



# ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST. 1889

Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 26, 2018

*You have the words of eternal life.  
We have come to believe  
and are convinced that you are  
the Holy One of God.”*

*-- John 6:68-69*

Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française<sup>1</sup>)  
Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español<sup>2</sup>) 12 PM, 6 PM

<sup>1</sup>First & Second Saturdays <sup>2</sup>First Sundays

### Daily Mass Schedule

Monday — Thursday at 7:30 AM  
Friday Communion Service at 7:30 AM

### Eucharistic Adoration

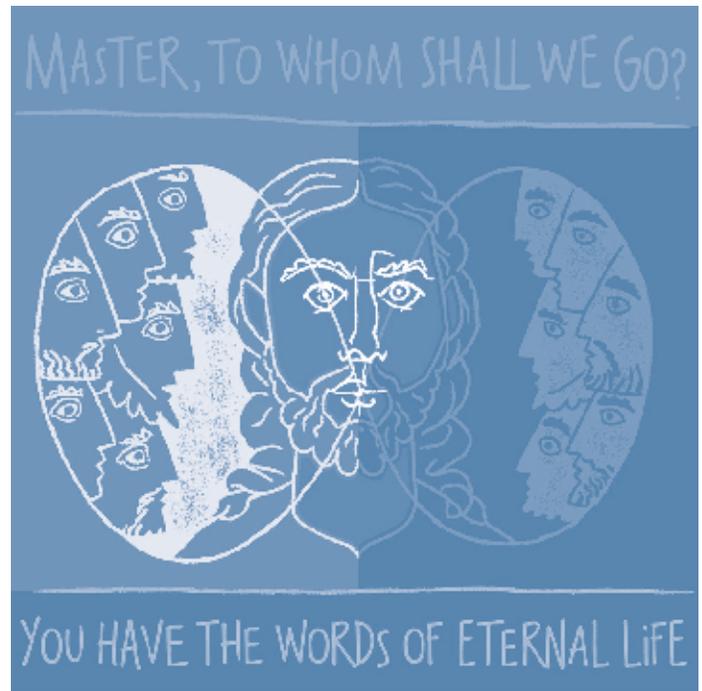
Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

### Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM (Call to register)

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:00 PM  
Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM



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# Stewardship

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## Ongoing Service Opportunities

**Food Pantry:** Every Saturday morning from 9am - 12pm. Supervised kids welcome.

**Loaves & Fishes Dinners:** Every Friday night, supervised kids welcome. Set up and serve from 3:30pm-6:30pm, or share a meal with our guests from 4:45pm-6:00pm.

**Night Ministry Meal Service:** Every other Wednesday. Bake cookies and bring to St. Teresa. Help cook a meal from 6:00pm-8:30pm, or take the meal out to the streets from 9pm-11pm.

**Host Fellowship:** Every Sunday following the 9am Mass. Bring treats, juice, make coffee and clean up. A great way for individuals, couples and families to help grow our community.

Browse spots and register online at [signup.com/go/stteresa](http://signup.com/go/stteresa).

## Welcome Back Weekend: 9/8 & 9/9

Join us the first weekend following Labor Day for "Welcome Back Weekend." For many of our members, September means back to school, the end of vacation season, and a return to routine. There will be a celebration following all masses, with light food and beverage, tours of our children's Montessori based catechesis program, opportunities to register as a member, and info about our church, programs and volunteer opportunities.

Volunteers are needed! If you're interested in hosting hospitality after the 12pm Mass, or acting as a greeter, please email Rebecca at [robrien@sttereseparish.org](mailto:robrien@sttereseparish.org).

## 7 ideas for service: TOYL Gala

Our single most important fundraiser of the year, the Time of Your Life Gala, returns to Germania Place on Saturday, November 17th. Join us for a "magical" evening of dinner, drinks, dancing, games and auctions. Below are some ideas on how you can support our ministries through this important event:

1. Join our fun and social planning committee
2. Donate your vacation home, boat, concert tickets, etc. to the auction
3. Buy your tickets to the event (pre-sale ends August 30th)
4. Buy extra tickets and bring some friends
5. Ask your favorite restaurant, hotel, service provider, etc. to donate a gift certificate
6. Buy a sponsorship or program ad
7. Invite your company to buy a sponsorship or program ad

Email [Annmarie.p. Kearney@gmail.com](mailto:Annmarie.p. Kearney@gmail.com) to donate items to the auction or to discuss sponsorship packages.

Purchase tickets, donate items and more at [timeofyourlifegala.com](http://timeofyourlifegala.com)



## Thank You!

Thanks to all who have donated supplies for our Refugee/ Moms & Babies ministry. Mairead Reidy, Geneva Gorgo, and Lorrie Donnell recently visited with soon-to-be mom, Faida, to supply her with much needed gear for the arrival of her new daughter. Faida is from the Congo and spent the last few years in a refugee camp in Uganda. She conveyed how difficult life in Uganda was with shortages of food and health care, and that she is grateful to America for the opportunity to give birth to a healthy baby.

Over the next few months, St Teresa's Church will work with four additional expectant moms, providing cribs, strollers, car seats, clothing and other baby gear. Two of our expectant moms are from the DR Congo, and one from Afghanistan and one from Nepal.



Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at [robrien@sttereseparish.org](mailto:robrien@sttereseparish.org) or (773) 528-6650

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## Financial Collections

## Everyday Stewardship

Date	Collections Basket	Give Central	Total
7-15-18	\$2,505	7/11 - 7/17 \$6,527	\$9,032
7-22-18	\$2,402	\$5,715	\$8,117
7-29-18	\$2,971	\$5,520	\$8,491
8-5-18	\$2,396	\$14,853	\$17,249
<b>YTD 7-1-18 - 8-5-18</b>	<b>\$16,597</b>	<b>\$49,558</b>	<b>\$66,155</b>

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (JOSHUA 24:15)*

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish mission. If we say we serve God, it is our responsibility to take action and live out our faith.

## Tax Credit Scholarships

Are you interested in supporting low income students with your tax dollars? A 75% state tax credit is available for donations toward a qualified scholarship granting organization (SGO). St. Teresa of Avila has partnered with St. Benedict the African, one of just two schools still servicing Chicago's Englewood neighborhood, to encourage funding scholarships through the new Illinois tax credit scholarship program.

This program is a great way to maximize your charitable dollars. For example, a net contribution of \$1,045 (\$4180 donation with a \$3,135 tax credit) you can support a full scholarship.

Visit [archchicago.org/tcs](http://archchicago.org/tcs) to learn more, or contact the parish office.

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

### Sunday: 8-19-18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	54
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	185
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	150
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	150

**Total Weekend Mass Attendance 539**

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 2018	5
Weddings since January 2018	4
Baptisms since January 2018	29

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 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; September, 566; October, 621; November 622.

In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ration of 1:7094 Catholics.

# Parish Calendars

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Celebrant/Minister Schedule					
Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 9-1-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Lisa Hanzelka	Kari Richardson	Leigh Hartley Carol Coffey
Sunday 9-2-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Jayme Nicholas	Rose Ohiku Mary Serrahn Ann Finlay	Philip Malloy Molly Malloy <b>MINISTER NEEDED</b> <b>MINISTER NEEDED</b>
Sunday 9-2-18	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio	Spanish Mass		
Sunday 9-2-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Craig Scanlon Lector: <b>MINISTER NEEDED</b>	Kevin Ludden <b>MINSITER NEEDED</b> Rick Mittereder	Ellen Moiani Christina Brodell Aimee Jaszczor Laura Moran
Sunday 9-2-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Roberto Martinez Lector: John DeWyze	Roberto Martinez Abel Gonzalez Alyssa Stella	<b>MINISTER NEEDED</b> Veronique Caffrey Eileen Raia Pete Doyle

Week's Activities	Saints & Special Observances	Upcoming Food Pantry Dates
<p><b>Sunday, August 26</b> No Activities Planned</p> <p><b>Monday, August 27</b> 6:00 pm, PC, TOYL Meeting</p> <p><b>Tuesday, August 28</b> 6:15 am, PC, Men's Spirituality 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 pm, PC, Women's Spirituality</p> <p><b>Wednesday, August 29</b> No Activities Planned</p> <p><b>Thursday, August 30</b> 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery</p> <p><b>Friday, August 31</b> 5:00 pm, GS-PC, Loaves &amp; Fishes Dinner 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 1</b> 9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry 6:30 pm, Church, French Mass</p>	<p><b>Sunday:</b> Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p><b>Monday:</b> St. Monica</p> <p><b>Tuesday:</b> St. Augustine</p> <p><b>Wednesday:</b> The Passion of St. John the Baptist</p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday; World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</p> <hr/> <p><b>Domingo:</b> Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario</p> <p><b>Lunes:</b> Santa Mónica</p> <p><b>Martes:</b> San Agustín</p> <p><b>Miércoles:</b> La Pasión def San Juan Bautista</p> <p><b>Sábado:</b> Santa María Virgen; Primer sábado; Jornada Mundial de Oración por el Cuidado de la Creación</p>	<p><b>Saturday, September 1</b> 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 8</b> 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 15</b> 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 22</b> 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 29</b> 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p> <p><b>Saturday, October 6</b> 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution</p>

# Mass Intentions & Prayers

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## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 25**

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

**Sunday, August 26**

**9:00 am** Marie Garlock; Ruth Ann Burdt

**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, Andrea Harris, Edward Nevera, Andrea Mastro Hoinacki, Chuck Jabaley, Joyce Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Frank Kolman, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, Noemie Sylvestre, Eddy Velazquez, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

## August Baptisms

*Xochitl Yatziri Zavala (9-9-18), Lucas Richard Carusona 9-8-18, Titus Joseph Gregory (9-8-18), Jason Paul Brandstetter, Jr. (9-8-18) Lyla Madaline Brandstetter (9-8-18), Simon Derrick Hock (9-16-18), Mateo Angel Ramos (9-16-18), Nathan Andrews (9-30-18), Hannah Kang (9-30-18)*

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

*Alicia Anderson  
Dorothy Barns  
Berta Billalvazo  
Michelle Brandt  
Carol Coffey  
Patricia Chuck  
Elizabeth Ryan Dean  
Michael De Blasis  
Alex DeNoma  
Kathy Derrick  
Kim Duffy  
Isabelle Eiffert  
Helen Fasano  
Jackson Fineske & Family  
Pat Folland  
Alice Flynn  
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  
Hector J. Rivera  
Luis Rivera  
Pedro Rodriguez  
Ray Romero  
Jeffrey Roscoe  
Denise Rosen  
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD  
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD*

*Jack Schank  
Will Sullivan  
Mima Tome  
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer  
Elizabeth Ann True  
Marianne Usiak  
Sara Vega  
Susan Violapiano  
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 -- **Estell Roberson; Marquis Kennedy; Marek D. Brown; Kenwon Parker; Marquis Moore; and Matthew Hudson.**

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@stteresaparis.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.

# Parish Life

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## Veteran's Grief Group

The Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) program is now offering monthly grief support groups for veterans who have lost a battle buddy, family member, or friend to suicide and for family members of veterans. Support groups are held:

**Every third Sunday of the month  
2 to 4 p.m.**

**Faith United Methodist Church in Orland Park.**

LOSS is a unique grief support program for individuals and families suffering the loss of a loved one to suicide. LOSS offers a safe, non-judgmental environment where survivors of suicide can openly talk about feelings and experiences. We help you to find community, direction and resources for healing. For more information, visit [www.catholiccharities.net/loss](http://www.catholiccharities.net/loss) or contact (312) 655-7283.

## Oscar Romero - Save the Dates

Oscar Romero, the archbishop of San Salvador was a human rights activist whose boldly opposed his country's military dictatorship. On March 24, 1980, Romero was assassinated inside his own church in a deliberate, cold-blooded murder that shocked the world.

This October, Fr. Frank will travel to Rome to witness the canonization of Romero, who has had a profound affect on Fr. Frank's own priesthood. In preparation for the canonization, St. Teresa is hosting several Romero themed events. Save the dates below, and stay tuned for more information:

**\*\*Date Change for Romero Workshops\*\***

**Wednesday, September 26th, evening:** Workshop, "How Romero's work can inspire your calling."

**Monday, September 24th, evening:** Fr. Frank invites a guest homilist to deliver more information on the works of Oscar Romero, and their relevance to our world today.

**Monday, October 1st, evening:** Workshop, "Catholic Social Teaching - a Call to Action"

## Tutor's Needed

Volunteer tutors are needed to help in the classroom at George Manierre School ( 1420 N. Hudson) for the upcoming 2018/19 school year. Tutors would assist students with elementary Math and Reading skills.

Scheduling is flexible but support must be completed during classroom hours on Monday through Friday.

If interested, contact Jeanne at [norbertasanna@gmail.com](mailto:norbertasanna@gmail.com)



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**CLASES DEL OTOÑO 2018**

**Lugar: San Cornelius**

**5430 W. Foster Ave. Chicago, IL 60630**

**Sesión Informativa e Inscripción**

**Miércoles, Agosto 22, 2018 de 7:00pm a 10:00pm**

**Primera Sesión**

**Miércoles, Agosto 29, 2018 de 7:00pm a 10:00pm**

**Curso de 10 semanas. Tres horas semanales.**

**Costo total \$120.00 Incluye material y diploma.**

**¡Enriquece tu vida! Actúa con Iniciativa, Responsabilidad, y Sentido de Pertenencia. ¡Comunicate! ¡Aprende! ¡Crece! y ¡Construye!**

## St. Teresa's Men's Retreat

Our annual fall retreat at **Bellarmino September 7 – 9.**

This year's retreat will focus on the Spiritual Exercises: *Familiar Themes and New Images* (it is a Jesuit Retreat House after all).

For more details, contact Craig Dean at [cdean@aegpartners.com](mailto:cdean@aegpartners.com).

## Hunger Walk

### 33rd Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk September 8, 2018 Jackson Park

September is Hunger Awareness Month. In celebration, please join team St T for the GCFD's Hunger Walk. The Walk is Saturday, September 8. It opens at 7 and Step Off is at 8:30. Jackson Park is at 1793 East Hayes Drive.

Online registration for walkers ends on August 29th. If you are interested in walking please use the following URL to join the team.

<https://www.classy.org/team/182787>

If you are not available to walk please consider supporting our Food Pantry efforts with a donation. Donations can be accepted through **October 8, 2018**.

There will be a second collection the weekend of September 1st – 2nd in support of the Hunger Walk efforts. If you would prefer to donate online, please use the URL above and select Donate.

Thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry!

## NEW! Sunday Family Playgroup

A few families from the Friday play group are meeting after the 9 am Mass to go to the splash park every 2 weeks starting July 22. The more the merrier! Grab a bite at hospitality and join us at the newly renovated splash pad at Adams park. Ck St T's Tot spot on Facebook for more info.



## Women's Center: Seeking Donations

Currently we are only accepting **car seats (all less than 7 years old) for 20-40 lb. infants, cribs and high chairs**. We also need baby food (in date) and Enfamil formula and women's hygiene products and diapers in size 6 only. These items cannot be picked up unless accompanied by baby furniture. The families who receive these things are grateful for your generosity.

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.

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
<b>Sunday:</b>	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	2 Tes 1:1-5, 11-12; Sal 96 (95):1-5; Mt 23:13-22
<b>Martes:</b>	2 Tes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Sal 96 (95):10-13; Mt 23:23-26
<b>Miércoles:</b>	2 Tes 3:6-10, 16-18; Sal 128 (127):1-2, 4-5; Mc 6:17-29
<b>Jueves:</b>	1 Cor 1:1-9; Sal 145 (144):2-7; Mt 24:42- 51
<b>Viernes:</b>	1 Cor 1:17-25; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 10- 11; Mt 25:1-13
<b>Sábado:</b>	1 Cor 1:26-31; Sal 33 (32):12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
<b>Domingo:</b>	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Sal 15 (14):2-5; Sant 1:17- 18, 21b-22, 27; Mc 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Treasures From Tradition

This is the height of vacation season, but as anyone who has ever been to Rome in the summer knows, no time to visit there! The city is sweltering, and in a pre-air-conditioned world long ago, Romans figured out that they needed a break in the surrounding hills. Even the pope clears out. His destination is usually Castelgandolfo, a lovely little hill town southeast of Rome, overlooking a tranquil lake. It has been a papal possession since about 1600, and in 1929, when most of the papal states were finally lost, the papal dwelling was given “extraterritorial rights,” meaning that it is an extension of Vatican City and not under Italian rule. The Vatican observatory maintained telescopes here for decades, far from the glare of the city lights of Rome, but although the observatory offices remain here year round, the telescopes are in Arizona. Pope Francis spends less time here than his predecessors, though he still slows down the pace of his work in Rome.

Vacations can help us visit friends and relatives, and revive those human contacts that the pace of our lives keeps us from cultivating. The pope needs a break, and so do you. Vacation comes from a word meaning to empty oneself. There’s still time to clear the calendar for at least one golden summer day even if you don’t have a personal castle in the hills!

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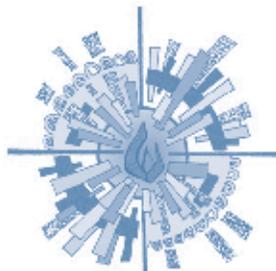
## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Narcisca de Jesús Martillo Morán nació el día de san Narciso (29 de octubre, 1832), hija de campesinos ecuatorianos. Vivió su vida como costurera y doméstica. Falleció en Perú en 1869. Su fe se distinguió por su amor a la presencia de Jesús Sacramentado en la Eucaristía, sus prácticas de penitencia y sus obras de caridad.

Cuando aún era joven, conoció la vida de la recientemente beatificada y ahora santa, Marianita de Jesús, “la Azucena de Quito” (1618-1645). La vida de esta santa mujer latina la inspiró a vivir como mejor cristiana, buscando ser guiada espiritualmente por una serie de directores espirituales.

En esta laica beata, encontramos dos puntos de reflexión para nosotros los latinos. El primero es la necesidad de conocer nuestros santos latinos no sólo para recurrir a ellos sino para imitar su santidad. Lo segundo es la necesidad de buenos directores espirituales, ya sean sacerdotes, religiosos, religiosas, laicos o laicas. La dirección espiritual es una práctica antigua en nuestra Iglesia y muchos hombres y mujeres han sido directores espirituales para guiar a personas como Narcisca, ayudándoles en el camino a la santidad.

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



# Readings/Lecturas

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## Households In God's Service

In the ancient world, "household" was a wide-reaching concept. When Joshua today speaks of his household serving the Lord, he meant not just those people who lived inside his walls or those related to him by blood or marriage; he meant slaves or servants and their families, and anyone indebted to him in any way. Even his livestock and other possessions would be consecrated to service of God. In our world, we value allowing individuals their freedom to choose how they live, and wouldn't think of offering our pets to the service of God. But, as we discern our vocation as disciples baptized into Christ, we can come to realize how far-ranging the "households" of our lives still are: how we act toward our spouses, children, roommates or anyone we live with; our behavior with neighbors; or in public as we encounter many "strangers" every day in stores or traffic who suddenly are "next door" to us. How can we use our time, our resources, or gifts for selfless reasons rather than personal gain? No matter what life our witness to the Good News calls us to, we all have a "household" that must be consecrated to service of the Lord our God.

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## Casas al Servicio de Dios

Antiguamente, la palabra "familia" tenía un significado muy amplio. Cuando Josué habla hoy de que su familia servirá al Señor, no se refería solo a las personas que vivían dentro de sus paredes ni a sus parientes de sangre o políticos; se refería a los esclavos o criados y sus familias y cualquier persona que estuviera en deuda con él por algún motivo. Incluso su ganado y demás bienes debían consagrarse a servir a Dios. En nuestro mundo, valoramos mucho

la libertad de los individuos para elegir de qué manera vivir y no se nos ocurriría poner a nuestras mascotas al servicio de Dios. Pero, al discernir nuestra vocación como discípulos bautizados en Cristo, llegamos a comprender la diversidad de las "familias" de nuestra vida: la manera en que obramos con nuestros cónyuges, hijos, compañeros de habitación o con quien sea que vivamos; nuestro comportamiento con los vecinos o en público ya que cada día nos topamos con muchos "extraños" en los negocios o en la calle, quienes de repente se convierten en "el vecino". ¿De qué manera podemos usar nuestro tiempo, recursos o dones con fines desinteresados en vez de con el fin de obtener algún beneficio personal? Sin importar en qué clase de vida demos testimonio de la Buena Nueva, todos tenemos una "familia" que debe consagrarse al servicio del Señor, nuestro Dios.

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The Lord, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Josué urge a los israelitas a que sirvan a Dios o a los otros dioses. Ellos escogieron al Señor (Josué 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Salmo** — Gusten y vean qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]).

**Segunda lectura** — Pablo reflexiona cómo los esposos y esposas deberán darse amor y reverencia mutua (Efesios 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Evangelio** — Después de hablar de dar su carne a comer, muchos de los discípulos de Jesús se alejaron. Los doce escogieron permanecer con él; "Maestro, ¿a quién acudiremos?" (Juan 6:60-69)

## Reminders

Recently, I attended a lecture given by John Allen Jr. about the persecution of Christians. When speaking of the Coptic Christians in North Africa, he told us that despite the danger, many of them have a small cross tattooed on their right wrist as an expression of their Christian faith. I wondered if I had a cross tattooed on my right wrist would it deepen my faith and remind me to trust even though the teachings are sometimes difficult. I would see the tiny tattoo each time I cupped my hands into a throne to receive the body of Christ. It would serve as a reminder to stand in solidarity with anyone being persecuted for their faith and serve as a personal reminder for me to trust in God.

Why is it so hard for us to accept the teachings of Jesus in a deep and meaningful way? Why do we turn to the needs of flesh so easily and away from the spirit of faith and trust? Today's psalm cries out, "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth." Yet, we stray, choosing instead what we believe we have some control over.

It is no wonder the followers of Jesus questioned his teaching. They were difficult to understand and went against their basic worldview. In many cases, it was just plain unbelievable. Yes, "This saying is hard, who can accept it?" Of course, they were shocked. They were being called out of — as we might say — their comfort zone. Imagine the anxiety that was created among them in a world that was deeply divided and confusing. They were trying to survive in conflicted times where taking the familiar way out might have looked to be the safest. Here was this man, Jesus, with his feet firmly planted above and below, asking them to consider a new way of understanding God with his words. He was asking them to trust in the spirit with words that were beyond their understanding. Those that walked away could only grasp what they knew to be true. They were not willing to trade a "sure thing" for something so irrational and mysterious.

In today's culture, we too find these teachings difficult

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and the flesh often tempts us. It seems easier to leave the word behind in a kerfuffle of intellectual rationale. Having and wanting more has become a god of power and can block us from the spirit of faith and love. We attempt to fill a hole within us made only for God with a bird in hand. It becomes easier to walk away in pursuit of the temptations of flesh leaving the spirit behind.

Faith can take a back seat to screens, sports and many other extracurricular activities or to wants, needs and desires of more and new possessions. There is hardly a moment left to sit and soak up the mystery. The words of John's Gospel can very easily be laid over life as we struggle with each new temptation that calls us away from the spirit. Yet, we hunger for God without awareness. The challenge is to keep the Gospel front and center remembering, like the disciples, we "... have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Judas, Peter and even John the Baptist faltered, just as we do, yet Jesus continues to offer forgiveness and opportunity to give up the flesh in trade for the spirit. It is a journey of constant conversion and it requires something from us. It requires mindfulness with trust and, perhaps not for all, a cross tattooed on the right wrist as a reminder that "No one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."



# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

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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

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