



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 17, 2019

Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.
-- Luke 6:20-21

*The one who trusts
the Lord is like
a tree planted
near running water*



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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 & 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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Letter From Fr. Frank

I want to thank all of you for helping me celebrate my 35th anniversary of priesthood. Last Saturday evening, over 150 parishioners gathered in the Parish Center to show me gratitude for the gift of priesthood. The abundance of food and people truly symbolized God's abundant love and grace. I have never had an anniversary celebration before. Well, this was a celebration to end all celebrations!! How blessed I am to be with such beautiful people. As I said at Mass, when ordained, the People of God became my "spouse." The people of St. Teresas are my life, for without you my life would be empty. Thank you... those who made special efforts to plan this celebration, which brought us together as a family of faith. It was a joyful moment to be remembered. Memory is the foundation of a priest's life: "Do this in memory of me."

Peace and love,
Fr. Frank

Everyday Stewardship

"Blessed are you when people hate you,...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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.

Irish Breakfast Invitation

The O'Donnell Family invited you to attend the 2nd Annual Irish Breakfast with St. Teresa Parish following the 9am Mass on February 24th. All are welcome!

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

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Financial Collections

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Year 2018-2019	Fiscal 2018-19	Actual FY 2018-19	% Auto	Budget 2018-19	Actual vs. Budget	Actual Prev Yr	% Auto	Actual vs. Prev Yr	% Prev Yr
Collections Offertory		12,660	27%	12,780	(120)	11,353	24%	1,307	11.5%
Give Central (11/1-11/30)		35,035	73%	32,864	2,171	36,109	76%	(1,074)	-3.0%
Total 4 Weeks-Nov. 2018		47,695	100%	45,644	2,051	47,462	100%	233	0.5%
Total 4 Weeks-Nov. 2017	(In Nov 2018 Extra Special Donation of \$2,600 shown separately below *)								
Collections Offertory		21,950	37%	15,975	5,975	14,729	27%	7,221	49.0%
Give Central (12/1-12/31)		37,703	63%	41,080	(3,377)	39,078	73%	(1,375)	-3.5%
Total 5 Weeks-Dec. 2018		59,653	100%	57,055	2,598	53,807	100%	5,846	10.9%
Total 5 Weeks-Dec. 2017	(In Dec 2018 Extra Donations \$9,500 and \$2,500 shown separately below *)								
Collections Offertory		93,851	30%	86,265	7,586	78,514	26%	15,337	19.5%
Give Central (7/1-12/31/18)		214,976	70%	221,832	(6,856)	223,505	74%	(8,529)	-3.8%
Total 27 Weeks YTD		308,827	100%	308,097	730	302,019	100%	6,808	2.3%
* Extra Special Donations *		24,600				9,500		15,100	
Grand Total (7/1-12/31/18)		333,427		308,097	25,330	311,519		21,908	7.0%
Christmas Collection		35,781		36,000	(219)	35,646		135	0.4%

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday: 2-10-19

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	98
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	320
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	195
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	125
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	624
Christmas 2018 Attendance	800
Average Weekday Mass Attendance	10
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	5
Confessions this Week	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0
Funerals since January 2019	1
Weddings since January 2019	0
Baptisms since January 2019	5

There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa's October Count averaged for 2016, 550; for 2017, 628; for 2018, 652 people at weekend Masses.

The 2018/2019 monthly averages are: January 644/623; February, 566; March, 637; April, 810; May, 583; June, 523; July, 511; August, 509; September, 563; October, 652; November 569; December 576.

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

Parish Calendars

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Celebrant/Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 2-23-19	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Luke Kolman	Eric Fredericks	Nancy Gerstad Carol Coffey
Sunday 2-24-19	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Therese Rowley	Michael Zost Brian Shea Jocelyn Lutkus	Ann Finlay Mary Serrahn Phillip Malloy Molly Malloy
Sunday 2-24-19	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Jayme Nicholas	Tyler Paul Aimee Jaszczor Christina Brodell	Kevin Ludden Maria Montes Stephanie Jaslowski Anne Seigenthaler
Sunday 2-24-19	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Eryn Gronewoller Lector: Christopher Toups	MINISTER NEEDED Hannah Toohey MINISTER NEEDED	Alyssa Stella Veronique Caffrey Andrew De Leonardis Cara Gannon

Week's Activities

Sunday, February 17
10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality
4:00 pm, PC 3/4, Peace and Justice Meeting
Monday, February 18
No Activities Planned
Tuesday, February 19
6:00 pm, PC, SPRED
6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, February 20
7:00 pm, PC/Kitchen, Night Ministry
Thursday, February 21
9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting
Friday, February 22
3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes
7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group
Saturday, February 23
9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Peter Damian
Friday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Saturday: St. Polycarp
Domingo: Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;
Jueves: San Pedro Damiano
Viernes: La Cátedra de san Pedro;
Sábado: San Policarpo

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, February 23
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
Saturday, March 2
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
Saturday, March 9
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
Saturday, March 16
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
Saturday, March 23
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, February 16

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

Sunday, February 17

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

12:00 pm Joyce Jaszczor

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

Cecelia Clare Dowdall (2-17-19), Ella Lennox (2-23-19), Miller Wilson Richter (2-23-19), Thomas Cornelius Bos (2-23-19), Genevieve Rhyme Sopchik (2-24-19)

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

*Alicia Anderson
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
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
Janette Prush
Hector J. Rivera
Luis Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez
Jeffrey Roscoe
Denise Rosen
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD*

*Fr. Cesaire Souissa
Will Sullivan
Mima Tome
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Elizabeth Ann True
Marianne Usiak
Sara Vega
Drew Williams
Jack Williams
Valerie Williams
Mae Witry
David Zeunert
For the intentions on our prayer 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 -- **Riel Jones; Deontae Davenport; Lawrence Lee; Tyrell Carr; Von Lindsey; Erick Alvarez-Coronel; and Terrance Hale.**

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.

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Speakers at DePaul

FEBRUARY 21 (6:30pm)

*Praying for the Living and the Dead**

"Lazarus, Come Forth": War, Soul Death, and Homecoming (details)

Hearing that Lazarus was dead, Jesus wept and prayed. In an age of endless war, we too, in tears, must "pray always." It is one thing to go dark in death, and another to go dark in life. As Dr. Robert Emmet Meagher of Hampshire College explains, among the casualties of war are those killed from the inside out—visibly unscathed, invisibly haunted. Any nation sending its daughters and sons into the valley of death must learn to call them back, body and soul, to the land of the living.

FEBRUARY 28 (6:30pm)

*Bearing Wrongs Patiently**

Challenges & Hopes: The Catholic Church in Contemporary China (details)

Living under communism, Catholics in China, among other Christians, face the risk of persecution and violence. They've long been torn between an "underground" Church and a state-sanctioned one, and in February 2018, Beijing issued new regulations that aim to sinicize (adapt) religions to communism—e.g., banning online Bible sales. And as Dr. Mary Mee-Yin Yuen (Holy Spirit Seminary College, Hong Kong) tells us, despite a recent agreement between China and the Vatican, the persecution continues...and yet, Catholics in mainland China continue to nurture hope.

Please Make Your Gift to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

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

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you received with your bulletin. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledged campaign commitment where you can make a gift payable in installments. A pledge is a promise to make a gift over a span of time.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer Jesus' call to "Come, Follow Me...and share the Word."

Once we reach our parish goal of \$31,320.30 in paid pledges, 100% of any additional funds come back to our parish to help fund our needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Renew My Church Update

I met last week with pastors who participated in Renew My Church, an opportunity of sharing the strengths and challenges of the process. St. Teresa's is currently beginning to enter phase 5 of the process, which means initiating ways to evangelize in the Lincoln Park/Old Town areas, including St. Vincent's, St. Josaphat's, St. Michael's and IC/SJ.

Our parish is currently working with St. Vincent's and St. Josaphat's in sharing the RCIA ministry, which is going very well. Instead of three different programs with small numbers, we have one robust group bringing together those individuals who wish to be baptized and those who wish full communion with the Catholic Church.

St. Teresa's and St. Josaphat's are now bringing together our teen groups creating a strong ministry to our teens. Both parish sites are utilized, creating a variety of activities.

St. Teresa's and St. Vincent's are currently sharing a Business Manager. Presently, we are looking at recommendations, associated with Renew My Church, of creating a position that would combine the finances (Business Manager) AND the facilities (Buildings and Facilities Manager) operations of the parishes. What a great opportunity of sharing resources.

My hope is to create a team of parish evangelizers that would work with our neighboring parishes and their teams in trying to reach the many people who have no religious or faith tradition. When we come together, the Spirit will energize us to reach beyond parishes and boundaries, letting the word out that this area has five welcoming and active parishes. We are in this TOGETHER!!!

One program of evangelization that our parishes may use together is called ALPHA. This involves a planning team creating an experience of bringing together people who have no faith but are open to exploring, and those who once were active in a particular church but have stopped practicing due to a variety of reasons. For about three months, groups of eight or so individuals, who have been personally invited by an active parishioner, would gather in Parish Center one day per week and watch a video about faith exploration, dialogue and share, all around a meal. Once the experience is complete, if they are interested, they could enter one of the parish ministries or simply join a group to continue the discussion. I truly believe ALPHA is one powerful tool we can use to "go out into the world and proclaim the Good News."

-- Fr. Frank

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

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Sal 50 (49):1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mc 8:11-13
Martes:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Sal 29 (28):1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mc 8:14-21
Miércoles:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Sal 116 (115):12-15, 18-19; Mc 8:22-26
Jueves:	Gn 9:1-13; Sal 102 (101):16-21, 29, 22-23; Mc 8:27-33
Viernes:	1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sábado:	Heb 11:1-7; Sal 145 (144):2-5, 10-11; Mc 9:2-13
Domingo:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lc 6:27-38

Treasures From Tradition

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En muchos santuarios de Latinoamérica y Europa se pueden encontrar diversas ofrendas que han dejado los fieles a través de los siglos. Entre estas ofrendas es de particular relieve el exvoto. Exvoto (una frase en latín que se traduce “del voto”) es el regalo que se le presenta al santo o a la santa en reconocimiento del favor recibido. Esto también se llama “manda”.

Los exvotos o mandas toman varias formas desde pequeñas medallas en forma de la parte del cuerpo que fue sanado hasta pinturas del milagro concedido. El exvoto más antiguo en América es de una pintura mandada a hacer por Hernán Cortés en honor de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de Extremadura (España). Esta imagen reconocía el hecho de ser salvado del piquete de un alacrán mientras estaba en México. Lamentablemente esta pintura se extravió en el siglo XIX.

En realidad el santo o la santa no necesita el exvoto pero los creyentes sí. Estas mandas nos recuerdan el poder de la intercesión divina en la vida humana. También nos invitan al agradecimiento de los favores que Dios nos hace.

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



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Blessed

When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the Beati, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blessed are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!



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Bienaventurados o Dichosos

Cuando pensamos en la palabra “bienaventuranza” pensamos en el discurso de hoy del Evangelio según Lucas, o en el más familiar según Mateo (que comienza “Dichosos lo que tienen espíritu de pobre . . .”). En realidad, las bienaventuranzas ocurren en los profetas y evangelios. Hoy, en Jeremías (con un eco en el salmo) oímos: “Bendito el hombre que confía en el Señor” (Jeremías 17:7). Luego de su resurrección en el Evangelio de san Juan, Cristo

proclama: “¡Dichosos los que creen sin haber visto!” (Juan 20:29). Los evangelistas colocaron estos dichos por todos los evangelios como cortos recordatorios sobre las características de quien sigue a Cristo, características que ayudarán a diseminar la Buena Nueva en esta vida y llevarnos a la dicha eterna en la próxima. En latín, los santos son llamados Beati o “Beatos” porque son aquellos que viven la vida “feliz” descrita por Jesús en los evangelios. ¡Qué dichosos somos cuando nos esforzamos por hacer de nuestros días bienaventuranzas vivas!

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Today’s Readings

First Reading — The one who trusts in the Lord is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Bienaventurado es el que confía en el Señor (Jeremías 17:5-8).

Salmo — Dichoso el hombre que confía en el Señor (Salmo 1).

Segunda lectura — Cristo fue resucitado de entre los muertos, como primer fruto de los que duermen (1 Corintios 15:12, 16-20).

Evangelio — Jesús predica: Felices cuando sufren a causa del Hijo del Hombre. Les espera una recompensa grande (Lucas 6:17, 20-26).

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What We Keep

As I prepare to sell my home of 30 years, I am often frustrated by the amount of possessions I have accumulated over the years. It is not only the things I have collected over the past three decades, but also the things I brought with me when I moved into this house. When going through boxes, I find things that were once important and now have no meaning, or at least I have forgotten the meaning. I must wonder why it was so special and why I felt the need to save it.

Once I have determined that I no longer want or need the object, I struggle with what to do next. Were there times when those possessions came between me and God? Carl Jung said, "What is a normal goal to a young person becomes a neurotic hindrance in old age." How do I get back on track and focus on what is important?

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus came to restore the people of God and remind them of their moral obligation to care for the marginalized. Even though threat of religious persecution was real, the disciples came to listen. They were most likely protective of the few possessions they had, and their very existence was dependent on various methods of survival, but they came anyway. Jesus wanted them to know that even in their life full of insufficient or inadequate resources they were the ones blessed because they were there to listen in the face of fear and doubt. He wanted them to know their reward would be in heaven despite their struggle on earth. That message must have seemed troublesome to a group who were most likely homeless and hungry. Those gathered on that plain had little to distract them from listening. Their hope was in the Lord.

We are taught that sin is when we make choices that separate us from God. Hoarding wealth and ignoring the needs of those less fortunate also separates us from God. In the Gospel, Jesus makes it quite clear that it may keep us from out of the kingdom. He calls out the rich and preaches that they have received their kingdom on earth. In their world, they have no need for God's mercy because their needs are already being met by the "good life."

But the psalmist reminds us that we can prosper if we chose to live a just life. The rich are not locked out but

*The comfort we seek
is found in the kingdom
of God not in wealth or
possessions.*

must let their roots spread to others in kindness and generosity. They can make a choice to hoard their wealth as the poor struggle to survive, or they can bear fruit and share with others.

So what shall I do with the overabundance of possessions that hinder my relationship with God? What shall I do with the things that keep me frozen in time?

Those gathered on the stretch of level ground were free of encumbrances and were able to be open to the preaching of Jesus. The kingdom of God is within our reach but until we can see God in the eyes of the poor and act on it, we linger on the periphery. In a culture where identity is often attached to some product, possession or political preference, it is difficult to break the habits that separate us from God.

As for the material possessions I accumulated in life, I must share them, donate them, give them away freely so that others may use them.

Jesus's Sermon on the Mount is challenging for all. The poor must have hope that there is a kingdom of God and someday they will "leap for joy" in God's presence while the rich must turn loose of those things in which they have come to find comfort. The comfort we seek is found in the kingdom of God not in wealth or possessions.

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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Office Information and Bulletin Deadlines

Parish Offices are located at 1037 W. Armitage Ave. Phone is (773) 528-6650. FAX is (773) 871-6766. Hours are: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The submission deadline for most Sunday bulletins is 11:00 am on the Monday before; deadlines are accelerated for the holidays. The bulletin is also published electronically on st-teresa.net. Please contact John at bulletin@stteresaparish.org for more information.

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

How to Report Sexual Abuse

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

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



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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)
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For More Information About...

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