

# THE JOURNEY

*"The feeling remains that God is on the journey too." -- St. Teresa of Avila*

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019



### Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

### Address

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### Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 5 PM + 6:30 PM (En Française<sup>1</sup>)

**Sunday** 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español<sup>2</sup>)  
12 PM, 6 PM

<sup>1</sup>First + Second Saturdays; <sup>2</sup>First Sundays

### Daily Mass Schedule

**Monday–Thursday** 7:30 AM

**Friday Communion Service** 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 7:00 PM

**Saturday** 9 AM to 12 PM

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.

## Community Ministries

If you want to serve the St. Teresa's community in our liturgies or our planning, there are many opportunities for you!

### RCIA (Rite of Christiani Initiation for Adults)

[teresa.church/rcia](http://teresa.church/rcia)

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, or helping those through that process as a companion.

### Lectors

[teresa.church/lectors](http://teresa.church/lectors)

### Eucharistic Ministers

[teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers](http://teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers)

### Pastoral Council

[teresa.church/pastoral-council](http://teresa.church/pastoral-council)

Represent the parish and help advise the pastor in our mission and vision for our community.

### Finance Council

[teresa.church/finance-council](http://teresa.church/finance-council)

Reviews financial documents and position of the parish and advise pastor and business manager on financial decisions.

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## Interested in Joining Our Parish?

Are you interested in making St. Teresa's your spiritual home? Or just want to learn more about our community? Fill out the below form and drop it in the collection basket or join online at [teresa.church/join](http://teresa.church/join).

Name

Email

Phone

Address

Ministries of Interest

In fulfilling our mission to be “Faith & Spirit. Alive.” we invite you to get involved with your family here at St. Teresa of Avila parish.

## Outreach Ministries

We have a variety of opportunities you can join to get involved and help serve our community, the Lincoln Park area, and the city of Chicago.

### Loaves and Fishes Dinner

[teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes](https://teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes)

Weekly soup kitchen feeding and sitting with people in need of a meal.

### La Posada Border Ministry

[teresa.church/border-ministry](https://teresa.church/border-ministry)

Travel to the border to help and understand those seeking asylum

## Spiritual Ministries

There are many ministries at St. Teresa's that celebrate our faith via small Christian communities, serving in our liturgies, and learning more.

### Women's Spirituality

[teresa.church/womens-spirituality](https://teresa.church/womens-spirituality)

Meets the Last Tuesday of the month to provide a supportive space for prayer and reflection;

### Men's Spirituality

[teresa.church/mens-spirituality](https://teresa.church/mens-spirituality)

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the morning to come together and discuss what it means to be a disciple.

### Food Pantry

[teresa.church/food-pantry](https://teresa.church/food-pantry)

Our parish food pantry is a welcoming, dependable source of nutritious food, respect and social contact to the needy of our community.

### Refugee Ministry

[teresa.church/refugee-ministry](https://teresa.church/refugee-ministry)

Support a family's transition to living in the United States with donations and time.

## Bible Studies/Discussion Groups

Throughout the year there are Bible studies you can join or maybe a book study with Fr. Frank. Schedules change throughout the year, so stay tuned!

### Religious Education

[teresa.church/religious-education](https://teresa.church/religious-education)

Whether it's our Montessori based Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children, EDGE Middle School ministry, QUEST High School Ministry, or SPRED Ministry for those with special needs, St. Teresa's has a wide array of programs to meet the needs of our children.

## Communauté Catholique Francophone de Chicago

[teresa.church/french-community](https://teresa.church/french-community)

St. Teresa's is home to a wonderful and vibrant French community.

## A Loaves & Fishes' Thank You

St. Teresa's sends a heartfelt thanks to Otto & Dianna Demke, owners of Gepperth's Meat Market on Halsted. This year our neighbors donated the turkeys for our holiday L & F's Thanksgiving dinner. This generous gift was in addition to their consistent donation of ground beef to the regularly scheduled L & F Friday dinners. Stop in at Gepperth's and say hello and thank you!

## Daily Prayer, Scripture, and Eucharist

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.

## Events This Week

Sunday 12/22	Monday 12/23	Tuesday 12/24	Wednesday 12/25	Thursday 12/26	Friday 12/27	Saturday 12/28
<b>Saints and Special Observances</b>						
Fourth Sunday of Advent --- Cuarto Domingo de Adviento	St. John of Kanty --- San Juan de Kety	Vigil of Christmas --- La Vigilia de Navidad	The Nativity of our Lord (Christmas) --- La Natividad del Señor	St. Stephen --- San Esteban	St. John --- San Juann	The Holy Innocents --- Los Santos Inocentes
<b>Week's Activities</b>						
10:00 am <b>DD, Sunday Hospitality</b>		3:00 pm <b>Church, Christmas Eve Family Mass</b>  7:00 pm <b>Church, Christmas Vigil Mass</b>	10:00 am <b>Church, Christmas Day Mass</b>	9:00 am <b>DD, Food Pantry Delivery &amp; Sorting</b>  9:00 am <b>OR B, Mom and Tot Group</b>	3:00 pm <b>DD, Loaves &amp; Fishes</b>  7:00 pm: <b>DD, Spanish Prayer Group</b>	9:00 am <b>DD, Food Pantry</b>

### Room Abbreviations

DD A/B- Dorothy Day Room  
(Old Parish Center)

OR A/B - Oscar Romero  
(Old Parishes Offices)

FFC - Faith Formation Center  
SFR - St. Francis Room

## Advent Reverse Calendar Coming

Next Sunday we will begin our third annual Advent Reverse Calendar grocery collection to add staples and treats to our pantry shelves. Each day during Advent you will be invited to put food or clothing listed on the calendar into a bag and to use the Scripture reference of the day to reflect on why we are invited to care for others. Bags should be returned to church by Sunday,

January 5, 2020. Thanks to the Chicago Food Depository and your donations, 60-100 women and men receive nutritious food every Saturday morning from our food pantry.

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## 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*

The Holiday season is upon us. While you may be travelling, St. Teresa's joyfully serves those in need of spiritual nourishment and the poor who benefit from 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 dip while 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, please call the parish office at (773) 528-6650.

## A Time of Your Life Thank You

St. Teresa's sends a heartfelt thanks to Neil Goltz of JAYSONS HOME for their generous donation of 32 beautiful floral centerpieces gracing the tables at this year's TOYL fund raiser. JAYSONS HOME has been a consistent participant in this annual event for over ten years, please stop in at Jaysons and let them know how much St. Teresa's appreciates their generosity.

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## St. T's is on SOCIAL MEDIA!

Made You Look! Follow Us, Post Photos and Share moments experienced at our Church. We welcome Selfie Sundays (Smile!).

Instagram: stteresaofavilachurchchicago

Twitter: @StTsChicago

Facebook: St Teresa of Avila Church

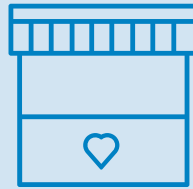
NextDoor Neighbor: St Teresa Of Avila Parish

## Parish Highlights



**27,800 Dollars**

Number of dollars given out through Avila in Action last year



**6 Organizations**

Number of ways you can get involved with Time of Your Life: Buy Tickets, Donate, and Volunteer.



**7 Percent**

Percentage of total weekly collections that goes toward Avila in Action

## Prayer + Worship



### Mass Attendance - 11/10/19

Saturday 5:00 PM	271
Sunday 9:00 AM	260
Sunday 12:00 PM	160
Sunday 6:00 PM	120

**611 Total**

Ave. Weekday Mass Attendance	<b>10</b>
Ave. Friday Communion Service Attendance	<b>5</b>
Year-To-Date Baptisms	<b>9</b>

## Financial Collections (July 2018-April 2019)

	Actual	Budget	Actual vs Budget	Previous Year	Actual vs Previous Year
Collections Offertory	\$154,496	\$140,580	\$13,916	\$128,556	\$25,940
Give Central	\$355,823	\$361,503	(\$5,681)	\$347,254	\$8,569
Special Donations	\$24,600		\$24,600	\$9,500	\$15,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$534,919</b>	<b>\$502,084</b>	<b>\$32,835</b>	<b>\$485,310</b>	<b>\$49,609</b>
Easter Collection	\$17,496	\$24,300	(\$6,804)	\$23,614	(\$6,118)

*“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” MATTHEW 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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## Your holiday shopping can promote Justice!

It's a joyful time of year - the Christmas season is full of celebrating and giving. The Peace and Social Justice Committee invites you to consider shopping mindfully this Christmas season.

“Every time you spend money you're casting a vote for the kind of world you want.” - Anna Lappy

Below are some strategies for shopping ethically this holiday season:

1. Do your research and buy from ethical companies. Shop Fair Trade or from worker-owned co-operatives. Co-operatives are organizations that are owned and run jointly by members that share its profits.
2. If you're hosting a Christmas gathering, consider services provided by co-ops. Two local co-ops you can try: Living La Fiesta Catering and LSG Cleaning Services - Contact Gabriel Lara (773) 757-8476 or gabriel@csplaction.org
3. Use the “Done Good” browser or App to discover ethical brands within your online shopping
4. Reduce waste by using alternative gift wrapping methods
5. Introduce friends to ethical brands by gifting gift cards

6. Consider donating instead of buying gifts

7. The 30 wear rule: “don't buy anything that you won't wear/use at least 30 times.” Instead, consider renting or borrowing items that you'll use infrequently.

8. Watch “The True Cost” documentary (available on Netflix) to learn more about the unsafe work conditions in the fashion industry

(<https://globein.com/blog/shop-ethically-holiday-season/>)

Did you know there is a fair trade pop up shop at Clark and Wrightwood?

2717 N Clark Street

For more info visit: [www.chicagofairtrade.org](http://www.chicagofairtrade.org)

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## Collecting Winter Clothing

Beginning the first week of Advent Dec. 1, we will be collecting items (hats, gloves) for Academy of St. Benedict students. Each week of Advent we will be collecting additional items. Please be on the lookout next week for more information!

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”*

Matthew 1:23

## Let us Pray For...

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 on the list for about three months.

Alicia Anderson	Maria de la Luz	Jr.,	Madeline Mancini	Christine Panozzo	Sara Vega
Dorothy Barns	Alex DeNoma	Les Gordon	George Maroquin	Clayton Poe	Mary Walter
Connie Beran	Sister Bernadette	Mrs. Grabarczyk	Jose Maroquin	Carol Poyner	Drew Williams
Nicholas Beran	Dixon, OCD	George Halloran	Lisa Marquez	Janette Prush	Jack Williams
Berta Billalvazo	Kim Duffy	Kellar Harris	Monica McNally	Hector J. Rivera	Valerie Williams
Henry Bira	Isabelle Eiffert	Peg Hausen	Daniel Meyer	Luis Rivera	Mae Witry
Michelle Brandt	Helen Fasano	David Ivanac	Tracy Mirabella	Pedro Rodriguez	David Zeunert
Elizabeth Brown	Jackson Fineske	Ronald Jakubec	Bill Mobley	Jeffrey Roscoe	For the intentions
Jerry Burdick	& Family	Patricia Koesters	John Monier	Denise Rosen	on our prayer
Carol Coffey	Linda Flasch	Sister M. Agatha	Elda Myers	Jane Smith	cards; for
Susan Conway	Alice Flynn	Knittig, OSB	John Paul Nelson	Will Sullivan	survivors and
Juan Cortez	Eloisa Gallegos	Krista Kutz	Angel Nieves	Mima Tome	perpetrators
Patricia Chuck	Michael Gibbons	Betty LaCour	Juan Nigo	JoAnn Jahnke	of sexual abuse
Elizabeth Ryan	Angela Goldberg	Carmen D.	Msgr. Kevin	Trainer	
Dean	Kaylee Gommel	Lorenzana	O’Neill	Elizabeth Ann	
Michael De Blasis	Bolivar Gonzales	Gabriel Lozada	Frank O’Toole	True	

## #PrayForPeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago last week:

Nathaniel Dixon; Alton Ellis; Rayshawn Finley; Tyquan Manney; Cory Neill; and Veronica Moreno.

## Pray for the Deceased

Bruce Brumfield, Judy Castelloni, Maria de Jesus Cortez, Bonnie Fuentes, Cris Haas, Nancy Hadler, Chuck Jabaley, Joyce Jaszczor, Frank Kolman, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Bernadette Rose Micinski, Mary Musolf, Ray Romero, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, Fr. Cesaire Souissa, Marianne Usiak, Alicia Villenas, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence.



## Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 PM	Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
Sunday 9:00 AM	Bill Walsh
Sunday 12:00 PM	Jorge Alberto Pena
Sunday 6:00 PM	Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

## December Baptisms

Adelaide DeWitte - 12/8/19	Collins Grace Conway- 12/15/19
Alden Troy- 12/15/19	Grace Bridget Harris - 12/28/19

## Ministry Schedule

Date	Time	Celebrant	Lector/ Sacristan	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
<b>Saturday</b> 12/28	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Lector: Luke Kolman Sacristan: Lisa Marquez	Lisa Marquez	Eric Fredericks <b>MINISTER NEEDED</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 12/29	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Lector: Elizabeth Rooney Sacristan: Frank Swiderski	Nancy Van Grinsven Nancy Gerstad Carly Johnston	Mark Van Grinsven Brian Shea Christina Brodell Frank Swiderski
<b>Sunday</b> 12/29	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Lector: Anthony Rivera Sacristan: Francisco Perez	Carmen Ubides Tyler Paul Alejandro Lopez	Mary Stanton Alice Morales-Villenas Maria Montes Kevin Ludden
<b>Sunday</b> 12/29	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Lector: Abby Greaney Sacristan: Eryn Gronewoller	Anne Seigenthaler Christine Saddy Amir Rafizadeh	Eileen Raia Sharon Lindstrom Hannah Toohey Stephanie Jaslowski

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## Parish Council

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The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and represents a cross section of the parish. Together with the Pastor, the PPC helps to craft and carry out the Mission of the Parish.

## Finance Council

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The St. Teresa Finance Council reviews the financial documents and position of the parish and advises the pastor and business manager on financial matters, including the preparation of the annual parish budget.

## Stewardship Committee

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The Stewardship Committee's goal is to foster a sense of gratefulness and response of increased sharing of gifts in the parish and communities we seek to support. We do this by creating, encouraging and communicating ideas and programs that help parishioners recognize and share their gifts.

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## Contributing to the Bulletin

Past bulletins and guidelines for submitting to the bulletin are available on our website at:

[www.teresa.church/bulletins](http://www.teresa.church/bulletins)

## 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.