



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 27, 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

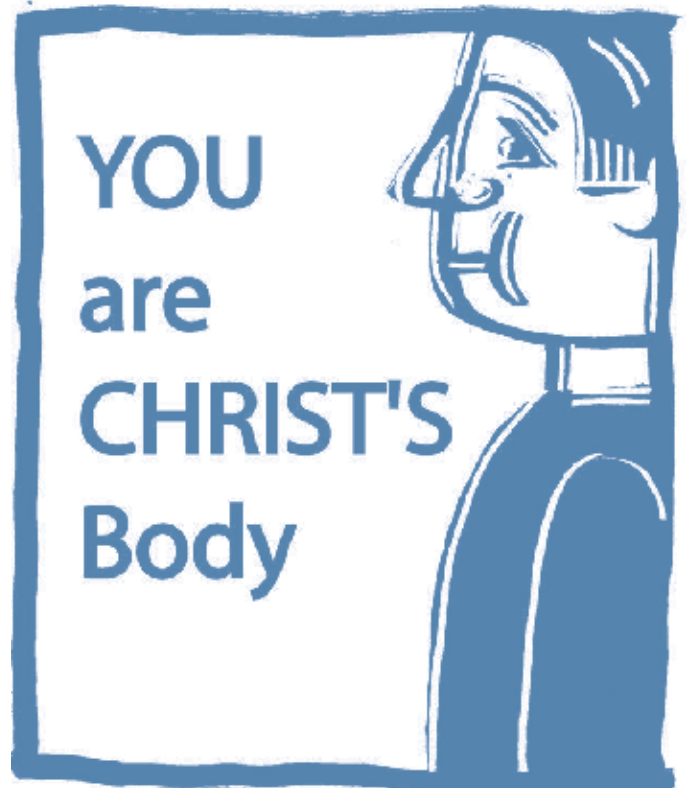
Baptism Preparation

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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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.

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

Around the Parish



2018 Avila in Action Grant Winners
The St. Teresa of Avila parish is proud to announce the 2018 Avila in Action Grant winners. The grant program is a wonderful way to support worthy organizations working to make a difference in Chicago and beyond. The grant winners are CHICAGO JESUIT ACADEMY, DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY, LA MAIN DEVINE, ST. AGATHA, THE DOVETAIL PROJECT, and VOCEL.



Virtual Ministry Fair
St. Teresa of Avila parish is proud to announce the 2018 Virtual Ministry Fair. The fair is a wonderful way to support worthy organizations working to make a difference in Chicago and beyond. The fair winners are CHICAGO JESUIT ACADEMY, DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY, LA MAIN DEVINE, ST. AGATHA, THE DOVETAIL PROJECT, and VOCEL.



125 Years of History
St. Teresa of Avila parish is proud to announce the 125th anniversary of the parish. The parish has a rich history of service and ministry to the community. The anniversary is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the parish's past and look forward to the future.

Avila in Action Recipients

St. Teresa's grant program, Avila in Action, dedicates 7% of Sunday collections to organizations making the world a better place. In 2018, we awarded grant funding to the following worthy organizations working to make a difference in Chicago and beyond: CHICAGO JESUIT ACADEMY, DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY, LA MAIN DEVINE, ST. AGATHA, THE DOVETAIL PROJECT, and VOCEL.

Learn more about Avila in Action, and what these amazing organizations will do with your grant dollars at teresa.church/avila-in-action.

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 Recipients 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

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.

Strengths in Action

What are your gifts and how can you put them to use in your everyday life? Participants will take the Clifton Strengths Finder assessment, discuss their unique strengths and learn about the strengths of others. In this two-part series, you'll learn practical ways to apply your strengths at work, in personal relationships, and through volunteering time in service. By learning about and cultivating your strengths, you act as a steward of the unique gifts God has given to you.

Part I: Wednesday, February 13th, 7-8pm

Part II: Saturday, February 23rd, 9am-2pm

\$20 at the door. More info & registration at teresa.church/strengths-in-action.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at robrien@sttereseparish.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: 1-20-19

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	47
Saturday, 6:30pm Mass Attendance	45
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	190
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	180
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	100

Total Weekend Mass Attendance 562

Christmas 2018 Attendance	800
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 2019	1
Weddings since January 2019	0
Baptisms since January 2019	5

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 ratio of 1:7094 Catholics.

Parish Calendars

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Celebrant/Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 2-2-19	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Mary Brennan	Mary Stanton	Eric Fredericks Leigh Hartley
Saturday 2-2-19	6:30 PM	French Mass			
Sunday 2-3-19	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Geneva Gorgo	<i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Stephanie Jaslowski Elizabeth Smith	Michael Zost Christina Brodell Brian Shea Carly Johnston
Sunday 2-3-19	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Spanish Mass		
Sunday 2-3-19	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Lector: Alica Erskine	Kevin Ludden Bob Pedro Daniel Kang	Aimee Jaszczor Tyler Paul Laura Moran Bert Olson
Sunday 2-3-19	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Eryn Gronewoeller Lector: John DeWyze	Abel Gonzalez Carol Coffey Pete Doyle	Hannah Toohey Dani Shain Daniel Cortese Alyssa Stella

Week's Activities

Sunday, January 27
 10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality
 10:30 am, REC, CGS
 4:30 pm, REC, CGS III
 4:30 pm, REC, Edge/Quest Teen Mass

Monday, January 28
 4:00 pm, REC, CGS III
 7:00 pm, PC, Finance Council

Tuesday, January 29
 6:00 pm, PC, SPRED
 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, January 30
No Activities Planned

Thursday, January 31
 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting

Friday, February 1
 3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes
 7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, February 2
 9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry
 6:30 am, Church, French Mass

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Thursday: St. John Bosco

Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles

Domingo: Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: Santo Tomás de Aquino

Jueves: San Juan Bosco

Sábado: La Presentación del Señor; Bendición de las velas

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

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

Saturday, March 2
 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 26

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

Sunday, January 27

9:00 am Patricia Murphy Wild

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, 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 -- Eric Charrodmoore; Terrance Ross; and Elena Sada;

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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Women's Center Seeking Donations

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR OUR FAMILY ROOM: We are in immediate need of infant car seat/carriers, also car seats for 20 to 40 lb. (by law all car seats must be less than 7 years old), toddler beds, baby swings, exersaucers, baby carriers –(front and back). We also need baby food (in date) and Enfamil formula, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby wipes, and diapers in size 5 and 6 only and pull-up diapers in all sizes and women's hygiene products. We also need winter boys and girls clothing in sizes 2T and up. These items can only be picked up when accompanied by baby furniture. For our address where you can deliver them to us or if a pick-up by a volunteer is needed, please call 773-794-1313.

The Gift that Keeps On Giving

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." – 1 Peter 4:10



Vacation season is upon us, and while you're away we'll be here, joyfully serving those in need of spiritual nourishment and the poor who benefit from our food-based ministries.

Please help us remain financially stable during this season by maintaining your financial commitment to the parish. Automated giving through Give Central is an easy way to ensure our collections won't dive when attendance is low.

If you've already signed up for automated giving, please be sure your credit card information is up to date. If you have questions or need assistance, call the parish office at (773) 528-6650.

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.



Daily Prayer, Scripture and Eucharist Weekdays at 7:30 AM

A great way to start the day...attend morning Mass Monday through Thursday at 7:30 am. Mass is over by 7:50 am.

There is a brief communion service on Friday mornings, also at 7:30 am, for those who want to pray, reflect on scripture, and receive Eucharist.



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.

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 Venra cards
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.

Food Pantry Thank You

The Food Pantry Team sends out a huge thank you to two of our most steadfast leaders-Karen Breen-Vogel and Elaine Green. We thank Karen for her tireless work over the past eight years as coordinator of the Food Pantry purchases at St Teresa of Avila. Karen was instrumental in forging the link between St Teresa and The Greater Chicago Food Depository, where we receive wonderful fresh produce and food at great prices for our clients each week. She coordinated the team with adaptability, perseverance and joy! The team also thanks Elaine Green who has volunteered with the group for four fun-filled years. Elaine brought her enthusiasm and dedication, wonderful organization skills and innovative ideas, and we are so grateful for her time with us. Both Karen and Elaine are moving on to new challenges, and we wish them well.

Reverse Advent Thank You

Every Saturday morning 60-100 women and men depend on the St. Teresa food pantry to help provide food for the next week. Without the Chicago Food Depository and your donations, that would not be possible. Once again our Advent Reverse Calendar grocery collection of 85-90 bags added not only staples to the shelves, but some wonderful treats (Oreos clearly took the lead!) Not to mention the beautiful gloves, hats, scarves and socks that have already been distributed to our guests. And to top off your generosity: \$1,200 in gift cards! We are so grateful for your always faithful responses as we work to close the hunger gap in our community. Questions about the food pantry? Contact mairead.reidy@yahoo.com.



Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Sal 98:1-6; Mc 3:22-30
Martes: Heb 10:1-10; Sal 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mc 3:31-35
Miércoles: Heb 10:11-18; Sal 110:1-4; Mc 4:1-20
Jueves: Heb 10:19-25; Sal 24:1-6; Mc 4:21-25
Viernes: Heb 10:32-39; Sal 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mc 4:26-34
Sábado: Mal 3:1-4; Sal 24 (23):7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]
Domingo: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Sal 71 (70):1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lc 4:21-30

Treasures From Tradition

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

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



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El día 3 de febrero se celebra entre misas, mariachis, fuegos artificiales y muchas expresiones de religiosidad popular, la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Concepción de Suyapa en Honduras. Fue un sábado del mes de febrero, cuando Alejandro Colindres, un joven humilde labrador, y Jorge Martínez, un niño de ocho años, la encontraron.

Según la tradición estos llegaron cansados a la quebrada del Piligüin. Acostándose sobre el suelo, Alejandro sintió lo que le parecía una piedra en su espalda. Por más que intentaba arrojarla lejos, cuando se acostaba sentía la misma piedra. Por fin en lugar de tirarla, la puso en su mochila y al amanecer descubrió que no era piedra sino una pequeña imagen de María (6.5 cm.) con rostro indígena tallada en madera.

En 1780 se le construyó un templo y en 1796 se registró su primer milagro. El Papa Pío XII la proclamó Patrona de la República de Honduras en 1925. En las advocaciones latinoamericanas ella es nombrada como la fortaleza de los humildes.

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

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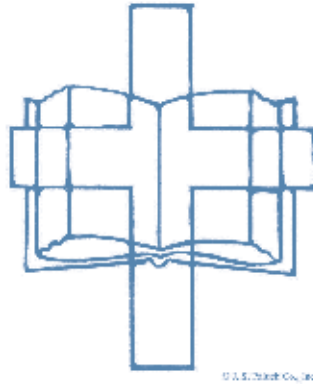
A Visible God

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

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Un Dios Visible

Los días de fiesta ya pasaron, el año se nos viene encima. ¿Y qué clase de año será? De acuerdo con las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, será "el año de la gracia del Señor". Y Jesús con seguridad no se refería solamente a los próximos trescientos sesenta y cinco días cuando hablaba a la gente en ese tiempo.

El anuncio de la "llegada" de la gracia de Dios lo hizo Jesús para todos los tiempos, para cada año. De manera similar, leemos hoy en Nehemías cómo la gente se reunía con solemnidad a escuchar la Palabra de Dios como si fuera la primera vez. Escuchaban y luego se postraban con el rostro en la tierra y lloraban. Pero el profeta decía: "Este día está dedicado al Señor... no estén tristes".

El "año de la gracia del Señor" es este año. El día "dedicado al Señor" es hoy. El tiempo de escuchar es ahora. ¿Qué clase de año tendrás? ¿Qué clase de día? La ayuda de Dios siempre está aquí. Lo que haces cada día será santo y aceptable al Señor solamente si escuchas y practicas la palabra de Dios.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Esdras leyó el libro de la ley de Dios ante la asamblea reunida (Nehemías 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Salmo — Tú tienes, Señor, palabras de vida eterna (Salmo 19 [18]).

Segunda lectura — Del mismo modo que el cuerpo con sus muchas partes forma un solo cuerpo, así también Cristo (1 Corintios 12:12-30).

Evangelio — Jesús leyó del profeta Isaías y declara que en su propia persona se cumple la profecía (Lucas 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

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We Are the Body

Perhaps I can take you on an imaginary journey with me — a kind of midrash or way of looking at the story or possibility within the Gospel passage we hear today.

Imagine we are sitting with Mary in the women's section of the synagogue. Perhaps she looks eagerly at her son, who is unrolling the scroll handed to him, remembering the first time she brought him to synagogue. Does she smile and wonder remembering Jesus' conception: "Thy will be done" yet saying, "Look at my boy now."

Mary has been waiting excitedly for today. Last week, we heard from John's Gospel that Mary was the impetus for Jesus' first public miracle: changing water to wine at Cana. Today, we hear a story from Luke set in the synagogue. Imagine Mary's sister sitting beside her — the one who stood with her at the cross (John 19:25). Perhaps Jesus' female cousins are here, too, behind the divider. How are they responding to Jesus' reading?

Perhaps Mary looks at her sister squeezing her hand and knowing that her sister believes that Mary's son is the Messiah. Several women here don't. "Conceiving after an angelic visit!" they may have snickered. One sits with arms crossed while another is daydreaming.

Mary savors the way others look at Jesus when he finishes reading. She prays that they always look intently to him. Her deepest desire is for people to connect with their Messiah.

Perhaps Mary is remembering Ezra — that was today's first reading — which provides quite a visual image. Can you just see all the upturned faces as Ezra unrolls the scroll? Picture how that audience reacted to the words, "Today is holy." They stand, like it's a touchdown, raising their hands and crying out, "Yes! Yes!" and they bow, faces on the ground. Ezra tells them to celebrate. Rejoice!

The church connects this reading from about 450 years before Christ, when people were returning from their exile, to the possibility heard in today's Gospel passage. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

And the Spirit rushed upon us when we were anointed during the sacrament of confirmation. Do I believe I have a role to serve that no one else can do? We each have a mission. Do you know what yours is?

Women look to Mary, waiting to see how she will react. Mary is smiling and whispers, "The Spirit of God is upon him!" A shock wave goes through the assembly. Today this Scripture comes alive.

Did you feel it?

And here today's Gospel ends. Why does the church pause here, and finish the story next weekend?

Because today this Scripture is fulfilled in our hearing. We pause at the best part of the story.

Because it is too easy with a familiar story to jump to the conclusion, and miss an unmistakable call to action.

Because we are the body of Christ. The second reading confirms this: We are the body of Christ which is comprised of many unique parts.

Think a minute: The Spirit of God is upon you and me. Why? Because God anointed each of us at our baptisms. And the Spirit rushed upon us when we were anointed during the sacrament of confirmation. Do I believe I have a role to serve that no one else can do? We each have a mission. Do you know what yours is?

As we gather for Eucharist today, can I wait eagerly for each Gospel sentence, as attentive as the assembly that gathered around Ezra or Jesus? When I leave Mass today, how will this "Spirit of God be upon me or upon you?" How will it be evident where you go and in people you meet?

To whom will you bring glad tidings — news that God loves each one of us? Today — we can proclaim, heal, free the oppressed and forgive.

As the psalm today says: Rejoice! Be refreshed. Enlightened. And just.

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

Help With Stress

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

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Tuesdays
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