



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 19, 2018

This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.
-- John 6:58

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
¹First & Second Saturdays ²First 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 (Call to register)

Office Hours

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



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Ongoing Service Opportunities

Food Pantry: Every Saturday morning from 9am - 12pm. Supervised kids welcome.

Loaves & Fishes Dinners: Every Friday night, supervised kids welcome. Set up and serve from 3:30pm-6:30pm, or share a meal with our guests from 4:45pm-6:00pm.

Night Ministry Meal Service: Every other Wednesday. Bake cookies and bring to St. Teresa. Help cook a meal from 6:00pm-8:30pm, or take the meal out to the streets from 9pm-11pm.

Host Fellowship: Every Sunday following the 9am Mass. Bring treats, juice, make coffee and clean up. A great way for individuals, couples and families to help grow our community.

Browse spots and register online at signup.com/go/stteresa.

Welcome Back Weekend: 9/8 & 9/9

Join us the first weekend following Labor Day for "Welcome Back Weekend." For many of our members, September means back to school, the end of vacation season, and a return to routine. There will be a celebration following all masses, with light food and beverage, tours of our children's Montessori based catechesis program, opportunities to register as a member, and info about our church, programs and volunteer opportunities.

Volunteers are needed! If you're interested in hosting hospitality after the 12pm Mass, or acting as a greeter, please email Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org.

7 ideas for service: TOYL Gala

Our single most important fundraiser of the year, the Time of Your Life Gala, returns to Germania Place on Saturday, November 17th. Join us for a "magical" evening of dinner, drinks, dancing, games and auctions. Below are some ideas on how you can support our ministries through this important event:

1. Join our fun and social planning committee
2. Donate your vacation home, boat, concert tickets, etc. to the auction
3. Buy your tickets to the event (pre-sale ends August 30th)
4. Buy extra tickets and bring some friends
5. Ask your favorite restaurant, hotel, service provider, etc. to donate a gift certificate
6. Buy a sponsorship or program ad
7. Invite your company to buy a sponsorship or program ad

Email Annmarie.p. Kearney@gmail.com to donate items to the auction or to discuss sponsorship packages.

Purchase tickets, donate items and more at timeofyourlifegala.com



Thank You!

Thanks to all who have donated supplies for our Refugee/ Moms & Babies ministry. Mairead Reidy, Geneva Gorgo, and Lorrie Donnell recently visited with soon-to-be mom, Faida, to supply her with much needed gear for the arrival of her new daughter. Faida is from the Congo and spent the last few years in a refugee camp in Uganda. She conveyed how difficult life in Uganda was with shortages of food and health care, and that she is grateful to America for the opportunity to give birth to a healthy baby.

Over the next few months, St Teresa's Church will work with four additional expectant moms, providing cribs, strollers, car seats, clothing and other baby gear. Two of our expectant moms are from the DR Congo, and one from Afghanistan and one from Nepal.



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

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Financial Collections

Everyday Stewardship

Date	Collections Basket	Give Central	Total
7-8-18	\$3,786	7/4 - 7/10 \$8,775	\$12,561
7-15-18	\$2,505	7/11 - 7/17 \$6,527	\$9,032
7-22-18	\$2,402	\$5,715	\$8,117
7-29-18	\$2,971	\$5,520	\$8,491
8-5-18	\$2,396	\$14,853	\$17,249
YTD 7-1-18 - 7-31-18	\$16,597	\$49,558	\$66,155

"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..." (EPHESIANS 5:15)

A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom of earth.

Can you count 10 blessings God has granted you today?

Tax Credit Scholarships

Are you interested in supporting low income students with your tax dollars? A 75% state tax credit is available for donations toward a qualified scholarship granting organization (SGO). St. Teresa of Avila has partnered with St. Benedict the African, one of just two schools still servicing Chicago's Englewood neighborhood, to encourage funding scholarships through the new Illinois tax credit scholarship program.

This program is a great way to maximize your charitable dollars. For example, a net contribution of \$1,045 (\$4180 donation with a \$3,135 tax credit) you can support a full scholarship.

Visit archchicago.org/tcs to learn more, or contact the parish office.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday: 8-12-18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	63
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	222
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	125
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	90

Total Weekend Mass Attendance 500

Average Weekday Mass Attendance	10
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	5

Confessions this Week	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0
Funerals since January 2018	5
Weddings since January 2018	4
Baptisms since January 2018	28

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, 640/637; April, 705/810; May, 573/583; June, 541/523; July, 463/511; August, 510; September, 566; October, 621; November 622.

In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ration of 1:7094 Catholics.

Parish Calendars

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Celebrant/Minister Schedule					
Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 8-25-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Eric Fredericks	Philip Malloy	Nancy Gerstad Colleen Sulewski
Sunday 8-26-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Patti Neugent	Sharon Lindstrom <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Christina Brodell	Brian Shea Michael Zost <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Margaret Burke
Sunday 8-26-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Laura Strybel	Bert Olson Aimee Jaszczor Mary Stanton	Alejandro Lopez Maria Montes Tyler Payl Anne Seigenthaler
Sunday 8-26-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Sara Hock Lector: Christopher Toups	<i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Anne Heller Pete Doyle	Andrew De Leonardis Eileen Raia Hannah Toohey Luke Kolman

Week's Activities	Saints & Special Observances	Upcoming Food Pantry Dates
<p>Sunday, August 19 No Activities Planned</p> <p>Monday, August 20 No Activities Planned</p> <p>Tuesday, August 21 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Wednesday, August 22 5:00 pm, PC/Kitchen, Night Ministry</p> <p>Thursday, August 23 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery 3:30 pm, Kitchen, L&C Cooking</p> <p>Friday, August 24 5:00 pm, GS-PC, Loaves & Fishes Dinner 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group</p> <p>Saturday, August 25 9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry</p>	<p>Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Monday: St. Bernard</p> <p>Tuesday: St. Pius X</p> <p>Wednesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>Thursday: St. Rose of Lima</p> <p>Friday: St. Bartholomew</p> <p>Saturday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <hr/> <p>Domingo: Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario</p> <p>Lunes: San Bernardo</p> <p>Martes: San Pío X</p> <p>Miércoles: Santa María Virgen, Reina</p> <p>Jueves: Santa Rosa de Lima</p> <p>Viernes: San Bartolomé</p> <p>Sábado: San Luis de Francia, San José de Calasanz Santa María Virgen</p>	<p>Saturday, August 25 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p>Saturday, September 1 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p>Saturday, September 8 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p>Saturday, September 15 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p>Saturday, September 22 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p>Saturday, September 29 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p>

Mass Intentions & Prayers

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 18

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

Sunday, August 19

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

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

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

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

Jeffrey Bergen, Andrea Harris, Edward Nevera, Andrea Mastro Hoinacki, Chuck Jabaley, Joyce Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Frank Kolman, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, Noemie Sylvestre, Eddy Velazquez, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

August Baptisms

*Theodore Zeidan Abousaleh (8-4-18),
Makayla Rue Murphy (8-18-18)*

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

*Alicia Anderson
Dorothy Barns
Berta Billalvazo
Michelle Brandt
Carol Coffey
Patricia Chuck
Elizabeth Ryan Dean
Michael De Blasis
Alex DeNoma
Kathy Derrick
Kim Duffy
Isabelle Eiffert
Helen Fasano
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
Ronald Jakubec
Krista Kutz
Betty LaCour
Carmen D. Lorenzana
Gabriel Lozada
Madeline 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
Juan Nigo
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill
Frank O'Toole
Clayton Poe
Carol Poyner
Hector J. Rivera
Luis Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez
Ray Romero
Jeffrey Roscoe
Denise Rosen
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD*

*Jack Schank
Will Sullivan
Mima Tome
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Elizabeth Ann True
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 last week -- **Derrick Hall; Marquis Thomas; Stoney Jones; Humberto Gambino, Joanna Gutierrez; Labriel Bedford Lee; Jasmyne Shoals; Demetrius Jones; Derric Baltimore; Dylan J. C. Zavala; Montrae K. Hardin; and Darius Ortiz.**

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@sttereseparish.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. We leave the names of the deceased parishioners and friends on the list for about twelve months.

Parish Life

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LIFE AND JUSTICE CONFERENCE

The Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity is excited to host this year's Life and Justice Conference entitled *Building a New Reality Together!*

The keynote speaker for this year's conference will be Sister Helen Prejean.

Saturday, September 15
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Mount Carmel High School
6410 South Dante Avenue
Chicago, IL 60637

\$20 until August 1 | \$25 after August 1 | \$30 at the door

Please visit pvm.archchicago.org to register or our Facebook page @ohdschicago for more information.

Oscar Romero - Save the Dates

Oscar Romero, the archbishop of San Salvador was a human rights activist whose boldly opposed his country's military dictatorship. On March 24, 1980, Romero was assassinated inside his own church in a deliberate, cold-blooded murder that shocked the world.

This October, Fr. Frank will travel to Rome to witness the canonization of Romero, who has had a profound affect on Fr. Frank's own priesthood. In preparation for the canonization, St. Teresa is hosting several Romero themed events. Save the dates below, and stay tuned for more information:

Wednesday, September 26th, evening: Workshop, "How Romero's work can inspire your calling."

Sunday, September 30th, all masses: Fr. Frank invites a guest homilist to deliver more information on the works of Oscar Romero, and their relevance to our world today.

Monday, October 1st, evening: Workshop, "Catholic Social Teaching - a Call to Action"

Tutor's Needed

Volunteer tutors are needed to help in the classroom at George Manierre School (1420 N. Hudson) for the upcoming 2018/19 school year. Tutors would assist students with elementary Math and Reading skills.

Scheduling is flexible but support must be completed during classroom hours on Monday through Friday.

If interested, contact Jeanne at norbertasanna@gmail.com



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Lugar: San Cornelius

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Sesión Informativa e Inscripción

Miércoles, Agosto 22, 2018 de 7:00pm a 10:00pm

Primera Sesión

Miércoles, Agosto 29, 2018 de 7:00pm a 10:00pm

Curso de 10 semanas. Tres horas semanales.

Costo total \$120.00 Incluye material y diploma.

¡Enriquece tu vida! Actúa con Iniciativa, Responsabilidad, y Sentido de Pertenencia. ¡Comunicate! ¡Aprende! ¡Crece! y ¡Construye!

St. Teresa's Men's Retreat

Our annual fall retreat at **Bellarmino September 7 – 9.**

This year's retreat will focus on the Spiritual Exercises: *Familiar Themes and New Images* (it is a Jesuit Retreat House after all).

For more details, contact Craig Dean at cdean@aegpartners.com.

Tallér de Jose Says Thank You



Taller de José



10th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving

Join us Sunday, September 23rd for a mass of Thanksgiving celebrating 10 years of Accompaniment at Taller de José! All are welcome for this free event commemorating all of the people, organizations, and supporters that have made an impact on this thriving Chicago ministry.

When: Sunday, September 23rd 3pm
Where: Kolbe Assumption Catholic Church, 2434 S California Ave, Chicago

Reception immediately following the mass
Your RSVP to 773-523-8320 or info@tallerdejose.org would be appreciated!
Parking is available in the church lot off of California Blvd and in the Taller de José lot accessible via the alley off of 25th street.

Tallér de Jose Diga Gracias



Taller de José



Misa de acción de gracias del 10 aniversario

Únase a nosotros domingo el 23 de septiembre para una misa de acción de gracias celebrando 10 años de acompañamiento en Taller de José. Todos están bienvenidos para este evento gratis conmemorando a toda la gente, organizaciones y partidarios que han impactado este ministerio prospero en Chicago.

¿Cuándo?: domingo el 23 de septiembre a las 3:00 de la tarde
¿Dónde?: Kolbe asunción iglesia católica, 2434 S California Ave, Chicago

Recepción inmediatamente después de la misa
Su RSVP a 773-523-8320 o Info@tallerdejose.org sería agradecido! Estacionamiento disponible en el parqueo de la iglesia accesible desde la California o en el parque de la oficina de Taller de José accesible desde el callejón desde la calle 25.

NEW! Sunday Family Playgroup

A few families from the Friday play group are meeting after the 9 am Mass to go to the splash park every 2 weeks starting July 22. The more the merrier! Grab a bite at hospitality and join us at the newly renovated splash pad at Adams park. Ck St T's Tot spot on Facebook for more info.



You Can't Do the Job Without the Boots

We know 40 immigrant men who are in need of work boots and other supplies

We are looking for

- New or used steel toe work boots
 - Sizes: 7,8, and 9
- New or used work socks
- Gently used tools



Resurrection Catholic Church: 3043 N Francisco Ave
Northside Latin Progress: 1917 N Kedzie Ave

Please Call: 312-343-0804

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Martes:	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Miércoles:	Ez 34:1-11; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Jueves:	Ez 36:23-28; Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Viernes:	Ap 21:9b-14; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Sábado:	Ez 43:1-7a; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Domingo:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 16-21; Ef 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Treasures From Tradition

Sometimes the heat of summer translates into unrest in a city's streets. In the summer of 1834, popular sentiment against the presence of the Ursuline nuns near Boston reached a boiling point. An influx of Irish laborers had an impact on the work force in the city, and a deep-seated resentment against Catholics fueled the fire. The nuns supported themselves with a school, and most of the young women students were drawn from patrician Protestant families. Nevertheless, rumors fed by the saga of an unhappy junior sister and a later episode of a senior sister fleeing the place increased tensions. The city's selectmen were given a tour by the disgruntled sister, who by then had returned, and found all things in good order. That didn't please the mob, and the mother superior didn't help matters when she said that the bishop had platoons of Irishmen at hand, twenty thousand strong, to do marauders harm. By August 11, the convent had been invaded, ransacked, and burned to the ground. The nuns fled to Maine and Canada. The diocese attempted to recover losses, but the commonwealth offered only ten thousand dollars, which was rejected. Years later, a legislative bill for the state to rebuild the convent and school was roundly defeated. Yet the enterprise of Catholic education had great resilience, and in 1946, more than a hundred years after the riots, the Ursulines returned to Boston to re-establish an academy that endures to the present day.

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Entre los varios santitos que de niño recuerdo haber visto en el templo, santa Rosa de Lima (1586-1617) se me ha quedado grabada por su belleza y humildad. No sé quién fue el que me la presentó por primera vez, sólo sé que la recuerdo porque era latina como yo. En su cabeza llevaba una corona de espinas de la cual brotaban rositas rojas. Según mis catequistas, ella había usado una corona de espinas a escondidas debajo de su velo de monja para recordarle que si era bella lo debía a Dios y no a sus propios méritos.

Santa Rosa (Isabel Flores de Oliva) fue canonizada en 1667 como la primera santa americana. Ella encarnaba la expresión "Gracias a Dios". Esta frase la utilizan muchos latinos cuando reciben un cumplido o halago, para reconocer que sus talentos y virtudes se deben a Dios que bendice sus esfuerzos. Ellos, como Santa Rosa, aceptan las limitaciones de su condición humana pero también aceptan la gracia de ser hijas e hijos del Dios que siempre nos ayuda.

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



This Eucharistic Feast

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!



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Esta Fiesta Eucarística

Ciertos aspectos de la naturaleza humana nunca cambian, ni siquiera en el transcurso de varios siglos. Cuando celebramos una fiesta, comemos; cuando celebramos un acontecimiento importante, damos un banquete. En la primera lectura de hoy, la Sabiduría está preparando un banquete, un símbolo de la celebración de la alianza que Israel tiene con Dios. La conmemoración central de su alianza salvadora del Éxodo es la comida de la pascua judía. Por lo tanto, es natural y no casual que la celebración cristiana de la nueva alianza sellada por la sangre de Cristo en la cruz sea una comida, nuestra Eucaristía, la cual primero fue ofrecida por Jesús durante la conmemoración de la pascua judía. Algunas veces nos resulta fácil olvidar el rico origen religioso y humano de nuestro banquete eucarístico de pan y vino que son el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús. Hoy y en los próximos domingos que escuchemos el discurso sobre el "Pan de Vida" por boca de Juan, recordemos la generosa alianza que Dios forja con nosotros y llenémonos de alegría con este maravilloso banquete al que somos invitados.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

Gospel — I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — La sabiduría nos dice: Dejen su ignorancia y vivirán; avancen por el camino de la prudencia (Proverbios 9:1-6).

Salmo — Gusten y vean qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]).

Segunda lectura — Vivan como personas de sabiduría tratando de entender qué es la voluntad del Señor, llenos del Espíritu y dando gracias siempre (Efesios 5:15-20).

Evangelio — Jesús dice, "Yo soy el pan vivo que ha bajado del cielo; el que coma de este pan vivirá para siempre" (Juan 6:51-58)

Remaining

At a Teens Encounter Christ retreat I attended in college, a young seminarian gave a talk on the Eucharist. He told us about one of his favorite parts of seminary —waking up early in the morning to go to chapel and place the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance for an hour of adoration. From his time meditating in front of the body of Christ, he developed his own prayer for adoration and receiving Eucharist: “Jesus, I want to be you.”

We could see this as an audacious request. That we, in all our human frailty, might approach the Creator of the universe, truly present in the bread and wine of the Eucharist, and beg to not just be like him, or to draw close to him, but to actually become him.

And yet, when we process forward for Communion and hear the words spoken, “the body of Christ” and “the blood of Christ,” our “amen” signifies not only our belief that the bread and wine have in fact been transformed into the sacred flesh of Jesus, but also that this is our own true nature and who we are called to be, the body of Christ alive and active in our world. St. Augustine puts it this way: “If you, therefore, are Christ’s body and members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord’s table! It is your own mystery that you are receiving! You are saying ‘Amen’ to what you are” (Sermon 272).

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the gathered crowds, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” Throughout the Gospel of John, remaining in Jesus is perhaps the most important duty of a disciple. Later in the Gospel, Jesus will use the word “remain” 12 times in 17 verses in the parable of the true vine (John 15:1-17).

Often, we might think that it is our actions that should be the focus of the spiritual life, and yet within this parable, Jesus gives the commandment to “remain” twice as many times as he mentions bearing fruit on the vine. Remaining is the starting point and the only way to carry out our mission as disciples — to bring the love of Christ to the broken places of our world.

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If the request, “Jesus, I want to be you,” requires a certain amount of audacity on the part of the believer, we could say it also requires an equal amount of courage. To be the body and blood of Christ is to be bread that is broken and wine that is poured out. Jesus tells us, “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” We know that Jesus “did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

Our identity as Christ’s body and blood is not a status symbol or a conveyor of power, instead it marks us for a life of servanthood and radical self-gift to others. Our Lord is the “living bread that came down from heaven” who desires to be our food and drink. This is the humility that we are called to emulate: to seek to be nourishment for others instead of worrying about satisfying our own hungers for recognition or material possessions.

If Jesus’ call for us to be bread that is broken and wine that is poured out seems nearly impossible, we can take courage that he does not ask us to do it on our own. At the altar, we encounter the bread of life, Jesus, the risen one, who desires to feed us with himself. In hope and trust, we pray “Jesus, I want to be you,” and then say “amen” to who we truly are.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

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

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The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Stewardship Committee

Daniel Cortese
Kelly Dean
Eryn Gronewoller
Claire Kenkel
Lisa Marquez

John Mitchell
Rebecca O'Brien
Mary Serrahn
Dan Summins
Mark Van Grinsven

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

Stewardship Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Office Information and 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 7:00 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 John at bulletin@stteresaparish.org for more information.

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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.

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.

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Stop In For Quiet Prayer

Tuesdays
6:00 to 7:30PM



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For More 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 More Information About...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick
Contact Deacon Dean in the Parish Office
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