

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA





Faith & Spirit, Alive

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time March 3, 2019

A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit.

-- Luke 6:43-44

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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Peace and Social Justice Update

In January, 24 people gathered for a leadership training to kick off St. Teresa's efforts to begin a Peace & Social Justice ministry that will advocate for justice in Chicago and our world. This month, six people met to discuss potential areas of work, and next steps. Over the next two months, members of this group will be reaching out in the parish to meet with parishioners to listen to our community in order to discern the initial direction for this work. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish. org.

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.

Around the Parish







Time of Your Life

Our 2018 Time of Your Life Gala raised an impressive \$180,000 (net) to benefit the parish and ministries of St. Teresa of Avila. Many thanks to our incredible donors, and all of those who supported the event. The incredible auction items were generously donated by parishioners, friends of St. Teresa and the following businesses. If you find yourself at one of these local shops, please thank them for their generosity to St. Teresa of Avila.

A Red Orchid Theatre, Arc Light Cinemas, Athenian Room, Birch Road Cellar, Blue Door Farm Stand, Blue Plate, Broadway in Chicago, Budlong Chicken, Butcher & the Burger, Casati's, Chicago Bar Shop, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Club Lucky, Corner Stone, Court Theatre, Cynthia Rowley, Dairy Queen, Dee's, East Bank Club, Emily Sachs Wong, Evanston Eye Wellness, Evanston Golf Club, Field Museum of Natural History, Firecakes, Fritzy's, Gemini Bistro, Goose Island, Homeslice, Interurban Boat House, J9 Wine Bar, Jayson Home and Garden, Jeff Lowe, Jeni's Ice Cream, Le Bouchon, Mariano's, Marshall Pierce, MaZi Dance , Nail Gallery, Nookie's, Oyster Bah, p.45, Porchlight Music Theatre, Regal Webster Place Cinemas, Second City, Shine, SMART Golf Fitness, Starbucks, State, Studio Delcorpo, Tarantino's, The CryoBar, The Kennison, The Lakefront Restaurant, The Robey, TimeLine Theatre Company, Topo Gigio, Twin Anchors, Uncle Julio's, Vision Rehabilitation Associates, P.C., Willow Room, Windy City, Playhouse, Yard House, Zen Yoga Garage

Planning for next year's gala will begin soon. If you are interested in getting involved or making a donation, please contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650 for more information.

Everyday Stewardship

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain aboutwhat you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

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Financial Collections

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Fiscal	Actual FY	%	Budget	Actual vs.	Actual	%	Actual vs.	% Prev
Year 2018-2019	2018-19	Auto	2018-19	Budget	Prev Yr	Auto	Prev Yr	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-	-17-19	There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese	
Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	54 170 175 120	of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa's Octobe Count averaged for 2016, 550; for 2017, 628; for 2018, 652 people at weekend Masses.	
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	519	The 2018/2019 monthly averages are: January 644/623; Februrary, 566; March, 637; April, 810;	
Christmas 2018 Attendance	800	May, 583; June, 523; July, 511; August, 509;	
Average Weekday Mass Attendance	10	September, 563; October, 652; November 569;	
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	5	December 576.	
Confessions this Week	0	In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every	
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0	1525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1653	
Funerals since January 2019	1	Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a	
Weddings since January 2019	0	resident priest. In comparison, South America has	
Baptisms since January 2019	5	a ratio of 1:7094 Catholics.	

Parish Calendars

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	Celebrant/Minister Schedule						
Date	Time	Celebrant Sacristan/Lector Eucharistic Hos		Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup		
Saturday 3-9-19	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Eric Fredericks	Mike Trivella	Nancy Gerstad Stephanie Jaslowski		
Sunday 3-10-19	9:00 AM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: <i>Children's Service</i>	Brian Shea Molly Malloy Ann Finlay	Barb Schell Jamie Lutkus Ellen Moiani Christina Brodell		
Sunday 3-10-19	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Spanish Mass				
Sunday 3-10-19	12:00 PM	Fr. Tom Ess, OFM	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Raquel Bech	Bert Olson Anne Seigenthaler Mary Stanton	Maria Montes <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Margaret Burke Tyler Paul		
Sunday 3-10-19	6:00 PM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Sacristan: Roberto Martinez Lector: Doug Lovette	Anne De Leonardis Andrew De Leonardis MINISTER NEEDED	Eileen Raia Christine Saddy Hannah Toohey Carol Coffey		

Week's Activities

Sunday, March 3

10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality 10:30 am, Rec/PC2, CGS

11:00 am, PC/Kitchen, Cuisine de Coeur

4:30 pm, Rec, CGS

4:30 pm, Rec, Edge

Monday, March 4

4:00 pm, Rec/, CGS

7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council

Tuesday, March 5

6:00 pm, Rec, SPRED

6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 pm, PC/Kitchen, Night Ministry

Thursday, March 7

9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting Friday, March 8

3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes

7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, March 9

9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry 10:30 am, PC3, Spanish Retreat 6:30 pm, PC3, CGS III Seder celebration

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Eight Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Casimir
Tuesday: Mardi Gras
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Thursday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Friday: St. John of God Saturday: St. Frances of Rome

Domingo: Octavo Domingo del

Tiempo Ordinario;
Lunes: San Casimiro

Martes: Mardis Gras
Miércoles: Miécoles de Ceniza
Jueves: Santas Perpetua y Felicita

Jueves: Santas Perpetua y Felicitas Viernes: San Juan de Dios

Sábado: Santa Francisca Romanna

Food Pantry - Saturdays

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

Minister Training

Eric Fredericks is the coordinator for Eucharistic Minister training. If you have not yet signed up and you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Eric at eric. fredericks+lm@gmail.com. If you signed up during the ministry fair in January, Eric will be contacting you when the next training is scheduled. Fr. Frank is the coordinator for Lector training. Please speak with contact Fr. Frank at fjsasso@aol.com if you are interested in becoming a Lector.

Minister Scheduling

Lisa Marquez is the Scheduling Coordinator for all lay Liturgical Ministers. If you have questions about scheduling, please contact Lisa at lisilu1@juno.com. New liturgical ministers will be scheduled at the first scheduling cycle after training.

Mass Intentions & Prayers

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 2

5:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish Sunday, March 3

9:00 am Marjorie Reidy, Dave Hilko, Patricia Murphy Wild
12:00 pm Gloria Santiago; Georgina Garcia
6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

Jeffrey Bergen, Bruce Brumfield, Nancy Hadler, Chuck Jabaley, Joyce Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Frank Kolman, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Bernadette Rose Micinski, Ray Romero, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

January Baptisms

Grant Ryan Navarra (3-2-19), Kai Sitko (3-2-19) Nora Rose Rujawitz (3-3-19), Gabi Leigh Rujawitz (3-3-19)

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

Alicia Anderson Pat Folland Dorothy Barns Eloisa Gallegos Connie Beran Michael Gibbons Nicholas Beran Angela Goldberg Berta Billalvazo Kaylee Gommel Michelle Brandt Bolivar Gonzales, Jr. Elizabeth Brown Les Gordon Jerry Burdick Mrs. Grabarczyk Carol Coffey George Halloran Susan Conway Kellar Harris Patricia Chuck Peg Hausen Elizabeth Ryan Dean David Ivanac Michael De Blasis Ronald Jakubec Maria de la Luz Krista Kutz Alex DeNoma Betty LaCour Kim Duffy Carmen D. Lorenzana Isabelle Eiffert Gabriel Lozada Helen Fasano Madeline Mancini Jackson Fineske & Family George Maroquin Linda Flasch Jose Maroquin Alice Flynn 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 Povner Janette Prush Hector J. Rivera Luis Rivera Pedro Rodriguez Jeffrev 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 -- Douglas Robinson; Inagua Bray; Jimmie Washington; Antoine Grant; Elisa Corona Vargas; and Emanuel Gallegos.

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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St. Clement School Pre-K

By enrolling your child in Saint Clement's Pre-K 4 PM program, your child will experience weekly lessons in Spanish, STEAM, Music, Physical Education, Art, and Library. 10 to 1 Student Teacher Ratio

Pre-K 4 PM hours are 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the option toeat lunch at school starting at 11:00 a.m. and to stay later for enrichment classes and/or after-care.

Visit our website, www.stclementschool.org for more information and to apply!

Also enrolling 1st through 8th grade.

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Parish Life

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Food Pantry Shopping List

There are five items the Food Pantry could really use: Pasta & rice (all kinds) Oatmeal Boxed cereal

Hearty canned soups

Regular- and family-size deodorant & shampoo; tooth-brushes & toothpaste

If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, contact Lisa Hanzelka at lhanzelka@sbcglobal.net.



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

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



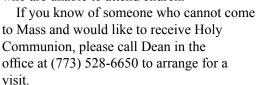
Vacation season is upon us, and while you're away we'll be here, joyfully serving those in need of spiritual nourishment and the poor who benefit from our food-based ministries.

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.





Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: JI 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;

2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15 Friday:

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32 Saturday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; **Sunday:**

Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Eclo 17:20-24; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5-7;

Mc 10:17-27

Martes: Eclo 35:1-12; Sal 50 (49):5-8, 14, 23;

Mc 10:28-31

Miércoles: JI 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17;

2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25 Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19;

Mt 9:14-15

Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32

Domingo: Dt 26:4-10; Sal 91 (90):1-2, 10-15;

Rom 10:8-13; Lc 4:1-13

Treasures From Tradition

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a

symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

ADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Cuando era niño mi padre me llevaba al rancho de mi abuelito en México. En una de esas visitas mi abuelo y mis tíos estaban quemando la tierra en su rancho. Mientras el fuego ardía, papa Manuel nos explicaba que era necesario reducir todo en

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

cenizas para que la tierra recobrara sus fuerzas y quedará más fértil. Sin saberlo, mi abuelo me dio la imagen que hasta hoy sostiene mi concepto del Miércoles de Cenizas y de la Cuaresma.

El Miércoles de Cenizas es la fiesta cristiana que por lo menos doce siglos ha señalado el comienzo de la Cuaresma. No cabe duda que para los latinos este día es de particular atracción. Es uno de los pocos días del año litúrgico en cual llegamos al templo en masa con tal de recibir las cenizas en

Nosotros somos un pueblo enraizado en la tierra y sabemos que la tierra necesita quemarse de vez en cuando para seguir produciendo. Nosotros como la tierra necesitamos dominarnos y cultivarnos para producir frutos y flores para el Señor y los demás.

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

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The Inside Shows

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point.

We are urged to clear out the debris that

blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

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Los Espectáculous Interiores

En este tercer Domingo de lecturas del Sermón del Llano, Jesús habla del alma interior y sus expresiones exteriores. Usa imágenes para enseñar. Nos habla a todos nosotros.

Jesús ve un cable que conecta el alma con las expresiones del alma, palabras y hechos. Usa un poco de exageración para recalcar el punto. Nos urge a limpiar toda la basura que nos hace ciegos. Sabe

que tenemos una tremenda habilidad para cegarnos ante nuestras propias debilidades, aunque sean tan grandes como una viga. Sabe, también, lo dispuestos que estamos a sacar a relucir los fallos de los demás por minúsculos que sean.

Y también esto es para el consumo general nuestro; lo bueno sólido y lo malo sólido eventualmente saldrá a relucir. Hay un dicho en latín que hace eco de las imágenes de Jesús, y es muy cierto: "Lo que se engendra en el hueso se mostrará en la carne". Al fin y al cabo, lo interior saldrá afuera.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain

(1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — La palabra da a conocer los sentimientos de la persona. No alabes a nadie antes que

haya hablado (Eclesiástico 27: 4-7).

 ${f Salmo}$ — ¡Qué Bueno es darte gracias, Señor!

(Salmo 92 [91]).

Segunda lectura — Se nos ha dado la victoria sobre la muerte por medio de Jesús (1 Corintios 15:53-58).

Evangelio — Una persona buena ueno una persona mala produce lo m

produce lo bueno, una persona mala produce lo malo (Lucas 6:39-45).



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God's Kind

"Stringing beads ..." That is how William Barclay in his commentary The Gospel of Luke (The New Daily Bible series) refers to this Sunday's Gospel passage. He suggests Luke may have been weaving together some of Jesus' sayings likening it to the Jewish method of preaching called charaz which means stringing beads. Another reference calls this kind of preaching "stringing pearls" or bringing together various images or teachings.

Yet inherent in all that Jesus said and did while walking among us as one of us is that all people — every single kind and every group of people are all God's kind.

In ones of these pearls Jesus says, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Think about these images: splinter (also translated as speck or sawdust) and beam (log, plank). Can we imagine these images coming both with a sense of humor and from Jesus' own experience as the son of a carpenter? Like so many of his parables Jesus uses images from his life experience to speak clearly to people who love stories.

Sirach does something similar in the first reading. Using images such as a sieve or pottery molds or even the visible fruit of trees, he points out how the words we utter speak volumes. These metaphors from Sirach would have been a part of Jesus' upbringing as a Jew. And these are easy images for me to imagine as I recall my own mother always sifting flour to make a better batter or my potter friend speaking about molding and firing clay.

Jesus is speaking to disciples inviting them to reflect on how they would be his followers. What do these particular images have to offer us as a community of would be followers of Jesus Christ?

Can we examine our world in light of these images? How quickly do we sometimes declare instant judgment and even condemnation from a few words offered in a social media post or spoken about someone in an article or story, words perhaps even taken out of context? How quickly do we criticize someone we hardly know after they have only offered an opinion or said a few words without even imagining ourselves engaging in a dialogue to understand "this other" person better?

But perhaps Jesus's words probe and prod us even more deeply. Last week on the 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time, we heard Jesus say to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you" (Luke 6:27-28). What if this image of sawdust and logs applied to our "enemy." What does that say to us, to me?

We don't often talk about enemies in polite circles; we use euphemisms. We talk about "that other group." Or we talk about "those people." Or we use phrases like their own kind, people like themselves. We do all we can to distance ourselves from those "others." Yet inherent in all that Jesus said and did while walking among us as one of us is that all people — every single kind and every group of people — are all God's kind. All people are loved abundantly by God and God invites us to that same kind of loving. That is at the heart of the judgment that Jesus invites us to look at today.

Do we want to love like that? Do we want to get past the sawdust and see clearly not only how deeply we are loved, but how deeply we are called to love?

There are indeed pearls in this Gospel passage, and they invite me to refl ect on them in light of my baptismal promise to be a follower of Jesus.

As we stand here on the edge of Ordinary Time ready to enter the impending Lenten season of refl ection, maybe we should carry a splinter or bag of sawdust around with us. That splinter might remind me that sawdust is nothing compared to the log that I should look at examining and removing for my daily Lenten practice. In doing so, I might discover love like I have never seen before.

Celebration Publications — Denise Simeone

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

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

Stewardship Committee

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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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Buildings & Facilities Sergio Mora smora@stteresaparish.org	Special Events & Fundraising Rebecca O'Brien robrien@stteresaparish.org	Stewardship Rebecca O'Brien robrien@stteresaparish.org	Evangelization Seeking a Leader			

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

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 7:30pm



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