



# ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



## Twenty-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time October 14, 2018

*“For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.”*

-- Mark 10:27

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

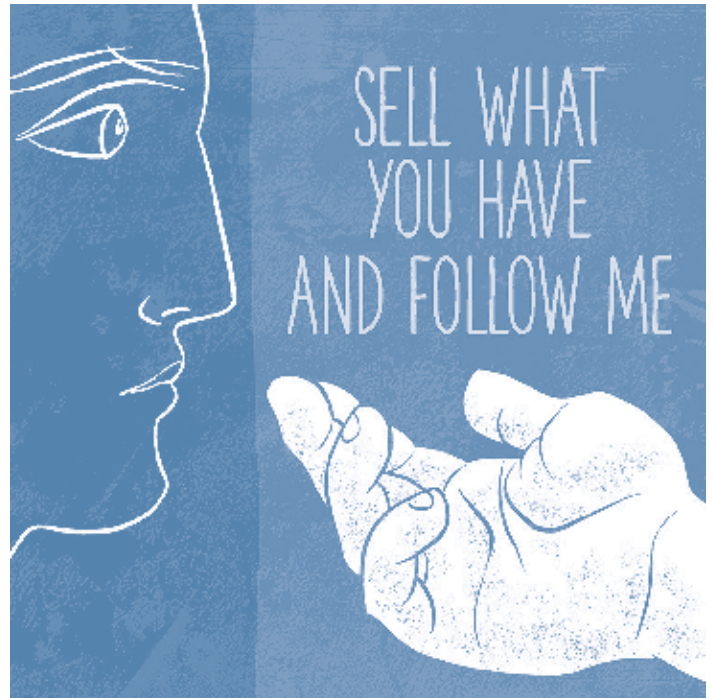
Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

### 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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## Welcome, Babies!

As part of our parish refugee program we are working with Catholic Charities to supply items for two women who are expecting babies in November: Claudina Gato from DR Congo who is expecting a boy and Farkhunda Azizi from Afghanistan who will welcome a girl. The families are here with little or no support and we can help them by providing a few things they need. We are looking for gently used or new:

**fitted crib sheets, crib blankets, wearing blankets, changing pads**

We would like to purchase two new cribs and highchairs for the babies, so cash gifts are welcomed to put toward those items. Baskets are available today to receive donations. If you are contributing blankets or sheets, please bring them to church on Sundays, not during the week. Thank you for your always generous response to help families in need. Please contact Mairead Reidy ([mairiad.reidy@yahoo.com](mailto:mairiad.reidy@yahoo.com)) or Geneva Gorgo ([genevag@hotmail.com](mailto:genevag@hotmail.com)) for more information.

## 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.

## Time of Your Life Gala

### Back by Popular Demand: Instant Wine Cellar!

Donate a favorite bottle of wine (or two) and help us build an awesome auction prize: 100 bottles of wine to be auctioned on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>! You can also donate \$25 or more and we'll purchase the wine for you.

**Drop off wine before or after Mass or donate online.**

### Get Your Tickets! Nov 17<sup>th</sup> | \$150/person

A "magical" auction evening with dinner, drinks and dancing to benefit St. Teresa. Take a chance on the Gala Getaway Raffle: \$100/ticket for the chance to win 1 of 4 great trips.

**Buy tickets at:  
[stap.givesmart.com](http://stap.givesmart.com)**

### Auction Builder Party Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm

Food, drinks and fun with friends at a top secret Social Club just steps away from St. Teresa. Your ticket to the party is a donation to the Time of Your Life Silent Auction. Mystery door prizes and mini wine cellar raffle.

**RSVP required:  
[janelpalm@mac.com](mailto:janelpalm@mac.com)**

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

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## Financial Collections

## Everyday Stewardship

Date	Collections Basket	Give Central	Total
8-26-18	\$4,524	\$6,719	\$11,243
9-2-18	\$3,533	\$13,162	\$16,695
9-9-18	\$3,036	\$5,625	\$8,661
9-16-18	\$2,228	\$6,508	\$8,736
9-23-18	\$2,616	\$4,928	\$7,544
<b>YTD 7-1-18 - 8-31-18</b>	<b>\$40,249</b>	<b>\$98,255</b>	<b>\$138,504</b>

*"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."*  
(MARK 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. Though he gives us comfort in the words: "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." In today's self reliant world, we often place trust in our savings account, jobs, pensions, and 5 year plans. This can make it more difficult to trust in God. In being generous with our gifts, of time and treasure, we lessen our dependence on material goods, and create an opportunity to trust in God.

## Bible Study

St. Teresa's fall session of Bible Study kicks off soon with a seven week study: Introduction to the Bible. Email Jackie at [jackiekoesters@gmail.com](mailto:jackiekoesters@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

### Sunday: 10-7-18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	73
Saturday, 6:30pm French Mass Attendance	58
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	160
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	90
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	115
<b>Total Weekend Mass Attendance</b>	<b>603</b>
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	5
Baptisms since January 2018	37

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, 510/509; September, 566/563; October, 628; 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 10-20-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Barb Schell	Leigh Hartley	Lisa Marquez Eric Fredericks
Saturday 10-20-18	6:30 PM	French Mass			
Sunday 10-21-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Jayme Nicholas	Deirdre Curry Bormes Ellen Moiani Rose Ohiku	Geneva Gorgo Jamie Lutkus Elizabeth Smith <b>MINISTER NEEDED</b>
Sunday 10-21-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alejandro Lopez	Tyler Paul Daniel Kang Rick Mittereder	Bert Olson Maria Montes Kevin Ludden Mary Stanton
Sunday 10-21-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Eryn Gronewoeller Lector: Abby Greaney	<b>MINISTER NEEDED</b> Abel Gonzalez Hannah Toohey	Alyssa Stella Daniel Cortese Anne De Leonardis Andrew De Leonardis

### Week's Activities

**Sunday, October 14**  
 10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality  
 10:30 am, REC/PC2, 1st Commun./Reconc.  
 4:30 pm, REC, Edge & Quest  
 4:30 pm, REC, CGS III  
**Monday, October 15**  
 4:00 pm, REC, CGS  
**Tuesday, October 16**  
 4:00 pm, REC, CGS  
 6:00 pm, PC, SPRED  
 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 pm, PC2, Time of Your Life  
**Wednesday, October 17**  
 5:00 pm, PC/Kitchen, Night Ministry  
**Thursday, October 18**  
 No Activites Planned  
**Friday, October 19**  
 3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes  
 7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group  
**Saturday, October 20**  
 9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry  
 6:30, Church, French Mass

### Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Twenty-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Teresa of Jesus  
**Tuesday:** St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque  
**Wednesday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch  
**Thursday:** St. Luke  
**Friday:** Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions  
**Saturday:** St. Paul of the Cross; Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Domingo:** Vigésimo Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
**Lunes:** Santa Teresa de Jesús  
**Martes:** Santa Eduvrgis; Santa Margarita María Alacoque  
**Miércoles:** San Ignacio de Antioqía  
**Jueves:** San Lucas  
**Viernes:** Santos Juan de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues y compañeros  
**Sábado:** San Pablo de la Cruz; Santa María Virgen

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

**Saturday, October 27**  
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution  
**Saturday, November 3**  
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution  
**Saturday, November 10**  
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution  
**Saturday, November 17**  
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution  
**Saturday, November 23**  
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution  
**Saturday, November 30**  
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

# Mass Intentions & Prayers

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## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, October 13**

**5:00 pm** Dorothy Mahon

**Sunday, October 14**

**9:00 am** Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

**12:00 pm** Joyce Jaszczor, Dionicio Lopez

**6:00 pm** Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

## Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

*Jeffrey Bergen, Chuck Jabaley, Joyce Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Frank Kolman, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

## September Baptisms

*Rhett Walter Anderson (10-13-18), Josephine Ubik (10-20-18), Annabel Carmella Clinton (10-21-18), Elizabeth Bell Birch Maginot (10-21-18), Adalind Irene Tarnow (10-21-18), Ryan Andrew Scime (10-28-18)*

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 -- **Willard Watts; Eliyahu Moscowitz; Donald Johnson; Fred Jackson; Anthony Carter; and Nathan Thomas.**

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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## 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; toothbrushes & toothpaste

If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, contact Lisa Hanzelka at [lhanzelka@gmail.com](mailto:lhanzelka@gmail.com).



## Communion for the Homebound

The Ministry of Care program at St. Teresa of Avila brings the Eucharist to the faithful who are unable to attend church.

If you know of someone who cannot come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Dean in the office at (773) 528-6650 to arrange for a visit.



## Free Family Fun Bike Ride: Chicago Kidical Mass

Chicago Family Biking presents the Free Family Fun Bike Ride:  
Chicago Kidical Mass

Join us for a slow, easy-going bike ride focused on kids of all ages and families. Recommended for kids off training wheels, adults with trailers or child seats, tag-along, cargo bike, etc.

When: 3rd Saturday of every month  
(Aug 18, Sept 15, Oct 20)

Where: Wicker Park, 1425 N Damen Avenue, Chicago 60622 (on the playground)

Depart: 10:00 am  
Return: 11:30 am

<https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoFamilyBiking/>

## Men's Spirituality

Are you interested in deepening your faith life through discussion with fellow male parishioners?



The St. Teresa Men's Spirituality Group invites you every second and fourth Tuesday beginning at 6:30am for prayer and conversation.

**The Next Men's Spirituality Meeting is Tuesday, October 23rd**

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

## Renew My Church Group Prayer Service

St. Michael Parish Old Town is hosting a Prayer Service and Celebration for the Old Town/Lincoln Park Renew My Church (RMC) Grouping on

**Monday, October 29 at 6:30 pm,  
at 1711 N. Cleveland.**

Pastoral staffs, parish council, RMC team members are invited, as well as catechists, social justice volunteers, finance council members, and Liturgical Ministers.

## Friday Morning Playgroup

Join us on Friday Mornings at the St. Teresa of Avila baby-toddler playgroup

**10:00 to 11:30 am** in the Religious Education Center

Contact Kate Lynch for schedule [klynch@sttereseparish.org](mailto:klynch@sttereseparish.org)



## St. Teresa's Fall Blood Drive

**Date:** Sunday, October 21st  
**Location:** Our Parish Center  
**Time:** 8:00am to 1:30pm  
**Donors & Appointments:** Kindly go on-line to: [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) to make your appointment  
**Volunteer:** Hospitality Greeters are needed. Do you have 1 or 2 hours to help us?  
**Please contact Mark Buciak at:** [mark.buciak@rcn.com](mailto:mark.buciak@rcn.com)

Thank you for your sharing God's gift of life to those most in need



**Donate Blood In Honor of  
Commander Paul Baur**  
Sponsored by St. Teresa Of Avila Church  
Sunday, October 21, 2018  
8:00 am - 1:30 pm

1950 N. Kenmore at Armitage Ave, Chicago, IL 60614  
Parish Center

Visit [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) or call 1(800)786-4483  
to schedule your appointment.  
~ Photo ID needed ~ Drink plenty of fluids ~  
Every donor will receive a FREE t-shirt!



Give the Gift of Life. Give Blood.

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## History of the Catholic Church

Monthly, beginning October 21, after the 9:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00 pm Masses, Fr. Frank will host a presentation and discussion of the History of the Catholic Church, from Jesus to the Vatican II Council.

## Stillpoint Theatre Speaker and Celebration

Don't miss acclaimed writer and theologian Edwina Gately speak at Still Point Theatre's 25th Anniversary celebration. The event will take place on Sunday, October 21 from 3:00-6:00 pm, at Ravenswood Presbyterian Church, 4300 N. Hermitage, Chicago IL 60613. Reserve tickets: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3623598>



## 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.

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
<b>Thursday:</b>	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
<b>Friday:</b>	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
<b>Saturday:</b>	Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	Gál 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 5:1; Sal 113 (112):1b-5a, 6-7; Lc 11:29-32
<b>Martes:</b>	Gál 5:1-6; Sal 119 (118):41, 43-45, 47-48; Lc 11:37-41
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Gál 5:18-25; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 11:42-46
<b>Jueves:</b>	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Lc 10:1-9
<b>Viernes:</b>	Ef 1:11-14; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lc 12:1-7
<b>Sábado:</b>	Ef 1:15-23; Sal 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lc 12:8-12
<b>Domingo:</b>	Is 53:10-11; Sal 33 (32):4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mc 10:35-45 [42-45]

## Treasures From Tradition

One of our great treasures is the way the Church has frequently said that it is not so much that Columbus discovered America, but rather that after he arrived, the new world “stayed discovered.” The sponsorship of Ferdinand and Isabella assured that the news would flash around Europe with an air of authority that other “discoverers” lacked. One of the oft-mentioned early visitors is Saint Brendan the Navigator, a sixth-century Irish monk who had trouble staying at home. He is said to have sailed to “the Isle of the Blessed” in a leather-bound boat, and to have been away from his monastery for seven years. Upon his return, the stories of adventures to a new land attracted pilgrims to his monastery in the Blasket Islands, off the west coast of Ireland. Columbus is said to have referred to The Voyage of Saint Brendan, a very popular adventure in those days. Only after his American journey is Brendan said to have gone to tamer lands to the east, England and Scotland.

In 1976, Tim Severin set out on a two-year voyage to America from Ireland in a leather-bound boat, traveling in summer and hopscotching from the Faroes to Iceland to Newfoundland, and encountering along the way exactly what Saint Brendan describes: icebergs, whales, and porpoises. Scholars warn not to dismiss this too quickly: just as the ancient Egyptian monks sought to live in the desert, for the Celtic monks exile in a boat was the Irish equivalent. Five centuries after Brendan, other Irish monks may have visited here as a refuge from Viking terror.

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## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Existe en Perú un mural milagroso de la Pasión de Jesucristo. Esta imagen reconocida como el Señor de los Milagros, el Cristo Moreno o el Cristo de Pachacamilla fue pintada por un angoleño en el siglo XVII para una cofradía de africanos. A mitad del siglo un fuerte terremoto sacudió a Lima y las paredes de la cofradía se cayeron, sin que se dañara el mural. Eventualmente la imagen se reveló como milagrosa para los que oraban delante de ella.

En la imagen aparece Jesús crucificado. Sobre él está el Espíritu Santo y el Padre. A la derecha de la cruz está su Madre con el corazón traspasado por una lanza y a su derecha, el fiel discípulo amado. Esta imagen es venerada como el Señor de los Milagros. Sin saberlo el artista angoleño ha pintado una reflexión teológica sobre la divinidad y la humanidad de Jesucristo. En su pasión redentora Jesús abre las puertas del cielo y de la comunicación entre el cielo y la tierra, entre Dios y la humanidad representada por la Madre y el discípulo.

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





### Words of Wisdom

The spirit of wisdom, as we discover in today's first reading, comes to those who pray for her. Wisdom, like the word of God, carries a message of consolation as well as of great challenge. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that the word of God, infused with the wisdom of God, is "sharper than any two-edged sword." We cannot shrink from the wisdom of God, or from the word that has the power to penetrate our hearts and minds. Jesus, the living word of God, the embodiment of wisdom, has strong, deeply penetrating words for the rich young man who comes to him seeking answers to his most profound questions. Just when the young man thought he had done enough to fulfill God's commands, more was asked of him. This is no less true for us.

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### Palabras de Sabiduría



Hoy aprendemos en la primera lectura que el espíritu de la sabiduría llega a los que lo invocan. La sabiduría, como la Palabra de Dios, lleva un mensaje de consuelo y a la vez constituye un gran desafío. La carta a los hebreos nos cuenta que la Palabra de Dios, que está empapada con la sabiduría de Dios, es "más penetrante que una espada de dos filos". No podemos acobardarnos ante la sabiduría de Dios ni ante la palabra que tiene el poder de penetrar nuestro corazón y mente. Jesús, la Palabra viva de Dios, la encarnación de la sabiduría, le dice cosas fuertes y muy penetrantes al joven rico que acude a Jesús en busca de respuestas a sus dudas más profundas. Precisamente, cuando el joven pensaba que había hecho lo suficiente para cumplir los mandamientos de Dios, se le exigió más. Lo mismo sucede en nuestro caso.

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### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. (Wisdom 7:7-11).

**Psalm** — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

**Gospel** — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27])



### Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — El don máspreciado que podemos pedir y poseer es la sabiduría (Sabiduría 7:7-11).

**Salmo** — Sáncianos, Señor, con tu bondad; para que nos llene la alegría (Salmo 90 [89]).

**Segunda lectura** — La palabra viva de Dios penetra hasta las profundidades más recónditas de nuestro ser (Hebreos 4:12-13).

**Evangelio** — Aquellos que han dejado sus posesiones a causa de Cristo y su Evangelio recibirán en herencia la vida eterna (Marcos 10:17-30 [17-27])

## Threading the Needle

At a Napa Valley winery in California, there stands a life-sized statue of a camel contemplating an enormously oversized needle. Even though the needle is so scaled up that the camel has to stretch to see through its eye, the eye is still much too small for the camel to even stick its head through. Yet if the camel's resolute expression is any indication, it's convinced it will eventually find a way.

This piece of artwork naturally calls to mind today's Gospel reading in which Jesus tells his disciples it is easier for a camel to fit through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. It seems an odd choice for a winery frequented by its many wealthy patrons. Aren't they disturbed by the apparent reminder that their passage into heaven would be impossibly small even if it were hundreds of times wider?

But why should I expect them to be alarmed? Churchgoers hear this Gospel over and over again without being compelled to sell our possessions. Like the camel statue, even when the evidence to the contrary stares us in the face, we still believe we can find a way through without really changing.

In homilies and reflection groups, I have always been given abundant excuses to hold on to my possessions, rarely hearing anyone argue that Jesus meant what he said literally. People bring up alternate translations, Jesus' penchant for hyperbole, or his assurance that all things are possible with God. Others suggest that it is simply necessary to be detached from worldly goods, not to actually give them up. Some even hedge by pointing out that Jesus' advice might not be universally applicable.

But if we look at the Gospel and today's other readings, the question becomes not, "Can we hold onto our possessions and still get into heaven?" but, "Why would we want to hang on to our possessions?"

The young man who leaves (to return to his riches, we assume) is the only sad person in any of today's readings. Others are enriched, joyful or astonished and impressed by God's ways.

*The question becomes not, "Can we hold onto our possessions and still get into heaven?" but, "Why would we want to hang on to our possessions?"*

The first reading tells us that the spirit of wisdom is preferable to riches, health, beauty and light and is the source of all good things. Meanwhile, the psalmist sings for joy at God's love and kindness, even celebrating past suffering because of its resulting reunion with God.

In the reading from Hebrews, Paul tells us that the word of God is "living and effective ... penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." Are any of our possessions that powerful? Do they know us so intimately as the word of God?

Finally, Jesus tells us that the way to gain eternal life and treasure in heaven is to give up what we have for his sake and the sake of the Gospel.

It is certainly legitimate to consider the background of Jesus' call to renounce possessions or to take other responsibilities into account when discerning what and how to give. But, we should also consider that Jesus meant what he said and knew what he was talking about when he said that riches keep us apart from God. Having more than we need can be a sign that we haven't loved our suffering neighbors enough to use our gifts to help them. The pursuit and enjoyment of material comfort can obscure our dependence on God or distract us from following God's will.

While we are assured that there is still hope when we fall short — with God all things are possible, Jesus reminds us — that is no reason to ignore Jesus' call. When we make excuses for hanging onto wealth, it not only deprives us of the opportunity to serve others who might benefit from what we could give, but also robs us of the opportunity to pursue what is really valuable: wisdom, prudence, God's love and presence and eternal life in the kingdom of God.



# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

## Pastoral Council

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

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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](http://st-teresa.net). Please contact John at [bulletin@stteresaparish.org](mailto: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.

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**Tuesdays**  
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### For More Information About...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick  
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