

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, Alive

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 10, 2019

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

-- Luke 5:10-11

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

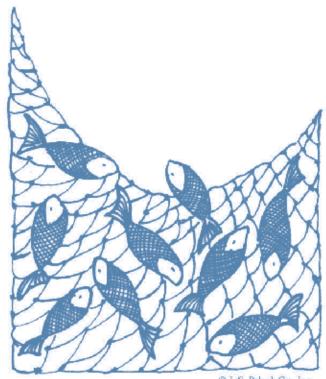
Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

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. Teress of Avila is a diverse Catholic community of faith that welcomes you without exception

Around the Parish







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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

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (ISAIAH6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the doorand say "Here I am, Lord."

Strengths in Action

What are your gifts and how can you can 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.

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Financial Collections

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Fiscal Year 2018-2019	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: 2	-3-19
Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	97
Saturday, 6:30pm Mass Attendance	72
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	210
Sunday, 10:30am Mass Attendance	40
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	160
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	45
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	624
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; Februrary, 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 2-16-19	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Benson, CM Lector: Mary Brennan		Kari Richardson	Leigh Hartley Margaret Burke	
Saturday 2-16-19	6:30 PM	French Mass				
Sunday 2-17-19	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Anastasia Bullinger	Sara Hock Rose Ohiku Frank Swiderski	Elizabeth Smith Ellen Moiani Geneva Gorgo Barb Schell	
Sunday 2-17-19	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Fr. Frank Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Raquel Bech		Mike Trivella Bert Olson Kevin Ludden Mary Stanton	
Sunday 2-17-19	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Roberto Martinez Lector: Anne De Leonardis	Dani Shain Luke Kolman Philip Malloy	Andrew De Leonardis Christine Saddy Cara Gannon Hannah Toohey	

Week's Activities	Saints &	Special Observances	Upcoming Food Pantry Dates
Sunday, February 10 10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality 4:00 pm, REC, CGS 4:30 pm, REC, Edge & Quest Monday, February 11 4:30 pm, REC, CGS Tuesday, February 12 6:00 am, PC, Men's Spirituality	Sunday: Monday: Thursday:	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day	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
6:00 pm, PC, SPRED 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration	Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday, March 2
Wednesday, February 13 7:00 pm, Intro to Strengths Based Development	Domingo:	Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;	9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
Thursday, February 14 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting Friday, February 15 3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes 7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group Saturday, February 16 9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry 6:30 am, Church, French Mass	Lunes: Jueves:	Día Mundial del Matrimonio Nuestra Señora de Lourdes; Día Mundial de los Enfermos Santos Cirilo y Metodio; Día de san Valentín	9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution Saturday, March 16 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
	Sábado:	Santa María Virgen	

Mass Intentions & Prayers

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 9

5:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish Sunday, February 10

9:00 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
12:00 pm Dolores Yuquilma

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), Thomas Cornelius Bos (2-23-19), Genevieve Rhyme Sopchik (2-24-19)

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

Alicia Anderson Alice Flynn Dorothy Barns Pat Folland Connie Beran Eloisa Gallegos Michael Gibbons Nicholas Beran Berta Billalvazo Angela Goldberg Michelle Brandt Kavlee Gommel Elizabeth Brown Bolivar Gonzales. Jr. Jerry Burdick Les Gordon Carol Coffey Mrs. Grabarczyk Susan Conway George Halloran Patricia Chuck Kellar Harris Elizabeth Ryan Dean Peg Hausen Michael De Blasis David Ivanac Maria de la Luz Ronald Jakubec Alex DeNoma Krista Kutz Kim Duffy Betty LaCour Isabelle Eiffert Carmen D. Lorenzana Helen Fasano Gabriel Lozada Jackson Fineske & Family Madeline Mancini Linda Flasch George Maroquin

Jose Maroquin Lisa Marquez Margaret Sue Meadors Daniel Mever Tracy Mirabella Bill Mobley John Monier Elda Mvers John Paul Nelson Angel Nieves Juan Nigo Msgr. Kevin O'Neill Frank O'Toole Clayton Poe Carol Povner 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

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 -- Mohammed Rafati; Adrien Campos; Ninaa Edwards; Darrien Wilson; Jeremy Carothers; and Marvin Powell.

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

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Welcome Babies!

Your generous donations helped outfit three babies born in the last two months! Moms (Emerence and Faida from Democratic Republic of Congo; Rita from Nepal) and newborns are all doing well. Their families are always so appreciate when we deliver what they will need to welcome the new arrivals. Thank you especially for your response in October to our request for for help to purchase cribs and car seats: \$762! At the moment, we are not in need of any supplies, but Catholic Charities could call any time about another precious baby to welcome. If you have questions, contact mairead.reidy@yahoo.com



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





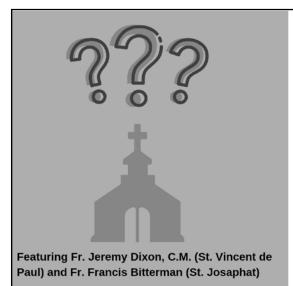


Clockwise from top left:
Rita, her husband and two sons; Emerence's baby Benny (born 1/20/19); Faida's daughter, Diana (born 12/18/18)

Super Bowl Party Success!

Thank you to all who attended the Super Bowl Party and donated. After expenses, we raised: \$1166.97

Thanks to Amir for organizing!



Stump the Priest

Have a burning question about life as a Catholic that you've been too afraid to ask? Want to learn something new about our faith while meeting other young people from the community? TnT (St. Vincent's young adult group) has just the solution!

When: Sun. Feb 24, 6 p.m. Where: McGee's Tavern & Grille (950 W Webster).

Questions? E-mail stvincentdepaultnt@gmail.com

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Letter From Fr. Frank

Lent is fast approaching, do please bring in your old palms from last year. We will burn them on Sunday March 3rd, Mardi Gras weekend and Cuisine de Coure. Tuesday March 5 is Fat Tuesday, the final day to let it rip. Hopefully, I will have dozens of those Polish, creme-filled pastries, a word I can't spell but sounds something like "poonchkees." They are fantastic!! I'll get the low calorie version.

We are looking for a few volunteers to plan Ashes on Armitage for Ash Wednesday, a great opportunity to evangelize on the streets near our church. You can also bring a small container of ashes to your workplace or school to distribute ashes, a great way to serve and begin Lent.

I'm planning on introducing a new ministry of prayer and fasting called, Friday's For Peace. This will bring together the tradition of doing some form of penance, like giving up meat, on ALL Fridays throughout the year as a concrete way to pray for peace in the world and for an end to violence in all forms. We Catholics have had a beautiful tradition of keeping each Friday as a day to remember the crucifixion of Christ, a tradition going back centuries. Parishioners who are interested can make a personal promise to keep Friday's holy by doing penance for the purpose of promoting peace, the unity of religions, and an end to violence. Prayer cards and buttons will be given out to wear as a PUBLIC witness to social justice. And another way to EVANGELIZE our faith, explaining why you are giving up meat, alcohol, or whatever, as a small gesture to pray for peace and unity. This also connects an ancient tradition with something meaningful and relevant today: justice leading to peace. Justice must come first for peace to follow and be long lasting.

-- Fr. Frank

Please Make Your Gift to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

"Come, Follow Me...and share the Word"

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response and soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic APpeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, Folow Me...and share the Word."

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our Parish. For example, Appeal funds support... (NOTE: IT IS VERY IMPORANT TO INSERT SOME OF THE MINISTRIES IN YOUR PARISH THAT RECEIVE TRAINING OR OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE - see the list in the manual or on the website).

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our Parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.

When our parish reaches its goal of \$31,320.30 in paid pledges, all additional funds contributed will be returned to us for use in our Parish.

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24,

35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28,

29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30 **Friday:** Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13;

Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;

Lk 6:17, 20-26

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Gn 1:1-19; Sal 104 (103):1-2a, 5-6, 10,

12, 24, 35c; Mc 6:53-56

Martes: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Sal 8:4-9; Mc 7:1-13

Miércoles: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Sal 104 (103):1-2a,

27-28, 29bc-30; Mc 7:14-23

Jueves: Gn 2:18-25; Sal 128 (127):1-5;

Mc 7:24-30

Viernes: Gn 3:1-8; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5-7;

Mc 7:31-37

Sábado: Gn 3:9-24; Sal 90 (89):2-4abc, 5-6, 12-

13; Mc 8:1-10

Domingo: Jer 17:5-8; Sal 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-

20; Lc 6:17, 20-26

Treasures From Tradition

The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this selfgiving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Cuando era niño a mis primos mexicanos les gustaba contarme cuentos de la Llorona, la mano negra, bultos que flotaban en los cementerios, y lucecitas azules que aparecían sobre tesoro escondido por bandidos de siglos pasados. Estos cuentos también se escuchaban en el Valle del Río Grande de

Texas, donde me crié. Confieso que me fascinaban y asustaban esas misteriosas leyendas, así como los relatos de santas y santos que levitan, tienen visiones, escuchan voces celestiales o chorrean sangre de llagas que recuerdan las llagas de Cristo en la cruz.

He escuchado el llanto de la Llorona, y me parece haber visto la mano negra. Sé que mi carro se movió solo en un lugar donde murieron unos niños sobre un autobús escolar. Los latinos sabemos que hay muchas cosas que no se pueden explicar, simplemente se vive con el misterio. Y ¿a quien

no le atrae un buen misterio? El sentido del misterio nos atrae y nos intimida en el misticismo de los santos cristianos. Ellos nos recuerdan que hay mucho sagrado e inexplicable que penetra nuestras vidas cotidianas.

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

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God's Summons

Confronted with God's power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips," he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus' instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

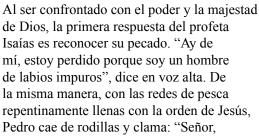
Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here I am, send me."

We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won't lead to anything.

What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God's messenger?

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El Llamado de Dios



apártate de mí porque soy un pecador".

Después Pedro se levanta, deja atracado su bote y sigue a Jesús. Isaías también experimentó un cambio impresionante. Cuando escuchó al Señor que decía: "¿A quién voy a enviar? ¿Quién irá por nosotros?", Isaías respondió: "Aquí estoy, envíame".

Somos llamados diariamente por el Señor resucitado. Se nos recuerda del poder salvador del Evangelio y sabemos de corazón que, como escribió san Pablo, creer en otra cosa no nos llevará a ningún lado.

¿Qué se necesita para que dejes el pecado? ¿Qué se necesita para que caigas de rodillas? ¿Qué se necesita para que dejes lo que no es importante y aceptes el llamado de ser mensajero de Dios?

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the Lord and responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138). **Second Reading** — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. (Luke 5:1-11).

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor de los ejércitos llama a Isaías a ser su representante (Isaías 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Salmo — Cuando te invocamos, Señor, nos escuchaste (Salmo 138 [137]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo nos recuerda el Evangelio que nos predicó por medio del cual somos salvados, si creemos (1 Corintios 15:1-11).

Evangelio —Jesús le indica a Simón que lleve la barca a la parte más honda para

una pesca milagrosa (Lucas 5:1-11).



Power and Majesty

Have you ever gone out at night and looked up into the seemingly familiar sky glittering with stars and then, suddenly, remembered that you are on this beautiful blue marble floating amongst those heavens? Or perhaps you have paused on a seashore marveling at the vastness of the ocean. Or maybe you have squinted to see the snow-capped peaks of the Rockies or the Alps or peered down from the rim into the Grand Canyon or Mexico's Copper Canyon.

Often when we encounter such natural wonders, the beauty of it all takes our breath away. Beholding the majesty and magnitude of God's creation we are reminded of two truths in rapid succession.

Often when we encounter such natural wonders, the beauty of it all takes our breath away. Beholding the majesty and magnitude of God's creation we are reminded of two truths in rapid succession. First, God's power is beyond anything we could ever hope to imagine or describe. We are speechless in the face of God's greatness. Secondly, God created all of this beauty and wonder for us to live in because God loves us. Those instances when we are awe-struck by God's marvelous creation are moments of grace. Our Father reveals his love for us in a myriad of ways — natural beauty being just one among the many — to encourage and sustain us and to inspire us to share our experience of God's love with others.

In our first reading, Isaiah recounts an experience that took his breath away — seeing the Lord seated on a throne. As Isaiah tells the story to the Israelites, angels were shouting while the house was shaking and filled with smoke. Finding himself in the presence of the Holy One, Isaiah was seized with fear as would be anyone. In contrast to the glory and goodness of the Lord, Isaiah is painfully aware of his own failings and those of his people. Yet God did not reveal Godself to Isaiah as punishment, but rather to prepare Isaiah to be able to speak on God's behalf to the Israelites. Once he is purified, Isaiah hears the Lord's call, "Whom shall I send?" Isaiah readily responds, "Here I am, send me!" Having experienced the power of the Lord and his forgiveness, Isaiah is prepared for the arduous task of presenting both God's mercy and warnings to his people.

We recognize a similar pattern in today's Gospel. Jesus

has been teaching the crowds along the shore from the deck of Simon's boat. When he finishes his sermon, Jesus instructs Simon to sail into deeper water and lower his nets. Though the fishermen had previously been unsuccessful, when they follow Jesus' instructions they are overwhelmed with their catch. As in the case of Isaiah, Simon Peter instantly recognizes that he is unworthy to be in the presence of the Lord. Here again, the demonstration of God's power is not to embarrass but rather to encourage Simon

Peter and the other disciples. Jesus assures them, "Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching men." Having personally experienced Jesus' power and grace — somewhat surprisingly on their humble fishing boat — the disciples were now equipped to follow Jesus and share the good news with all those they will meet on his mission.

As Isaiah and Simon Peter and the first disciples were called into the presence of God, infused with power and grace, and then sent on mission, so too, we are called, transformed and sent forth every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. In light of today's readings, I encourage you to listen with special attention to the eucharistic prayer. We will praise God for his eternal greatness and glory, joining our voices with those of the angels and saints singing of his holiness. We will humbly acknowledge our personal failings and those of all humanity and therefore our need of salvation through Christ our Lord. We will pray with the whole church that all who receive Christ's body and blood may be faithful in sharing the peace and mercy granted to us with all those around us. And we will offer all these prayers with trust in the infinite goodness of our Father who loves each of us and all of us...

 $Celebration\ Publications - \ Joe\ Walker$

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

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 Toups Cooper Cohen Alexandra Vizard Steve Kolinski Ann Finlay Laura Lueninghoener

Laura Lueninghoe

Justin Alden is chair of the Parish Finance Council. Email is 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.

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.

How to Report Sexual Abuse

To report an allegation of sexual abuse and/ or neglect of minors, contact the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Hotline at 800.25.ABUSE (800.252.2873) and/or contact your local police department.

You can also contact the Office of Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) at 312.534.5254.

Stop In For Quiet Prayer

Tuesdays 6:00 to 7:30_{PM}



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

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