

# THE JOURNEY

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

## Second Sunday Of Advent

December 4, 2022



### Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

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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](mailto:cgioia@stteraparish.org)

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesdays**- 6 PM to 7:30 PM

### Office Hours

**Weekdays**: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

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

“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

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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](https://teresa.church/join).

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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](mailto:smatejka@hpschicago.com).

### 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.

## 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 virtually every Tuesdays at 7am to come together and discuss what it means to be a disciple. Email [cdeanhockey@gmail.com](mailto:cdeanhockey@gmail.com) to get the link and join.

### La Posada Border Ministry

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

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

### 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.

### Care for Creation Ministry

[teresa.church/care-for-creation](https://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](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.

This Sunday’s Readings:

First Reading:  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
A descendent of Jesse will usher in a time of peace.  
Second Reading:  
Romans 15:4-9  
Both Jews and Gentiles glorify God for the salvation found in Christ Jesus.  
Gospel Reading:  
Matthew 3:1-12  
John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.

Feasts and Saints:

- 12/6- St. Nicholas, Bishop
- 12/7- St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 12/8- The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
- 12/9- St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoztzin

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

Food Pantry Christmas Request:

The Food Pantry would welcome donations of packaged Christmas cookies which will be used in Christmas bags for our Food Pantry guests. Baskets will be provided in church for donations. Thank you for always responding generously to requests to help those in need.



Financials

August 2022

Basket	\$14,503.00	
Give Central	\$39,911.00	
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$54,414.00	\$55,489.00
		-\$1,075.00

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

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## From Fr. Frank:

“Just say the word, any my servant will be healed. “These words are spoken by the centurion to Jesus after asking him to heal a servant who is very ill. Jesus wants to physically go to the house of this centurion, but this very centurion speaks the same words we say before receiving Holy Communion: “I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof...”

Just say the word. Words are powerful. Words can cause healing. Words can bring joy. Words can forgive or express sorrow. Words speak vows and promises. Words speak peace.

But words can also speak bitterness. Words can cause division. Words can incite to violence. Words can be harsh and judgemental. Words can demean and bully.

Choose your words carefully.

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## The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary:

There will be a Mass to Celebrate on Thursday December 8th, 2022 at 7pm

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## Our Lady of Guadalupe:

We will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe next Sunday-

December 11th, 2022 at the 10am mass. All are welcome to join us for a potluck hospitality hosted by fellow parishioner Maria Montes.



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## Christmas Gifts at The Little Sisters of The Poor:

THANK YOU! THANK YOU ! THANK YOU!

My heart nearly burst when I walked into the church this past Monday morning after the long Thanksgiving weeked. I walked up the the tree holding the "Angel" ornaments and I could not find one angel left!

On Saturday December 10th at 9:30am those gifts will be brought to the Little Sisters of the Poor for distribution to the residents. We also would like to bring some special gifts to the sisters. When asked what they need it is always things to help others like batteries , gas cards and stamps. If you would like to donate any ot those items that would be wonderful.

We ask that all gifts be wrapped and tagged with the resident's name and room number and any donations please be returned to the rectory office by Friday, December 9th.



## 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:

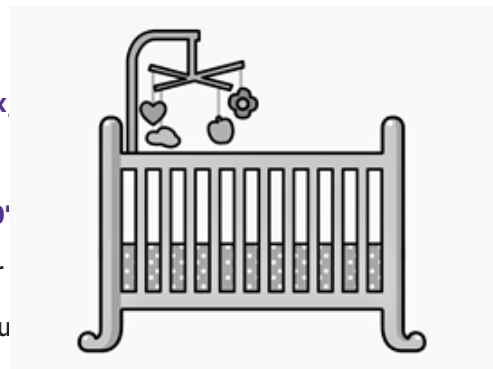
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07B7K9Y51psc=1&ref=ppx>

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

The first advent candle ("The Prophet's Candle") is purple and represents hope. The second advent candle ("The Bethlehem Candle") is also purple and represents peace. In some traditions, the second candle and the fourth one ("The Angel's Candle," representing love) may be interchanged.

Each advent candle has some special meaning behind it and presents an opportunity to think about the Christmas season in a new way. The Second Week of Advent is the week of Peace. This verse tells us that Jesus came to be the Prince of Peace. The word peace is the Hebrew word shalom which means completeness or well being. Jesus did not come just to end wars, but to make us complete by saving us from our sinfulness.

### A Prayer for Faith on the Second Sunday of Advent

Lord Jesus, we are all tempted to live without peace. It is not easy for us to remember that our peace is ultimately found in our status as believers, like your children. Help us to see the times when we have lived without peace and forgive us for our transgression. Set our minds on you, that we may remember you are the prince of peace, and our security comes from you alone. Teach us that this peace is inward, everlasting, and can exist regardless of our circumstances. In whatever way you believe is best, teach us how to live in that peace every day. We ask for that in your holy name, Amen.



### 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.

## Parish Life



**Please Join Us On Sunday December 18th, 2022 after the 10am Mass**

**Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there !**

**Bring your Camera**

**We hope to see YOU there**





# Prayer

## Mass Intentions

10AM - Mary Ellen Alexander (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 12/11 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 12/11 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 12/11 6pm- Fr. Frank

## Sunday Funday: December 4th

National Cookie Day and Santa's List Day

1872-The US ship Mary Celeste was found, in good condition, but with no one aboard, in the Atlantic Ocean.  
#mystery

1981-Falcon Crest premiered on CBS.



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## On the Lighter Side: My Dad's Job

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. "The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50." The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100. Little Johnny says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"



## Around the Parish:

# HO HO HO MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Not everyone feels jolly or happy during the holidays. They can be a busy and stressful time filled with many challenges.

If you would like fellowship and prayer please join us on:

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Time: 7:00- 8:30 pm

Where: St. Teresa of Avila Oscar Romero Room



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## 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 training Lay Personnel for ministries of care at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. For more information call Ms. Lori Doyle at 312-787-8040 or text [ldoyle@holynamecathedral.org](mailto:ldoyle@holynamecathedral.org) or ask for Mechell Sotak.



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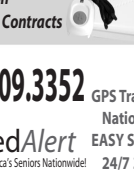
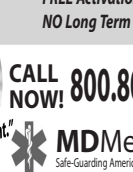
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## Parish Council

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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**

Chair

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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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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.