



# ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH + EST. 1889

Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



## First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018

*Be vigilant at all times and pray that  
you have the strength to escape the  
tribulations that are imminent and to  
stand before the Son of Man.”*  
-- Luke 21:36

Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française<sup>1</sup>)  
Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español<sup>2</sup>) 12 PM, 6 PM

<sup>1</sup>First & Second Saturdays <sup>2</sup>First Sundays

### Daily Mass Schedule

Monday — Thursday at 7:30 AM  
Friday Communion Service at 7:30 AM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

### Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM (Call to register)

### Office Hours

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



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### In This Issue

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Stewardship News                             | Pages 2-3  |
| Activity Calendar & Ministry Schedules       | Pages 4-5  |
| Parish Life                                  | Pages 6-7  |
| Commentary on this Sunday's Readings         | Pages 8-10 |
| Parish Leadership Contact Information & More | Page 12    |

St. Teresa of Avila Parish ♦ 1037 W. Armitage Ave. ♦ Chicago, Illinois 60614  
(773) 528-6650 ♦ [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net)

# Stewardship

*December 2 - December 8*

*Page Two*

## Reverse Advent Calendars for the Food Pantry

Reverse Advent Calendars for the Food Pantry  
Back by popular demand: pick up a reverse advent calendar kit and support the Food Pantry. In a traditional Advent calendar, each day of Advent you open a box to receive a treat. In a reverse advent calendar, each day you give something, instead of receiving. Your gifts will benefit those who come to our food pantry. Instructions and materials are provided in the kit, and donations should be returned no later than Sunday, January 6th.

## Ministry of Care

Ministers of Care visit with those who are unable to come to church. They offer compassion, a listening presence, prayer and the Eucharist. This ministry allows people to experience the nearness of God and the Christian community through the presence of the Minister of Care and through the reception of Holy Communion.

St. Teresa currently has just one Minister of Care, and we would like to recruit two more. Trainings are being held on Saturday, November 17th and Saturday, December 8th at Holy Name. If you are interested in stepping up in this capacity, contact Rebecca at [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org).

## Everyday Stewardship

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."  
(LUKE 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus. This is a very powerful and healing time. Be wary of entering the "Christmas Season" before taking some time in Advent to prepare the way for the birth of Christ. The sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful way to strengthen your relationship with Jesus.

## Giving Tree

Grab a tag this weekend from the Giving Tree and support a family in need this Christmas. Each tag holds a name of a child, their gender and their age. Please bring a new gift, wrapped, with the original tag attached to the outside of the package no later than 12/16. Thank you for sharing gifts with others.



## Leadership Training

**January 19 at St Teresa** will be a special day for those who want to take advantage of a free seminar in leadership in the service of social justice.

Presented by The Coalition for Spiritual & Professional Leadership, an Avila in Action grant organization, this seminar will provide you with insights and tools needed to drive positive change through the power of personal leadership.

Watch out for more to come in future announcements, but put the date on your calendar now and make 2019 a good year to take action.

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

# Stewardship

Page Three

December 2 - December 8

## Financial Collections

| St. Teresa of Avila Parish<br>Fiscal Year 2018-2019 | Actual FY<br>2018-19 | %<br>Auto | Budget<br>2018-19 | Actual vs.<br>Budget | Actual<br>Prev Yr | %<br>Auto | Actual vs.<br>Prev Yr | % Prev<br>Yr |
|---|----------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Collections Offertory                               | 14,201               | 28%       | 15,975            | (1,774)              | 13,568            | 25%       | 633                   | 4.7%         |
| Give Central (7/1-7/31)                             | 37,174               | 72%       | 41,080            | (3,906)              | 39,949            | 75%       | (2,775)               | -6.9%        |
| Total 5 Weeks-July 2018                             | 51,375               | 100%      | 57,055            | (5,680)              | 53,517            | 100%      | (2,142)               | -4.0%        |
| Collections Offertory                               | 14,635               | 30%       | 12,780            | 1,855                | 10,952            | 23%       | 3,683                 | 33.6%        |
| Give Central (8/1-8/31)                             | 34,165               | 70%       | 32,864            | 1,301                | 36,895            | 77%       | (2,730)               | -7.4%        |
| Total 4 Weeks-August 2018                           | 48,800               | 100%      | 45,644            | 3,156                | 47,847            | 100%      | 953                   | 2.0%         |
| Collections Offertory                               | 14,962               | 32%       | 15,975            | (1,013)              | 11,615            | 25%       | 3,347                 | 28.8%        |
| Give Central (9/1-9/31)                             | 32,042               | 68%       | 41,080            | (9,038)              | 35,305            | 75%       | (3,263)               | -9.2%        |
| Total 5 Weeks-Sept. 2018                            | 47,004               | 100%      | 57,055            | (10,051)             | 46,920            | 100%      | 84                    | 0.2%         |
| Total 4 Weeks-Sept. 2017                            |                      |           |                   |                      |                   |           |                       |              |
| Collections Offertory                               | 15,443               | 28%       | 12,780            | 2,663                | 16,297            | 31%       | (854)                 | -5.2%        |
| Give Central (10/1-10/31)                           | 38,857               | 72%       | 32,864            | 5,993                | 36,169            | 69%       | 2,688                 | 7.4%         |
| Total 4 Weeks-Oct. 2018                             | 54,300               | 100%      | 45,644            | 8,656                | 52,466            | 100%      | 1,834                 | 3.5%         |
| Total 5 Weeks-Oct. 2017                             |                      |           |                   |                      |                   |           |                       |              |
| Collections Offertory                               | 59,241               | 29%       | 57,510            | 1,731                | 52,432            | 26%       | 6,809                 | 13.0%        |
| Give Central (7/1-10/31/18)                         | 142,238              | 71%       | 147,888           | (5,650)              | 148,318           | 74%       | (6,080)               | -4.1%        |
| Total 18 Weeks YTD                                  | 201,479              | 100%      | 205,398           | (3,919)              | 200,750           | 100%      | 729                   | 0.4%         |
| Foundation Special Extra Gift                       | 10,000               |           |                   |                      |                   |           |                       |              |
| Grand Total (7/1-10/31/18)                          | 211,479              |           | 205,398           | 6,081                | 200,750           |           | 10,729                | 5.3%         |

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

### Sunday: 11-25-18

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance | 75  |
| Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance   | 185 |
| Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance  | 155 |
| Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance   | 100 |

**Total Weekend Mass Attendance 515**

|   |    |
|---|----|
| 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                    | 6  |
| Baptisms since January 2018                    | 48 |

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, 628/652; November 622/569.

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

December 2 - December 8

Page Four

## Celebrant/Minister Schedule

| Date                        | Time            | Celebrant                      | Sacristan/Lector   | Eucharistic Host  | Eucharistic Cup  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Saturday<br/>12-8-18</b> | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Rev. Richard Benson, CM</b> | <b>Immaculate Conception</b>                                     |   |  |
| <b>Saturday<br/>12-8-18</b> | <b>5:00 PM</b>  | <b>Rev. Richard Benson, CM</b> | <b>Sacristan: Lisa Marquez<br/>Lector: Lisa Hanzelka</b>         | <b>Leigh Hartley</b>  | <b>Eric Fredericks<br/>Luke Kolman</b>                                       |
| <b>Sunday<br/>12-9-18</b>   | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | <b>Rev. Richard Benson, CM</b> | <b>Sacristan: Frank Swiderski<br/>Lector: CHILDREN'S SERVICE</b> | <b>Deirdre Curry Bormes<br/>Jamie Lutkus<br/>Brian Shea</b>       | <b>MINISTER NEEDED<br/>Rose Ohiku<br/>Geneva Gorgo<br/>Mary Serrahn</b>      |
| <b>Sunday<br/>12-9-18</b>   | <b>10:30 AM</b> | <b>Rev. Tom Ess, OFM</b>       | <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>                                     |   |  |
| <b>Sunday<br/>12-9-18</b>   | <b>12:00 PM</b> | <b>Rev. Tony Dosen, CM</b>     | <b>Sacristan: Francisco Perez<br/>Lector: Alicia Erskine</b>     | <b>MINISTER NEEDED<br/>Larua Moran<br/>Alice Morales-Villanes</b> | <b>Anne Seigenthaler<br/>Tyler Paul<br/>Bob Pedro<br/>MINISTER NEEDED</b>    |
| <b>Sunday<br/>12-9-18</b>   | <b>6:00 PM</b>  | <b>Rev. Tony Dosen, CM</b>     | <b>Sacristan: Adam Hock<br/>Lector: Sara Claire Kenkel</b>       | <b>Andrew De Leonardis<br/>Pete Doyle<br/>Anne De Leonardis</b>   | <b>Cara Gannona<br/>Sharon Lindstrom<br/>Eileen Raia<br/>MINISTER NEEDED</b> |

### Week's Activities

#### Sunday, December 2

All Masses, GS, Greenery Weekend  
10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality  
10:30 am, Rec/PC2, Advent Wreath Making  
4:30 pm, Rec, Edge and Quest  
4:30 pm, Rec, CGS III

#### Monday, December 3

4:00 pm, REC/PC2, CGS  
6:00 pm, Rec, Catechist Retreat  
7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council

#### Tuesday, December 4

6:00 pm, PC, Eucharistic Adoration

#### Wednesday, December 5

No Activities Planned

#### Thursday, December 6

9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting

#### Friday, December 7

3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes  
7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group

#### Saturday, December 8

9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry  
2:00 pm, Church, Christmas Carols  
4:30 pm, GS, Greenery Sale

### Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Advent;  
Hanukkah begins  
**Monday:** St. Francis Xavier  
**Tuesday:** St. John Damascene  
**Thursday:** St. Nicholas  
**Friday:** St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
**Saturday:** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Domingo:** Primer Domingo de Adviento; Januká comienza  
**Lunes:** San Francisco Javier  
**Martes:** San Juan Damasceno  
**Jueves:** San Nicolás  
**Viernes:** San Ambrosio; Día para Recordar Pearl Harbor  
**Sábado:** La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

#### Saturday, December 8

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

#### Saturday, December 15

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

#### Saturday, December 22

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

#### Saturday, December 29

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

#### Saturday, January 5

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

# Mass Intentions & Prayers

*Page Five*

*December 2 - December 8*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 1

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

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

### Sunday, December 2

**9:00 am** Emmanuel Faloyin

**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, 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*

## November Baptisms

*Leonardo Lopez (12-8-18), Archer Bennett Vachris (12-9-18)*

*Emilia Maeve Herrmann (12-30-18)*

## 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  
Maria de la Luz  
Alex DeNoma  
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  
Fr. Cesaire Souissa  
Will Sullivan  
Mima Tome  
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer  
Elizabeth Ann True  
Marianne Usiak  
Sara Vega  
Drew Williams  
Jack Williams  
Valerie Williams  
Mae Witry  
David Zeunert  
For the intentions on our prayer  
cards; for survivors and  
perpetrators  
of sexual abuse*

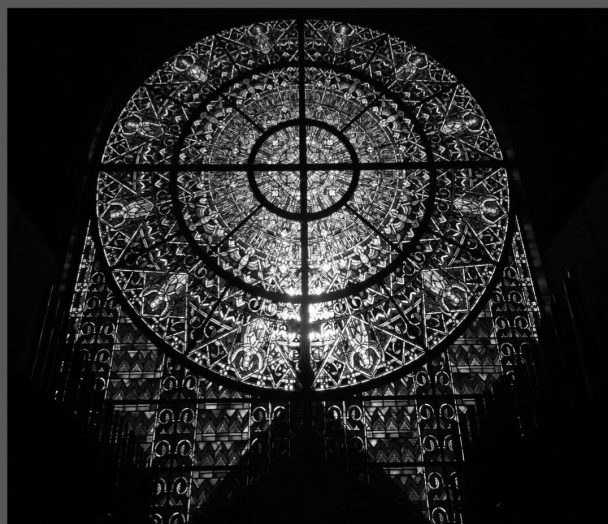
## #prayforpeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago last week -- **Darius Patterson; David Quiroz; Jamal Perry; Monterey Mitchell; Brandon Sutka; Quantis D. Smith; Abel Cruz; Tamara O'Neal; Dayna Less; Samuel Jimenez; Juan Lopez; Vallon Stefferson; Ronald Rockett; Antonio McDaniels; Yvonne Randle; Sarge Junior; Jatoine Jackson; Thaddeus Flanagan; Erik Sutphin; Jose Refugio Seja; Damontay Torrey; and Doris More.**

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.



## Advent Vespers at Saint Vincent de Paul Church



Saint Vincent de Paul Church | 1010 W Webster | Chicago, IL | 773.325.8610 | [www.stvdep.org](http://www.stvdep.org)

Vespers is an evening prayer service with origins in the sixth century. It is a simple and ancient Catholic prayer service which features the recitation of psalms.

Vincentians have sung a unique form of vespers since the 1600s. This devotion—known as a novena—is prayed in Vincentian communities across the world the nine nights preceding Christmas.

This 30-minute prayer is a perfect way to quiet both your mind and your heart in one final preparation for Christmas.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 at 6:15 p.m.**

### St. Teresa's Greenery Sale

Get your house decorated for the holidays and support St. Teresa's at the same time.

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, and holiday baskets. The sale will take place in the gathering space after all masses. 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.

Cash or check preferred. Any questions can be sent to Kristen Castelloni at [kristen@rlcanning.com](mailto:kristen@rlcanning.com)



### Travel to Holy Land with Fr. Richard Benson

Travel with Fr. Richard Benson, C.M. Adjunct Professor of DePaul University, Chicago, IL on our

#### *Holy Land Pilgrimage*

Where: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Via Crucis, Last Supper, Gethsemane, Dormition, Nativity Church, Capernaum, Tel Aviv.

Trip Dates: Jun 10-20, 2020

Cost: \$4,000.00 Airfare and ALL-included

To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also

Register online at [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com)

### Breakfast with Santa

Save the date for a visit with Santa on Sunday, December 23rd, following the 9am Mass. Join us for Mass and stick around afterwards for a light breakfast. Children will have the opportunity to speak with Santa. This event is free and open to all. Invite your friends!



### Baby Bottles

Beginning on these dates, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved almost 40,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church on **November 25th**, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of **January 13th**.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

Also if you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center. Thank you!



## COMING INTO A NEW SEASON OF BLESSINGS!

### Advent Mission

**St. Michael's Redemptorist Church**  
**Old Town Chicago**

**Monday, December 3, 7:00pm**  
**Salvation History, it would have been enough**  
**John 1, 1-15**

**Tuesday, December 4, 7:00pm**  
**LOVE, renewing our Gift from God**  
**I Corinthians 13, 1-13**  
**Including the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Wednesday, December 5, 7:00pm**  
**God Became Human, let's become Divine!**  
**John 6, 52-59**

**Presented by:**

**Reverend Patrick A. Keyes, C.Ss.R., D.Min**  
*Redemptorist Missionary residing in Minneapolis, MN*

# Readings/Lecturas

*December 2 - December 8*

*Page Eight*

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

## Lecturas de la Semana

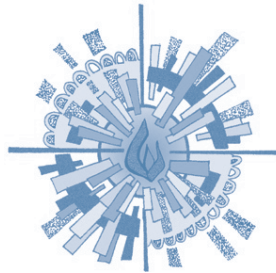
**Lunes:** Is 2:1-5; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
**Martes:** Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24  
**Miércoles:** Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
**Jueves:** Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Viernes:** Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
**Sábado:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38  
**Domingo:** Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 (125):1-6; Fil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6

## Treasures From Tradition

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a newfangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

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



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Es más que justo empezar el tiempo litúrgico de Adviento con la Virgen María. Esta semana celebramos la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de María. Esta es una fiesta especial para varios países latinoamericanos como Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay y los Estados Unidos que tienen como patrona nacional a la Madre de Jesús bajo este título.

Esta creencia tiene siglos de ser discutida por teólogos cristianos como Ambrosio, Agustín, Buenaventura y Tomás de Aquino, pero fue solo con la Constitución Ineffabilis Deus del Papa Pío IX en 1854 que pasó a ser doctrina oficial de la Iglesia. La enseñanza de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Madre de Jesús insiste que María nació y permaneció sin pecado. Según el teólogo franciscano Juan Duns Escoto, María fue salvada del pecado desde el vientre de su madre Ana. De esta manera Jesús pudo salvarla no después de haber pecado como ha hecho con nosotros, sino antes de que ella hubiera pecado.

La Inmaculada Concepción se hizo en vista de la venida de Jesús quien nos puede hacer inmaculados gracias al perdón y la gracia que nos ofrece.

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



# Readings/Lecturas

*Page Nine*

*December 2 - December 8*

## The Promise of Justice

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.



Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## La Promesa de Justicia

Estamos en buena compañía cuando clamamos a Dios por justicia. Con frecuencia escuchamos y estamos de acuerdo con el pueblo de Israel que pregunta a Dios por qué el malo prospera. Sin embargo, cuando clamamos por justicia usualmente queremos que alguien reciba el castigo que se merece.

Obviamente la justicia de Dios es más que eso. La justicia de Dios abarca una maravillosa rectitud entre Dios y la humanidad.

En la lectura de hoy Jeremías avizora un tiempo en el que un justo brotará del tronco de Jesé, de la casa y la familia de David. La vida no era justa en el tiempo de Jeremías. Los reyes de Israel mantenían viva la promesa de la fidelidad de Dios, pero era difícil ver cómo la promesa de Dios se podía cumplir por medio de ellos.

No obstante, Jeremías levanta la voz y anuncia que ya viene el Salvador prometido. El Evangelio de Lucas hace eco de ese anuncio, y Pablo se llena de un gran ánimo. De esta manera el Adviento comienza con una promesa..

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the Lord will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Se acercan los días cuando el Señor cumplirá su promesa que hizo a Israel y a Judá (Jeremías 33:14-16).

**Salmo** — Descúbreanos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmo 25 [24]).

**Segunda lectura** — Que el Señor los llene y los haga rebosar de amor para que sean irreprochables en santidad (1 Tesalonicenses 3:12 — 4:2).

**Evangelio** — Habrá señales y verán al Hijo del Hombre venir con gran poder y majestad (Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36).

## Seasons

Advent has a special feeling for me. It was the first week of Advent almost 30 years ago that my brother suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage. He was just short of his 51st birthday. My brother lingered on life support for 30 days ... then joined our mother and countless others in the eternal reign of God.

That Advent of 1990 brought our family a long and sometimes excruciating ordeal. What was to come for my brother? Recovery? Prolonged disability? Death? How would his wife, his children, the rest of us face these prospects?

We were not prepared for what was unfolding. We were engulfed in medical problems, financial challenges, constant decisions, mixed-up feelings and an overcast of uncertainty.

The season of Advent that year was a season of waiting with no evident answers, struggling with unrelenting difficulties and hoping for a resolution when we did not know what that really might be.

Advent — if we pay attention — can be complex and has been like that for much of human history. It is easy for us to see Advent as a wreath with purple candles, familiar hymns of anticipation and, of course, shopping and preparations for Christmas. But Advent is a whole “season” of life, more than just these four weeks.

In the first reading, we find hopeful and exuberant words from the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah was prophesying about the advent of peace and stability for the Jewish people. They had been struggling in exile after the destruction of Jerusalem generations before. The people had become despondent of ever returning and having a temple again.

God calls Jeremiah to proclaim a message of hope. Theirs was a very long season of advent. Yet with mercy and hope proclaimed, they could endure until the eventual restoration of Jerusalem and the coming of the messiah.

In Luke’s Gospel, we find Jesus instructing the disciples to prepare themselves and those who come after for a further long season of advent. That time will precede the

*With the hope offered  
by Jeremiah and with the  
redemption brought by  
Jesus Christ, we can live  
in the strength of God in  
our own season of Advent,  
however long that may be.*

return of Christ. As humankind heads toward the end of the ages, there will be catastrophic signs in the heavens and the seas. Nations will be in turmoil. Jesus says, “People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world. For the powers of heaven will be shaken.”

Are we not living in that very season this Advent? What signs do we see in the heavens, on the earth and in the seas?

What signs do we see in nations? Or what signs do we see in relations among

peoples in the neighborhoods where we live as well as around the globe?

Jesus offers us hope. “When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

Finally, we consider the season of Advent in our own lives. Paul says it so well: “May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you. [May that love] strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus.”

Challenges, conflicts, decisions, uncertainties —these things and many others will be part of our season during this Advent. Giving every person selfless love may seem out of the realm of possibility at times.

But with the hope offered by Jeremiah and with the redemption brought by Jesus Christ, we can live in the strength of God in our own season of Advent, however long that may be. Jesus’ words to us are, “Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”



# 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

Anna Althoff is president of the Parish Pastoral Council.  
Email: [anna.althoff@livehealthsmart.com](mailto:anna.althoff@livehealthsmart.com)

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

## Finance Council

Justin Alden  
Jack Halpin  
Ray Genellie  
Steve Fortino  
Andrew O'Dekirk  
Chris Touns

Cooper Cohen  
Alexandra Vizard  
Steve Kolinski  
Ann Finlay  
Laura Lueninghoener

Justin Alden is chair of the Parish Finance Council.  
Email is [justin.alden@gmail.com](mailto:justin.alden@gmail.com)

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](mailto: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](http://st-teresa.net). Please contact John at [bulletin@stteresaparish.org](mailto:bulletin@stteresaparish.org) for more information.

## Parish Staff

**Fr. Frank Latzko, ext. 213**  
Pastor  
[fjsasso@aol.com](mailto:fjsasso@aol.com)

**Maggie Fernandez, ext. 231**  
Business Manager  
[mfernandez@stteresaparish.org](mailto:mfernandez@stteresaparish.org)

**Kate Lynch, ext. 232**  
Director of Religious Education  
[klynch@stteresaparish.org](mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org)

**Rebecca O'Brien, ext. 234**  
Director of Stewardship  
[robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org)

**John DeWyze**  
Technology Coordinator/Bulletin  
[jdewyze@stteresaparish.org](mailto:jdewyze@stteresaparish.org)

**Sergio Mora, ext. 212**  
Building & Facilities Manager  
[smora@stteresaparish.org](mailto:smora@stteresaparish.org)

**Irma Saavedra**  
Housekeeping

**Jason Krumwiede,**  
Director of Music  
[musicalnut1@mac.com](mailto:musicalnut1@mac.com)

**Deacon Dean Vaeth, ext. 230**  
Office Manager  
[dvaeth@stteresaparish.org](mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org)

**Olu Balogun, ext. 210**  
Night Receptionist  
[obalogun@stteresaparish.org](mailto:obalogun@stteresaparish.org)

## Ministry Leadership Chart

|  |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| <b>Faith Formation</b><br>Kate Lynch<br><a href="mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org">klynch@stteresaparish.org</a>           | <b>Social Justice</b><br>Seeking a Leader  | <b>Liturgy</b><br>Fr. Frank<br><a href="mailto:fjsasso@aol.com">fjsasso@aol.com</a>                                 | <b>Adult Spirituality</b><br>Lina Hilko<br><a href="mailto:lhilko@aol.com">lhilko@aol.com</a> |
| <b>Buildings &amp; Facilities</b><br>Sergio Mora<br><a href="mailto:smora@stteresaparish.org">smora@stteresaparish.org</a> | <b>Special Events &amp; Fundraising</b><br>Rebecca O'Brien<br><a href="mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org">robrien@stteresaparish.org</a> | <b>Stewardship</b><br>Rebecca O'Brien<br><a href="mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org">robrien@stteresaparish.org</a> | <b>Evangelization</b><br>Seeking a Leader   |

**Our Mission:** Saint Teresa of Avila Parish is a diverse Catholic community of faith that embraces everyone, without exception. We see ourselves as uniquely able to engage in dialogue with people of all faiths and act as peacemakers in our city. Challenged by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the teachings of Saint Teresa of Avila, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's Love for the salvation of all people. We are a stewardship parish. Six percent of our Sunday collections is shared with other missions.

### Help With Stress

The Holbrook Center, a service of Catholic Charities, provides confidential counseling at many locations, including its newest office at Holy Name Cathedral. Licensed counselors, affordable fees, and convenient appointment times, including evenings.

The Holbrook Counseling Center is in the network with BC/BS PPO. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call at (312) 655-7725.

### Stop In For Quiet Prayer

**Tuesdays**  
**6:00 to 7:30PM**



**ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA**  
CATHOLIC PARISH • EST. 1889

### 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  
[klynch@stteresaparish.org](mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org)

### For More Information About...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick  
Contact Deacon Dean in the Parish Office  
[dvaeth@stteresaparish.org](mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org)