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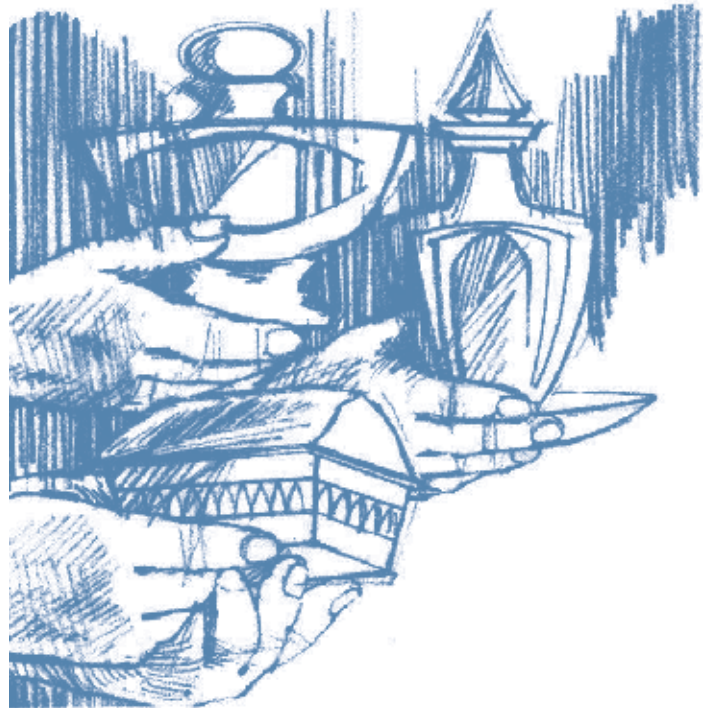
Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”
-- Matthew 2:2

They presented him with gifts



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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 & Second 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 7:00 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM

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Stewardship

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Solutions for Your Resolutions! Save the Date!

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce our next ministry fair to be held on January 12th & 13th, after all Masses! A ministry fair is a chance for people to learn more about our volunteer opportunities and other ways to get involved, and enjoy food, drink and raffle prizes! Mark your calendar and be sure to stop by after Mass.

Everyday Stewardship

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God’s children, it’s important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

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 to learn more, or contact the parish office.

Leadership Training

January 19 at St Teresa will be a special day for those who want to take advantage of a free seminar in leadership in the service of social justice.

Presented by The Coalition for Spiritual & Professional Leadership, an Avila in Action grant organization, this seminar will provide you with insights and tools needed to drive positive change through the power of personal leadership.

Watch out for more to come in future announcements, but put the date on your calendar now and make 2019 a good year to take action.

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

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	14,201	28%	15,975	(1,774)	13,568	25%	633	4.7%
Give Central (7/1-7/31)	37,174	72%	41,080	(3,906)	39,949	75%	(2,775)	-6.9%
Total 5 Weeks-July 2018	51,375	100%	57,055	(5,680)	53,517	100%	(2,142)	-4.0%
Collections Offertory	14,635	30%	12,780	1,855	10,952	23%	3,683	33.6%
Give Central (8/1-8/31)	34,165	70%	32,864	1,301	36,895	77%	(2,730)	-7.4%
Total 4 Weeks-August 2018	48,800	100%	45,644	3,156	47,847	100%	953	2.0%
Collections Offertory	14,962	32%	15,975	(1,013)	11,615	25%	3,347	28.8%
Give Central (9/1-9/31)	32,042	68%	41,080	(9,038)	35,305	75%	(3,263)	-9.2%
Total 5 Weeks-Sept. 2018	47,004	100%	57,055	(10,051)	46,920	100%	84	0.2%
Total 4 Weeks-Sept. 2017								
Collections Offertory	15,443	28%	12,780	2,663	16,297	31%	(854)	-5.2%
Give Central (10/1-10/31)	38,857	72%	32,864	5,993	36,169	69%	2,688	7.4%
Total 4 Weeks-Oct. 2018	54,300	100%	45,644	8,656	52,466	100%	1,834	3.5%
Total 5 Weeks-Oct. 2017								
Collections Offertory	59,241	29%	57,510	1,731	52,432	26%	6,809	13.0%
Give Central (7/1-10/31/18)	142,238	71%	147,888	(5,650)	148,318	74%	(6,080)	-4.1%
Total 18 Weeks YTD	201,479	100%	205,398	(3,919)	200,750	100%	729	0.4%
Foundation Special Extra Gift	10,000							
Grand Total (7/1-10/31/18)	211,479		205,398	6,081	200,750		10,729	5.3%

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday: 12-23-18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	57
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	160
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	100
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	60

Total Weekend Mass Attendance 377

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	7
Baptisms since January 2018	48

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 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, 628/652; November 622/569.

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 1-12-18	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Lisa Hanzelka	Nancy Gerstad	Lisa Marquez Leigh Hartley
Sunday 1-13-18	9:00 AM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: <i>Children's Service</i>	Ellen Moiani Jamie Lutkus Barb Schell	Geneva Gorgo Elizabeth Smith MINISTER NEEDED MINISTER NEEDED
Sunday 1-13-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Daniel Kang	Carmen Ubides Tyler Paul Bob Pedro	Stephanie Jaslawski Mike Trivella Bert Olson Aime Jaszczor
Sunday 1-13-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Doug Lovette	Alyssa Stella Sara Hock Sharon Lindstrom	Veronique Caffrey Eileen Raia Anne Seigenthaler Luke Kolman

Week's Activities

Sunday, January 6
10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality

Monday, January 7
7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council

Tuesday, January 8
6:00 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
6:00 pm, PC, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, January 9
5:00 pm, PC/Kitchen, Night Ministry

Thursday, January 10
9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting

Friday, January 11
3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes
7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, January 12
9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry
5:00 pm, PC, Ministry Fair

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Blessing of the Home

Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort

Domingo: La Epifanía del Señor
Bendición de la casa

Lunes: San Raimundo de Peñafort

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

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

Saturday, January 19
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, January 26
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, February 2
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, February 9
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, January 5

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

6:30 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Sunday, January 6

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

10:30 am Eusebio Lopez; Estella Montes

12:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

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

January Baptisms

Nathan John Roccasalva (1-20-19), Annabelle Lee Khounthikoumane (1-20-19)

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

*Alicia Anderson
Dorothy Barns
Connie Beran
Nicholas Beran
Berta Billalvazo
Michelle Brandt
Elizabeth Brown
Jerry Burdick
Carol Coffey
Susan Conway
Patricia Chuck
Elizabeth Ryan Dean
Michael De Blasis
Maria de la Luz
Alex DeNoma
Kim Duffy
Isabelle Eiffert
Helen Fasano
Jackson Fineske & Family
Linda Flasch*

*Alice Flynn
Pat Folland
Eloisa Gallegos
Michael Gibbons
Angela Goldberg
Kaylee Gommel
Bolívar 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
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 -- **Donald Thompson; Landsay Ellis; Michael Maxey; Kecia L. Castro; Robin Olsen; David McDaniel; Thomas Harris; Jose Hernandez; and Eric Lopez.**

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

Parish Life

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Archdiocese of Chicago Immigration Film Festival

One Border One Body

January 7, 2019, 7 pm
St. Julie Billiart
7399 W. 159th Street
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Tony & Janina's American Wedding

January 11, 2019, 7 pm
St. George
6706 W. 175th Street
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Harvest of Empire

January 14, 2019, 7 pm
St. Michael
14327 Highland Ave.
Orland Park, IL 60462

Beyond Borders

January 19, 2019, 5:30
pm
St. Christopher
4130 W. 147th Street
Midlothian, IL 60445

Harvest of Empire

January 6, 2019, 5 pm
St. Clement
642 W. Deming Place
Chicago, IL 60614

Dying to Live

January 13, 2019, 4 pm
St. Teresa of Avila
1033 W. Armitage Ave.
Chicago, IL 60614

Beyond Borders

January 20, 2019, 1 pm &
6 pm
Old St. Patrick's
625 W. Adams St.
Chicago, IL 60661

One Border One Body

January 27, 2019, 11:30
am
St. Gertrude
6200 N. Glenwood Ave.
Chicago, IL 60660

Baby Bottles

Beginning on these dates, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved almost 40,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church on **November 25th**, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of **January 13th**.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

Also if you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center. Thank you!

St. Clement Preschool

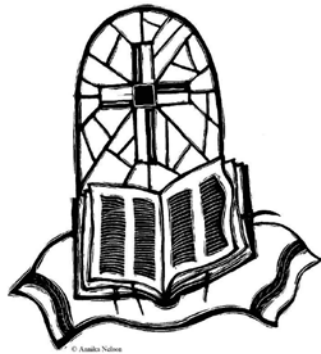
Saint Clement School is excited that this will be offering Pre-K 3 for the 2019-2020 school year. This is one of our entry points for Saint Clement School. Click here for Pre-K 3 & 4 options <https://www.stclementschooll.org/admissions/tuition-details>. Sign up for the Admissions Coffee and Tour <https://www.stclementschooll.org/admissions/coffeetour>. Applications are due January 15th. For more information email Noreen Valle at nvalle@stclementschooll.org.



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.

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@sbcglobal.net.



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.



Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Martes:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44
Miércoles:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71): 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mc 6:45-52
Jueves:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22a
Viernes:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16
Sábado:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Domingo:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10 o Sal 104 (103):1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Hch 10:34-38 o Tit 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lc 3:15-16, 21-22

Treasures From Tradition

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 b.c. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called “pontiffs” were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named “The Last Year of Confusion.” The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia’s Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Es tiempo de añadir los reyes magos al pesebre. En 1448 llegaron los pesebres italianos a las iglesias españolas, pero no fue hasta que el Rey Carlos III le regaló un pesebre a su hijo en el siglo XVIII que el uso de pesebres se expandió en los hogares. Desde entonces, el uso de nacimientos llega al continente americano en donde se convierte en la decoración principal para las fiestas navideñas.

Así como en todo país latinoamericano el montaje del Belén es una tradición, lo es también en Venezuela. Con el pesebre venezolano llegan también aguinaldos, parrandas, Misas y patines. ¡Sí! ¡Patines!

Desde la mitad del siglo pasado los venezolanos celebran la época navideña con “patinadas”. Estas “patinadas” normalmente se hacen por las mañanas y muchas calles están cerradas a los autos hasta las 8 a.m. para que niños y jóvenes puedan disfrutar de los patines, bicicletas y otros juguetes que les regala el niño Dios. Por eso, muchos niños duermen con un “cordoncito” atado al dedo gordo de los pies, que cuelgan por la ventana para que los despierten los que pasan patinado.

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Finding God

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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Encuentro con Dios

Los espléndidos Reyes Magos –destellantes, majestuoso y solemnes–, salen hoy de las páginas de Mateo y van rumbo a nuestra iglesia. Solamente Mateo nos habla de esta grande e interesante historia para que podamos ver la luz y saber que el niño que visitaron los Reyes Magos era el cumplimiento de la profecía, el rey cuyo mensaje llega hasta la tierra natal de estos magos y mucho más allá, hasta nuestra época.

Nosotros también nuevamente podemos ver y entender. Al igual que estos magos, nuestros santos patronos en este día, vemos en el niño recién nacido al rey del universo y la luz del mundo. Como los Reyes Magos, encontramos

dentro de nosotros una nueva fe y una nueva vida. Como ellos, regresamos a casa por una nueva ruta.

Se nos pide terminemos esta temporada festiva renovados y consientes de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros. Se nos pide encontrar a Dios donde se le puede encontrar, que estemos atentos y listos para, con asombro, inclinarnos en adoración y ofrecer nuestras ofrendas.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).



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Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén, porque sobre ti se levanta (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — El misterio se ha dado a conocer, que los no judíos han de compartir en Cristo Jesús la misma herencia (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Vinieron unos Magos de Oriente preguntando: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).

Little Epiphanies

Throughout the Christmas season, we celebrate the Incarnation. God is made present in the person of Jesus, the baby born among the animals, whose birth was heralded by angels singing hymns of glory. In today's Gospel, we find the juxtaposition of the great and the small again. It is no surprise that in searching for the "newborn king of the Jews" the Magi from the east would first travel to the most important city in Israel and then to the very dwelling of the king. Within the court of King Herod, which was known for its decadence, the Magi likely found all of the trappings of wealth and power one would expect from royalty, but they did not find the king they sought.

The chief priests and scribes sent the Magi to Bethlehem where the star which had guided them along their journey "stopped over the place where the child was." In a simple house in a small village, they come face-to-face with Emmanuel — God-with-us. Immediately, the Magi bowed down in worship before presenting their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the figures of the Magi, the revelation of Jesus, the light of the world, is brought to the people outside of the land of Israel. Their way of coming to this moment has been different from their Jewish counterparts. While angels proclaim Jesus' birth to Mary, Joseph and the shepherds in the fields, creation itself proclaims the good news to the Magi in the form of the star that they follow.

Later in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus will turn to his closest disciples and ask them, "Who do you say that I am?" (16:15). In today's readings, we find many answers to this question. Jesus is the light by which nations shall walk, as prophesied by Isaiah. He is Lord of both the Jews and the Gentiles as Paul writes to the community in Ephesus. And he is the humble child in a home in Bethlehem who will soon have to flee all he has ever known to seek shelter and safety in a foreign country.

As Christians, we are called to proclaim the life of Christ, not only in our words but also in our actions. In

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studying the Gospels, we find that Jesus' 33 years on Earth contain many paradoxes. The Son of God lives most of his life in the backwater town of Nazareth where he is known as "the carpenter's son" (13:55). Proclaimed as Messiah and Lord by the angels at his birth, the only crown Jesus ever wears is the crown of thorns given to him by his tormentors before his execution. In order to proclaim Christ truly, we must be comfortable with both his perfect humility and his supreme glory.

The word epiphany in common parlance means a sudden revelation or stroke of insight that usually catches one unaware. In today's Gospel, we could deduce many different epiphanies. Herod comes to the sudden (and troubling) realization that he is not the sole, or even the most important king in Israel. The Magi discover the light of the world at home with his mother in Bethlehem. Mary most likely received another affirmation of her marvelous child's identity.

Each Christmas season we are introduced to this child anew, the God of creation in the vulnerable guise of a newborn child, the one who is Emmanuel.

In the year to come, how will we proclaim this child to all we meet? Perhaps we will have the opportunity to bring his light to places of darkness. Perhaps we will recognize him in the faces of the ones our society has cast aside. Perhaps in our ventures into the great outdoors, creation itself will bring us new insight into our Creator God.

If we are attentive, we will find that every moment of our lives our God is longing to reveal Godself to us.

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

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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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Ray Genellie
Steve Fortino
Andrew O'Dekirk
Chris Toups

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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

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.

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.

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Stop In For Quiet Prayer

Tuesdays
6:00 to 7:30PM



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For More Information About...

Friday Playgroup (0-3 year-olds), Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-12 year-olds), The EDGE Youth Group (12-14 year-olds), or Quest Youth Group (High School)
Contact Kate in the Parish Office
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For More Information About...

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