



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 28, 2018

*The blind man replied to him,
“Master, I want to see.”
Jesus told him, “Go your way; your
faith has saved you.”*
-- Mark 10:51-52



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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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Welcome, Babies!

As part of our parish refugee program we are working with Catholic Charities to supply items for two women who are expecting babies in November: Claudina Gato from DR Congo who is expecting a boy and Farkhunda Azizi from Afghanistan who will welcome a girl. The families are here with little or no support and we can help them by providing a few things they need. We are looking for gently used or new:

fitted crib sheets, crib blankets, wearing blankets, changing pads

We would like to purchase two new cribs and highchairs for the babies, so cash gifts are welcomed to put toward those items. Baskets are available today to receive donations. If you are contributing blankets or sheets, please bring them to church on Sundays, not during the week. Thank you for your always generous response to help families in need. Please contact Mairead Reidy (mairead.reidy@yahoo.com) or Geneva Gorgo (genevag@hotmail.com) for more information.

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.

Time of Your Life Gala

Back by Popular Demand: Instant Wine Cellar!

Donate a favorite bottle of wine (or two) and help us build an awesome auction prize: 100 bottles of wine to be auctioned on Nov 17th! You can also donate \$25 or more and we'll purchase the wine for you.

Drop off wine before or after Mass or donate online.

Get Your Tickets! Nov 17th | \$150/person

A "magical" auction evening with dinner, drinks and dancing to benefit St. Teresa. Take a chance on the Gala Getaway Raffle: \$100/ticket for the chance to win 1 of 4 great trips.

**Buy tickets at:
stap.givesmart.com**

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
8-26-18	\$4,524	\$6,719	\$11,243
9-2-18	\$3,533	\$13,162	\$16,695
9-9-18	\$3,036	\$5,625	\$8,661
9-16-18	\$2,228	\$6,508	\$8,736
9-23-18	\$2,616	\$4,928	\$7,544
YTD 7-1-18 - 8-31-18	\$40,249	\$98,255	\$138,504

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.” (MARK 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. But, if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common and you will see God's active presence in your daily life.

Bible Study

St. Teresa's fall session of Bible Study kicks off soon with a seven week study: Introduction to the Bible. Email Jackie at jackiekoesters@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday: 10-21-18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	65
Saturday, 6:30pm French Mass Attendance	41
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	300
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	160
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	130
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	696
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	5
Baptisms since January 2018	42

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, 566/563; October, 628; 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
Thursday 11-1-18	7:30 AM	Fr. Frank	All Saints Day		
Saturday 11-3-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Luke Kolman	Leigh Hartley	Carol Coffey Kari Richardson
Saturday 11-3-18	6:30 PM	French Mass			
Sunday 11-4-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Elizabeth Rooney	Deirdre Curry Bormes Nancy Van Grinsven Rose Ohiku	Mary Serrahn Mark Van Grinsven Jocelyn Lutkus Michael Zost
Sunday 11-4-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Lector: Krista Kutz	Bert Olson Colleen Sulewski Aimee Jaszczor	Mary Stanton Bob Pedro Kevin Ludden Daniel Kang
Sunday 11-4-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Roberto Martinez Lector: Claire Kenkel	Cara Gannon Dani Shain Sharon Lindstrom	<i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Hannah Toohey Pete Doyle Ellen Moiani

Week's Activities	Saints & Special Observances	Upcoming Food Pantry Dates
<p>Sunday, October 28 10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality 10:30 am, REC, CGS 4:30 pm, REC, Edge & Quest Mass</p> <p>Monday, October 29 4:00 pm, REC, CGS</p> <p>Tuesday, October 30 4:00 pm, REC, CGS 6:00 pm, PC, SPRED 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm, PC2, Time of Your Life</p> <p>Wednesday, October 31 5:00 pm, PC-Kitchen, Night Ministry</p> <p>Thursday, November 1 No Activites Planned</p> <p>Friday, November 2 3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes 7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group</p> <p>Saturday, November 3 9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry 6:30 pm, Church, French Mass</p>	<p>Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; National World Youth Day</p> <p>Wednesday: Halloween</p> <p>Thursday: All Saints</p> <p>Friday: All Souls Day</p> <p>Saturday: St. Martin de Porres; Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <hr/> <p>Domingo: Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Jornada Mundial de la Juventud</p> <p>Miércoles: Halloween</p> <p>Jueves: Todos los Santos</p> <p>Viernes: Conmemoración de Todos los Fieles Difuntos; Día de los Muertos</p> <p>Sábado: San Martín de Porres; Santa María Virgen</p>	<p>Saturday, November 3 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p>Saturday, November 10 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p>Saturday, November 17 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p>Saturday, November 23 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p>Saturday, November 30 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, October 27

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

6:30 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Sunday, October 28

9:00 am Paul Garlock, John James Mitchell

12:00 pm Claude DeGoy

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

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

Jeffrey Bergen, Nancy Hadler, Chuck Jabaley, Joyce Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Frank Kolman, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

October Baptisms

Rhett Walter Anderson (10-13-18), Josephine Ubik (10-20-18), Annabel Carmella Clinton (10-21-18), Elizabeth Bell Birch Maginot (10-21-18), Adalind Irene Tarnow (10-21-18), Ryan Andrew Scime (10-28-18)

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

*Alicia Anderson
Dorothy Barns
Berta Billalvazo
Michelle Brandt
Carol Coffey
Susan Conway
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 -- **Jesus Gomez; Rodney Jernigan; Leetemi Daniels; Juan Cruz; Roberto Ramirez; Matrice Leeluster; Charlies Jackson; Antonio Jones; Keshonda Moniqumaxey; Renee Smith; and Carlos Bonds.**

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

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St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen

HELP NEEDED!!

Your help is needed to volunteer at the soup kitchen at St. Vincent de Paul Church (1010 W Webster). Each day, Monday through Saturday, the kitchen serves about 100 hot meals to our guests. Volunteers are needed to serve from 7:45AM until 10:15AM. We will especially need help when DePaul goes on their winter break from mid-November until January. To volunteer or receive more information, please contact Irene at outreach@stvdep.org

Communion for the Homebound

The Ministry of Care program at St. Teresa of Avila brings the Eucharist to the faithful who are unable to attend church.

If you know of someone who cannot come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Dean in the office at (773) 528-6650 to arrange for a visit.



Prayers for a Friend of St. Teresa's

Fr. Frank received a letter from a Loaves and Fishes friend of St. Teresa's:

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am asking for your help for a nine day novena to St. Francis.

I regret that I am not able to make a contribution at this time, but maybe I can in the future when things get better.

I will greatly appreciate your kindness.

*Your Friend,
Ken Samuel*

Fr. Frank is hoping we can respond to this spirit of generosity with our own in praying a nine day novena for Ken.

Novenas:

St. Joseph Novena at https://www.stjosephsite.com/SJS_Ninedays.htm

St. Francis Novena at <https://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p00089.htm>

St. Teresa's Greenery Sale

The holidays are just around the corner. As St. Teresa's has done in the past, we are going to offer a Greenery Sale after all masses the first weekend in December...December 1st and December 2nd. We will be offering some of our most popular items such as wreaths, swags, centerpieces. There are no pre-orders taken on these traditional items; it will just be first come, first serve, until we run out. All of the profits benefit St. Teresa's.



However, we are offering a pre-sale on "specialty items" that we can't be ordered in bulk. Specialty items include garland or roping and extra large wreaths.

If you are interested in any specialty items, you must pre-order by October 30th. You can pre-order by sending an email to kristen@rlcanning.com by November 1st. These items will be delivered the first weekend in December.

Below is the price for the roping:

****Outdoor 25ft Balsam roping sells for \$45; Outdoor 50 ft Balsam Roping sells for \$70.**

Indoor Mixed Douglas fir/Western cedar roping 25 ft sells for \$55.

Also, if you would like to request an extra-large wreath (48 inches or larger), this will have to be ordered separately, and she can provide pricing and take that order as well. Please include the size of the wreath desired and can get it priced for you.

All Specialty Item Orders must be placed by November 1st

If no specialty order is required, just mark your calendar for December 1st and 2nd and plan to buy your traditional decorations and greenery through St. Teresa's.

Renew My Church Group Prayer Service

The pastors of our Renew My Church Group are holding a very special event and at St. Michael's. On Monday, October 29 at 6:30 PM there will be a gathering in St. Michael's Church for a time of prayer to celebrate our Grouping followed by a Pizza Party in our Parish Center. The Party is a BYOB and guests are asked to bring a "Trick or Treat" to pass. All are welcome! This evening is meant to be an acknowledgement that our life as the Grouping of Old Town/ Lincoln Park is based on our being a people of faith through our prayer and our commitment to build our relationships with each other by gathering together build our community. Please be sure to mark your calendar to attend. Please call the Rectory to let us know you are coming. The more the merrier.

**Monday, October 29 at 6:30 pm,
at 1711 N. Cleveland.**

Pastoral staffs, parish council, RMC team members are invited, as well as catechists, social justice volunteers, finance council members, and Liturgical Ministers.

Letter From Fr. Frank

This week we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. I had the great privilege of witnessing the canonization of Oscar Romero. What a beautiful and inspiring Liturgy attended by 60,000 people!!! And the Mass was deeply moving and prayerful. God gathered us from the ends of the earth and from all walks of life in celebration of how humanity witnesses to the love of God.

We are all on a pilgrimage through life, called to live as disciples of Christ. As we journey, we use the Beatitudes as our guide to discipleship. We stand before God and each other, vulnerable and dependent, poor in spirit, trying to comfort those who grieve with a meek and gentle spirit. We want to be human bridges of peace in the world, with hearts that are focused on making the world a place of welcome and purpose for all human beings.

In living a life of Beatitude or blessing, we are slowly becoming saints.

Yes, the Feast of the Saints is one for us all: the canonized, the uncanonized but in heaven nonetheless, and those of us on the way. The Saints, like Oscar, Teresa, Vincent, Michael, Joseph, Josaphat, Clare, Francis, Mary the Queen of All Saints...are our companions in this journey through life. They are our spiritual friends giving us a moral compass by the witness of their lives.

If you haven't done so already, find a Saint you can relate to, learn about their life and faith journey, pray to them on a regular basis, and let them become your closest friend. What a gift we have in the Saints. And may each one of us become such a spiritual guide for another person struggling to become a disciple of Christ.

-- Fr. Frank

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary - Saturday, November 3rd

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on November 3rd at 4:00 pm in the church.



Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la devoción del rosario Primera-sábado a Nuestra Señora de Fátima el 3 de Noviembre a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Friday:	Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Saturday:	Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday:	Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Ef 4:32 5:8; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 13:10-17
Martes:	Ef 5:21-33 o 5:2a, 25-33; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Lc 13:18-21
Miércoles:	Ef 6:1-9; Sal 145 (144):10-14; Lc 13:22-30
Jueves:	Ap 7:2-4, 9-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Viernes:	Sab 3:1-9; Sal 23(22):1-6; Rom 5:5-11 o 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, o lecturas de las misas para los difuntos
Sábado:	Fil 1:18b-26; Sal 42 (41):2, 3, 5cdef; Lc 14:1, 7-11
Domingo:	Dt 6:2-6; Sal 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mc 12:28b-34

Treasures From Tradition

Today is the feast of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, the first representative body of many Catholics who died for their faith between 1535 and 1679 to be beatified or canonized. Almost all of them died at Tyburn, a place of public execution near today's Marble Arch in Hyde Park, London. The first to suffer were Carthusian monks who refused to swear an oath supporting Henry VIII as supreme head of the Church in England, and the last was Saint Oliver Plunkett, the Primate Archbishop of Ireland. The method of execution was particularly vile, since the condemned were hanged and their living bodies quartered to be displayed around London as a horrific warning.

Today, the tree-like gallows provides the design of a religious symbol, the canopy over the altar of the martyrs in Tyburn Convent. There, at the heart of the bustling city, a monastic community of women practices contemplative prayer and "spiritual hospitality" in the Benedictine tradition. Oddly, the community is French in origin; it was expelled from France a century ago when France outlawed contemplative monastic life. England, where the laws against Catholicism had been lifted, invited the community in. In gratitude to their new homeland, and in honor of those who gave their lives for the Catholic faith, the nuns came to Tyburn. In the public crypt, coats of arms stand for each of the 350 martyrs. A Web site visit is possible at www.tyburnconvent.org.uk.



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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En México y otros países latinoamericanos se están preparando para celebrar el Día de Todos los Santos (1o de noviembre) y el Día de los Fieles Difuntos (2 de noviembre). Estas dos fiestas cristianas fueron mezcladas con antiguos ritos y devociones mesoamericanas. Ellas enfatizan que la muerte es parte normal del ciclo de la vida y que los difuntos no se olvidan de sus seres queridos. Esta es la base de la devoción católica a los santos: Dios es Dios de los vivos y no de los muertos (Mateo 22:32); por eso los muertos siguen vivos en una nueva dimensión.

En estos días, las familias pasan tiempo en los cementerios, visitando las tumbas de sus parientes y amistades, lavando las lápidas, poniendo arreglos de zempasuchil y encendiendo veladoras.

En casa, muchos latinos construyen y adornan altarcitos dedicándolos a las almas de sus seres queridos que han muerto. En los altares se encuentran papel picado, fotos de los difuntos, artículos religiosos, comida, bebida, cigarritos y otras cosas que los ya muertos disfrutaban durante sus vidas. Para los niños muertos se añaden juguetitos que les gustaban en vida.

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The Hope and Promise of Redemption

La Esperanza y Promesa de Redención

The prophet Jeremiah prophesies the end of the Babylonian exile. He describes how the weak and sorrowful people now return with joy. These are the scattered people of God: the blind and the lame, the mothers and pregnant women. They shall be led along an easy road so that no one will stumble. The Lord's kindness and mercy are on all these weak and broken people.

Here and in Psalm 126 we find the most lovely poetic images of God's love and care for us. "Those that sow in tears / shall reap rejoicing. Although they go forth weeping, / carrying the seed to be sown, / they shall come back rejoicing, / carrying their sheaves" (Psalm 126:5-6). Although God had to punish Israel for their many sins, God never forgot them, scattered as they were, and brings them all back to the land of their ancestors, there to flourish and be joyful again. We can see in this the hope and the promise of our own redemption, gathered from the far corners of the earth into the great banquet of God.



El profeta Jeremías anuncia el fin del exilio en Babilonia. Describe cómo los débiles y los tristes ahora regresarán con alegría. Éste es el pueblo dispersado de Dios: los ciegos y cojos; preñadas y paridas. Serán guiados por un camino llano para que nadie tropiece. La bondad y misericordia del Señor están con este pueblo débil y deshecho.

Aquí y en el Salmo 126 (125) encontramos imágenes poéticas extremadamente hermosas del amor y cuidado que Dios tiene por nosotros. "Los que sembraban con lágrimas, / cosechan entre cantares. Al ir, iba llorando, /

llevando la semilla; / al volver, vuelve cantando, / trayendo sus gavillas" (Salmo 126[125]:5-6). Si bien Dios tuvo que castigar a Israel por sus muchos pecados, nunca se olvidó de ellos aun cuando estaban dispersos, y los llevó de regreso a la tierra de sus ancestros para que prosperaran y fueran felices de nuevo. En esto encontramos la esperanza y la promesa de nuestra propia redención al reunirnos, desde todos los rincones del mundo, para celebrar el gran banquete de Dios.

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Today's Readings

Lecturas de Hoy

First Reading — I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

Gospel — Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

Primera lectura — Yavé ha salvado a su pueblo, al resto de Israel (Jeremías 31:7-9).

Salmo — El Señor ha estado grande con nosotros, y estamos alegres (Salmo 126 [125]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo no se atribuyó la dignidad de sumo sacerdote, sino que se la otorgó aquel que dice: "Tú eres mi Hijo, te he dado vida hoy mismo"

(Hebreos 5:1-6).

Evangelio — Jesús le concede la vista a Bartimeo cuando con gran fe le suplica: "Maestro, que vea" (Marcos 10:46-52).



Opening Our Eyes

I prefer to think of myself as progressive and a person willing to change with life, culture and age but lately I am questioning my ability to be as flexible as I once was. My needs are changing, and my vision seems encumbered by the “stuff” of life, both physical and emotional. Recently I spent a few days on the beach and enjoyed leaving my adult responsibilities behind. I had only the clothes that I needed, and the days were simple. I walked as much as possible avoiding the use of my car.

Upon reflection, I realized I would like to have more of that solitude with time away from life’s demands and cumbersome possessions. Those few days allowed me to encounter the living God in creation and in others. I was able to focus on beauty and allowed myself to feel the freedom of a simpler existence, one with little “stuff” to distract me from settling into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

It is obvious that one cannot just shuck the things of life and leave it all behind to be a hippie of sorts. But, how do we recognize when we are so overcome by the distractions or disorder of life that we leave our faith and spirituality as an afterthought? How do we nurture our relationship with God when there is so much to divert us from what will give us real joy?

We go forth weeping, but we do not always come back rejoicing and crying out, as today’s psalm reminds us: “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” How do we experience real joy? Are we trying to find real joy in the stuff of life or do we allow our faith to lead us to a deeper life sustaining joy?

Bartimaeus, the blind man, wanted that joy. He knew something special was happening and he wanted to be a part of it. He was persistent in calling out and demanding to be seen and heard. His simple dialogue and his lack of concern for his cloak suggests that he knew what was important and what was not. He shed the cloak that weighed him down and sprang up. He knew that he was ready to follow Jesus in faith without the weighty things of life. We often think

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of blindness as being unable to see but Bartimaeus could see what he needed to see by faith. He didn’t walk away once his needs were met but instead, walked with Jesus. He began with need.

We all begin with need. What we do after that need is met determines our faith life. We all walk with a sizable crowd and it is up to us to decide if our crowd is a crowd that is leading us into a relationship with Jesus or if it is blocking us from a life of deeper faith and discipleship. What cloak can we

shed to free the spirit and strengthen our vision?

Despite attempts to silence him, the blind man persevered. He knew there was something greater than the cloak in which he found shelter. He was ready to feel and see the world in a new way by following the way of Jesus.

Today’s Gospel calls us to throw off that cloak, open our eyes and simplify our life leaving behind the things that weigh us down. Not everyone is called to the life of a beach bum but there is much freedom in a simple life with less possessions. It is all those belongings that drain us without us even realizing it. I needed no more possessions than I could fit in that suitcase. Knowing that is liberating and leaves space for more prayer and action that leads to growth and life-giving sustainable faith. Trust that Jesus is the answer to our often unnecessary blindness.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Anna Althoff
Bertel Olson
Luke Kolman

Kate Lynch
Jose Cervantes
Mary Paz Ramirez
Rebecca O'Brien

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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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Steve Fortino
Andrew O'Dekirk
Chris Toups

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Alexandra Vizard
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Ann Finlay
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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

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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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