



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 20, 2019

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

-- 1 Cor 12:4-6

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 & Third 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 7:30 PM

Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM



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Ministry Fair Follow Up

Thank you to all who attended our Ministry Fair this past weekend. St. Teresa featured 30 ministries, along with our 2018 Avila in Action Grant Award Winners who also joined us to share their work and mission. If you missed it, or if you would still like information about these ministries, visit our (new) website, teresa.church, and click on "Virtual Ministry Fair."

Everyday Stewardship

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you, feel His love, peace and joy!

Avila in Action Winners

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce our 2018 Avila in Action grant winners. Learn more about Avila in Action at teresa.church/avila-in-action.

Chicago Jesuit Academy (\$3,000): Located in one of Chicago's most impoverished and dangerous neighborhoods, CJA will use the grant to Avila in Action toward a trauma-informed care program, to make sure students who experience trauma are well-supported.

Dominican University (\$4,800): This grant supports Ministry en lo Cotidiano, a program to develop lay leadership among young Hispanic/Latino/a Catholic providing direct service to Hispanic/Latino/a populations in different areas of metropolitan Chicago.

Esperanza School (\$3,500): Esperanza School supports 50+ children 5-21 with autism and other intellectual disabilities. The Avila in Action grant will be used to purchase materials required to make highly effective adapted learner kits of books, schedules and communication tools.

La Main Devine (\$5,000): A school in rural, impoverished Haiti providing education to 307 students ranging from Pre-K to High School. This grant award will supply La Main Devine with 6 computers and funding of one year of access.

St. Agatha (\$5,000): Located in an area of concentrated poverty, St. Agatha supports programs that address the source of the ongoing violence and trauma that plagues North Lawndale. This grant supports The News School program, which focuses on teaching journalism skills to motivated high school students, dropouts, and unemployed young adults (age 15-24).

The Dovetail Project (\$5,000): The mission of The Dovetail Project is to give African-American fathers, ages 17 to 24, the skills and support they need to be better fathers for their children and better men in their communities.

VOCEL (\$5,000): VOCEL seeks to jumpstart a child's brain development with cutting-edge parent coaching and innovative early learning rooted in language development and social-emotional support.

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

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Financial Collections

| St. Teresa of Avila Parish Year 2018-2019 | Fiscal | Actual FY 2018-19 | % Auto | Budget 2018-19 | Actual vs. Budget | Actual Prev Yr | % Auto | Actual vs. Prev Yr | % Prev Yr |
|--|---|----------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Collections Offertory | | 12,660 | 27% | 12,780 | (120) | 11,353 | 24% | 1,307 | 11.5% |
| Give Central (11/1-11/30) | | 35,035 | 73% | 32,864 | 2,171 | 36,109 | 76% | (1,074) | -3.0% |
| Total 4 Weeks-Nov. 2018 | | 47,695 | 100% | 45,644 | 2,051 | 47,462 | 100% | 233 | 0.5% |
| Total 4 Weeks-Nov. 2017 | (In Nov 2018 Extra Special Donation of \$2,600 shown separately below *) | | | | | | | | |
| Collections Offertory | | 21,950 | 37% | 15,975 | 5,975 | 14,729 | 27% | 7,221 | 49.0% |
| Give Central (12/1-12/31) | | 37,703 | 63% | 41,080 | (3,377) | 39,078 | 73% | (1,375) | -3.5% |
| Total 5 Weeks-Dec. 2018 | | 59,653 | 100% | 57,055 | 2,598 | 53,807 | 100% | 5,846 | 10.9% |
| Total 5 Weeks-Dec. 2017 | (In Dec 2018 Extra Donations \$9,500 and \$2,500 shown separately below *) | | | | | | | | |
| Collections Offertory | | 93,851 | 30% | 86,265 | 7,586 | 78,514 | 26% | 15,337 | 19.5% |
| Give Central (7/1-12/31/18) | | 214,976 | 70% | 221,832 | (6,856) | 223,505 | 74% | (8,529) | -3.8% |
| Total 27 Weeks YTD | | 308,827 | 100% | 308,097 | 730 | 302,019 | 100% | 6,808 | 2.3% |
| * Extra Special Donations * | | 24,600 | | | | 9,500 | | 15,100 | |
| Grand Total (7/1-12/31/18) | | 333,427 | | 308,097 | 25,330 | 311,519 | | 21,908 | 7.0% |
| Christmas Collection | | 35,781 | | 36,000 | (219) | 35,646 | | 135 | 0.4% |

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday: 1-13-19

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance | 56 |
| Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance | 300 |
| Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance | 160 |
| Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance | 125 |

Total Weekend Mass Attendance 641

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| Christmas 2018 Attendance | 800 |
| Average Weekday Mass Attendance | 10 |
| Average Friday Communion Service Attendance | 5 |

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| Confessions this Week | 0 |
| Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week | 0 |
| Funerals since January 2019 | 0 |
| Weddings since January 2019 | 0 |
| Baptisms since January 2019 | 2 |

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; for 2018, 652 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; December 565/576.

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 1-26-18 | 5:00 PM | Rev. Richard Benson, CM | Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Eric Fredericks | Nancy Gerstad | Susan Freund Kari Richardson |
| Sunday 1-27-18 | 9:00 AM | Rev. Richard Benson, CM | Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Mary Serrahn | Barb Schell Carly Johnston Ellen Moiani | Jocelyn Lutkus Christina Brodell Michael Zost |
| Sunday 1-27-18 | 12:00 PM | Fr. Tony Dosen, CM | Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Christopher Toups | Maria Montes Bert Olson Alice Morales-Villenas | Laura Moran Alejandro Lopez Mary Stanton Rick Mittereder |
| Sunday 1-27-18 | 6:00 PM | Fr. Frank | Sacristan: Roberto Martinez Lector: Claire Kenkel | Cara Gannon Christine Saddy Abel Gonzalez | Roberto Martinez Sharon Lindstrom Eileen Raia Dani Shain |

Week's Activities

Sunday, January 20
10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality
Monday, January 21
No Activities Planned
Tuesday, January 22
6:00 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
Wednesday, January 23
5:00 am, PC/Kitchen, Night Ministry
Thursday, January 24
9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting
Friday, January 25
3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes
7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group
Saturday, January 26
9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Agnes; Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday: World Youth Day
Wednesday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
Thursday: St. Francis de Sales
Saturday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Domingo: Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: Santa Inés; Día de Martin Luther King Jr.
Martes: Jornada Mundial de la Juventud
Miércoles: San Vicente; Santa Marianne Cope
Jueves: San Francisco de Sales
Sábado: Santos Timoteo y Tito

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, January 26
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, February 2
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, February 9
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, February 16
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, February 23
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 19

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

Sunday, January 20

9:00 am Lucie Yodice

12:00 pm Joyce Jaszczor

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, Ray Romero, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

January Baptisms

*Medjenski Layton Hicks (1-13-19), Sary Yaritza Espinoza (1-13-19)
Nathan John Roccasalva (1-20-19), Annabelle Lee Khounthikoumane (1-20-19)*

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

*Alicia Anderson
Dorothy Barns
Connie Beran
Nicholas Beran
Berta Billalvazo
Michelle Brandt
Elizabeth Brown
Jerry Burdick
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
Linda Flasch*

*Alice Flynn
Pat Folland
Eloisa Gallegos
Michael Gibbons
Angela Goldberg
Kaylee Gommel
Bolívar 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
Janette Prush
Hector J. Rivera
Luis Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez
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 -- **Gregory Jennings; Laavion Goings; Jack D. Richardson; Calvin Lewis; Malik Tyshun Williams; and Anthony Adams.**

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Deacon Dean at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@sttereseparish.org. In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added. We leave the names of the deceased parishioners and friends on the list for about twelve months.

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New Website!

teresa.church is up and running! Take a few minutes this week to look at our new website and check out the links that are relevant to you. Notice anything missing? Have a hard time finding a page you regularly interact with? Let us know by emailing website@teresa.church.

st-teresa.net is still active, and will remain active until the final details are added. Thank you for contributing to this volunteer-led effort, and thank you to our volunteer web designer, John DeWyze, and graphic designer, Amy Amato for sharing your talents.

Archdiocese of Chicago Immigration Film Festival

Beyond Borders
January 20, 2019, 1 pm & 6 pm
Old St. Patrick's
625 W. Adams St.
Chicago, IL 60661

One Border One Body
January 27, 2019, 11:30 am
St. Gertrude
6200 N. Glenwood Ave.
Chicago, IL 60660

Singles Retreat

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (northern suburbs) on Feb 22-24, 2019. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com,

E-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.



Around the Parish



Bienvenidos Back Weekend
Join us for Bienvenidos Back Weekend at the parish and connect with other members.
Learn More



La Posada Providencia
Join us for the 2019 La Posada Providencia and parish night at La Posada in San Diego, CA.
Learn More



225 Years of History
Join us for a 2019 celebration of 225 Years of Avila's presence through prayer, education and more.
Learn More

Mass Times

English Mass
Monday - Thursday: 7:30am
Saturday: 8:00am
Sunday: 7:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Spanish Mass
First Mass: 8:00am
Second Mass: 10:30am

French Mass
First Mass: 8:00am
Second Mass: 10:30am
Third Mass: 12:00pm

St. Teresa of Avila is a diverse Catholic community of faith that welcomes you, without exception.

Keep in Touch

Sign Up!

Provide us with your contact information so we can keep you up to date on the latest news and events.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA
CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHICAGO

THURSDAY 7:30am - 8:00am
SUNDAY 7:00am - 10:00am



St. Michael in Old Town is hosting a information night - Human Trafficking in Our Community

A special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will give a presentation providing federal law enforcement perspective on human/sex trafficking (HT) and efforts to combat the issue. What is Human Trafficking, HT stats, legal framework and enforcement, FBI Victim Assistance Program, as well as examples/case studies will be given. Time will be available for questions and answers.

***You are invited to bring travel size toiletries and other items to the event from the list below. We will be collecting them at the door to be packaged in baggies from 8:00-8:30 pm that evening. Anyone is welcome to stay and lend a hand!

- New underwear in any size, new socks
Single ride Ventracards
Gift cards to grocery stores
Easy to prepare food (pasta, sauce, peanut butter, soups, etc)

- TOILETRIES
All small travel sizes
Tooth brush/paste
Lip balm, hand cream, body lotion

- Shampoo, Conditioner
Dandruff, soap
Comb
Tissues
Feminine Hygiene products
Quart Size baggies



Thursday, January 31, 2019
7:00pm - 8:30pm

St. Michael's Parish Center

1711 N. Cleveland Ave. (Parking available, west side of the building)

Hot cocoa, tea and cookies will be served. Attendance is free;

email Christine at ckordiuk@st-mikes.org for more information.

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
Mk 2:23-28, or any of a number of
readings for the Day of Prayer
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17;
Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18
Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or
Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4;
4:14-21

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Heb 5:1-10; Sal 110 (109):1-4;
Mc 2:18-22
Martes: Heb 6:10-20; Sal 111 (110):1-2, 4-5, 9,
10c; Mc 2:23-28, o cualquiera de lecturas
para el Día de Oración
Miércoles: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Sal 110 (109):1-4;
Mc 3:1-6
Jueves: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Sal 40 (39):7-10, 17;
Mc 3:7-12
Viernes: Hch 22:3-16 o 9:1-22; Sal 117 (116):1bc,
2; Mc 16:15-18
Sábado: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5; Sal 47 (46):2-3,
6-9 o Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-8a, 10;
Mc 3:20-21
Domingo: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Sal 19 (18):8-10,
15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27];
Lc 1:1-4; 4:14-2

Treasures From Tradition

The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects.

The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to “lighten up” is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, “Let us pray,” a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the wellworn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal.

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1502 el Fraile Nicolás de Ovando y doce franciscanos dieron inicio a la evangelización de América en la República Dominicana. Ellos fueron enviados por los reyes españoles con el mandato de convertir a los nativos “sin les hacer fuerza alguna”.

Con los misioneros llegaron Alfonso y Antonio Trejo quienes traían con ellos un cuadro de la Virgen María bajo la advocación de Nuestra Señora de la Altigracia. Ellos la llevaron a Higüey, donde en 1572 se le construyó su primer santuario. Poco a poco esta pequeña imagen se convirtió en la Reina del corazón de los dominicanos.

María observa dulcemente a su recién nacido quien yace sobre las pajas. Está coronada y lleva puesto un manto azul rociado de estrellas y un escapulario blanco. Lleva una aureola hecha de doce estrellas. En una esquina de la imagen san

José también observa al niño por encima del hombro derecho de María.

El 25 de enero del 1979 Juan Pablo II la coronó por ser la primera evangelizadora del continente Americano. Con ella los doce misioneros trajeron la Alta Gracia de Jesucristo a nuestras tierras.

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



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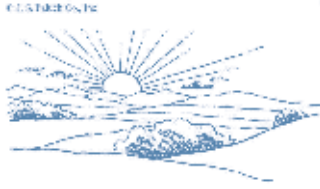
A Visible God

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to see, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult “public life” at his baptism by John. Today’s Gospel reading tells us of his “first sign,” providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

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Un Dios Visible

Nos resulta difícil transmitir ideas a la gente a menos que le mostremos algo, que le ilustremos lo que queremos decir. Dios, que es invisible y verdaderamente más allá del entendimiento humano, aparentemente tiene la misma dificultad. La gente quiere ver, no solamente quiere escuchar una idea. Por eso Dios nos dio a Jesucristo, Dios hecho visible

en el mundo.

En las semanas recientes hemos visto cómo al nacer Jesús es mostrado a los pastores y a los Reyes Magos, y luego empezó su “vida pública” en su bautismo con Juan. El Evangelio de hoy nos habla de su “primer signo”, que es proveer vino para los invitados a la boda en Caná.

Por supuesto, hasta a Jesús, que es Dios hecho visible, no siempre se le entendía en su tiempo y ni siquiera ahora. Por lo tanto, tenemos que considerar lo que vemos: la pobreza y simplicidad de su nacimiento, su humildad y franqueza ante Juan Bautista, su amabilidad y compasión hacia las personas en sus problemas ordinarios, como la falta de vino en una boda. Pero al conocer a Jesús conocemos a Dios.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen ones (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply (John 2:1-11).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Como el esposo goza con su esposa, así Dios se regocija con su elegida Sión (Isaías 62:1-5).

Salmo — Cantemos la grandeza del Señor (Salmo 96 [95]).

Segunda lectura — Todos los diferentes dones que se encuentran en la comunidad cristiana son obra del mismo Espíritu (1 Corintios 12:4-11).

Evangelio — Compartiendo el gozo de una boda en Caná, Jesús rellena la provisión de vino (Juan 2:1-11).

Being Gifted

In late 2016, a trend emerged of people wearing safety pins on their jackets or bags as a signal of their solidarity with Muslims, refugees and any other groups vulnerable to verbal or physical harassment in public spaces. For wearers of these safety pins, the pins were a public proclamation of who they were: loving, understanding people who wanted their communities to be respectful and inclusive places. It was also a public proclamation of who they weren't, a way of visibly distancing themselves from the hateful rhetoric and actions of others.

Criticism of this trend quickly sprang up, and many of them stemmed from this last point. Critics saw the pins as an attempt to get credit for being a good person pointing out the best ways to prove to marginalized communities that you care about them. Engage in the long-term work of building a more just society. Back up safety-pin proclamations with actions to fix the underlying problem.

Though it is in a very different context, in today's Gospel reading from John, Jesus also finds himself weighing the best way to proclaim who he is. The story is set at Cana: Jesus and his mother are at a wedding where the hosts run out of wine. Jesus has not yet begun his public ministry, but his mother knows that he has much to share with his community. While she encourages him to do something, he hesitates, saying, "My hour has not yet come."

Perhaps Jesus had imagined beginning his ministry with a well-thought-out speech explaining how his thinking was different from others who came before. Therefore, the middle of a celebration of someone else's wedding was not the right time for that. With a little more nudging from his mother, he finds that there is a way to show everyone who he is without making himself the center of attention: simply transforming some water into wine, averting a minor crisis and allowing the celebration to continue. At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus leads with action.

Of course, as his ministry progresses, Jesus does quite a lot of talking, preaching his message and explaining what it is that makes him so different. But he never stops backing

*We can each draw
on our particular gifts
in our day-to-day work,
proclaiming to the world
through our actions that
we are the kind of people
who want to create loving,
respectful, inclusive
communities.*

his words up with actions: healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, including the excluded. Jesus shares his gifts for the community, not only in moments of crisis, but throughout his day-to-day ministry.

I have had a number of conversations with people in recent years that have begun along the lines of, "I'm Catholic, but..." Sometimes that "but" can act a bit like a safety pin, as a small signal of differentiation from people who claim Catholicism but exclude, marginalize or belittle. "I'm Catholic, but I'm not prejudiced. I'm Catholic, but I believe in gender equality. I'm Catholic, but I struggle with certain parts of my faith." Again, this desire to set ourselves apart is understandable. Particularly with the ongoing revelations of abuse within the institutional church, some may feel unable to embrace a wholehearted proclamation of faith without qualification.

How do we tell the world who we are when a proclamation of our identity as disciples is tangled up with the complications of history, politics and the actions of individuals that run contrary to our values? I suggest we take a page from Jesus' book and begin with action. The second reading reminds us that we each are blessed with different gifts to use in service of building a better world: gifts of knowledge, faith, healing, prophecy and more. We can each draw on our particular gifts in our day-to-day work, proclaiming to the world through our actions that we are the kind of people who want to create loving, respectful, inclusive communities.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

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

Office Information and Bulletin Deadlines

Parish Offices are located at 1037 W. Armitage Ave. Phone is (773) 528-6650. FAX is (773) 871-6766. Hours are: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The submission deadline for most Sunday bulletins is 11:00 am on the Monday before; deadlines are accelerated for the holidays. The bulletin is also published electronically on st-teresa.net. Please contact John at bulletin@stteresaparish.org for more information.

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

Help With Stress

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

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



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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)
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For More Information About...

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