



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 2, 2018

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”

-- Mark 7:15

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

The Time of Your Life Committee has some exciting announcements!

After all masses on **September 8th and September 9th**, the committee will be helping to host hospitality and it is the last time to purchase tickets with the pre-sale pricing! After the afternoon and evening masses, we will be hosting a BBQ outside of the Parish Center. Bring your appetite! The morning mass will feature complimentary mimosas and treats -- everyone is invited to come learn more about the event and how you can help.

- We sold over 100 tickets during our ice cream social weekend! We are looking to continue the positive momentum.
- Raffle tickets are on sale! Purchase a ticket(s) for the chance to win one of four amazing trips: Sonoma wine country, Whistler ski trip, Cancun vacation and Hawaii!
- We are bringing back Instant Wine Cellar! Donate a bottle (or \$25) of your favorite wine and we will be auctioning off all the bottles during the auction to a lucky winner.
- Interested in joining our committee? Have ideas for the auction? Interested in a sponsorship? Email annmarie.p. Kearney@gmail.com.

To purchase tickets anytime, donate items and more: www.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
7-15-18	\$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 - 8-5-18	\$16,597	\$49,558	\$66,155

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." (JAMES 1:22)

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

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: 8-26-18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	65
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	200
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	130
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	110

Total Weekend Mass Attendance 505

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	29

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, 510/509; 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 9-8-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Barb Schell	Nancy Gerstad	Connie Becker Susan Freund
Sunday 9-8-18	6:30 PM	French Mass			
Sunday 9-9-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Geneva Gorgo	Mary Serrahn Jamie Lutkus <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i>	<i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Nancy Van Grinsven Christina Brodell Kayla Mueller
Sunday 9-9-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Callie Pogge	Carmen Ubides Bob Pedro Deirdre Curry Bormes	Tyler Paul Margaret Burke <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Mary Stanton
Sunday 9-9-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Amir Rafizadeh Lector: Doug Lovette	Andrew De Leonardis Veronique Caffrey Carol Coffey	<i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Ellen Moiani Eileen Raia Cara Gannon

Week's Activities	Saints & Special Observances	Upcoming Food Pantry Dates
<p>Sunday, September 2 7:00 pm, PC, Food Pantry Meeting</p> <p>Monday, September 3 7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council</p> <p>Tuesday, September 4 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Wednesday, September 5 5:00 pm, PC/Kitchen, Night Ministry</p> <p>Thursday, September 6 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery 3:00 pm, PC/Kitchen, Loaves/Fishes Prep</p> <p>Friday, September 7 4:45 pm, GS-PC, Loaves & Fishes Dinner 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group</p> <p>Saturday, September 8 9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry 6:30 pm, Church, French Mass</p>	<p>Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Monday: St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day</p> <p>Friday: First Friday</p> <p>Saturday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <hr/> <p>Domingo: Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario</p> <p>Lunes: San Gregorio Magno; Día del Trabajo</p> <p>Viernes: Primer viernes</p> <p>Sábado: La Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María</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> <p>Saturday, October 6 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p>Saturday, October 13 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, September 1

5:00 pm Liz Kunkel

Sunday, September 2

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

September Baptisms

Xochitl Yatziri Zavala (9-9-18), Lucas Richard Carusona (9-8-18), Titus Joseph Gregory (9-8-18), Jason Paul Brandstetter, Jr. (9-8-18) Lyla Madaline Brandstetter (9-8-18), Simon Derrick Hock (9-16-18), Mateo Angel Ramos (9-16-18), Nathan Andrews (9-30-18), Hannah Kang (9-30-18)

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 -- **Dennis Thomas; Daquan Albright; Tyrone Marshall; Darnelle Flowers; Raysuan Turner; Quincy Geter; Keyontae Chatman; Armani Harris; George Jackson; Antonio Gil; and Normal Salmeron.**

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@stteresaparis.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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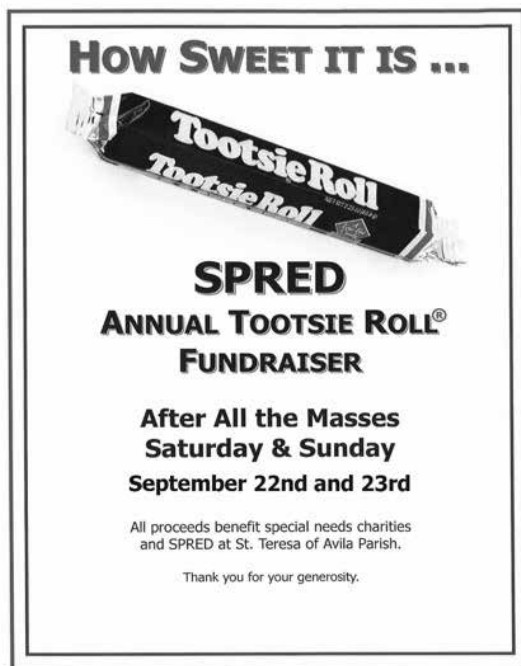
SPRED Needs You!

St. Teresa's SPRED group needs YOU. We invite you to join this beautiful ministry as a catechist. We host 11 to 16 year-old friends who have developmental disabilities. We are looking for new friends and catechists.


No prior experience in teaching or working with persons with developmental disabilities is required. Our group supports each other in the training and we are always learning together.

We meet on Tuesday evenings only 12 times each semester, six of these meetings are with our friends called Total Community and six of the meetings are with only the catechists called our Prep Sessions which prepare us for Total Community.

It is a meaningful experience which you get more than you give. Please consider joining SPRED and please feel free to contact Carrie Mondschein with any questions at cmonds@hinshawlaw.com or (312) 320-1160.



HOW SWEET IT IS ...



**SPRED
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FUNDRAISER**

**After All the Masses
Saturday & Sunday
September 22nd and 23rd**

All proceeds benefit special needs charities
and SPRED at St. Teresa of Avila Parish.

Thank you for your generosity.

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:

****Date Change for Romero Workshops****

Monday, September 24th, evening: Workshop, "How Romero's work can inspire your calling."

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

Veteran's Grief Group

The Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) program is now offering monthly grief support groups for veterans who have lost a battle buddy, family member, or friend to suicide and for family members of veterans. Support groups are held:

Every third Sunday of the month

2 to 4 p.m.

Faith United Methodist Church in Orland Park.

LOSS is a unique grief support program for individuals and families suffering the loss of a loved one to suicide. LOSS offers a safe, non-judgmental environment where survivors of suicide can openly talk about feelings and experiences. We help you to find community, direction and resources for healing. For more information, visit www.catholiccharities.net/loss or contact (312) 655-7283.

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.

Hunger Walk

33rd Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk September 8, 2018 Jackson Park

September is Hunger Awareness Month. In celebration, please join team St T for the GCFD's Hunger Walk. The Walk is Saturday, September 8. It opens at 7 and Step Off is at 8:30. Jackson Park is at 1793 East Hayes Drive.

Online registration for walkers ends on August 29th. If you are interested in walking please use the following URL to join the team.

<https://www.classy.org/team/182787>

If you are not available to walk please consider supporting our Food Pantry efforts with a donation. Donations can be accepted through **October 8, 2018**.

There will be a second collection the weekend of September 1st – 2nd in support of the Hunger Walk efforts. If you would prefer to donate online, please use the URL above and select Donate.

Thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry!

Monthly Children's Participation Mass

St. Teresa's holds monthly Children's Participation 9AM Masses on the 2nd Sunday of each month during the school year to invite and encourage us all to elevate the role of children and families in the mass.

Dates for this year are below. All children are invited to help as missal, bulletin, or collection basket ushers; gift bearers; or altar servers at these masses. Children in 3rd grade and up can serve as lectors upon receiving preparation. To RSVP for a certain task, indicate lectoring interest, or receive monthly reminders/invitations, please email Kate Lynch at kolynchdre@gmail.com.

Sept 9; Oct 14; Nov 11; Dec 9; Jan 13; Feb 10; Mar 10; Apr 14; and May 12.

Women's Center: Seeking Donations

Currently we are only accepting **car seats (all less than 7 years old) for 20-40 lb. infants, cribs and high chairs**. We also need baby food (in date) and Enfamil formula and women's hygiene products and diapers in size 6 only. These items cannot be picked up unless accompanied by baby furniture. The families who receive these things are grateful for your generosity.

For our address where you can deliver them to us or if a pick-up by a volunteer is needed, please call 773-794-1313.

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessings of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Sal 119 (118):97-102; Lc 4:16-30, o las lecturas de la Misa “Por la santificación del trabajo”
Martes:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Sal 145 (144):8-14; Lc 4:31-37
Miércoles:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Sal 33 (32):12-15, 20-21; Lc 4:38-44
Jueves:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Sal 24 (23):1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lc 5:1-11
Viernes:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Sal 37 (36):3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lc 5:33-39
Sábado:	Mi 5:1-4a o Rom 8:28-30; Sal 13 (12):6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Domingo:	Is 35:4-7a; Sal 146 (145):7-10; Sant 2:1-5; Mc 7:31-37

Treasures From Tradition

When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedication directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the mensa, or “altar table.” Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself. Today’s rite states a clear preference for “martyr,” and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition’s desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means “witness” in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ.

From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn’t count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr’s tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a “cult”) was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were celebrated elsewhere. The age of the martyrs is now, and more people died for the faith in the twentieth century than ever before, witnessing to Christ to the end. Their sacrifice remains “the seed of the Church.”

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

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En las Sagradas Escrituras hay varias parejas como Abraham y Sara, Elcaná y Ana, y Zacarías e Isabel, que por alguna razón u otra no pueden engendrar hijos o hijas. Hay que saber que en muchas culturas la falta de descendencia es considerada un castigo divino. Dios, en su divina misericordia, ampara a estas parejas dándoles una prole. Según la literatura apócrifa cristiana, (el Evangelio de la Natividad de María, el Evangelio apócrifo de Mateo y el Protoevangelium de Santiago) a estas famosas parejas se pueden añadir los padres de la Virgen María, Joaquín y Ana.

Esta pareja de la línea del rey David tampoco podía engendrar familia. En una fiesta judía, Joaquín (el hombre a quien Dios lleva) fue rechazado en el templo por no tener hijo o hija. Desdichado se retiró al desierto para implorar la bendición de Dios. Su esposa Ana (gracia, amor, plegaria) también imploró al Señor hasta que un ángel le anunció que Dios la había escuchado. El mismo ángel envió a Joaquín a su casa. A los nueve meses Ana dio a luz una niña a quien llamaron Miriam (María).

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



Readings/Lecturas

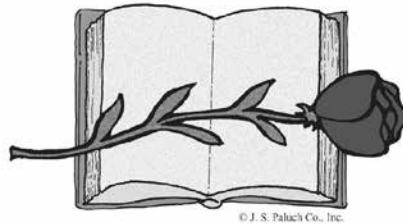
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The Highest Law

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of “filler,” various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others’ attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

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El Precepto Más Importante

De vez en cuando, los periódicos y las revistas publican, a modo de “relleno”, diversas leyes que siguen en los libros pero que parecen ridículas en nuestra época. En una ciudad de California, es ilegal tener dos bañeras dentro de una casa. Cuando se pasó la ley era un lujo tener acceso al agua corriente, pero ahora que no lo es la ley parece ridícula. Sin embargo, el valor humano de proteger y preservar los recursos más valiosos sigue teniendo vigencia, esto se manifiesta en muchas leyes, que nos parecen muy acertadas, cuyo fin es proteger el medio ambiente. Sucede lo mismo con los preceptos religiosos. Lo que Jesús desdén hoy es la actitud de los demás respecto a los preceptos rituales, una actitud que se vuelve casi idólatra cuando se obedecen los preceptos por el mero hecho de obedecerlos. Lo que Jesús enseña es que el cumplimiento de los preceptos rituales externos sólo tiene valor cuando simboliza nuestra predisposición interior a cumplir la voluntad de Dios. Nuestras vidas deben obedecer el precepto supremo de Dios: amar a Dios por encima de todo y al prójimo igual que nos amamos a nosotros. La religión católica es rica en costumbres, tradiciones e incluso preceptos. Al seguir escuchando la voz de Cristo, siempre debemos examinar nuestro corazón y nuestras prácticas rituales para asegurarnos de que el amor a Dios y al prójimo se halle por encima de todo lo demás.

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Today’s Readings

First Reading — For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the Lord, our God, is to us? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction

(James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Moisés ordena al pueblo guardar los mandamientos de Yavé (Deuteronomio 4:1-2, 6-8).

Salmo — Señor, ¿quién puede hospedarse en tu tienda? (Salmo 15 [14]).

Segunda lectura — Reciban la palabra sembrada entre ustedes, y pongan por obra lo que dice la palabra y no se conformen con oírla (Santiago 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Evangelio — Lo que nos hace impuros son las maldades que salen de dentro, de nuestro propio corazón, no las cosas de afuera (Marcos 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

Tradition

In the musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, Tevye the poor milkman resolutely sings of nonnegotiable tradition, while arguing with his heart about his love for his daughters. Without his traditions, he believes his life would be as shaky as a fiddler on the roof. Set in the early 1900s in the midst of Russian oppression, Tevye finds meaning and identity in his tradition. Tradition tells him who he is and what God expects him to do. It provides an elusive sense of security by structuring his days and his way of life. His dreams and worldview are shaken to the core, as his daughters beg him to choose love for them over love for his tradition.

In the plot of today's Gospel reading, a similar conflict is unfolding, and it could really tickle our consciences with some hard questions.

In stark contrast to the enthusiastic crowds who found great hope in Jesus' message of love, the Pharisees and scribes were scandalized that Jesus' disciples were not obeying the scrupulous traditions of the elders. "Tradition of elders" is a rabbinical term for the body of unwritten laws that the Pharisees considered as equally binding as the written Torah. Their strict application was often arbitrary and artificial. Unfortunately, all too often throughout church history there has been a human tendency to also taint the good news of the Gospel with pharisaical rules that only clutter up Christ's message. How about today? Are we better known for what we are against than what we stand for?

The official Jewish leaders criticized Jesus followers for how they washed their hands and dishes, while missing Jesus' life-giving message. It can be a real temptation to be so consumed with keeping insignificant rules, that we lose sight of the real love of God. This attitude can try to legalistically control others with a particular amplified caricature of Christianity while missing the Spirit at work in them. When external changes in the church are met with strong resistance, and surface differences between Christian traditions continue to separate us, we have lost sight of

*Jesus gave
us a new
tradition that
begins and
ends with love.*

what we are ultimately about. This is not the dream Jesus left us. How about you? Have you ever neglected the most important things in your life, because you paid too much attention to minor things?

Jesus chastised these officials from Jerusalem for paying lip service to religious practices, while their hearts were disconnected from God. With their empty grand gestures that sought to gain favor and impress, they were being religious without having a meaningful relationship with God. By looking at outward matters and not matters of the

heart; replacing their relationship with God with rules; and putting laws before love, the Pharisees and scribes were failing to meet the challenges at the heart of God's commands. Because their hearts did not beat for God, they neglected other people and a true love of God and justice. Likewise, it is important for us to ask ourselves if our actions authentically represent God's divine life within us. Are we acting for our own glory, or are we sharing God's loving presence from our hearts?

Like Tevye's image of a fiddler on the rooftop, we can find ourselves trying to simply live our lives balancing precariously between tradition and love. It can be much easier to live by someone else's set of rules, than to obey and follow God. Tevye argued frequently with this demanding, counter-intuitive and tenacious God, but love won.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus gave us a new tradition that begins and ends with love. He asks us to let love transform our hearts and our souls so that we transform the world. In the tradition of love, are we willing to climb down from the rooftop and scratch out our simple, pleasant tune grounded in God?

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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
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