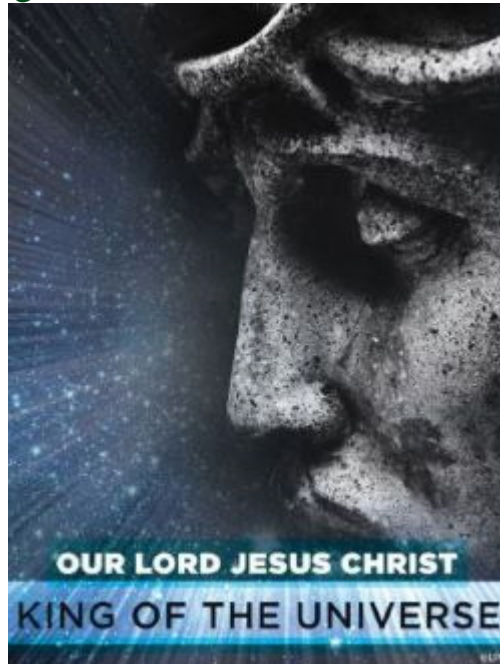


THE JOURNEY

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 24, 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

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays- 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Office Hours

Weekdays: 8:30 AM to 3:30 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.

Eucharistic Ministers

teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers

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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.

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 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

St. Teresa’s is home to a wonderful and vibrant French community.

This Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel prophesies about the coming of the Son of Man.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus is the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of all.

Gospel Reading: John 18:33b-37

Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is "King of the Jews."

Feasts and Saints:

11/25- St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

11/30- St. Andrew , Apostle



Gospel Meditation: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. He is in charge. The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.

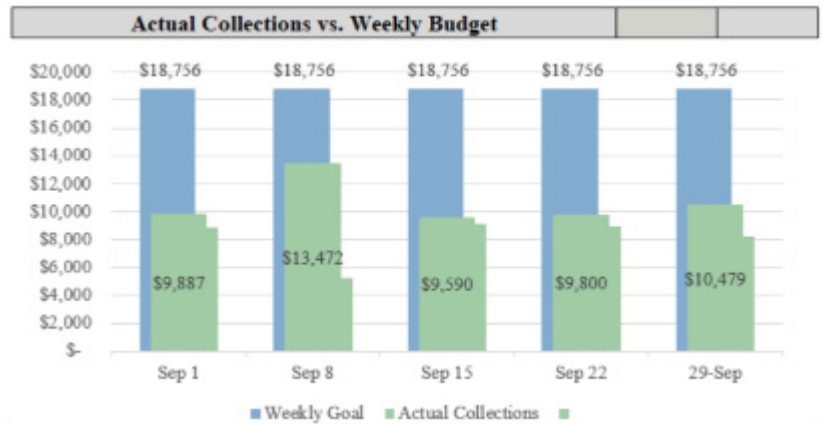
We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth. "Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice," Christ the King proclaims. In our world, it's all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let's rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom.

— Father John Muir

Financials: September 2024

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	10,521	9,763
Give Central:	36,699	37,837
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$47,220	\$47,600
	(\$380)	

September Weekly:



From Fr. Frank:

The readings are quite frightening as they speak of “a time unsurpassed in distressed...many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; others shall be in everlasting horror and disgrace.” And this is just the first reading!! Jesus gets even more frightening by saying the sun and moon will fall, as will the stars in the sky and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Many see these readings as horrible and depressing, wanting to just get beyond them. But this is not the reaction of the very people these words were addressed to: they were spoken and written precisely for people who were in the midst of severe trial and trauma, people who were desperate for hope as their worlds were collapsing. The Temple Jesus predicted would be destroyed was actually destroyed around 70AD, a few decades after His death and resurrection. The prophet Daniel was speaking to people who were being tormented by foreign powers, probably Syria.

We all feel at times as if we are living in the end times, as it appears that the world in which we live is falling apart. We get frightened, despondent, and horribly discouraged. This is the work of the Evil One: to cause people to lose hope. The literature of the prophet Daniel and the images Jesus uses are “apocalyptic” as they describe the battles to take place at the end times. But this literature is actually meant to give us HOPE for the future. Goodness WILL win out; we WILL survive; evil WILL be destroyed.

ALL times are the end times!! There are moments in every culture, country, political reality, scandals in church, violent protests, elections that feel like the world is falling apart. ButcJesus also warns us all not to believe that anyone can know the time when the world will come to an end. Furthermore, in every era when things appear to be falling apart, Jesus teaches to stand firm. We WILL make it through the times of tribulation.

HOPE is the virtue we need desperately today in our own world of political strife causing division within families and communities. The end of the liturgical year is fast approaching which is why our readings speak about the “end times.” Advent is the response to the feeling we have that the world in which we live is collapsing. Stand firm and strong. Wait patiently for our Lord to come to gather together His faithful ones who withstood the divisive bitterness and refused to be transformed by hatred or pessimism.

We wait for Christ’s Second Coming, since we know not the time, the day or the hour. But we do know that Christ did come into all of creation, to all the worlds that existed before this coming, His own world of Roman Empire and to ALL the worlds that came after, leading to us.... and beyond. The Nativity of our Lord began the Redemption that touched and blanketed EVERY age, past, present and future.

Advent celebrates our watchful and hopeful waiting for our Lord to come into our lives again and again and again. Let us stand firm in hope allowing the light who is Christ to fill the very center of our beings, so that we WILL shine like the stars in the sky and our names written in the Book of Life, a Book in which the pages NEVER cease, and names ALWAYS to be added. We have every reason to HOPE!!!

9:00am



Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Citizens of Another Country

I read an article, years ago, about an American filmmaker who decided to step away from a wildly successful film franchise that had been requiring him and his family to live abroad.

It stuck in my mind because of the tongue-in-cheek reasoning he gave for the surprising decision, “My kids were starting to speak in British accents.”

Sometimes, we just want to go home, don't we?

Returning from a recent family vacation, I burst into tears at the airport, overcome with relief when I saw my sister's van pulling into the pickup lane. It didn't matter that I had had fun on this trip and that I was even looking forward to taking another one. In that moment, I was so tired, and all I wanted was my own bed. The smell of my own house. The feeling of not being “away.”

If Jesus is our king, and his kingdom is not of this world, then we live our lives as perpetual aliens. This should reassure us in some ways. The world so often feels cold and cruel and strange to us because it is. We were not made for this world. We were made for heaven. We were made to yearn for the face, the presence, the protection of our King.

But this understanding of ourselves as strangers in a foreign land should also be a caution to us.

We can't get too comfortable here. We cannot become too wrapped up in the world and its temptations, its rewards, its comforts. We cannot start speaking in the language, the accent of our adopted homeland. Not if we ever want to return home and belong there.

Our King looks for our return.

Stewardship Reflections:

Long Live the King

Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself “Laird So-and-so.” Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their “king,” but most of us have those we think of as “our people.”

Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer librarian who puts in extra hours on the weekends.

There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was.

CHRISTMAS

ANGEL TREE

TAKE AN ANGEL ORNAMENT FROM OUR TREE IN THE CHURCH BEGINNING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24TH

WE WILL BE FULFILLING GIFT REQUESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR AS WELL AS NEEDED ITEMS TO WELCOME A NEW REFUGEE FAMILY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

WE ASK ALL WRAPPED AND TAGGED GIFTS ARE RETURNED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH

PLEASE CONTACT CHARISSE GIOIA WITH ANY QUESTIONS
773-528-6650



Greenery Sale

December 7th & 8th

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE ST. TERESA WILL OFFER IT'S ANNUAL GREENERY SALE FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

THERE WILL BE FRESH WREATHS, SWAPS, AND HOLIDAY GREENS BASKET TO PURCHASE. THE SALE WILL BE HELD IN THE GATHERING SPACE AFTER ALL MASSES THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 7TH AND 8TH. QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED, AND WILL BE SOLD ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.

CASH, CHECK, AND CHARGE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

IF YOU ALREADY PRE-ORDERED YOUR GREENERY, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AS WELL.

ALL PROCEEDS HELP TO COVER THE GREENERY AT ST. TERESA'S USED TO DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS, AS WELL AS OTHER CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Advent Book Discussion

How do we speak about a God of Life in a world with so much suffering?

Wednesdays at 6 PM for 4 weeks

First Session Wednesday, November 27th

Register by November 20th

Dinner included!

[Register Here](#)



Gustavo Gutiérrez



THE GOD OF LIFE



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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>

Food Pantry:

Food Pantry Needs

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has partnered with The Greater Chicago Food Depository to increase the choices food pantries are able to receive each month. As a result, a variety of canned goods, nuts and dried/frozen fruit have been added to our deliveries. However, we continue to be in need of

INDIVIDUAL ROLLS OF WRAPPED TOILET PAPER.

It can be donated at Mass each week during the Presentation of the Gifts. Thank You for your generosity!

Welcome Committee:

The Parish Council is excited to announce the formation of a new Welcoming Committee here at St Teresa of Avila. We are looking for 2-3 people to help lead this initiative, and help us build a team of welcome volunteers for each mass. The task is simple, we need amazing volunteers that will greet all parishioners before mass with a friendly smile, a nice "hello", and possibly help them find a seat! You may think we already do this, but it's not consistent. Imagine walking into someone's house and not being welcomed when you walk in the door, a place of business, or a restaurant. First impressions can be lasting impressions.

Please consider joining this committee because it'll be fun and rewarding! If interested, please reach out to Jessica Marx @ chicago2381@hotmail.com.

Loaves and Fishes:

The Loaves & Fishes ministry has been inviting guests indoors to enjoy their meal on Friday evenings.

We need volunteers to greet our guests, serve them, and clean tables. Volunteers are needed on Friday evenings from 3:30 to 6:00. If you cannot arrive by 3:30, just let us know when you sign up. You can sign up here - <https://signup.com/go/rBJiFSK>.

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@stteresaparish.org

Thank you

Home Communion:

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

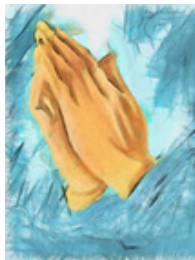
Prayer

Mass Intentions

10AM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
 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 those 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 12/1 10am- Fr. Frank
 Sunday 12/1 12pm- Fr. Frank
 Sunday 12/1 6pm- Fr. Frank

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dear God,
 For the gifts that surround us, thank you.
 For the ways You're working, thank you.
 For the blessings of this season, thank you.
 Amen.



Sunday Funday: November 24th:

Today is International Day of the Bible and National Sardines Day

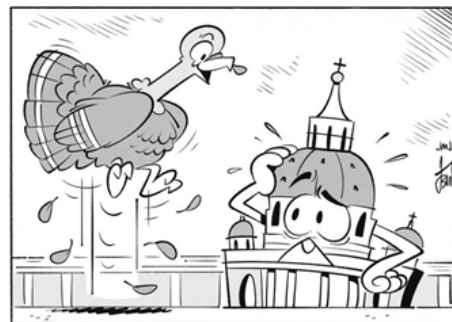
1950- Broadway Show – Guys and Dolls

1950- Storm of the Century – A snowstorm, took shape on this date before paralyzing the northeastern United States and the Appalachians the next day, bringing winds up to 100 mph and sub-zero temperatures. 353 people died as a result of the storm.

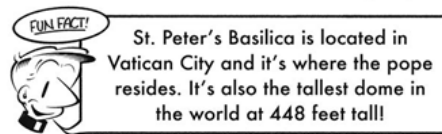
Whenever Aladdin lies, you'll notice the feather on his turban falls in his face in the Disney animated film.



"Can a Turkey jump higher than St. Peter's Basilica?"



"Yes, St. Peter's Basilica can't jump!"



Thanksgiving Day is Coming!

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it, and you will soon be saying, "Pass me the mashed potatoes, please." This November holiday has its roots in American history and has grown into a day where we remember all the things for which we are thankful: country, family, friends, health, etc. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves so caught up with travel plans and buying the perfect turkey or ham that we let the day pass us by, and all we can focus on is how much we ate and who won the day's football games. That's why it is time NOW to begin reflecting daily of all things, great and small, that we are thankful for in life.

Gratitude is a key characteristic of a good Everyday Steward, but it does not develop in us without effort. In the coming days, we can contemplate all those things God has given us. If it helps, we can create a written list and bring it with us to the Thanksgiving dinner table. The point is that too often we take so many gifts for granted, and unless we pause and purposely reflect, we miss the chance to give thanks. A healthy and hearty heart filled with gratitude can make the highs in life that much higher and the lows easier to bear. Increased gratitude will also bring us closer to the source of all those good gifts, our God.

So, what will Thanksgiving be like for you this year?

You have some time to make it something more than it has been in the past. The choice is yours.

What **G**ifts have You given me?

How have I **R**eceived love from others?

How is grace at work in **A**spects of my life story?

Do I **T**rust You to continue to bless me?

Where have I missed Your movements?

Have I used my **T**alents at the service of other?

Do I see a purpose for my life **U**nderway?

How can I have the **D**iscipline to thank You daily?

Help me give **E**verything back to You!



St. Teresa's 9th Annual Turkey

Calling all walkers, joggers, runners, canines and turkeys!



Please join us for our 9th, free, non-competitive, 1 to 6 mile, Turkey Trot. Runners, joggers, and walkers of all abilities are welcome, including children and canines!

No racing, no timing, no awards, no entry fee*, no t-shirts, and no \$60 bananas! Just lots of fun and smiles!
Come dressed to trot!

Thursday, November 28th Thanksgiving Day
7:00am: Check-in at the Parish Center
1950 N. Kenmore Ave.
7:30am: Trot

Back in plenty of time to attend the 9:00am Mass!
Light Pre & Post Trot breakfast provided.



* In lieu of an entry fee, please donate a non-perishable food item for the St. Teresa Food Pantry.

QUESTIONS & RSVP BY NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Coach Mark
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Saint Andrew | November 30

Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life.

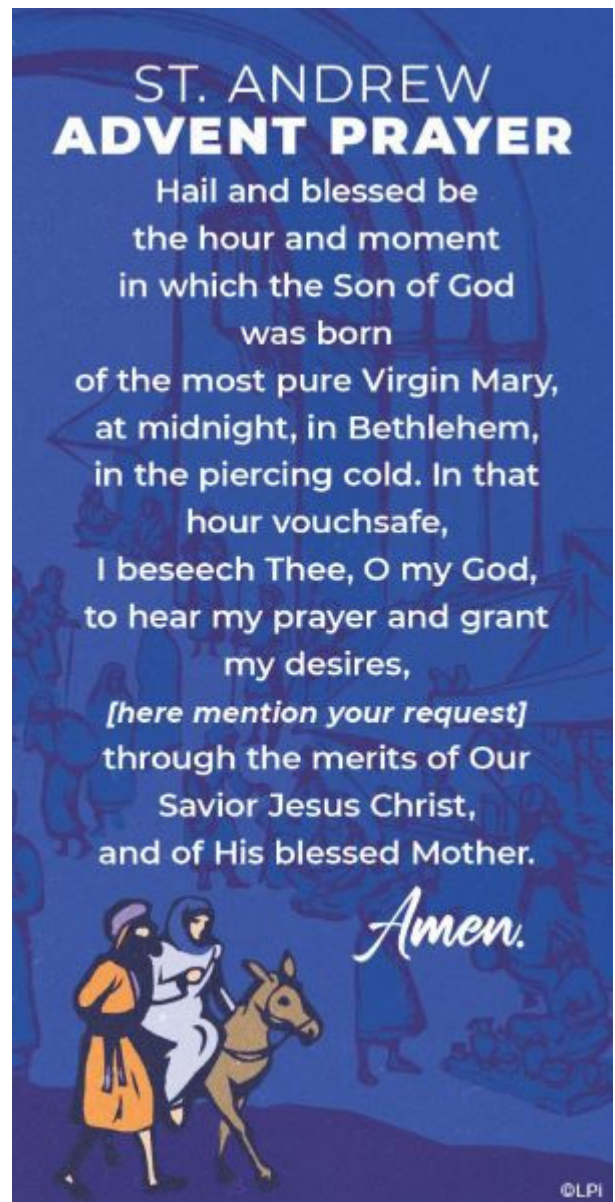
According to Christian tradition Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus.

Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth. Regulus set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. Today relics of St. Andrew which had been held by the Vatican are now at a shrine in Patras.

Saint Andrew Advent Novena

How to Pray the St. Andrew Christmas Novena

The single prayer of the St. Andrew Christmas Novena is traditionally prayed fifteen times each day, beginning on the feast of St. Andrew (November 30) and concluding on Christmas Eve.



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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

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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.

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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.

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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

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.