

# THE JOURNEY

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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
March 21, 2021



## Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

## Address

1037 W. Armitage Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

773-528-6650

## Weekend Mass Schedule

**Sunday** 10 AM - Sign Up Required  
Visit [teresa.church/reopening](https://teresa.church/reopening) to sign up

## Daily Mass Schedule

**Wednesday** 8:00 AM - Sign Up Required  
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## 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](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.

# Parish Life

## 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world

I invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in your bulletin or in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of Jesus to "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world." If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online: <http://annualcatholicappeal.com>.

## 2020 Tax Letters

2020 Tax Letters will be furnished upon request.

Please call the rectory Monday-Friday 9am-4pm at 773-528-6650 and speak to Charisse or email at [cgioia@stteresaparish.org](mailto:cgioia@stteresaparish.org).

## 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: [stteresaofoavilachurchchicago](https://www.instagram.com/stteresaofoavilachurchchicago)

Twitter: @StTsChurch

## Social Justice Stations at St. Mary's

I'm writing to encourage you to attend St. Mary's Social Justice Stations of the Cross services on Friday evenings during Lent. I hope you'll find this prayer experience grounding in the justice issues of today. Each week will focus on a different issue and reflect on the stations through that lens. The themes are:

March 26: Covid-19 Pandemic

Register at:

<https://www.saintmarys.org/lent.html>

Live Stream can be accessed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintMaryOfTheLake>

# Financials

## December 2020

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

## January 2021

<b>Basket</b>	\$40,597.00	
<b>Give Central</b>	\$36,538.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
	\$77,135.00	\$54,484.00
		\$22,651.00

# A Letter From Fr. Frank

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## A Letter From Fr. Frank Regarding the Vatican's Announcement Regarding Blessings for Same Sex Couples

I know that the recent pronouncement from the Vatican stating the impossibility of blessing same sex unions in the Catholic Church may have come as a surprise. The reason for this teaching is nothing new: that the church can only recognize marriages between a man and a woman open to life. A "civil union" tries to parallel marriage, something which only adds to confusion, says the statement, in so many words.

The statement is a disappointment to countless individuals, sowing further seeds of anger and frustration. I recognize the pain so many are feeling after learning of this recent pronouncement signed by Pope Francis. I promise I will do everything I possibly can, as your pastor, to continue to speak out against any form of discrimination. And I will always support the LGBTQ community as I work to establish a ministry of support in our parish. My heart goes out to anyone who will feel even more excluded by our church after learning about this statement.

While this teaching is nothing new, since most people are aware that the Church teaches that human sexuality can only be expressed in a heterosexual marriage, I thought there might be at least some dialogue and input before issuing a statement like this. Being blindsided is never helpful in trying to give some perspective to challenging teachings. I never expected the church to change its teachings, just to listen to other voices, perhaps coming up with something that might be workable and a step forward. We must help people who are struggling with their sexuality in such a way that their dignity is affirmed in no uncertain terms. I am deeply concerned for our young Catholics, who need all the support they can get, as they work through how their identities will be expressed in a way true to who they are.

Easter is fast approaching, a Feast of joy and new life. We will gather as a parish of welcome to ALL God's people, no exceptions, as we celebrate our God who is Love. God so loved us that he gave us the gift of His only Son, who entered all of our lives, suffered and died for us, only to Rise forth from that tomb. Christ, our Risen Lord, did all of this out of love. Where there is love, there is God. To all my LGBTQ parishioners and non- parishioners, my heart is with you. May we have the courage to rise forth from disappointment and disillusionment and be witnesses of God's love...without condition.

Peace,  
Fr. Frank

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## Easter Schedule

April 1st Holy Thursday - 7pm

April 2nd Good Friday- 7pm

April 3rd Easter Vigil- 7pm

April 4th Easter Sunday- 10am and 12pm

Please go to <https://teresa.church> and click on the "Register" button next to "Holy Week Services" if you attend.

## Mass Intentions

Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila living and deceased

## Upcoming Mass Schedule

Sunday, 3/28 10am - Fr. Frank

Sunday, 3/28 6pm - Fr. Frank

## March Baptisms

None Scheduled

## Easter Schedule

April 1st Holy Thursday - 7pm

April 2nd Good Friday- 7pm

April 3rd Easter Vigil- 7pm

April 4th Easter Sunday- 10am and 12pm

## 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:

Davonte Williams; Anthony Debruce; Arturo Alfora-Mateo; Lomante Barnes; Rayneesha Dotson; Lionel Darling; Gino Collins; Merlyn McCallister.



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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

**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

**Dan Summins**

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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.