

THE JOURNEY

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

Third Sunday Of Advent
December 11, 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

“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

[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

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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 35:1-6,10

In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

Second Reading:

James 5:7-10

Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

Feasts and Saints:

12/12- Our Lady of Guadalupe

12/13- St. Lucy , Virgin and Martyr

12/14- St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

September 2022

Basket	\$6,789.00	
Give Central	\$34,886.00	
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$41,675.00	\$40,815.00
		\$860.00

October 2022

Basket	\$21,536.00	
Give Central	\$34,775.00	
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$56,311.00	\$49,564.00
		\$6,747.00

Parish Life

From Fr. Frank:

No one wants to be controlled, whether it be by a spouse, close friend or family member. The source of so many problems in marriages, families, and even in our day to day relationships with co-workers and neighbors is the need to control how one thinks, acts or believes.

A church or religion can easily exhibit behavior of control when it tries to compel the faithful to obey certain dictates or teachings by threatening sin or excommunication. Those in power seem to be prone to want to control. The religious leaders who surrounded Jesus were threatened by his teaching that all are loved by God and the foreigner is frequently the one who is closer to salvation than those very leaders who think they have all the answers.

In today's gospel, those in power despised Jesus saying to a man who was unable to walk, lying before him on a stretcher, "Your sins are forgiven." Jesus was responding to the faith of those who were so determined to bring this disabled man to him, that they cut a hole in the roof of the house in which he was teaching and lowered the man on the stretcher so that Jesus might heal him.

But he doesn't heal the physical disability first, he forgives the man his sins, far more significant. Jesus was restoring the man's inner dignity which had nothing to do with whether he could walk or not.

If he can cause the man to be healed of his physical disability, why couldn't he be able to forgive his sins? And so Jesus does just that, commanding the man to "rise" from his stretcher. The power that emanated from Jesus could not be controlled.

Jesus couldn't be controlled, to the consternation of those in authority. No one can control God's mercy and forgiveness. Even the church...

Advent Reconciliation Service

A wonderful way to prepare for Christmas is to celebrate the Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All parishioners of St. Teresa's are invited to this service of Reconciliation on Thursday December 15th at 6:30pm, at St. Michael's in Old Town. There will be a prayer service and an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament individually with one of the area priests.

All are Welcome

Parish Life

One Parish One Prisoner (OPOP) - Call for Christmas Cards for Robert and Stephen:

Need by Sunday December 18th

As you know, One Parish One Prisoner (OPOP) is working with Robert and Stephen to re-enter society from years of imprisonment. They do not get a lot of mail which is treasured by them. This year, we are asking parishioners to write a Christmas card to them. The card should be very simple. Just a simple message of Christmas and signing your name is all that is needed. All cards cannot have any glitter or anything affixed to them or they will be rejected. Also, please do not seal the envelope. We need your cards by Sunday, December 18. All you have to do is drop the card in the collection basket at any Mass you attend or drop it off at the rectory. What better way to spread Christmas joy!

Thanks and Merry Christmas from the St. Teresa OPOP Team.

Please enjoy the artwork which was drawn by our friend, Robert



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/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

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." We light the rose-colored candle on our Advent wreath along with the first two.

It is the Shepherds' candle, reminding that God sent the angels to proclaim His arrival to common man and that He still uses ordinary people today to spread the good news of Christ.

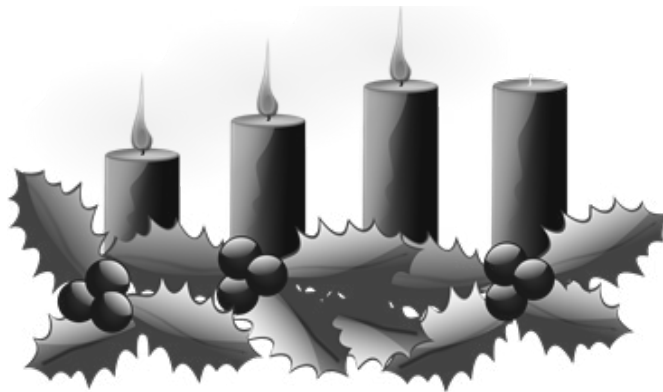
The theme of readings and teachings during Advent is often to prepare for the Second Coming while commemorating the First Coming of Christ at Christmas.

Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday,

Station with San Pietro in Vaticano (St. Peter's in the Vatican):

The Station is at St. Peter's in the Vatican. After the two great basilicas chosen for the first and for the second Sunday in Advent, we come to St. Peter's in the Vatican, a church which shares with the Lateran the chief feasts of the year. It was selected as the station for today, because on this Sunday occurred the final scrutiny or examination of those candidates preparing for the Ordinations usually held on Ember Saturday in December.

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



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 - Elizabeth Macintyre (D) and Our Lady of Guadalupe

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 12/18 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 12/18 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 12/18 6pm- Fr. Udovic

Fun Facts December 11th-

Holiday Food Drive for Needy Animals Day, Kaleidoscope Day, and National Have a Bagel Day

1911-In Stockholm, Sweden, Marie Curie became the first person to be awarded a second Nobel prize.

1946-UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) was founded.

1981-Muhammad Ali fought his 61st and final fight to Trevor Berbick.



On the Lighter Side: A Memorial

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex." "Good morning pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor McGwire, what is this?" Alex asked. "Well, son, its a memorial to the men and women who died in the service. "Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 8:45 or the 11:00?"



Around the Parish:

HO HO HO MERRY CHRISTMAS

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



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 or ask for Mechell Sotak.



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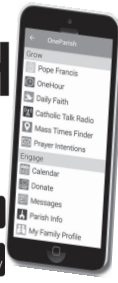
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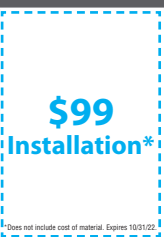
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Stewardship Committee

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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

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.