, March 26 6-10 PM, Doors Close at 9:15

Self Guided Walkthroughs Or

Guided Walkthrough at 7pm and 8pm

1037 W Armitage Ave, Entrance on Kenmore, Limited Parking Available

Stories of *La Posada*: Maria and Iris

“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.

Maria’s Story (El Salvador)

I’m 39 years old. My experience coming to this beautiful country was when I was lost in the desert for eight hours [with my young daughter]. I was found after I fell on my knees and begged God for help. While the people that found me did not speak Spanish, they gave me help. Later, they brought me to *La Posada* where I have encountered love and understanding from the sisters who have managed to give my heart relief. For this, I continue giving thanks to God for receiving these blessings for me and my daughter.

[Note: Maria’s 14-year-old daughter was kidnapped and killed by gangs in El Salvador. Her bones were sent back as a warning. This led Maria to flee to save the life of her younger daughter, Iris.]

Iris’s Story (El Salvador)

I am 8 years old and in the first grade. I live at *La Posada* where I have received much love from the sisters. They help me with homework and I am learning to speak English. I am thankful for these people who have shown such love to my mother and me. When I grow up, I hope that God gives me a heart as big as all the love that these people have given me when I was little.

How to Get Involved

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

Thank You, St. Teresa Parish

Father Chris Robinson and the DePaul University *Camino de Santiago* students would like to express our heart-felt thanks for your welcome, support, and prayer!



It was a joy to share join with you at Mass, hospitality, and conversation. Thank you, too, for those who have contributed support for our upcoming trip in July!

If you would still like to make a contribution or learn more about our Camino, please visit <https://inspire.depaul.edu/project/9653>. You may also contact Father Chris directly at crobinso@depaul.edu.

Many blessings and please know St. Teresa Parish will be with us in spirit along the Camino de Santiago!

2018 *Midwest Mariapolis*

If you or your family are looking for a different kind of experience this summer, something which is not simply a holiday or a retreat, then the *Mariapolis* (City of Mary) might be just for you.



Mariapolis is an event organized by the Focolare Movement and is characteristic of its spirit: it is a gathering of people of all ages and backgrounds, spending a few days together putting into practice the Gospel message of love. The main guideline for these gatherings, which take place in many countries throughout the world, is the ‘Golden Rule’, which invites us to do to others what we would like to be done to us. It is an opportunity to experience what happens in a day-to-day life when we have listening, gift of self and sharing as the basis for our relationships.

Midwest Mariapolis takes place June 29 to July 3 in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Please **register at <http://www.midwestmariapolis.org> no later than April 30th**.

For more information, email midwest@focolare.us or call (773) 536-7873 or (708) 484-9771.

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a
Martes: Nm 21:4-9; Sal 102 (101):2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Miércoles: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Jueves: Gn 17:3-9; Sal 105 (104):4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Viernes: Jer 20:10-13; Sal 18 (17):2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Sábado: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Domingo: Mc 11:1-10 o Jn 12:12-16; (procesión) Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 (21): 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Flp 2:6-11; Mc 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

Treasures from Tradition

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means “olive press,” and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can’t be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a “gethsemane,” and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Flevit*, or “The Cry of the Lord,” built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En Latinoamérica, como en muchas partes del mundo, hay una horrible e impresionante pobreza. Enfrentado con la miseria humana, el cristiano puede responder con resignación “Yo no soy nadie, ¿qué puedo hacer yo? Nada.” o puede responder con obras de caridad ayudando uno por uno a los pobres y necesitados. Esta virtud, es el pilar más importante de la conversión. Porque en ella imitamos a Jesucristo que vino no a condenar al mundo sino a salvarlo. Sin la caridad nuestros ayunos son dietas y nuestras oraciones son palabras necias.

La caridad es una virtud cristiana, porque Dios es el mejor ejemplo de lo que es la caridad. La caridad no es limosna, es amor y justicia, es salud y salvación; es cumplir con el mandamiento de amarnos los unos a los otros en un mundo donde la mayoría son pobres y desamparados. La caridad es dar al necesitado algo que uno aun necesite, es obrar por cambios sociales que promuevan la dignidad humana y el bienestar económico de todos. La caridad es amor y Dios es amor; vivamos en ese amor. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Saved by God's Love

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Salvados por el Amor de Dios

Después de que los israelitas quebrantaron la antigua alianza, Dios prometió una nueva alianza, no con la sangre de bueyes y otros animales sino con la sangre del Hijo, Jesucristo. Esta nueva alianza, que Jeremías y los profetas habían anticipado, no sería grabada en piedra ni escrita en papel, sino que se escribiría en el corazón, para que pudiéramos conocer a Dios íntimamente. La salvación no está en obedecer muchos preceptos, sino en el amor de Dios, que está vivo y es real en nuestro corazón gracias al sacrificio de Cristo.

Nuestra Eucaristía es la promesa del Cristo que vive dentro nuestro y de nuestra respuesta de alabanza y agradecimiento a Dios por su misericordia, amor y bondad al perdonar nuestros pecados y limpiarnos el corazón de todo mal. Dios extiende esta invitación a la intimidad al ofrecernos la oportunidad de que nuestro sufrimiento se transforme en el amor perfecto del Salvador, que siempre nos amó. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14*.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or *Psalm 130*.

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or *Romans 8:8-11*.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor hará una nueva alianza con la casa de Israel. (Jeremías 31:31-34) o *Ezequiel 37:12-14*.

Salmo — Oh Dios, crea en mí un corazón puro (Salmo 51 [50]) o *Salmo 130 (129)*.

Segunda lectura — Cristo aprendió obediencia, y los que ahora le obedecen encuentran en él la salvación eterna (Hebreos 5:7-9) o *Romanos 8:8-11*.

Evangelio — Si el grano de trigo cae en tierra y muere, da mucho fruto (Juan 12:20-33) o *Juan 11:1-45*.

Reflection

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“Hey, Mister, are you Jesus?”

The story is told of a blind merchant selling his wares in the middle of a busy train station, when a group of children bump into the table and knock much of his nicely stacked merchandise to the floor. As the story goes, the merchant gets down on his hands and knees in an attempt to retrieve his scattered goods. Another man, clearly in a hurry, rounds the corner to see the sight-impaired merchant on the floor.

The man stops for a moment, looks at his watch, his expression indicating his dilemma: If he takes the time to help this young man, he will likely miss his train. With only a moment's hesitation, he drops his briefcase, gets down on the floor, and helps the merchant gather and re-stack his goods. When all is in order, and the man walks away, the merchant calls out after him: “Hey Mister, are you Jesus?”

Now chances are this story is not actually true. But true or not, this story could well be a modern-day parable. It comes to my mind each time I hear the Greeks say to Philip, as we hear in today's Gospel, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” What was it about the man that caused the merchant to ask him if he was Jesus? Was it the fact that he died to himself in order to help a man he did not know and who would never be able to repay him? Might it have been that this busy man loved the merchant more, in those few moments, than he loved his own life, sacrificing his travel plans for another? Surely anyone who has traveled by train or air knows the inconvenience, not to



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mention the cost in time and dollars, of rebooking a trip or a ticket. Could it have been because the man got down on the floor and chose to serve the merchant in the same way Jesus served the poor, the marginalized, the outcast and disciples whose feet he washed?

In today's Gospel, Jesus responded with similar words when told that the Greeks wished to see him. “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,” Jesus says, “it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” Jesus continued, “Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.” And finally, “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.”

Jesus' response to Philip and Andrew almost seems like a non-sequitur. What does any of that have to do with the Greeks' desire to see

Jesus? And yet, as I think of the merchant's question, “Hey Mister, are you Jesus?” it seems to me that Jesus' answer to Philip and Andrew has everything to do with the question.


It was the Greeks who asked to see Jesus, Greeks who did not look or worship like the Jews. And I wonder, who are “the Greeks” who want to see Jesus today? Might they be living in the cellblock of a crowded prison?

Perhaps they are a single-parent family receiving government aid or a drug addict living on the street? Might they be a family trying to find water and food on a dark night in San Juan, Puerto Rico? Are they refugees from a Muslim country, undocumented people from Mexico, a couple in an unconventional marriage?

And I wonder, if we responded to these people today like the man responded to the blind merchant in our modern-day parable, if we, too, would come to see, like Jesus came to see in today's Gospel that “it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” And, perhaps we, too, would hear a voice come from heaven saying, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

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

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

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