



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 3, 2019

*“Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is accepted in his own
native place.*

-- Luke 4:24

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

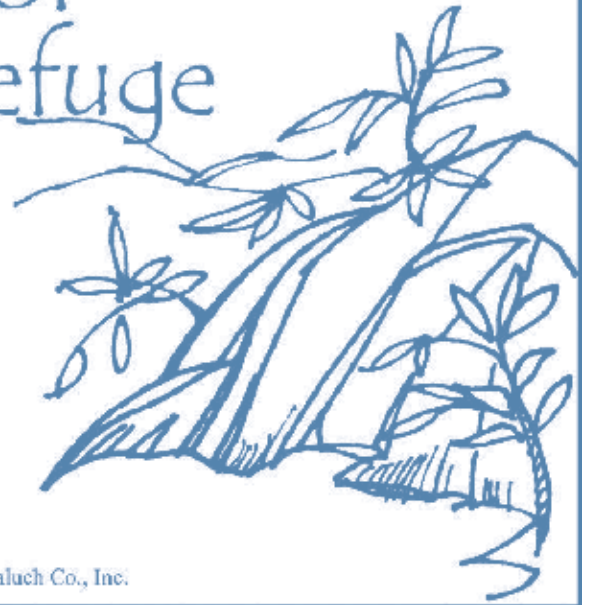
Baptism Preparation

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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of
refuge



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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 anniversary is a wonderful way to celebrate the parish's long history and the many ways it has served the community.

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

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous." (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered".

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: 1-27-19

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	63
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	220
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	180
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	130

Total Weekend Mass Attendance 593

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 2018/2019 monthly averages are: January 644/623; February, 566; March, 637; April, 810; May, 583; June, 523; July, 511; August, 509; September, 563; October, 652; November 569; December 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 2-9-19	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Lisa Hanzelka	Kari Richardson	Nancy Gerstad Susan Freund
Sunday 2-10-19	9:00 AM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: <i>Children's Service</i>	Molly Malloy Geneva Gorgo Nancy Van Grinsven	Jamie Lutkus Philip Malloy Michael Zost Mark Van Grinsven
Sunday 2-10-19	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Daniel Kang	Alejandro Lopez Maria Montes Carmen Ubides	Alice Morales-Villenas Bob Pedro Rick Mittereder Deirdre Curry Bormes
Sunday 2-10-19	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Sharon Lindstrom Lector: Callie Pogge	Mike Trivella Veronique Caffrey Eileen Raia	Pete Doyle Cara Gannon Alyssa Stella Roberto Martinez

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: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Agatha; Chinese New Year

Wednesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Friday: St. Jerome Emiliana; St. Josephine Bakhita

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Martes: Santa Agueda; Año nuevo lunar (chino)

Miércoles: San Pablo Miki y compañeros

Viernes: San Jerónimo Emiliano; Santa Josefina Bakhita

Sábado: Santa María Virgen

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

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

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

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 2

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

Sunday, February 3

9:00 am Patricia Murphy Wild

10:30 am Rafael Martin Toranzo Alfaro

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

Cecelia Clare Dowdall (2-17-19), Ella Lennox (2-23-19), Miller Wilson Richter (2-23-19)

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

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

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 -- **Terrance Ross; and Tion Anderson.**

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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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.

9am Hospitality Volunteers Needed!

Hospitality after 9am Mass has two new coordinators! Theresa Jabaley and Sonia Fernandes are working together to keep the Hospitality flag flying, and to sign you up to host. We are currently signing up for the period February through June 2019. Please consider a date over the next few months.

Please contact Theresa at tjabaley@aol.com or Sonia at soniaferns2004@gmail.com or sign up at

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/206978/true#/invitation>

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.



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Dear Parishioners,

Your pastor, Fr. Frank Latzko, will soon be participating in the Catholic Leadership 360 Review process. This review process is part of the ordinary structure required by Archdiocesan Policy of every diocesan priest approximately every five years. It is an opportunity for Fr. Latzko to recognize his talents and to grow to become a better priest and pastoral minister. Selected members of the parish staff and parish leadership, your Dean, and myself will be asked to be reviewers using this instrument.

According to Archdiocesan policies lay leadership and parishioners are to be given the opportunity to recognize Fr. Latzko's gifts and to share their sentiments about his ministry. So, we are providing a parish-wide survey as part of his review process. The survey can be easily accessed by going to the Archdiocese's web page (<https://www.archchicago.org/>) and clicking on Offices and Ministries on the top panel. This will bring you to an alphabetical listing of offices. Under 'M', select Ministerial Evaluation. You will then be directed to the Ministerial Evaluation webpage. In the middle of the page, you will find "360 Catholic Leadership review for priests".

The survey is available in English, Spanish, and Polish. Please click on the word 'Link' next to your appropriate language to access the survey.

If you have any concerns or comments pertaining to Father's review, feel free to contact me directly. If you have any further questions or suggestions about the review process you may contact Fr. Bob Heidenreich, Coordinator of Ministerial Review and Priests Programs, by email (rheidenreich@archchicago.org) or by phone at the Priests Placement Office (312-534-5237).

When the Catholic Leadership 360 Review process has been completed Fr. Latzko will be asked to share the insights he has received and his further developmental plans with you in the parish bulletin and on the parish web site.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate and provide constructive information.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Bartosic".

Most Reverend Mark Bartosic
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago
Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate II

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;
Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11;
Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;
Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8;
1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Heb 11:32-40; Sal 31 (30):20-24;
Mc 5:1-20
Martes: Heb 12:1-4; Sal 22 (21):26b-28, 30-32;
Mc 5:21-43
Miércoles: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 13-
14, 17-18a; Mc 6:1-6
Jueves: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Sal 48 (47):2-4,
9-11; Mc 6:7-13
Viernes: Heb 13:1-8; Sal 27 (26):1, 3, 5, 8b-9;
Mc 6:14-29
Sábado: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Sal 23 (22):1-6;
Mc 6:30-34
Domingo: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Sal 138 (137):1-5, 7-8;
1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lc 5:1-11

Treasures From Tradition

The song of the angels, “Holy, Holy, Holy,” resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God’s presence have always been inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. “Heaven and earth are full of your glory,” and we are not passive onlookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a wellinsulated shower stall, you are called into this song.

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the full range of newlydiscovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone’s in the choir; why not start practicing now?

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En muchos hogares Latinos el tiempo de Navidad terminó el día dos de febrero con la levantada del Niño Dios en la fiesta de la Candelaria. Es interesante como el pueblo cristiano tiene un cierto afecto para Jesús en su aspecto de niño. Desde hace siglos con el evangelista Lucas y la virgen María la imaginación cristiana ha ido buscando al Divino Niño en el templo; con san Cristóbal lleva cargando al Niño Dios sobre los hombros mientras cruza el río de la vida y san Antonio de Lisboa juega con el Niñito Jesús sobre un libro teológico mientras estudia la Palabra de Dios.

Fueron los monjes cistercienses del siglo XII quienes primero desarrollaron esta devoción al Niño Jesús. En su afán por conocer mejor al Dios hecho humano entraban por medio de la meditación imaginativa en los cuatro evangelios. Esta meditación es un entrar en la vida de Jesús de tal manera que vives los eventos en tu corazón y desarrollar así una relación afectiva con el Señor. La devoción al Niño Dios debe ser acompañada de la lectio divina.

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

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An Ongoing Mission

In his hometown synagogue, Jesus' neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each other, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

Surely the people know who he is. The carpenter's son. The young man who had learned in this very synagogue. The boy down the street.

Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God's people: the good news of the scriptures is intended for all.

In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In today's readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus' mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love.



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Una Misión Continua

En la sinagoga de su pueblo natal, los vecinos se maravillaban con las palabras de Jesús. No obstante, se preguntaban: "¿No es este el hijo de José?"

Con seguridad la gente sabía quién era Jesús. El hijo del carpintero. El joven que aprendió en esa misma sinagoga. El muchacho de la calle.

El conflicto surge cuando Jesús empieza a definirse de una manera nueva. Las tensiones aumentan cuando se compara con los antiguos profetas Elías y Eliseo. Las tensiones se multiplican cuando Jesús empieza a hablar de una nueva misión para el pueblo de Dios: la Buena Nueva de la Escritura está dirigida a todos.

En su famoso pasaje de la primera carta a los Corintios, san Pablo nos recuerda la naturaleza del amor eterno. El amor no termina. En la lectura de hoy, se nos recuerda que, como el amor, la misión de Jesús no se puede detener. Jesús se desliza entre la multitud de perseguidores y sigue adelante con nuevos retos. Estamos llamados a esta misma perseverancia en nombre del amor.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown (Luke 4:21-30).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Dios destina a Jeremías a ser profeta de las naciones (Jeremías 1:4-5, 17-19).

Salmo — Señor, tú eres mi esperanza (Salmo 71 [70]).

Segunda lectura — El amor con todas sus muchas facetas es la más importante de las virtudes (1 Corintios 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Evangelio — Jesús reclama que su misión salvífica es para todos los pueblos (Lucas 4:21-30).

Prophets in our Time

“No prophet is accepted in his own native place.”

I think I first heard this saying, adapted from today’s Gospel reading, from my dad as he jokingly lamented that his family didn’t appreciate his wisdom.

Being a prophet certainly seems a nearly thankless task, one likely to get you threatened, imprisoned, maybe even killed. But as we see in today’s first reading, it has some perks as well. God promises Jeremiah something that many of us likely wish we had: invincibility.

In the Book of Jeremiah, God says, “It is I this day who have made you a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against the whole land. . . . They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you” (1:18-19).

Does this promise apply to us as well? We often hear the earlier part of this reading, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you” (v. 5). It is called to our attention as a testimony to the sanctity of human life from its earliest moments, and to God’s loving care for each of us as individuals before we were even aware of it.

When we hear the end of that same verse, “a prophet to the nations I appointed you,” do we sense an equally personal call that applies to each of us? Are we all appointed prophets? If we are, does that mean we are also invincible against those who might oppose us?

We know that we aren’t shielded from all harm in this life, even when we are doing the right thing and even as we proclaim, as in today’s psalm, that God is our strength and salvation.

But we also know that God is love and that, ultimately, love is the only thing that is invincible.

Today’s reading from 1 Corinthians tells us that while it is good to strive for spiritual gifts like prophecy, speaking in tongues and faith, all of that is meaningless without love, and all will pass away. Even heroic acts such as giving away all possessions or handing over one’s body are useless if

Whatever piece of the truth we possess, whatever prophetic message we have is partial and will eventually pass away. The only thing that will endure is love.

done out of pride rather than love.

So when we reflect on our call to prophecy, we must strive for it to be motivated by love if we want it to be worthwhile at all.

Since it often involves denouncing wrongdoing, calling for change, and telling people what they don’t want to hear, prophecy isn’t the best way to win friends. In the Gospel reading, we see Jesus almost being killed after he tells people from his own native land that prophets were often sent to serve foreigners rather than their own people.

While we shouldn’t judge our efforts to speak unpopular and uncomfortable truths by how well they are received, however, we do not have free reign to speak them as unpleasantly as possible, much less to start thinking that those who might oppose or disagree with us are hated enemies that we wish to defeat.

Whether we are speaking to family, friends or co-workers; posting on social media; writing a letter to the editor; helping with a political campaign or participating in a protest, can we do so in a way that expresses patience, kindness and a willingness to hear others’ perspectives without taking disagreement as a personal slight? Can we forgive those who don’t extend the same courtesy to us? Can we ensure that we are not acting out of self-interest and endure through setbacks and disappointments?

Whatever piece of the truth we possess, whatever prophetic message we have is partial and will eventually pass away. The only thing that will endure is love. “Love never fails” (1 Corinthians 13:8).

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.

Finance Council

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

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Daniel Cortese
Kelly Dean
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Claire Kenkel
Lisa Marquez

John Mitchell
Rebecca O'Brien
Mary Serrahn
Dan Summins
Mark Van Grinsven

Please contact Rebecca O'Brien for information on joining the Stewardship committee. Email is robrien@stteresaparish.org.

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

Office Information and Bulletin Deadlines

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

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

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

Help With Stress

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)
Contact Kate in the Parish Office
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For More Information About...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick
Contact Deacon Dean in the Parish Office
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