



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST. 1889

Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Third Sunday of Lent March 24, 2019

*He answered, "Here I am."
God said, "Come no nearer!
Remove the sandals from your feet,
for the place where you stand is holy
ground.*

-- Exodus 3:4-5



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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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Everyday Stewardship

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’” (LUKE13:7)

We can all be like the gardner at times. The master suggests the fig tree should be cut down, to which the gardner reacts: “Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.” Do you jump into action when the gifts God has given to you are threatened, or do you constantly cultivate the soil, caring for and stewarding, the gifts He has given to you? In what ways do you “cultivate” healthy soil at St. Teresa? In what ways can we produce event more fruit?

Everyday Stewardship

Help us reach our goal of registering 50 new givers to our automated giving platform, Give Central. If you’re not already giving automatically, this small step can make a huge impact in the ability of our parish to serve our community. Automated giving helps tremendously when vacations, weather, sporting events, and traffic jams affect our attendance. You can choose weekly or monthly contributions, in whatever amount you choose. More than half of our donors choose to give online, regularly, and consistently, and intentionally to support our mission and work.

Register at givecentral.org/location/209/event/3495

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.

In the next week or two, st-teresa.net is going to point to the new webiste. If you have any feedback, questions, or suggestions please let us know at: website@teresa.church

A Steward’s Story

I have uncovered a secret. The more time, energy and enthusiasm I give to St. Teresa’s, the more joy and satisfaction I get in return. It seems that my giving is an investment that pays dividends in happiness, friendship and contentment.

By volunteering and participating in parish life I have made many friends, shared many laughs and found that my inner life is more meaningful. Now, when asked to give or volunteer, I think about not just the impact that my work has on others but, the return on investment that I receive.

- Daniel Summins, Stewardship Committee Member

Parish Council Meeting Notes

The parish council discussed a reformation of the parish staff with some new people joining in the near future. Job descriptions will like evolve for the new roles to accommodate changes in the parish staffing structure and consideration for shared roles with our sister parishes. Father Frank is working closely with the diocese to identify the proper talent for these positions.

We will be starting a new mission with St. Benedict’s - a school with 250 students located near Englewood. As part of this mission, we will provide tutoring, scholarships, volunteer opportunities, and financial assistance. The school will be sending their choir to St. Teresa’s to perform at the 9 am and 12 am mass on May 5th.

On Sunday, March 24th, we will be doing a drive to encourage offertory increases. We ask you to thoughtfully consider if you can increase your current contribution.

We have many lent focused activities between now and Easter that we would love for you to participate in. This includes Mindful Catholic workshops, Fridays for Peace and Easter Traditions activities following Palm Sunday. The Parish Council and Father Frank also encourage everyone to make Holy Week and priority by attending all of our services including Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/ Easter Sunday.

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

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: 3-17-19

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	69
Saturday, 6:30pm Mass Attendance	62
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	185
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	180
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	140
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	636
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, 566/615; 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 3-30-19	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Mary Brennan	Luke Kolman	Kari Richardson Eric Fredericks
Saturday 3-30-19	6:30 PM	French Mass			
Sunday 3-31-19	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Anastasia Bullinger	Philip Malloy Margaret Burke Molly Malloy	Carly Johnston Jocelyn Lutkus Nancy Gerstad Rose Ohiku
Sunday 3-31-19	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alejandro Lopez	Carmen Ubides Maria Montes Stephanie Jaworski	Bert Olson Mary Stanton Aimee Jaszczor Laura Moran
Sunday 3-31-19	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Eryn Gronewoller Lector: Callie Pogge	Veronique Caffrey Christine Saddy Hanna Toohey	MINISTER NEEDED Dani Shain Carol Coffey Sharon Lindstrom

Week's Activities

Sunday, March 24
 10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality
 10:30 am, Rec/PC2, CGS + Parent Session
 4:30 pm, Rec/PC2, CGS III + Parent Session
Monday, March 25
 4:00 pm, Rec/PC2, CGS + Parent Session
Tuesday, March 26
 6:00 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
 6:00 pm, Rec, SPRED
 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, March 27
 6:30 pm, Rec4, Mindfulness: Catholic Style
Thursday, March 28
 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting
Friday, March 29
 3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes
 6:30 pm, OR-A/B, Fridays for Peace
 7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group
Saturday, March 30
 9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry
 6:30 pm, GS-PC, French Mass

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Monday: Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Abstinence

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma Tercer
Lunes: La Anunciación del Señor
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 23

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

Sunday, March 24

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

12:00 pm Georgina Garcia

6:00 pm Stephen Jones

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

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 -- **Sammy Hodges; Dareyona Smith; Deshawn Rogers; Steven Wilborn; Kevin Tucker; Joshua Remo; and Bud Clarke.**

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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The ICSJ Tot Program is the ideal transition toddlers need to begin their evolution from a home-concentrated environment to a school-based setting. In this warm, welcoming, and safe environment, children will learn and grow through play and exploration. Learn more at www.icsjschool.org/totprogram.

PARENTS AND TOTS PLEASE JOIN US FOR
A MORNING OF PLAY

Friday, March 29, 2019

— FROM —

9:00am - 10:30am

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363 W. HILL STREET

PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 15TH TO CJACOBSON@ICSJSCHOOL.ORG

****RSVPs still accepted after March 15th****

St. Vincent De Paul Lenten Events

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Music, Stillness and Solidarity Meditation

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm (Doors open at 5:30)

Pray the Rosary led by Vincentian Women

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Scripture Study with Fr. Jeremy Dixon

Fridays, 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

St. Michael's Lenten Events

Fridays, 7:00pm

Taize Prayer

Monday - Friday, 11:30am

Reconciliation at 11:30am on Monday through Friday

April 4th, 7:00pm

Human Trafficking presentation by FBI

Doors open at 6:45pm

Lenten Food Drive – all donations go to Catholic Charities

IC St. Joe's Lenten Events

Wednesdays, 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross

At Immaculate Conception Church

Mondays, 6:30pm or Tuesdays, 4:00pm

Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues Series from Word on Fire

at Immaculate Conception Church

Lenten Food Drive- all donations stock our weekly food pantry shelves

Prayers for RCIA Team/Members

Below are the names of people involved in RCIA as teachers, sponsors, volunteers, and those joining the Catholic Church this Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers during this Lenten season:

Adam Karac
Anthony Sanchez
Danielle Bowsman
Hailey Menkhus
Kevin Thavesak
Stefanie Withrow
Briar Rose Rood
Patrick Hickey

Piper Law
Sean Moran
Viviane Evanoff
Conor McCann
Craig Krzyskowski
Camille Galles
Kellie Swift

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 26th

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

LIFE COACHING

Mike Traynor is a parishioner at Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph parish in Old Town with over 40 years of business experience. Mike is offering free decision-support coaching to members of our community. This coaching is appropriate for anyone facing important decision junctures, involving either an educational, job, or career direction; or about starting or growing a business or a self-employment opportunity. Through informal one on one conversation, Mike offers objective, practical, and confidential decision input, and suggestions on ways to move forward. The objective is to facilitate well-considered decisions for future directions, with realistic implementation steps to get there. If you would like to discuss accessing this offer, please drop Mike an email at mtraynor@gmail.com

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38
Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23
Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mc 12:28-34
Sábado: Hos 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14
Domingo: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Sal 34 (33):2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

Treasures From Tradition

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Muchas naciones latinoamericanas son beneficiadas por organizaciones caritativas extranjeras. Pero estas organizaciones no siempre pueden suplir las necesidades de los pueblos latinoamericanos, por eso los obispos de Chile buscaron la manera de motivar a su pueblo para que ayude a sus propios desafortunados. En 1982 los obispos chilenos crearon una nueva práctica cuaresmal llamada la Campaña de Fraternidad. Esta Campaña se motiva en las observancias penitenciales de la oración, el ayuno y la caridad.

Esta práctica de la Iglesia chilena se basa en la tradición cristiana de las obras de caridad y la acción social. La Campaña de Fraternidad también se funda en la espiritualidad cristiana de la hermandad. Los que tienen la manera de ayudar han compartido a través de los proyectos de esta obra con jóvenes en riesgo social, madres solteras, ancianos, prisioneros, y otros grupos marginados. Esto se hace en un espíritu de mutualidad entre los hijos e hijas del creador.

Esta campaña cuaresmal nos desafía a buscar la manera de ayudar a los pobres no como personas necesitada sino como hermanas y hermanos en Cristo a los cual debemos nuestra cooperación para mejorar sus vidas. Ellos en torno son la presencia de Cristo quien se encuentra en los más pequeños de la sociedad.

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

Mid-Lent Check-In

God says to Moses, “This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The Lord, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great “I AM.” Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God’s ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today’s Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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Mitad de Cuaresma, ¡Regístrate!

Dios dice a Moisés, “Yo soy el que soy. Explícaselo así a los israelitas: ‘Yo soy’ me envía a ustedes’. El Señor, el Dios de sus antepasados, el Dios de Abraham, el Dios de Isaac, el Dios de Jacob” (Éxodo 3:14, 15). Como Jesús diría luego, Dios no es un Dios de muertos sino de vivos y así creemos que los muertos resucitarán un día. En esta tiempo, la mitad de la Cuaresma, hacemos una pausa para considerar cómo nuestro arrepentimiento nos lleva a la Resurrección, a nuestra reunión con el gran

‘Yo soy’. Parte de nuestro arrepentimiento supone trabajar para asegurar la justicia para todos y ayudar a nuestro prójimo para vivir de acuerdo a la voluntad de Dios. Nos animamos y cuidamos unos a otros; así como el jardinero compasivo del Evangelio de hoy, quien dice al dueño de la huerta que él cuidará el árbol, lo fertilizará y quizá pueda dar fruto.

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Today’s Readings

First Reading — “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them” (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor se aparece a Moisés y le indica que vaya y libere a los israelitas de su opresión en Egipto (Éxodo 3:1-8a, 13-15) o Éxodo 17:3-7.

Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]) o Salmo 95(94).

Segunda lectura — No nos quejemos. El que se sienta seguro deberá cuidarse para no caer (1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12) o Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8.

Evangelio — Si no se arrepienten, todos perecerán (Lucas 13:1-9) o Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

Divine Cultivation

What catastrophes and tragedies we encounter as we pass through life! These days, it seems they are multiplied: hurricanes, floods, volcanoes, shootings at schools and houses of worship plus accidents of all kinds. You name it — we are adversity and loss weary!

In the past more than now, people tended to think that adversities struck those who were guilty of living sinful lives. In today's Gospel, Jesus relates two calamities of his time and says, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means!" Misfortunes strike the good and the bad alike.

The fact is that life is uncertain for all. None of us has assurance about our days. When tragedy strikes or the end comes, we can be left with regrets. This is true not only about our final hour but also about sudden changes or upheavals in the course of life. How unprepared we can be! We may have serious regrets. We may want a "do-over." But that's not possible. Nevertheless, we can repent of our mistakes and sins and make a course-correction going forward.

Here we are in the midst of Lent. We can look over our lives and see where we have gone off the track, sinned, failed in some way, and decide what course-correction we need to make.

Jesus told the story of the slain Galileans and the people crushed by the Tower of Siloam to alert people to their need to be prepared at all times. He followed up with the parable of the fig tree.

Now, the fig tree in question had done nothing evil, it just hadn't done what was expected of it: bear fruit. The owner had been patient, but the tree remained barren. Another intervened on behalf of the tree: "Leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future." If we were that tree, we should be happy for the reprieve. We would have an opportunity to bear the fruit that is within us. We would also have help. The one doing the cultivating and nourishing is none other than Christ our Lord. How fortunate we are. We

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must respond fully, without delay. The gracious opportunity is ours only in the present.

Turning to the first reading from the Book of Exodus, we find God's concern for the suffering people of Israel. Though they had fallen short, God comes to them and will lead them into the promised land. For their part, the people must keep alive the memory of the one true God and follow God's precepts.

Within that Exodus story, there is an unexpected element that has an echo in the story from Luke. In Exodus, we hear that Moses is told, "The place where you stand is holy ground." In Luke, we read of the fig tree, "I shall cultivate the ground."

In our day, we are acutely aware of the sacredness of the earth, of all creation. We are rooted in the soil of creation. The second creation story says, "The Lord God formed [humans] out of the clay of the ground."

We are sacred as creatures given birth from God. The Earth we trod is likewise sacred, holy ground. The Earth is a reminder of our rootedness in the sacred — the source of our life and holiness — from which we draw nourishment to produce fruit for eternal life.

This Lent, we take stock of how well we have lived up to our call from God, the source of our being. This is the time to make a course correction — to repent of having missed the mark on our way and respond to the cultivation and nourishment provided by the divine Gardner.

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

Anna Althoff is president of the Parish Pastoral Council.
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The Parish Pastoral Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Finance Council

Justin Alden
Jack Halpin
Ray Genellie
Steve Fortino
Andrew O'Dekirk
Chris Toups

Cooper Cohen
Alexandra Vizard
Steve Kolinski
Ann Finlay
Laura Lueninghoener

Justin Alden is chair of the Parish Finance Council.
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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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Tuesdays
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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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