



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST. 1889

Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



First Sunday of Lent March 10, 2019

*“It is written:
You shall worship the Lord,
your God, and him alone
shall you serve.”*

-- Luke 4:8

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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Everyday Stewardship

*“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.”
(DEUTERONOMY 26:10)*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits”, the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

New Website

teresa.church is up and running! Take a few minutes this week to look at our new website and check out the links that are relevant to you. Notice anything missing? Have a hard time finding a page you regularly interact with? Let us know by emailing website@teresa.church.

st-teresa.net is still active, and will remain active until the final details are added. Thank you for contributing to this volunteer-led effort, and thank you to our volunteer web designer, John DeWyze, and graphic designer, Amy Amato for sharing your talents.

St. Teresa of Avila is a diverse Catholic community of faith that welcomes you, with our exception.

Around the Parish



2018 Fall In Action Grant Winners

The St. Teresa of Avila Parish Women's group has been awarded the 2018 Fall In Action Grant. The grant will be used to support the group's efforts to support the parish's mission.



Virtual Ministry Fair

The St. Teresa of Avila Parish Virtual Ministry Fair was held on March 10th. The fair featured a variety of virtual ministry opportunities, including online prayer groups, virtual support groups, and virtual retreats.



125 Years of History

The St. Teresa of Avila Parish is celebrating its 125th anniversary. The parish was founded in 1893 and has a rich history of service to the community. The anniversary is being celebrated with a variety of events, including a virtual history tour and a virtual prayer service.

A Steward's Story

Lent is a time for “prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.”
Lent is a time for “giving things up.”
Lent is a time for “taking things up.”

These are common things to hear in Catholic circles in weeks leading up to Lent. While sometimes this can lead to comparisons, judgment, or envy, we should still count it a blessing that our personal spiritual practices become a public topic of conversation in our community, if only for a couple weeks. What an opportunity to truly engage in the lives of our brothers and sister in Christ.

What we don't always talk about, though, is the conversations that happen on the other side of Lent. “How many weeks did you make it?” “Did you make it all the way through?” “Eating chocolate on Sundays is cheating?”

Catholic Fun Fact: Sundays are not part of Lent. Sunday is always the Lord's day as a celebration of the sacrifice that exists for the past, present, and future. Go ahead, count the days in Lent, you need to omit the Sundays if you want to find 40 days. This means that it is actually okay to “partake” in our lenten fasts on Sundays. If you are anything like me, the first time you heard this, you may have thought “that's cheating! If you quit on Sundays, your Lent doesn't count!” I know I took pride in making it farther than a sibling or a friend in my lenten sacrifice.

This year, I was reflecting on that if we took this attitude into our Lenten experience, while we may be giving up chocolate or greed or anger, we write an open invitation for pride. Lent is an opportunity to *be with* Jesus in the desert. Not to *be* Jesus. It is okay if we are weak and stumble or even fall in our Lenten practices. The victory is not in finishing the race without a misstep. The victory is in having run the race, maybe battered and bruised, maybe even taking a taxi part of the way. Spending time with Jesus is a victory regardless of how long.

Just like the poor widow, if all we have to give in our Lent is our two coins of personal sacrifice, if those were more challenging than the riches of those for whom Lent comes easy, we, still in our spiritual poverty, we have given all that we have, and God is grateful.

-- John DeWyze

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

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Financial Collections

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Year 2018-2019	Fiscal	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: 3-3-19

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	64
Saturday, 6:30pm Mass Attendance	72
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	200
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	195
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	100
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	631
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	9

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 3-16-19	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Luke Kolman	Lisa Marquez	Kari Richardson Eric Fredericks
Saturday 3-16-19	6:30 PM	French Mass			
Sunday 3-17-19	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Mark Vans Grinsven	Elizabeth Smith Phillip Malloy Mary Serrahn	Sara Hock Nancy Van Grinsven Molly Malloy Ann Finlay
Sunday 3-17-19	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Patti Neugent	Christina Brodell MINISTER NEEDED Alejandro Lopez	Tyler Paul Deirdre Curry Bormes MINISTER NEEDED Daniel Kang
Sunday 3-17-19	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Eryn Gronewoller Lector: Claire Kenkel	Andrew De Leonardis Alyssa Stella Dani Shain	Cara Gannon Anne De Leonardis Carol Coffey Sharon Lindstrom

Week's Activities

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Savings Time Starts
10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality
10:30 am, Rec/PC2, CGS 1st Comm/Recon
4:30 pm, Rec, CGS III
4:30 pm, Rec, Edge

Monday, March 11

4:00 pm, Rec/, CGS

Tuesday, March 12

6:00 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
6:00 pm, Rec, SPRED
6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, March 13

6:30 pm, Church, Minister Training

Thursday, March 14

9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting

Friday, March 15

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

Saturday, March 16

9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry
6:30 pm, Church, French Mass

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Friday: Abstinence

Domingo: Primer Domingo
de Cuaresma

Viernes: Abstinencia

Food Pantry - Saturdays

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

Minister Training

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

Minister Scheduling

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

Mass Intentions & Prayers

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10

9:00 am Bernadette Micinski, Gina Pugliese

10:30 am Gloria Santiago; Georgina Garcia

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, 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

March Baptisms

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

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

*Alicia Anderson
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

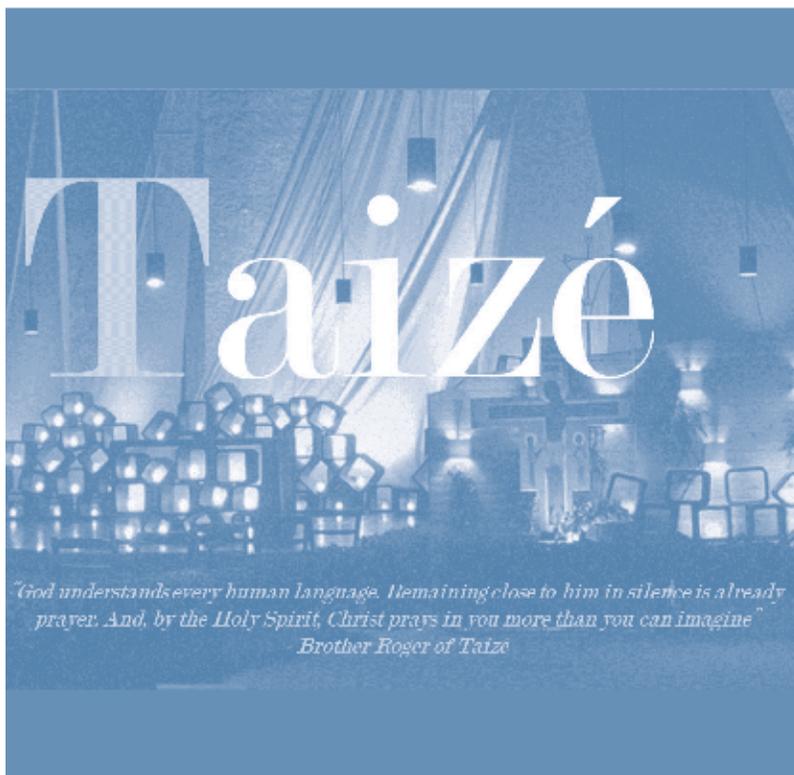
We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago last week -- **Ryan Hoffman; Terry Green; Michael John Ruby; and Jasmine Reese.**

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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An ecumenical gathering for

Music
Silence
Prayer

Fridays during Lent
at 7 PM

Saint Michael in Old Town

1633 North Cleveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60614

For more information, contact dstucker@st-mikes.org.

St. Clement School Pre-K

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

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

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

Also enrolling 1st through 8th grade.

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Food Pantry Shopping List

There are five items the Food Pantry could really use:

Pasta & rice (all kinds)

Oatmeal

Boxed cereal

Hearty canned soups

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

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



Daily Prayer, Scripture and Eucharist Weekdays at 7:30 AM

A great way to start the day...attend morning Mass Monday through Thursday at 7:30 am. Mass is over by 7:50 am.

There is a brief communion service on Friday mornings, also at 7:30 am, for those who want to pray, reflect on scripture, and receive Eucharist.



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.



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.

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, March 12th

For more details, contact Craig Dean at cdean@aegpartners.com.

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Martes:	Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Miércoles:	Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32
Jueves:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Viernes:	1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sábado:	Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Domingo:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Sal 27 (26):1, 7-9, 13-14; Fil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lc 9:28b-36

Treasures From Tradition

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

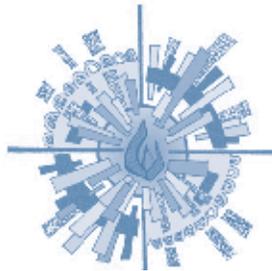
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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Las cenizas que se nos pusieron en la frente el miércoles pasado ya están borradas, pero las palabras que nos dijeron deben sonar aún en nuestras almas. Tradicionalmente se dice: "Recuerda que del polvo venimos y al polvo retornaremos." Y aunque hoy en muchos lugares se dice: "Conviértete y cree en el Evangelio" el mensaje para oídos latinos es el mismo. Es un mensaje que nos saca de nuestro egoísmo recordándonos lo que los antiguos Toltecas ya sabían: esta vida es un sueño y el que muere despierta a la vida verdadera. Viviendo el Evangelio en esta vida nos prepara para la vida eterna.

Las cenizas y esas frases dan un mensaje que lleva la imagen de la tierra que se somete para cultivarse. A veces la tierra se quema para que de sus cenizas venga vida nueva. Las cenizas que se nos pusieron no son para despreciar nuestra vida sino para amarla. De esa manera seremos cultivados por el ayuno, la oración y la caridad que hagamos durante la cuaresma, sometiendo el polvo de nuestro cuerpo para dar fruto eterno.

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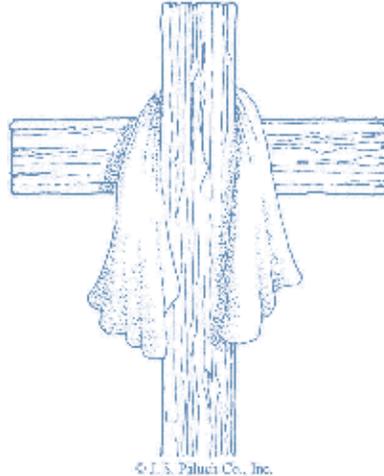
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Almsgiving, Prayer, Fasting, and Temptation

Oración, Limosna, Ayuno y Tentación

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.



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A medida que empezamos nuestro tiempo de oración, limosna y ayuno, la lectura del libro del Deuteronomio nos recuerda nuestro deber de ofrecer: “Dejarás los frutos en la presencia del Señor tu Dios, te postrarás ante él” (Deuteronomio 26:10). La lectura de la carta a los romanos nos refiere a nuestra oración, recordándonos que “La palabra está cerca de ti, en tu boca y en tu corazón . . . todo el que invoque el nombre del Señor se salvará” (Romanos 10:8, 13). Estas palabras son reconfortantes, y nos animan a pedir a Dios aquello que necesitamos y nos ayuda en nuestra oración. Por último, el Evangelio de Lucas nos muestra a Jesús ayunando,

siendo tentado así como lo somos nosotros y además él entiendo lo que significa ser humano. Alguien una vez dijo que la tentación surge cuando se está cansado y rendido; y el mal viene y hace una sugerencia perfectamente razonable. Jesús no muestra que, con su ayuda, nosotros también podemos vencer nuestras tentaciones, tan razonable como pueda sonar.

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Today’s Readings

Lecturas de Hoy

First Reading — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).



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Primera lectura — Libres de los egipcios opresores, los israelitas muestran su fe ofreciendo al Señor los primeros frutos de su nueva tierra (Deuteronomio 26:4-10).

Salmo — Tú eres mi Dios y en ti confío (Salmo 91 [90]).

Segunda lectura — Todos los que expresan su fe en Jesús resucitado y confiesan que él es el Señor, se salvarán (Romanos 10:8-13).

Evangelio — Jesús fue conducido por el Espíritu al desierto y allí fue tentado (Lucas 4:1-13).

Great Temptations

In 1989, Henri Nouwen, a Catholic priest and one of the most beloved spiritual writers of the 20th century published a short yet powerful volume, *In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership*. This text is Nouwen's concomitant reflection on two Gospel passages: the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert, specifically Matthew 4: 1-10, and the story of Peter's call to shepherd Jesus' flock found in John 21:15-19.

While the name of the text might find many checking the text off the reading list before even adding it because of the subtitle, *Reflections on Christian Leadership*, I would encourage you not to let that deter you. As disciples of Christ, we all lead others in various ways and there is much to be gained from Nouwen's thoughts. Nouwen breaks open each temptation in light of a shift in attitude, or what I prefer to call posture of presence and a particular practice or discipline which facilitates that shift.

Let's look again at the temptations. Jesus is taunted to be relevant: Turn these stones into bread! Jesus is taunted again to be spectacular: Worship me and I will give you all this power and glory! Jesus is goaded once more to be powerful: Throw yourself off this parapet and save yourself! With each needling provocation, Jesus lets his tempter know that he stands firmly in God.

Calling on the wisdom in the passage from the Gospel of John, Nouwen demands that we move away from the temptation of relevancy to a posture of prayer; from the temptation to be spectacular or popular to a posture of service and right relationship; and from the temptation to be powerful, being in the forefront, to reflecting and being led by those in need. Each is a very tall order indeed.

I wonder if in this season of Lent, we might choose just one temptation, one provocation which needles us and focus our energies there — to shift our posture just a bit. This being the first week of Lent, I plan to start with a shift in my posture from relevancy to prayer. During Lent, the church calls us to deepen our spiritual life by engaging the practices of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Why else might I start

It is only a matter of time; temptations return again and again needling us where we are weakest in our resolve to live fully our call as Christians.

here? Perhaps because the last verse of the passage from Luke is a wake-up call.

There are three scriptural accounts of the temptation of Jesus in the desert. The accounts from the Gospels of Matthew and Mark end with the angels coming to support Jesus after the third temptation. But this account, the one from the Gospel of Luke which we read today ends, "When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time." He departed from him for a

time? For a time? What does that mean?

We all know from experience that temptations to be less than or to be more of what we are not called to be as Christians, stares us in the face more often than we would like: Take credit for the success even though there was a team who did most of the work. Accept the promotion which should have been offered to another person in the department. Make a decision which impacts those in our care negatively because of our foolish pride. It is only a matter of time; temptations return again and again needling us where we are weakest in our resolve to live fully our call as Christians.

Whether it is the temptation toward relevancy, popularity or power, any resolve I have to combat these is grace and is founded in my relationship with God; it is founded in prayer. And how blessed I am — how blessed we are — that when facing any temptation to be less than who we are called to be as Christians, we might call out in prayer with the beautiful rejoinder provided as today's psalm response: "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble."

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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Steve Fortino
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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.

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)
Contact Kate in the Parish Office
klynch@stteresaparish.org

For More Information About...

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