

THE JOURNEY

“Truth suffers, but never dies.” - St Teresa of Avila

First Sunday Of Advent

November 27, 2022



Pastor

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 6 PM French Mass

Sunday 10 AM, 12 PM, 6 PM

Daily Mass Schedule

Wednesday- 8:00AM

Friday Communion Service

Friday- 8:00AM

Baptism, Reconciliation, Anointing

Please call the office to arrange or email
cgioia@stteraparish.org

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays- 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Office Hours

Weekdays: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

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“St. Teresa of Avila Parish is an engaged community rooted in the beauty of the Eucharist and our Catholic faith. We want to make a difference in the lives of the people, especially those who are searching to discover how much God loves them and is calling them to join in the Mission of Christ to live His Gospel. We do so by welcoming people of all backgrounds and cultures in our parish, respecting their desires and questions, crossing borders and learning from those we encounter. You are welcomed to join in the Mission of building bridges and sharing the Good News of Christ.”

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](#)

Email eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com for more information.

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Pastoral Council

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

Finance Council

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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

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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.

Welcome the Stranger

Join with parishioners from St. Teresa of Avila, St. Josaphat and others in the Lincoln Park Community to support a refugee family's journey in Chicago. Please fill out this link and we will add you to our updates and emails! <https://bit.ly/welcomethestrangerLP>. Additionally, if you would like to work directly with a refugee family, you can sign up at any time for a 3 hour Engaging with Refugees: Cross-Cultural Training <https://exodusworldservice.org/register/>.

Night Ministry

Support our partnership with The Night Ministry by providing sack suppers to the homeless. Participation is easy and safe! For more information and to sign up, please contact Susan Matejka at smatejka@hpschicago.com.

Loaves and Fishes Dinner

teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes

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

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 virtually every Tuesdays at 7am to come together and discuss what it means to be a disciple. Email cdeanhockey@gmail.com to get the link and join.

La Posada Border Ministry

teresa.church/border-ministry

Travel to the border to help and understand those seeking asylum.

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.

Care for Creation Ministry

teresa.church/care-for-creation

Our mission, an authentic social and moral commitment, is to educate and inspire our parish to accept the health of the planet and all creation as a personal and communal responsibility, thereby instilling a desire to make choices that result in actions for the stewardship of God's creation.

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.

This Sunday's Readings:

First Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

Second Reading:

Romans 13:11-14

Be prepared, salvation is near.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared, Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

Baptism:



Feasts and Saints:

11/30- St. Andrew, Apostle

12/3- St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Food Pantry Needs Bags:

In an attempt to reduce the use of plastic bags, the Food Pantry is always in great need of DOUBLED PAPER GROCERY BAGS WITH HANDLES. If you have a collection that you would like to contribute, please drop it off at the parish office or at the pantry. Thank You

Financials

August 2022

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| Basket | \$14,503.00 | |
| Give Central | \$39,911.00 | |
| Total | This Year | Previous Year |
| | \$54,414.00 | \$55,489.00 |
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| Sept 2022 | | |
| Basket | 6,789 | 6,074 |
| Give Central | 34,886 | 34,741 |
| Total | This Year | Previous Year |
| | \$41,675 | \$40,815 |
| | | \$860 |

Parish Life

From Fr. Frank:

Creating Beauty: Our Bell Tower

Faith speak through beauty, literally! A work of art, a painting, a piece of music, novels, stories, preaching, teaching, baking, cooking, writing.... These are all expressions of beauty that nurture and deepen faith.

A Vincentian Brother has been working with students from DePaul trying to create beauty in the form of murals painting on the thick, concrete columns supporting the EL tracks at the Fullerton Ave station. The murals were designed to reflect the various influences and movements associated with Chicago and DePaul. They spent years on this project. Viewing it speaks faith.

You can allow your faith to be expressed in countless ways, but beauty, bringing beauty into the world, is one of the surest ways. And beauty comes in an unlimited number of ways. EVERY human being can be an “artist” if we only see ourselves as co-creators with God in building the Kingdom.

We are bearers of beauty when we see in our actions, our families, our work...ways of expressing our love of God.

Our parish has the opportunity of creating beauty through carefully prepared meals for the hungry, creating initiatives to care for God’s Creation, every Liturgy we celebrate is an act and celebration of beauty.

One dream I have had since I became pastor is to make our church building, particularly the Bell Tower, speak beauty. Most people walking by will naturally see the outer walls and the spaces surrounding the church building. Several years ago, while we were renovating the church, I spoke with that Brother about creating a mural of beauty on the large grey wall of the Bell Tower that faces Kenmore Ave. I shelved the idea and focused on the interior of the church.

Perhaps now is the time to revisit the possibility of creating a mural of beauty on that wall, so that when you see it, it won’t be just a huge grey wall. That wall can speak our faith. It can speak our mission. It can speak of the glory of God’s Creation. Just a thought to plant a small seed of beauty.



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Angel Tree:

This year we will have an Angel Tree, residents from the Little Sisters of the Poor will write down what they would like for a Christmas gift on an Angel ornament that will be placed on a tree in the church just in time for Thanksgiving. We ask you take an angel ornament and return the wrapped gift tagged with the name and room number to the rectory office by Friday, December 9th.

Thank You!



Welcome Babies:

THANK YOU to all those who contributed baby items and financial support to Busha and her husband, the newly arrived Syrian family. On October 15 they welcomed Ella, a beautiful baby girl. All are doing well. Catholic Charities has asked us to lend help to Tahera and her husband Yama, also from Syria, who will welcome a baby in January.

They are in need of:

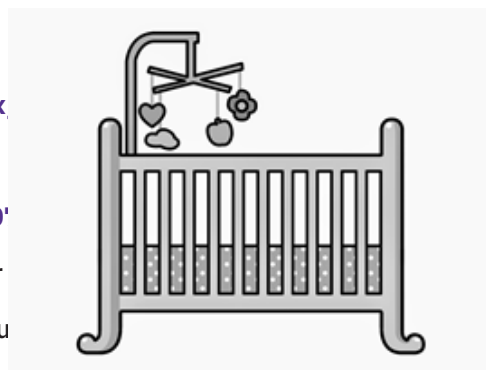
A baby dresser similar to this one on Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07B7K9Y51psc=1&ref=ppx>

A gently used bedside crib similar to this one on Amazon:

[amazon.com/Mika-Micky-Bedside-Sleeper-Portable/dp/B07B7K9Y51psc=1&ref=ppx](https://www.amazon.com/Mika-Micky-Bedside-Sleeper-Portable/dp/B07B7K9Y51psc=1&ref=ppx)

Please contact Mairead Reidy (mairead.reidy@yahoo.com) or (genevag@hotmail.com) if you have any questions. Thank you feel welcomed and supported in their new country.



Parish Life

SEASON OF ADVENT

1. When does advent begin and end?

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. The first Sunday of Advent is the start of each new Church year.

2. What is it for?

The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means 'coming' or 'visit'.

During this time we connect with the longing and expectant waiting of the Jewish people as they prepared for the advent of the Messiah. We also look forward with similar longing and expectancy to the second advent of Christ that we have been promised.

The Catechism points out both meanings

"When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming."

3. Has it always been celebrated by Catholics?

The Advent tradition has evolved in the life of the Church. There was an early form in Europe, as a period of preparation for the Feast of the Epiphany when converts were traditionally baptised. Like Lent, it had an emphasis on prayer and fasting. A similar practice spread to England.

In Rome, the Advent preparation seems to have appeared in the sixth century, judging from homilies by Pope St Gregory the Great. Over time it became more closely linked to Christmas. At one stage there were five Advent Sundays until Pope Gregory VII (pope from 1073-1088) reduced the number to four.

4. What are the colours of advent?

Advent colours are purple and rose. At Mass the priest's vestments, altar cloths, and Advent candles are purple, except for the third Sunday of the season, Gaudete Sunday, when the colour is rose, for joy. There is also a white candle for Christmas Day itself, usually in the middle of the Advent wreath.



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THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you everyone who contributed to this year's Together in Joy Gala. To those who donated - your generosity is a blessing to this parish and to the community it serves. To those who attended the gala - your presence was a gift and made the event truly memorable. To everyone, your participation and involvement with St. Teresa of Avila is what makes this Parish special, vibrant, important, and a home for so many people. Thank you.

A separate, special thank you to the TIJ Committee and all those who helped us pull this year's fundraiser together. We are so grateful for your time and talents and hope to see you again next year! Please keep this committee in mind when considering your stewardship opportunities in 2023. I promise we're a fun group!



Advent Wreath at Home:

Whether you are starting from scratch or just need a new set of candles, we have Advent wreath materials available in the Parish Center after the Masses this weekend.



Prayer

Mass Intentions

10AM - Rita Van Grinsven (D)

12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

6 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

Let Us Pray For: The Sick, The Deceased and Peace in Our World:

We pray for everyone who suffers from illness of mind or body.

We pray for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse.

We pray for those who have passed away.

We pray for peace in our city and around the world.

We pray for the intentions on our prayer cards.

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Sunday 12/4 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 12/4 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 12/4 6pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday Funday: November 27th

National Bavarian Cream Pie Day

National Electric Guitar Day

National Pins And Needles Day

Pie in The Face Day

1924-Macy's department store held its first Thanksgiving Day parade down a two-mile stretch of Broadway in New York City.

2004-Pope John Paul II returned the relics of Saint John Chrysostom to the Eastern Orthodox Church.



On the Lighter Side: Directions

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right." The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town, and I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle, "Awww, come on, you don't even know the way to the post office!"



Around the Parish:

Greenery Sale

We are happy to announce that St. Teresa's will be having it's annual Greenery Sale the weekend of December 3rd and 4th after all masses. We will be selling fresh Wreaths, Swags, and Mini Centerpieces. Quantities are limited so they are sold on a first come, first serve basis. The sale will be held in the gathering space after mass. Cash or check are appreciated. For those who have already placed their pre-orders or any specialty orders, those items will be available for pick up as well during this time. All proceeds to to St. Teresa's and assist in decorating our church for Christmas.



Give a Gift of Love for the Holidays:

To your loved ones who are unable to come to Church to receive The Bread of Love and Life at Mass. If you have Catholic parents, relatives, friends or maybe a neighbor suggest, invite or ask them if they would like to receive The Eucharist for the Holidays in their home? If yes please call St. Teresa of Avila Office at 773-528-6650 for a Minister of Care to visit with them. (Disciple work)

Holy Name Cathedral will begin trainging Lay Personnal for ministries of care at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. For more information call Ms. Lori Doyle at 312-787-8040 or text ldoyle@holynamecathedral.org or ask for Mechell Sotak.



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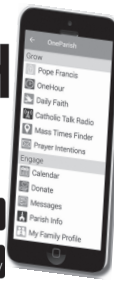
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Stewardship Committee

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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

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You can also contact the Office of Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) at 312.534.5254.