

THE JOURNEY

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021



Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

Address

1037 W. Armitage Ave.
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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.

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

Please help us remain financially stable by maintaining your financial commitment to the parish. Automated giving through Give Central is an easy way to ensure our collections won’t dive 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 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.

St. T’s is on SOCIAL MEDIA!

Follow St. T’s on social media. YES!-YOU...can post messages, Photos and share your St. T’s experiences.

Did you attend a recent event/gathering, perhaps learn something new while exchanging/ networking, volunteering with one of our St. T’s ministries? Don’t be shy, add a “St. T’s selfie” too!

FaceBook: St Teresa of Avila Church
 Instagram: [stteresaofavilachurchchicago](https://www.instagram.com/stteresaofavilachurchchicago)
 Twitter: @StTsChurch
 Nextdoor: St Teresa of Avila Parish

You, WE Make A Difference!

#thankyou #peacebewithyou
 #WECARE4EachOtherOurFaithOurCommunity

Financials

November 2020

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

December 2020

Basket	\$38,858.00	
Give Central	\$41,973.00	
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$80,831.00	\$95,931.00
		-\$15,100.00

A Fr. Frank Homily

Did You Know?

Since the start of the pandemic, Fr. Frank writes a homily every day (almost) and we send it out via email.

There is an entire collection you can view online. You can sign up to receive them and view old ones at <https://teresa.church/homilies>.

Below are some of them from this past week.

Homily From Tuesday, January 26, 2021 *Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops*

There is so much in life that disappoints and discourages our spirits: the sharp divisions in our country, the scandals in our churches, this pandemic and the growing irrelevance of our Catholic faith in this secular culture. Yes, there is much that weighs heavily upon our spirits. St. Paul makes it clear in the readings chosen for today's two Saints, Timothy and Titus, that we must accept trials and even persecution. Paul, himself, wrote from the inside of prison walls.

As Jesus sends out the disciples, he reminds them that he is sending them out "as lambs among the wolves," not very comforting words. But the message of Jesus is clear: we will face opposition and rejection for our faith and belief in Christ. Our faith does bring us INNER comfort, no matter what, and INNER tranquility, regardless of the outer challenges. Our faith does not, however, make any guarantees that our OUTER worlds will be peaceful and without trial. On the contrary, Jesus and Paul make it crystal clear that it isn't going to be easy, we WILL experience suffering because of our faith, but the reward that awaits us, brings an inner peace that becomes our rock.

As our patron teaches us, "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things pass away, God alone suffices." Words of wisdom as we patiently live through these trying times, as we face disappointments with resolve, as we grieve the loss of a loved one knowing we will see them again, as we witness the tragic effects of bigotry and racism, by rooting them out within our own hearts, as our Catholic faith is losing its relevance in our culture, fewer than twenty percent of Catholics practice the faith, and yet we persevere by loving the Eucharist all the more and letting people know how much our faith makes a difference...

May we always be like lambs, like the Lamb of God, not retaliating, not giving in to discouragement, not seeking vengeance, forgiving, loving each and every human being, especially the enemy, as our neighbor. In living like this, with all its difficulties, will transform us into the very Lamb of God, loving the wolves.

Peace,
Fr. Frank

Mass Intentions

Raul Roberto Montes and Dr. Patrick McCarthy

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 last week to violence in the City of Chicago:

Brandon Yates; Dwight Wesley; Cordero Thomas; Justin Reyes; Jonathan Robinson; Mondo Lee (18); David Lopez; Darryl Houston; Anthony Rice; and Ramon Gonzalez-Borrego.

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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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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.