



# ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST. 1889

Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



## Fourth Sunday of Lent March 31, 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

**Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor**

### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française<sup>1</sup>)  
Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español<sup>2</sup>) 12 PM, 6 PM

<sup>1</sup>First & Third Saturdays <sup>2</sup>First Sundays

### **Daily Mass Schedule**

Monday — Thursday at 7:30 AM  
Friday Communion Service at 7:30 AM

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

### **Baptism Preparation**

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM (Call to register)

### **Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:30 PM  
Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM



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# Stewardship

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## Everyday Stewardship

*“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” (JOSHUA 5:12)*

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need. Have you seen God providing for you needs, even in hard times?

## 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

## 2019 Giving Appeal

Last week, Fr. Frank spoke about the need to strengthen the financial foundation of the parish so that we may continue to offer inspiring liturgies and music, and meaningful outreach programs that serve the poor, the hungry, and the lonely.

Help us reach our goal of registering 50 new givers to our automated giving platform, Give Central, and 50 increased offertory gifts. 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:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/209>

## Sign up to help during Holy Week

Stop by the gathering space following Mass to sign up for Holy Week volunteer opportunities. There are plenty of ways to be a part of this meaningful week, and opportunities for singles, couples, families and children. You can also email Rebecca for more details at [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org).

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

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## Financial Collections

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	14,636	30%	12,780	1,856	12,550	29%	2,086	16.6%
Give Central (1/1-1/31)	33,669	70%	32,864	805	30,657	71%	3,012	9.8%
Total 4 Weeks-Jan. 2019	48,305	100%	57,055	2,661	43,207	100%	5,098	11.8%
Total 4 Weeks-Jan. 2018								
Collections Offertory	14,654	31%	12,780	1,874	11,002	27%	3,652	33.2%
Give Central (2/1-2/28)	32,545	69%	32,864	(319)	29,691	73%	2,854	9.6%
Total 4 Weeks-Feb. 2019	47,199	100%	57,055	1,555	40,693	100%	6,506	16.0%
Total 4 Weeks-Feb. 2018								
Collections Offertory	123,141	30%	111,825	11,316	102,066	26%	21,075	20.6%
Give Central 7/1/18-2/28/19	281,190	70%	287,560	(6,370)	283,853	74%	(2,663)	-0.9%
Total 35 Weeks YTD	404,331	100%	399,385	4,946	385,919	100%	18,412	4.8%
* Extra Special Donations *	24,600				9,500		15,100	
Grand Total 7/1/18-2/28/19	428,931		399,385	29,546	395,419		33,512	8.5%
Christmas Collection	36,186		36,000	186	35,646		540	1.5%

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

### Sunday: 3-24-19

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	79
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	195
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	155
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	115
<b>Total Weekend Mass Attendance</b>	<b>544</b>
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 4-6-19	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Schedule TBA		
Saturday 4-7-19	6:30 PM		French Mass		
Sunday 4-7-19	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Schedule TBA		
Sunday 4-7-19	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Spanish Mass		
Sunday 4-7-19	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Schedule TBA		
Sunday 4-7-19	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Schedule TBA		

### Week's Activities

#### Sunday, March 31

10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality  
 10:30 am, Rec, CGS  
 4:30 pm, Rec, Edge & Quest  
 4:30 pm, Rec, CGS III

#### Monday, April 1

4:00 pm, Rec, CGS  
 7:00 pm, PC, Prish Council

#### Tuesday, April 2

6:00 pm, Rec, SPRED TC  
 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

#### Wednesday, April 3

5:00 pm, PC/Kitchen, Night Ministry  
 6:00 pm, Church, 1st Reconciliation  
 6:30 pm, Rec4, Mindfulness: Catholic Style  
 8:00 pm, Church, Rosary

#### Thursday, April 4

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

#### Friday, April 5

3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes  
 6:30 pm, OR-A/B, Fridays for Peace  
 7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group

#### Saturday, April 6

9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry  
 4:00 pm, Church, First Saturday Rosary  
 6:30 pm, GS-PC, French Mass

### Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent  
**Tuesday:** St. Francis of Paola  
**Thursday:** St. Isidore of Seville  
**Friday:** St. Vincent Ferrer;  
 Abstinence

**Domingo:** Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma  
**Lunes:** Día de los inocentes  
**Martes:** San Francisco de Paola  
**Jueves:** San Isidoro  
**Viernes:** San Vicente Ferrer;  
 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 lisul1@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 30**

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

**Sunday, March 31**

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

**10:30 am** Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

**12:00 pm** Georgina Garcia

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

## 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 -- **Ja'hir Gibbons; Adrian Ochoa; Javier Aponte; and Maurice Nelson.**

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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## Renew My Church

As you know, this process of renewal began over a year ago with PHASE one: the coming together of our group, comprised of St. Josaphat, St. Michael, IC/SJ, St Teresa and St Vincent. We discussed various scenarios for coming together to better share resources and ministries. PHASE two announced the five parishes would remain canonically the same but are called to a mission of EVANGELIZATION in the Lincoln Park/Old Town communities. Since no structural changes are taking place in our grouping, PHASE three and PHASE four are eliminated. We are now in PHASE five: coming together as five parishes, UNITED in the Mission of the gospel: "Go out into the world proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel."

In this next year and beyond, we are to come together as Catholic Communities of Faith, united in this mission of spreading the faith. Our staffs are being reconfigured to better help in the forming and sending out Catholics who are disciples of Jesus, empowered by their Baptism to "spread the Word," in ways that people can receive. Renew My Church is all about reinvigorating the power of our Baptism, the Sacrament that unites ALL followers of Jesus as Disciples. ALL of our liturgies, ministries, religious education of children and adults, prayer groups, the Finance and Parish Councils... the entire life and existence of the Parish... is to be on a Mission of going OUT of ourselves and INTO the world with a Message of Hope and salvation.

The five parishes are already coming together, sharing Reconciliation services, RCIA, youth ministry programs, post marriage formation, Confirmation preparation. Now we need to come together to discern how we will evangelize, going out to let the word out: the five Catholic communities are here, we want to welcome people who are searching for God and have no place to call their spiritual and religious home. Maybe there are people who have no belief in God but are searching nonetheless.

PHASE five : let's make our presence and our message known to the world outside of our parishes. Christ is sending us all out into the world to be His instruments of life and salvation. Easter is coming... what can WE... YOU...I do to let the people with whom we work, interact, encounter, know about how beautiful and important Easter is?

Peace. Fr. Frank

## Events at DePaul

### APRIL 4 (6:30pm)

"Admonishing the Sinner"

*The Catholic Church's Role in the Struggle against Metallic Mining in El Salvador*

The Catholic Church in El Salvador led the push for the March 2017 law that made this small Central American nation the first in the world to ban metallic mining. Andrew McKinley, a water and mining specialist at the Universidad Centroamericana (UCA) in San Salvador, was part of this Catholic effort and explains, in this talk, the devastating effects of metal mining and the strategies that led to passage of the 2017 law.

### APRIL 11 (6:30pm)

"Counseling the Doubtful"

*The Challenges of the Changing Religious Imagination in Latin America*

Sr. Geraldina Céspedes, OP, of Rafael Landívar University in Guatemala City, describes Latin America's changing religious landscape. Latin America is experiencing a spiritual revival and reshaping of the idea of "religion." Céspedes explores how this plays out in the Pentecostalism of daily life; the deinstitutionalization of religion; and the blending of nationalism, atheism, religiosity, and idolatry.

### MAY 3-5 (Friday-Sunday)

"World Catholicism Week 2019"

*Put Away Your Sword: Gospel Nonviolence in a Violent World (details)*

In 2017, on the 50th anniversary of the Vatican's first World Day of Peace message, Pope Francis issued the groundbreaking statement, "Nonviolence: A Style of Politics for Peace." It was perhaps the Vatican's first official statement on active nonviolence, and it raises a number of important questions for the world Church: Is God nonviolent, and does God want us to renounce violence as well? In a violent world, does nonviolence work?

## 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, April 9th**

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

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
<b>Friday:</b>	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>Saturday:</b>	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
<b>Martes:</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
<b>Jueves:</b>	Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47
<b>Viernes:</b>	Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>Sábado:</b>	Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
<b>Domingo:</b>	Is 43:16-21; Sal 126 (125):1-6; Fil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

## Treasures From Tradition

Today, “Laetare Sunday,” breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today’s Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning “spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness,” and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the “elect” were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That’s you!

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## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Cuaresma es tiempo de reconciliación por medio del perdón. En este espíritu, el Papa san Juan Pablo II pidió perdón por pecados cometidos por la Iglesia. Uno de estos pecados es la manera como América fue cristianizada.

La relación del latino con la religión católica ha sido entre buenas intenciones y antagonismos. Gracias a Dios, ¡somos cristianos! Lamentablemente, nuestro bautizo, en la mayor parte de los casos, fue en agua bendita y sangre indígena a la vez, ya que América fue evangelizada con cruz y espada. Los pobres misioneros que con fatiga, predicaron en nuestras tierras venían acompañados por hombres poderosos en busca de riquezas.

El filósofo romano-español Séneca (siglo I) afirmaba: “la religión es algo que para la persona común es verdad, para el sabio es falso y para el poderoso es útil”. A su vez, el romano-judío Pablo de Tarso declara que en Cristo, Dios ha revelado que la persona común y necia derribará la falsedad de los sabios (1 Cor 1:18-31).

El latino creyente reconoce que su fe nació del dolor de la conquista y no niega los abusos clericales, pero confía en el Evangelio reconciliador.

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



### God Forgives

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.” After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshiping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The “take-away” for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love.



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### Dios Perdona

El Señor dijo a Josué: “Hoy he quitado de encima de ustedes el oprobio de Egipto”. Después de cuarenta años de andar por el desierto, este pueblo insensible finalmente llegó a la Tierra Prometida. Ya no comerían más maná en el desierto, pero compartirían los frutos de esas nuevas tierras. Dios ha mantenido la promesa a sus padres en Egipto. A pesar de que fue un pueblo que pecó, muchas veces interrogando a Dios e incluso adorando a dioses falsos, Dios los perdonó y cumplió la promesa. El “quitar” para nosotros es que no hay pecado que no se perdona. Quizá hayamos ofendido a nuestro prójimo, dado mal ejemplo a alguien, incluso adorado a falsos dioses como dios dinero, dios poder. Pero Dios es misericordioso, verdadero a las palabras que nos ha dirigido. Dios perdona todo y nos llama de regreso al amor.

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### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].



### Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — El pueblo de Dios come de los frutos de la tierra prometida (Josué 5:9a, 10-12) ó 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Salmo** — Haz la prueba y verás qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]) o Salmo 23(22).

**Segunda lectura** — Ahora somos embajadores de Cristo (Corintios 5:17-21) o Efesios 5:8-14.

**Evangelio** — Este recibe a los pecadores y come con ellos (Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32) o Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

# Reflection

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## “A man had two sons.”

Last summer, I helped manage an internship program for 25 Catholic college students. They worked at several nonprofit agencies in Kansas City, Missouri. They worked with groups of people often described as “marginalized:” ex-prisoners, refugees, immigrants, homeless, low-income and at-risk children.

At the end of the summer, we conducted a survey of the students. One question asked, “What was one ‘take-away’ you had this summer?” One student’s answer was typical of many others: “This summer has taught me to think of people as people first and not their stereotypes.” Students admitted that they entered the program with negative stereotypes of the people they were going to work with, only to have those stereotypes shattered by summer’s end.

A good example was a student who taught English as a second language to refugees. Some of those refugees were Muslims from Somalia. A Somali Muslim refugee is about as different as one can be from a Caucasian Catholic college student from the suburbs. But by summer’s end, as the college student began to know the refugee as a person, their differences dissolved. For most of the students, the ex-prisoner, refugee or homeless person went from “one of them” to “one of us.” It was a wonderful transformation in understanding.

This Sunday’s Gospel is the parable of the prodigal son. You have heard the story so many times, you could probably tell it by heart. What you may have forgotten, though, is the context of the story.

The passage says that “tax collectors and sinners” came to hear Jesus. When the Pharisees and the scribes observed this, they began “to complain” that Jesus would hang out with these people. They had negative stereotypes of sinners and tax collectors. They were “one of them.” The Pharisees and scribes felt as different from the tax collectors and sinners as the Catholic student had initially felt about the Somali Muslim refugee.

This stereotyping and complaining about a group of

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people is what prompted Jesus to tell this parable. Interestingly enough, the entire parable, the longest one that Jesus tells, can be summed up in the first half of Jesus’ opening line: “A man had two sons.” This short, five-word phrase packs a wallop. The son who had run away, blew all his inheritance, and acted totally irresponsibly and the son who stayed home, budgeted his money, and did all that was asked of him were as different as night and day. Yet, despite their differences, they shared the same father. Though poles apart in personalities, they could not escape the fact that they were brothers. They were family. “A man had two sons.”

Let us look at other groups of people who often disdain each other: Republican and Democrat, conservative and liberal, Trump supporter and Trump hater, blacks and whites, gay and straight, rich and poor, undocumented immigrants and legal citizens.

Think of someone who is different from you. Someone that you, like the Pharisees, complain about. The next time you gripe about him or her, imagine that Jesus would say to you, “A man had two sons.”



# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

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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.

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