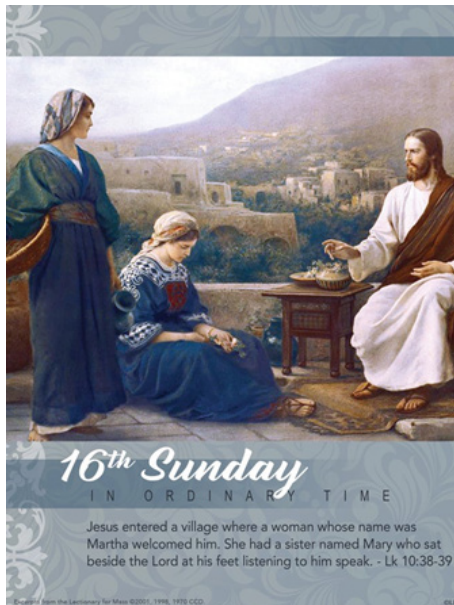


# THE JOURNEY

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 20, 2025



**Pastor**

Reverend Frank John Latzko

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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

**Baptism, Reconciliation, Anointing**

Please call the office to arrange or email  
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**Eucharistic Adoration**

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

**Office Hours**

**Weekdays:** 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

# Welcome

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

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

### Eucharistic Ministers

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### Pastoral Council

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

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

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).

Name

Email

Phone

Address

Ministries of Interest

# Welcome

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 for 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:** They asked Abraham, “Where is your wife Sarah?” He replied, “There in the tent.” One of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son.” (Gn 18:10)

**Psalm:** He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

**Second Reading:** It is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim. (Col 1:27-28)

**Gospel:** The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” (Lk 10:42)

Feasts and Saints:

- 7/21- St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- 7/22- St. Mary Magdalene
- 7/23- St. Bridget, Religious
- 7/24- St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
- 7/25- St. James, Apostle
- 7/26- Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gospel Meditation: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, “What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he... he is doing nothing! What a waste.” The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week’s gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the “one necessary thing.” He praises her for she “has chosen the better part” (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the “better part” of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir

Financials: May 2025

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	20,290	17,563
Give Central:	34,942	40,154
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
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From Fr. Frank:

As I write this reflection, nearly 120 people have died in the tragic flooding in Texas; 160 are still unaccounted for. Unbelievably horrible. We need to pray hard for these victims, many of whom were children, and their loved ones.

Speaking of PRAYER, each Tuesday evening we have Eucharistic Adoration from 6:00 until 7:30 pm. Praying before the exposed Blessed Sacrament had been a part of our Catholic prayer since the time of St. Francis of Assisi. Our churches have “reserved” the consecrated hosts in the Tabernacle, from the celebration of the Eucharist, since around the 5th century.

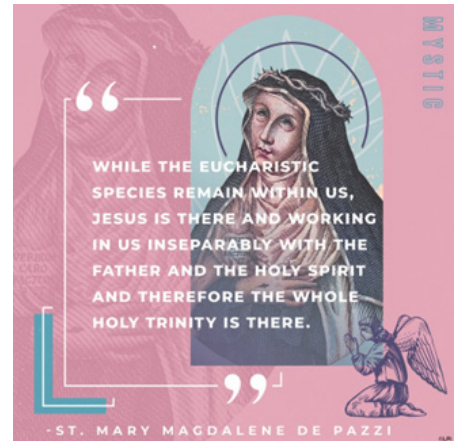
Actually, in the first centuries of the church, the faithful would carry the Blessed Sacrament home with them for the sick who were homebound, before we had churches and tabernacles. It is thought that people used to keep the consecrated hosts in their homes before church buildings were constructed. It was only when Christianity became accepted by the Empire after the conversion of the Emperor Constantine, that separate buildings of worship began to be constructed. This is the fourth century before the collapse of the Roman Empire giving birth to the Holy Roman Empire, the Church and her leaders, particularly the Pope, having the authority and power to “rule.” A sad time for Christianity. History lesson over...

Praying before the Blessed Sacrament is a beautiful way to deepen and strengthen your personal relationship with Christ. Just praying over the gospel of the day is enough to anchor one in silence, slowly praying the verses and pausing to reflect. PLEASE make a commitment to come one Tuesday each and every month to pray during Adoration for 15 minutes.

Our world and its many troubles need each of us to pray that healing, peace, mercy and reconciliation fill the human family in its many expressions. Right now, about 10 people come to pray.... let's increase that number of people in silent prayer.

This time of prayer can also be a source of inner peace and healing, as well as, a moment to bring to Christ our personal needs. SILENCE is desperately needed in this culture of ours: silence and SOLITUDE, the ability to be alone with no external distractions.

During various Tuesday's, I will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confession, in the Chapel of Reconciliation near the statue of St. Francis. This beautiful Sacrament was given to the Church by Christ, as a way for the gentle blanket of God's mercy to free us from our sins. We all are sinners and this Sacrament is a way to receive the Divine Grace that transforms the heart to be more like Christ's.



From Mark:

The aspect of this Sunday's Gospel that I want to focus on is that this entire scene takes place in the home of Mary and Martha. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus often meets people in "non-religious" spaces. He talks to Nicodemus in the middle of the night. He meets a woman from a foreign culture in the very public well in the center of a town. He is on the sea of Galilee and in the middle of fields. He is seen celebrating weddings and being at people's deathbeds.

With this in the Gospels, I often find it funny how much Catholics like to do all their ministry inside our churches! This is not meant for me to be pointing the finger at other people, because I am part of the problem! At the small group program, I help facilitate on Monday nights we only use our own space in the parish. As we grow and need more spaces for people to meet, I am starting to dream what it would look like to expand our meeting spaces to a local bar or coffee shop or like Mary and Martha in peoples' apartments.

This is one of the reasons we try to host our young adult event at Beermiscuous on Lincoln. Our final session for the summer will be August 20th at 7 PM. We will hear from Karen Ross, PhD who leads an intentional community at Catholic Theological Union for young people seeking a Masters in Theology.

As you read the story of Jesus in the home of Mary and Martha, take it as a moment to reflect how you engage in ministry in places that are not traditionally "churchy." How are you being present to people in your workplace? At the playground with your children? In your college class room? With your grandchildren?

Jesus very rarely did his ministry in religious spaces so neither should we. We should be working to build the Kingdom of God wherever we are and with whoever we find ourselves with.

St. Sharbel Makhlut | July 24

On July 24th, we celebrate the feast of a saint who ran away from home! St. Sharbel was born Yussef Antoun Makhlut in the Lebanese countryside in the mid-1800's. His life was a simple one, attending school, caring for the family cow, and taking long solitary walks to contemplate the beauty of creation. When his family pressured him to marry, the young man quietly left home without a word. He traveled on foot to a nearby monastery. When his family caught wind of where he had gone, the decision had been made. After being ordained a priest, St. Sharbel still showed a longing for solitude. He received permission to become a hermit. His reputation for holiness, however, led to a busier life than he might have liked! Many people sought him for advice and blessings. St. Sharbel Makhlut's life reminds us that a life of prayer -- even an unconventional one -- is attractive!





## Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. Oooh, Mary, she's so holy. Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both. Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them. We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line. But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet. God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

## Stewardship Reflections:

### Be Ready for God to "Stop By"

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called "stopping by." They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. "I was just in the neighborhood," they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

"Crazy," you might exclaim. "People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?" Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.



## 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:

### 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!

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## 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](mailto: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>.

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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@stteresaparish.org](mailto:cgioia@stteresaparish.org)

Thank you

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St. T's Men's Annual Retreat  
September 5-7, 2025  
Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, Barrington, IL

All men ages 18 and older are warmly invited to join the St. T's Men's Group for our annual retreat, taking place the weekend of September 5-7 at the peaceful Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington.

God continually calls us to go deeper, to draw nearer. This retreat offers a rare opportunity to step away from the noise and demands of everyday life and spend intentional time with God. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, immerse yourself in the grace of the Spiritual Exercises and rekindle the hope that strengthens our faith. Through silence, prayer, and reflection, encounter Christ anew—His mercy, His call, and His constant presence.

This cherished tradition is not only spiritually enriching, but also a great way to connect with other men from St. Teresa's. We attend as a group and meet at the beginning and end of the retreat. Carpooling from the city will be available.

Register directly at: [jesuitretreat.org/retreats/september-5-7-2025](http://jesuitretreat.org/retreats/september-5-7-2025)

Questions? Contact Craig Dean at [cdean@aegpartners.com](mailto:cdean@aegpartners.com).



## Mass Intentions

10AM - John Rakowski (D)

12 PM - Joseph Greene (D ; Fred Meyer (D); Ken Jaszczor (D) and

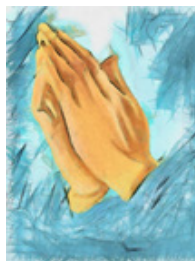
Miguel Sanchez (D)

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.

and



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.

## Mass Schedule

Sunday 7/27 10am- Fr. Udovic

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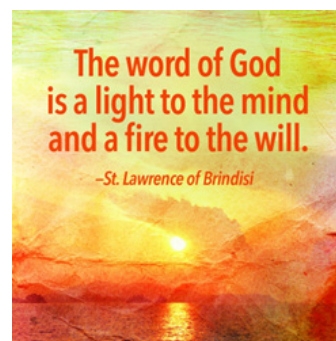
Sunday 7/27 6pm- Fr. Frank

## Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters.

And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with Your heaven as my guide.

Amen.



## Sunday Funday July 20th:

Today is Nap Day and National Moon Walk Day

1940- California opened its first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway.

1969- In a live transmission from the Moon was viewed by 720 million people around the world, with the landing of Apollo 11, at 10:56 p.m. EDT, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stepped onto the surface of the Moon, live on international television.

The average American eats approximately 1,500 PB & J sandwiches before graduating from high school.

“Happiness is not a destination or an experience.

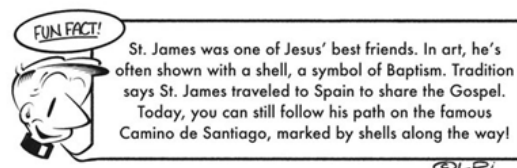
It’s a decision.” – Carlos Santana



“What kinds of photos does St. James take?”



“Shell-fies!”



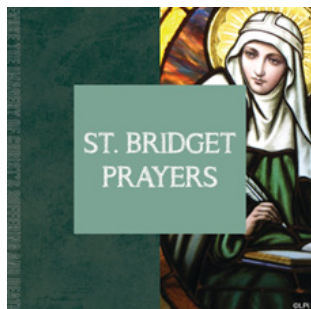
## Devotions, Explained!

### St. Bridget Prayers, Explained!

St. Bridget of Sweden (d. 1373) was a noblewoman of the Middle Ages whose renowned mysticism centered on the passion of Christ. A mother of eight and an attendant at the royal court in Sweden, as a widow she founded the Order of the Most Holy Savior, advocated for reform in the church and for the return of the Pope to Rome from France.

The St. Bridget Prayers refer to 15 prayers attributed to Bridget which evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

For many years, these prayers were associated with divine promises, though in 1954 the Catholic Church declared that it could not be said that these promises were of supernatural origin. The prayers themselves remain beloved and popular devotions to Christ's passion.



## Catholic Trivia- Just for Fun:

**Question:** Where did Mary and Joseph take young Jesus to hide him from King Herod?

**Answer:** Egypt.

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## Catholic Q&A:

### Mary Magdalene

#### Question:

July 22 is the feast of Mary Magdalene. I've heard a lot of stories about her, but who was she really?

#### Answer:

Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years. Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the woman who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.

## St. James the Apostle | July 25

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.



## Saints Joachim and Anne | July 26

Saint Anne—Patron Saint of grandparents, grandmothers, mothers, roommakers, cabinetmakers, carpenters, dressmakers, equestrians, expectant mothers, homemakers, housewives, lace workers, seamstresses, miners, old-clothes dealers, Canada, and France

Invoked against sterility and poverty and to find lost articles

Saint Joachim—Patron Saint of grandparents, grandfathers, fathers, married couples, cabinetmakers, and linen traders

Today we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents. Their names are not recorded in the Gospels but come from a mid-second-century apocryphal document, the Gospel of James.

According to tradition, Joachim was a wealthy and generous man. He and his wife, Anne, were advanced in years and childless. One day, Joachim arrived at the Temple to make an offering that Rubim rejected because Joachim was childless, which was understood as a sign of God's disfavor. Distressed, Joachim left the Temple and studied the Scriptures to see if he could find anyone of importance who was childless. When he came upon Abraham, he recalled that Abraham was only given a child in his old age. Rather than returning home, Joachim embarked on a forty-day period of fasting and prayer in the desert, beseeching God for a child. Anne also prayed, asking God for a child. An angel appeared to both Joachim and Anne, promising that the couple would conceive a child. Nine months later, Anne bore a daughter whom the couple named Mary. Because of a vow they had made, Joachim and Anne brought three-year-old Mary to the Temple where she lived until it was time for her to be married.



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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

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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

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## 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.