

THE JOURNEY

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

The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021



Pastor

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday 10 AM - Sign Up Required
Visit teresa.church/reopening to sign up

Daily Mass Schedule

Wednesday 8:00 AM - Sign Up Required
Visit teresa.church/reopening to sign up

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 6 PM to 8:00 PM

Office Hours

Please call ahead.

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 Christian Initiation for Adults)

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

Eucharistic Ministers

teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers

Pastoral Council

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

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

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.

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

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

La Posada Border Ministry

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

Meets the last Tuesday of the month to provide a supportive space for prayer and reflection.

Men's Spirituality

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

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

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

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

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

Our Community

Call for Volunteers

Can you help? As a volunteer, you would be required to watch an overview video provided by the Archdiocese and arrive early for a Mass to receive St. Teresa specific training. You would sign up online for the dates that are convenient for you, using the same Signup interface we use to register for Mass. Even if you can only help for one or two Masses a month, we need you.

Please note that the minimum age to serve as a greeter or usher is 18, and the maximum age is 65. Teenagers, between the ages of 14 and 18 can help with clean up after Mass. Also, it is essential that anyone who volunteers is healthy and does not have other risk factors.

If you can help, please contact Jen Olson at the parish office at jolson@archchicago.org.

Spring Alpha with St. Teresa of Avila, St. Josaphat, and St. Vincent de Paul

Life is filled with big questions. Does my life have meaning? Is there more to life than my job? How do I find a community during the pandemic? Join the faith communities of St. Teresa of Avila, St. Josaphat and St. Vincent de Paul in conversations on these important questions. Alpha consists of a video and a discussion on the most important questions we ask ourselves. All sessions will be held on Zoom starting January 21 at 7 PM. All are welcome! If you come to the first session and realize that Alpha is not for you there is no pressure to come back!

Have questions? E-mail Mark Neuhengen at mneuhengen@teresa.church. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday January 20th at noon.

Sign up at <https://teresa.church/alpha>.

A Big Bag of Thanks

From the food pantry crew at St. T's! It takes 60-70 doubled bags each week and you are meeting the demand. We will continue to need doubled paper grocery bags with handles. If you have a collection that you would like to contribute, please contact mairead.reidy@yahoo.com for drop-off information. Thank you.

Financials

October 2020

Basket	\$10,591.00		
Give Central	\$40,975.00		
Total	This Year	Previous Year	Budget
	\$51,566.00	\$58,460.00	\$51,200.00
		-\$6,894.00	\$366.00

November 2020

Basket	\$8,612.00		
Give Central	\$42,699.00		
Total	This Year	Previous Year	Budget
	\$51,311.00	\$57,937.00	\$48,662.00
		-\$6,626.00	\$2,649.00

Our Community

How is your faith calling you to respond to poverty in your community?

St. Teresa's Peace and Social Justice Committee invites you to participate in a program we are running called "JustFaith-Faith and Poverty: a Solidarity Response." This program provides an opportunity to gather together (virtually) for prayer, faith sharing, and book discussion.

The eight-session program explores local poverty and introduces participants to the tips and tools they need to respond. We will explore questions such as: "why don't people in poverty just get a job?", "what are some common hurdles that people in poverty face?" and "what are some practical tools for alleviating poverty in my community?"

When: Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 for 8 weeks starting January 19th

Where: Virtually over Zoom

Cost and Materials: Participants will be sent program materials electronically over email and will be responsible for obtaining their own books used for the sessions. More information will be sent to you after signing up!

Sign up here: <https://teresa.church/justfaith>

Regular attendance to the 8 sessions is encouraged.

Questions regarding participation in JustFaith? Contact Leah Hanson- hanson.leah17@gmail.com

From Fr. Frank - The Epiphany

Epiphany is a word meaning "manifestation," a moment of deep, intuitive clarity. We all have had those moments when the dimmed light bulb suddenly burst into light, revealing something of meaning and purpose. In our Catholic tradition, the word "Epiphany" is used for three significant moments in the life of Christ, moments that revealed or manifested His divinity: the visit of the Magi, the Baptism in the Jordan and the transformation of water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana. The Epiphany mystery encompasses more than the Magi paying homage to the infant Jesus.

The Christmas season ends with the epiphany of Christ's baptism in the Jordan, the moment he entered the waters of our sinfulness and alienation. He entered the space of our brokenness in order to begin the process of healing rooted in mercy. As we leave the Christmas mystery we begin the Season of Ordinary Time which ends with Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent... foreshadowing Spring and new life.

I hope and pray the New Year brings you personal moments of "epiphany" in which some insight inspires you to see God and faith in new ways. I pray that the Renew My Church process in which we participated in for nearly two years will be resumed as we look to uniting with our neighboring parishes, sharing resources, ministries and mission. Perhaps we can create a family of parishes in the area with St. Josaphat's and St. Vincent's.

I have asked Mark, the Director of Evangelization, to begin to create relationships with other non Christian religions, allowing our parishioners and the people of other religious traditions to come together. It is my dream to create relationships with these religious communities that will be ongoing. We can't have peace with each other if we don't understand each other. The foundation of justice is to face ignorance at many levels.

As we gradually and very slowly emerge from the pandemic, there are so many reasons to have hope. St. Teresa's will most certainly bring hope to our world, as we accept new ways of being a parish.

Peace,
Fr. Frank

Mass Intentions

Ray Romero, Martha Montes and Jose Antonio Montes

December Baptisms

Vivienne Breckheimer - 1-24-2020

Pray for the Deceased

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.

Braden Ahern

Tracy Bolger

Henry Bira

Martha Dilla

Pat Koesters

Ellen Rask

Gary Schell

For the intentions on our prayer cards; for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse

Pray for the Deceased

Betty Hawkins, Gregg Kerr, Marilyn, Monica McNally, Caroline Mondschean, Rafaela Morena, Rob Vihon, Alicia Villenas, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence.

#PrayForPeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago since December 23rd:

Lyman Bates; Jim Courtney-Clarks; Mack Harris; Cyle Hemphill; Sebastian Serrano Ayala; Courtney Eshay Key; Dwayne Malette; Thomas Carter; Marc Rodgers; Latoya Funches; Xavier Quiroz (13); Mariah Thomias; Pierre Macon; Luis Perez; Albert Posey; Tramaine Hennigan; Kawanis Webb; Jorge Chavez; Jean Carlo Cobian; Alante Hands; Victor Salamanca; Larry Willis; Patrick Patterson; Mark Manning; Quinyon Norman Jr.; Vanisha Patrick; Printiss Jones; and Gerald White.

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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

Don Eldred

Chair

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.

Contributing to the Bulletin

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

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.