

# THE JOURNEY

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

The Third Sunday of Lent  
March 3, 2024



## Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

## Address

1037 W. Armitage Ave.  
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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** - 8:00AM Communion Service

## 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

“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](http://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](http://teresa.church/lectors)

Email [eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com](mailto:eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com) for more information.

### Eucharistic Ministers

[teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers](http://teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers)

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### Pastoral Council

[teresa.church/pastoral-council](http://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](http://teresa.church/finance-council)

Reviews financial documents and position of the parish and advise pastor and business manager on financial decisions.

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## 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](http://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.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

## 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 Shephard 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: Exodus 20:1-17 (or shorter form, Exodus 20:1-3,7-8,12-17)

Moses is given the Ten Commandments.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul preaches Christ crucified to the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-25

Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.

## Feasts and Saints:

3/4- St. Casimir

3/7- Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

3/8- St. John of God, Religious

3/9- St. Frances of Rome, Religious



## Financials: January 2024

	FY24	FY23
Basket/Mail In:	25,275	19,653
Give Central:	45,943	38,166
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$71,218	\$57,819
	\$13,399	

## Reflections for Today:

Reflect on what aspects of your life distract you during Mass. Are these distractions rooted in daily worries, preoccupations with work or relationships, or perhaps the allure of technology and social media? How do these distractions impact your ability to engage with the liturgy and the Eucharist? Consider practical steps you can take to minimize these distractions, such as turning off your phone or practicing mindfulness before Mass begins, to enhance your focus and participation in the celebration.

# Reflection

## Stewardship:

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

## January Weekly:



# Parish Life

## From Fr. Frank:

I'm staying in the isle of Murano, Venice, where they are famous for making all sorts of crystal/glass creations through the art of glass blowing. One of my uncles made his living as a glass blower back in the day. I decided to take a walk beyond the tourists and crowds to actual neighborhoods of ordinary people living their lives, "far from the madding crowds." The journey was an eye opener that revealed a hidden presence that so few see or care to see.

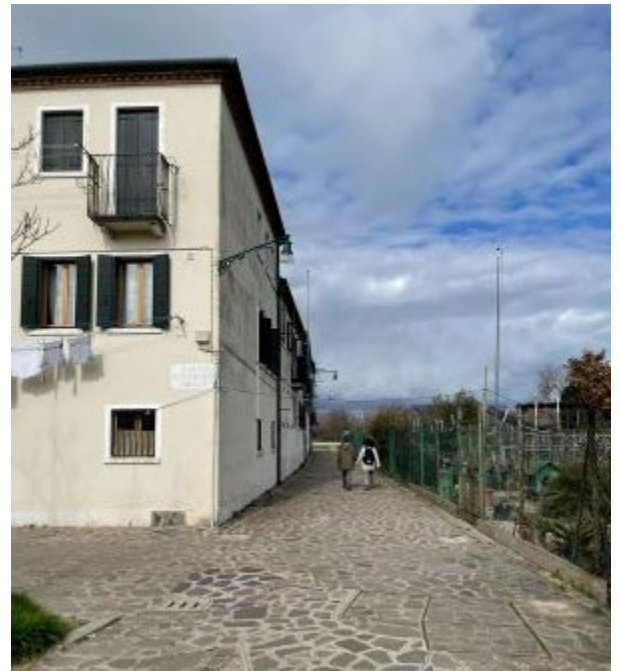
I saw what looked like row-house developments, the wash hanging outdoors, a soccer field of sorts, individuals pruning gardens, the sound of music emanating from open windows. Life. It was clear that these residents were struggling economically, with a number of vacated buildings and the neighborhood looking tired. What I witnessed was a hidden life beyond what could be seen where the tourists shop and eat. Appearances are deceiving.

Jesus revealed a hidden reality, not seen by the human eye but became visible on a mountain of transformation. He appeared to Peter, James and John in all His divine glory. But they couldn't stay on this mountain of glory, they were called to walk back down that mountain and into ordinary life that many don't see or do everything to avoid experiencing: ordinary life!! We create constant distractions and frenetic activities that prevent us from going deeper within. Our culture despises solitude and silence, perhaps because our values may actually change how we live.

What transfigures us and our spirits is not only moments of joy and joy but those that move the conscience to see realities that remind us of the countless people barely being able to make ends meet. I let the environment surround me as I acknowledged a bit of sadness in my spirit.

But I made my way back into the crowds, the sadness giving way to hope, a hope rooted in these many hidden souls.

This experience, while not on a mountaintop, left me feeling grateful for these people and their ordinary lives. They gave me a treasure, a gift, to want to return from this mountaintop sabbatical time and into ordinary life. Chicago. St. Teresa's. Life. Christ.



## Lenten Refugee Project:

During this Lent, we ask that you considering supporting our refugee program. St. Teresa's partners with Exodus and assists in welcoming families who are coming into the United States for the first time, and we are helping to build a Welcome Pack for a handful of families. These Welcome Packs are basic household items to help set up an apartment when they first arrive. The refugees are very limited with what they bring into this country, so we help to provide basics for the kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom. All items must be new.

In order to collect these items, we had a wooden cross in the front of church with nails and items tagged to those nails. If you took a nail with a tag, we kindly ask that you purchase the items and return them to church by Sunday, March 17th. There will be bins located around the cross where you can return the item too.

If you did not grab a nail and want to contribute, below is a QR code that links to an Amazon Registry. Items purchased from this link will be shipped directly to the rectory.

Our goal is to complete the drive before Palm Sunday so we can be prepared to welcome families in the Easter Season.

Any questions, please reach out to Kristen Castelloni [kristen@rlcanning.com](mailto:kristen@rlcanning.com).



## Lenten Tuesday Evenings:

Please join us each Tuesday evening during Lent from 6:00-7:30pm for Adoration, Confession and Soup in the Parish Center.

### Tuesday March 5th- Bean/Lentil Soup

If you would like to make soup to share there are sign up sheets in the back of the church.



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## Friday Morning Communion Service:

Please join on Friday morning's at 8am.

If you would LOVE to receive the body of Christ not just once or twice but three times a week for Lent, then you have the start of making a very Spiritual , Holy Lent.

Remember you are what you eat, so fill up with Christ.

P.S. Bring a Friend

Please contact the parish office to request a home visit with a minister of care to bring the Eucharist to you.

## From Mark:

On February 25, Jay and Sarah, who are among a few people at St. Teresa preparing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, attended the Rite of Election at Holy Name Cathedral.

This is a special moment in their preparation where they, along with folks from all around the diocese, present themselves to the Bishop and the wider Catholic community as people willing to enter the church. St. Teresa offers our RCIA program year round.

If you are interested in starting your discipleship journey with us at St. Teresa, reach out to Mark Neuhengen at [mneuhengen@teresa.church](mailto:mneuhengen@teresa.church).



## Liturgical Minister Training:

Have you ever considered becoming more involved in liturgy by serving as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister at Mass?

We have opportunities available for both ministries and we would welcome your getting involved in these unique roles in the liturgical life of St. Teresa of Avila.

Service in these ministries will deepen your faith and help you grow in your love of the Lord.

To serve as a Lector, all that is required is a deep love of the Word of God and a desire to serve God's people. Likewise, to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, all you need is a deep love of the Eucharist and a desire to serve.

We will train you and teach you all you need to know.

Please prayerfully consider serving your parish in these very important ministries.

If you are interested in serving, please email Eric Fredericks at [eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com](mailto:eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com).

Eric will be organizing training sessions in April and he will coordinate with you on scheduling.

Thank you for considering participating in our liturgies in these very important ministries!

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## Annual Catholic Appeal:

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's annual appeal!

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## Bible Education: Returns January 7th, 2024

“A Biblical Walk Through The Mass” Join us, on Sunday at 8:50 – 9:50 am OR 4:40 – 5:40 pm, as we explore the rich biblical roots of the Liturgy and learn what our words, gestures, and rituals mean and why it all matters. Sign Up or Questions? Email Debbie at [dbichimer@gmail.com](mailto:dbichimer@gmail.com)

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## Join Us For Hospitality

After the 10am and 6pm Mass

This is a wonderful way to catch up and visit with fellow parishioners as well as meeting new ones and getting to know each other! If you would be interested in hosting a Sunday after the 10am Mass here is the link to sign up-

<https://signup.com/go/uwfqUZN>

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## Food Pantry

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. Please drop off at the parish office or at the pantry. Help our Food Pantry by donating cans of HEARTY SOUP or BOXES OF CEREAL. Please bring to Mass each week to be Presented during The Presentation of the Gifts. Note: We only ask for soup and cereal as most items needed come from the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Thank You!



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## Loaves and Fishes:

Hello St Teresa Parishioners,

As the weather turns colder our Loaves and Fishes Ministry is looking for any new and gently worn coats for our guests. Men's large and x large are in the highest demand and the warmer the better!

Call the Parish Office to arrange drop off- 773-528-6650

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## Calling All Those Who Enjoy Cooking!

Calling All Those Who Enjoy Cooking! Hearing the call to serve those less fortunate? Always wanted to (learn to) cook for a crowd? Our Loaves and Fishes Ministry is seeking cooks (and helpers) to prepare a warm dinner for the elderly and homeless in our area, served each Friday afternoon. For a 3-6 hour commitment, you'll meet a wonderful group of people to work with, share kitchen tips and feel good about helping those in need. For more info, please contact Charisse Gioia [cgioia@sttereseparish.org](mailto:cgioia@sttereseparish.org) Thank you

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## 2023 Contribution Statement:

To request a copy please email:

[cgioia@sttereseparish.org](mailto:cgioia@sttereseparish.org)





# Prayer

## Mass Intentions

- 10AM - Josefa Murch (D), and Mae Anderson (D)
- 12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
- 6 PM - Marjorie Reidy (D)

## 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 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.

We pray for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse.



## Upcoming Mass Schedule

- Sunday 3/10 10am- Fr. Udovic
- Sunday 3/10 12pm- Fr. Udovic
- Sunday 3/10 6pm- Fr. Udovic



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## Sunday Funday: March 3rd:

Today is- I Want You to be Happy Day and Simplify Your Life Day

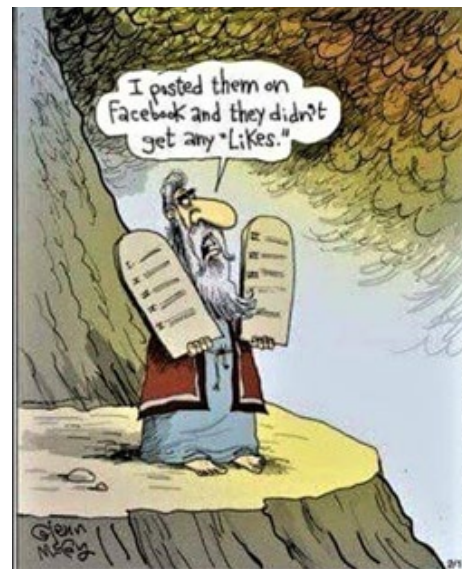
1923- Time magazine published the first issue.

1985- Moonlighting premiered on ABC.

2017- Nintendo Switch released, Video Game Console

"Cakes are special. Every birthday, every celebration ends with something sweet, a cake, and people remember. It's all about the memories."

- Buddy Valastro



## Holy Week Mass Schedule:

**Palm Sunday March 24th**  
10am, 12pm, and 6pm Mass

**Holy Thursday March 28th**  
7:00pm  
Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday March 29th**  
Stations of the Cross 6:00pm  
Passion of the Lord 7:00pm Mass

**Holy Saturday March 30th**  
7:00pm Mass  
Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday March 31st**  
10am and 12pm Mass



## Stations of the Cross:

Stations of the Cross, a series of 14 pictures or carvings portraying events in the Passion of Christ, from his condemnation by Pontius Pilate to his entombment. The series of stations is as follows:

Jesus is condemned to death.

Jesus is made to bear his cross.

Jesus falls the first time.

Jesus meets his mother.

Simon of Cyrene is made to bear the cross.

Veronica wipes Jesus' face.

Jesus falls the second time.

The women of Jerusalem weep over Jesus.

Jesus falls the third time.

Jesus is stripped of his garments.

Jesus is nailed to the cross.

Jesus dies on the cross.

Jesus is taken down from the cross.

Jesus is placed in the sepulchre.

The devotional exercise of visiting and praying in front of each of the 14 stations and meditating on the Passion of Christ stems from the practice of early Christian pilgrims who visited the scenes of the events in Jerusalem and walked the traditional route from the supposed location of Pilate's house to Calvary. Tradition holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, set up stone markers at her home outside Jerusalem to prayerfully retrace the steps of her son's Passion, but the origin of the devotion in its present form is not clear.

Prayerful meditation through the Stations of the Cross is especially common during Lent and on Fridays throughout the year, in commemoration of Christ's Crucifixion on Good Friday.

### Annual Women's Retreat

*The Legacy of a Vincentian Woman*



Scan here to RSVP

Join us for an afternoon filled with prayer, spiritual reflection, and discussion.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish's very own Kathleen Stenson will be our guest speaker for the afternoon. Other activities include a celebration of Mass with Fr. Joe Williams C.M., learning to pray the Rosary, a Prayer Maze, private prayer, and a featured presentation video by Matthew Kelly.



St. Louise de Marillac

Saturday, March 9 | 9:00am - 1:30pm  
St. Vincent de Paul Parish | 1010 West Webster Ave

\$10 suggested donation. For more information, please email [vincetia@stvincentsdep@gmail.com](mailto:vincetia@stvincentsdep@gmail.com)



Is there More to Life than My Job?



Join St. Teresa of Avila for a small group experience where you can explore the basics of Christianity rooted in your own opinions and questions

Join us on February 10th at 7 PM




Cuisine du Coeur 2024  
Invites you to become a French epicure !

LA PALETTE GOURMANDE  
THE GOURMET PALATE



SUNDAY, MARCH 10th  
from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

ST Teresa of Avila (1950 N Kenmore ave , Chicago)

Tickets and more online at [www.cuisineducoeur.net](http://www.cuisineducoeur.net). Take out possible.  
\$52 Adults (\$60 at the door), \$32 Young Adults (under 30), \$12 Children.

This luncheon is sponsored by St. Teresa of Avila Parish and the Francophone Catholic Community of Chicago. Proceeds benefit the parish and its outreach programs.

# Parish Contacts

## Staff

### Fr. Frank Latzko

Pastor

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### Charisse Gioia

Office Manager/Technology Coordinator/  
Bulletin

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Charisse is responsible for managing the parish office as well producing our weekly bulletin and emails.

Charisse has been with the parish since 2019.

### Mark Neuhengen

Director of Evangelization and  
Parish Mission

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Mark is responsible for our Parish Evangelization and Ministry. Mark is a graduate from Loyola University Chicago, holds a masters in theology and has been with the parish since 2019.

### Barbara McHugh

Religious Education

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Barb is responsible for our Children's Faith formation programs. She and her husband Ed have been parishioners at St. Teresa's for over 30 years.

### Carol Spalla-Malone

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## Staff

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## Parish Council

Anna Althoff- President

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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.

## 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.