



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Fifth Sunday of Lent April 7, 2019

“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

-- John 8:7

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

“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.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at 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: 3-31-19

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	55
Saturday, 6:30pm Mass Attendance	63
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	195
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	185
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	125

Total Weekend Mass Attendance 623

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, 637/606; 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 4-13-19	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Lector: Eric Fredericks Sacristan: Lisa Marquez	Lisa Marquez	Nancy Gerstad Leigh Hartley
Saturday 4-13-19	6:30 PM	French Mass			
Sunday 4-14-19	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Lector: Peggy Teterycz Sacristan: <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i>	Frank Swiderski Brian Shea Christina Brodell	Ann Finlay Jamie Lutkus Manuel Marti Ellen Moiani
Sunday 4-14-19	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Lector: Raquel Bech Sacristan: <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i>	<i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Stephanie Jaslowski Alejandro Lopez	Maria Montes Deirdre Curry Bormes Kevin Ludden Alice Morales-Villenas
Sunday 4-14-19	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Lector: Doug Lovette Sacristan: <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i>	Eileen Raia Christine Saddy Alyssa Stella	Veronique Caffrey Anne Seigenthaler Carol Coffey <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i>

Week's Activities

Sunday, April 7

10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality
10:30 am, REC/PC2, CGS + Parent Session
4:30 pm, REC, Edge & Quest
4:30 pm, REC/PC2, CGS III + Parent Session

Monday, April 8

No Activities Planned

Tuesday, April 9

6:00 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
6:00 pm, REC, SPRED
6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm, PC2, Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 pm, Rec4, Mindfulness: Catholic Style
8:00 pm, Church, Rosary

Thursday, April 11

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

Friday, April 12

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

Saturday, April 13

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

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Thursday: St. Stanislaus
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: St. Martin I

Domingo: Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma
Jueves: San Estanislao
Viernes: Abstinencia
Sabado: San Martín I

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, April 6

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

Sunday, April 7

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

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 ...

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

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord 9:00am and 12:00pm

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 -- **Everado Custodio; Brandon Frazier; Amanda Boozer-Brown; Rodney Bell; Darion Strong; Raymond Hands; Eric Bowman; Jamonty Clifton; Keavith Pitts; Luis Rodriguez; and Timothy Lomax.**

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO IS HIRING

Are you seeking an opportunity to draw closer to our Lord through your work? Consider applying your professional strengths and experience at the service of sharing Christ with others. The Archdiocese of Chicago is in the midst of exciting changes as we renew our local Church. With our competitive salary and benefit packages, the archdiocese provides many opportunities for professional and personal growth and development. For the listing of current openings please visit archchicago.org/careers or follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

The Archdiocese of Chicago, pastored by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, has more than 15,000 employees that serve more than a million Catholics in Cook and Lake Counties. Our elementary and secondary schools comprise one of the largest U.S. private school systems and have garnered more U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Awards than any system of any type.



Events at DePaul

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 Thavesaeck
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.

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Martes: Nm 21:4-9; Sal 102 (101):2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Miércoles: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Jueves: Gn 17:3-9; Sal 105 (104):4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Viernes: Jer 20:10-13; Sal 18 (17):2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Sábado: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Domingo: Lc 19:28-40 (procesión); Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 (21):8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Fil 2:6-11; Lc 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

Treasures From Tradition

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a lulav, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the lulav, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the Hoshanot, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Artesanos preparan alfombras de flores y plumas de Quetzal en Guatemala para las fiestas de esta semana santa. Grupos de fieles practican su papel de personaje judío o romano para los vía crucis en México, Texas, Chicago y tantos lugares más.

Fraternidades penitenciales están preparándose espiritualmente para cargar con imágenes sagradas y pesadas por calles españolas. Muchos más están preparando sus maletas para irse a la playa o las montañas donde, probablemente, nunca recordaran el nombre de Jesús.

Estos últimos se perderán las liturgias más significativas de nuestra fe cristiana; ritos llenos de movimiento desde afuera de la Iglesia hasta adentro. Están llenos de símbolos que nos llaman a la verdad de la existencia cristiana y humana: somos personas paradójicas. Comenzamos entre los hosannas del Domingo de Ramos, pasamos por las dolorosas imágenes del Viernes Santo y terminamos entre juegos de oscuridad, fuego y agua en la Vigilia Pascual. Muchas veces honramos al Señor y tantas veces lo negamos, pero él nunca deja de llamarnos. En fin nos recuerda que la condición humana es sagrada y profana a la vez.

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



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God's Actions Now

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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Las Acciones de Dios Ahora

Cuando los judíos celebran la Pascua, ellos siempre cuentan la historia del Éxodo en términos presentes, como si ellos mismos hubieran pasado por esa experiencia: cuando fuimos prisioneros en Egipto, cuando Dios nos liberó de la esclavitud e cruzamos por las aguas del mar. Haríamos bien en seguir su ejemplo y ver las obras de Jesús y su sacrificio como

si fuera en el presente, pasándonos ahora. Creemos que las obras de Cristo, sus enseñanzas y su sacrificio en la cruz no solo fueron por sus seguidores de su tiempo, sino por todas las personas en todo tiempo. Cuando pensamos en esto en nuestras oraciones, nos hacemos una sola fe con la gran nube de testigos, los santos.

Nos hemos esforzado a través de esta Cuaresma para arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y faltas, y seguir a Jesús más cercanamente. En la historia de hoy de la mujer descubierta en adulterio, vemos a Jesús perdonar a la mujer, salvándola de una muerte horrible y exhortándola a no pecar más. Esto es nuevo y revela algo que la ley no había permitido, el perdón. Desde luego, uno después de muerto ya no puede pecar, descubierto en los pecados de uno para siempre. Pero Jesús presenta los conceptos del perdón y la reconciliación.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading — I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor hace algo nuevo para el pueblo escogido (Isaías 43:16-21) o Ezequiel 37:12-14.

Salmo — Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor (Salmo 125 [124]) o Salmo 130 (129).

Segunda lectura — El bien supremo es conocer a Jesús como Señor (Filipenses 3:8-14) o Romanos 8:8-11.

Evangelio — Que el que no tenga pecado tire la primera piedra. (Juan 8:1-11) o Juan 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

Between Justice and Mercy

The story of the woman caught in adultery gives us a glimpse into the composition of the fourth Gospel as it drew on an earlier biblical story and applied it to current issues facing the primitive church. The story recalls the lurid account of the two elders who spied on Susanna as she bathed in the garden, then accused her of adultery when she refused their lustful intentions (Daniel 13).

Some Scripture scholars say John 8 was a late addition to the Gospel to emphasize the radical mystery of God's mercy at the core of Jesus' teaching. This may have been to counter a growing legalism in the early church as it sought to become more organized and defined.

Jesus' welcome of sinners and his message of unconditional love was part of the scandal of the Gospel. Eating with tax collectors and prostitutes made him an outcast to the legal establishment and a dangerous subversive in a society that justified banishing untouchables and undesirables to the margins. In John 8, Jesus refuses to condemn the woman, but does not spare the elders holding stones from condemning themselves for their hardness of heart.

The appeal of the Gospel to the lower classes in Paul's missionary churches showed both the power of mercy for those rejected by society and the tensions this created as the community attracted higher classes of people who wanted clearer standards for membership.

Was there a debate going on the Johannine church when the story of Jesus and the adulterous woman was inserted into the text? If so, Jesus' revelation that God was love, so prevalent in the letters of John, was at stake. Legalists argued there had to be exceptions to God's unconditional love, such as for sinners so intolerable that they should be excommunicated. But again, Jesus' welcome and therefore God's love for sinners was a scandal.

In the story, the scribes and the Pharisees provide "Exhibit A" by producing a woman caught in adultery, a sin so disruptive to the stability of the family and the community that it merited ultimate expulsion, death by

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stoning under the law of Moses. It was the perfect dilemma meant to trap Jesus between the two divine names of God, Mercy and Justice.

Jesus remains silent, writing on the ground. This pause is long enough to remind the elders that the Law inscribed on stone was only a sign of the law of love that God was writing on their hearts. Jesus' words, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone," dismisses the crowd.

The contemporary value of this story and the victory of radical love in John's Gospel go to the heart of the current debate between Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia* and his ecclesial critics, who argue that too much mercy is wrecking the institution. Some sinners need to be kept out, away from the table, to distinguish them from proper members and to preserve the importance of church rules and those who administer them.

The pope's plea is that pastoral accompaniment is what is needed and is the truest expression of the radical love Jesus preached. The purpose of John 8 was to place us in the same dilemma between justice and mercy. We will resolve it only by examining our own sinful hearts to find out what they are made of and what is written on them.

Francis' insistence that he is a sinner unable to judge others is a shocking challenge to a juridical church. But it preserves a radical and unsettling revelation of God, whose unconditional love is the heart of the good news.

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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