

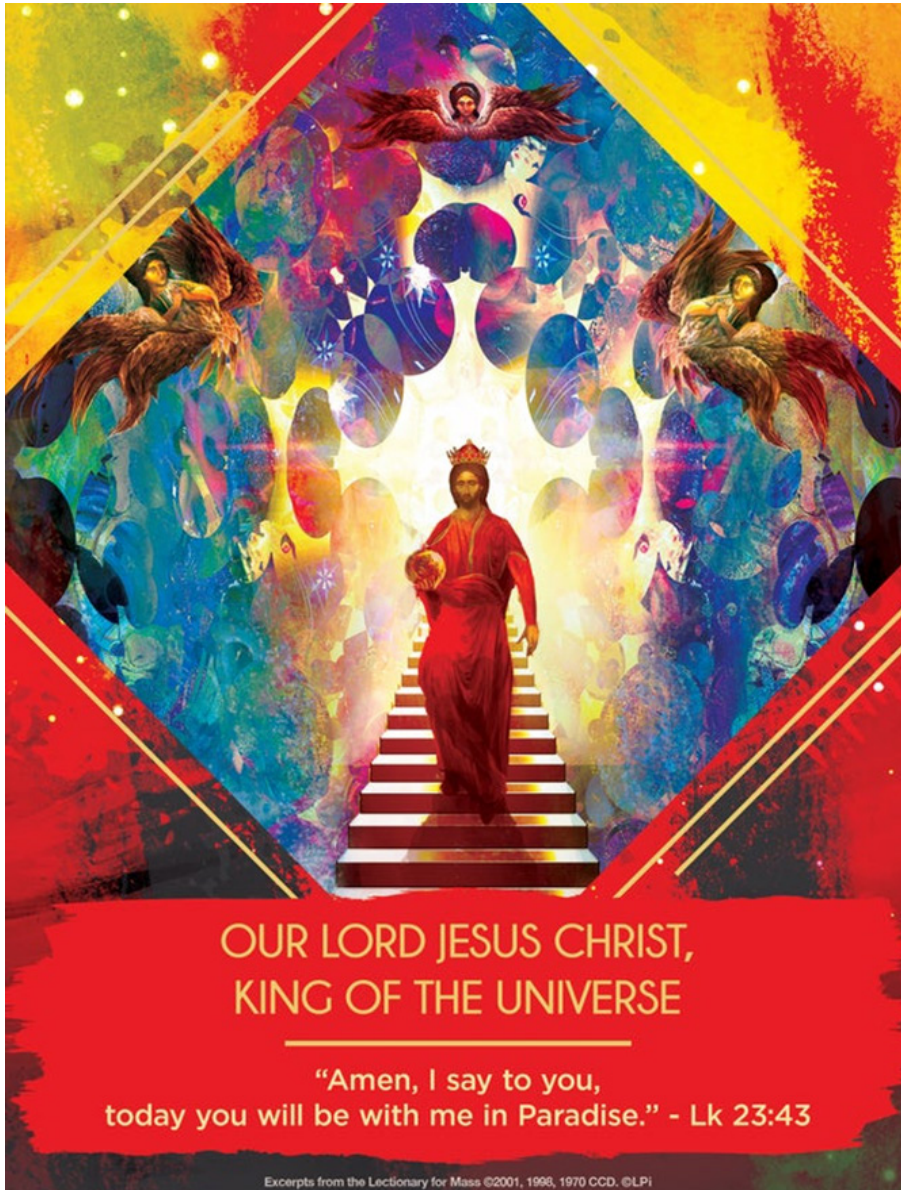
# ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST 1889

November 23, 2025

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

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you,  
today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:43

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## 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

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

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

# 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.



## 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:** "And the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'" (2 Sm 5:2)

**Psalm:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

**Second Reading:** For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven. (Col 1:19-20)

**Gospel:** He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:43)

## Feasts and Saints:

11/24- St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions and Martyrs

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

11/27- Thanksgiving Day



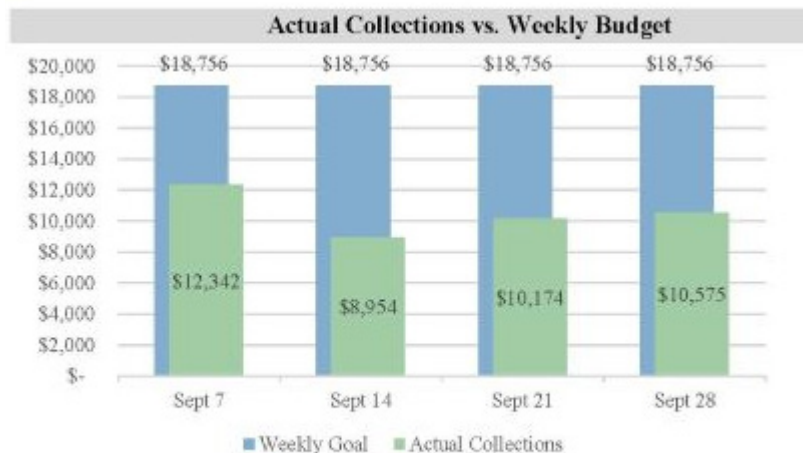
## Gospel Meditation: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all. I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). That word — remember — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise." He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "You will be with me." That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love. What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir

## Financials: September 2025

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	6,683	10,521
Give Central:	54,874	36,699
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$61,557	\$47,220
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Thanksgiving Day Mass:

Thursday November 27, 2025 at 9AM



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Christmas Angel Tree:



Sacrament of Reconciliation | Advent Confession:

Tuesday November 25, 2025

Tuesday December 2, 2025

Wednesday December 17, 2025

Tuesday December 23, 2025

6:00-7:30pm

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Stewardship Reflections:

Is Christ King in Our Hearts?

When you think of a king, who is the first person to pop into your head? It may depend on how much history you know, or which historical period intrigues you the most. As Americans, the first person we might think of is King George III, whose reign has become synonymous in our national lore with the concept of tyranny.

We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society. Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand — we can handle those, because we know we are a president's boss. No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate. We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement.

But with kings it is profoundly different. Traditionally, the king derives his power from God. His rule bridges humanity with the divine.

We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard him as a president. The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles. Subjects do not demand anything of a king. They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept.

Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech? Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word as the means of our reconciliation with Him?

The "good thief" treated Christ as a king. His counterpart treated him as a president. And it's worth remembering that Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe.

## St. Catherine of Alexandria | November 25

Patron Saint of apologists, apprentice milliners and seamstresses, archivists, attorneys, barbers, potters, spinners, the dying, educators, girls, jurists, knife sharpeners, librarians, maidens, mechanics, millers, nurses, old maids, philosophers, preachers, scholars, schoolchildren, scribes, secretaries, tanners, teachers, theologians, and unmarried girls.

The legend of Catherine's life has long inspired the faithful. Born into a noble family in the flourishing city of Alexandria, Catherine's excellent education made her well versed in literature, poetry, rhetoric, philosophy, music, mathematics, and medicine. She also possessed exceptional beauty and moral virtue. Lacking a worthy suitor, she sensed a call to a greater life.

Catherine's mother, secretly a Christian, introduced her daughter to a monk who catechized and later baptized her. After Catherine's baptism, the monk encouraged her to beseech the Blessed Virgin Mary. While in prayer that night, Catherine fell asleep. Mary appeared in her dream with her Child who chose her as His bride, giving her a ring and calling her to embrace virginity. When Catherine awoke, the ring was on her finger.

When Catherine was in her late teens, Emperor Maximinus ordered all citizens to sacrifice to the Roman gods. Catherine went to the temple, sending word that she must see the emperor. Once in the emperor's presence, Catherine chastised him for his heathen practices and for requiring worship of false gods. The emperor was stunned at her beauty, character, wisdom, and elegant speech.

The emperor gathered fifty wise men to debate Catherine and prove her error. Just the opposite happened. Catherine's wisdom prevailed and won over many of the wise men. She cited the best Greek philosophers to prove her points and to support the truth that Jesus was the Savior and that the Trinity was the One God. When many of the wise men converted, the emperor had them killed.

The emperor next offered Catherine half his kingdom and a place in the royal palace. When she refused, the emperor had her scourged until her blood covered the ground, and he imprisoned her. While Catherine was in prison, the empress and the captain of the guard secretly went to her cell to listen to her. Both were so impressed that they converted and were baptized.

While in prison, a dove brought food to Catherine, keeping her healthy and strong. The emperor next threatened Catherine with torture on a large wheel meant to stretch her body and spin her to the point of death. Before Catherine was tied to the wheel, an angel made it spin out of control and shatter. The empress appeared to chastise her husband, revealing that she had become a Christian after listening to Catherine's wisdom. The emperor had his wife beheaded on the spot.

The following day, the emperor ordered Catherine's beheading. Within an hour of her execution, angels took her body away, laying it on the heights of Mount Sinai where it remained undisturbed. A few centuries later, a monk in the monastery at Mount Sinai's base, had a dream that led him to Catherine's relics. He took her body and buried it in the monastery chapel where she lies today.



## Thanksgiving Food Drive for our Refugee Community

St. Teresa of Avila is collecting dried goods for our Refugee Community that are struggling to feed their families during this time.

If you have taken a bag which contains a list of the most needed items, please return the bag to the bag of the church by Sunday, November 30th.

The bags will be distributed to those families with the greatest needs in our refugee community.

## Greenery Sale:

St. Teresa of Avila will be having it's Annual

Greenery Sale the weekend of December 6th and 7th after all masses.

While the deadline for any pre-orders has passed, there will be a limited number of fresh Greenery items for sale during this weekend, including Wreaths, Swags, Baskets, and gift items.


All proceeds help to decorate St. Teresa's for our holiday season, as well as support our other ministries.

## 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.



## HELLO ST TERESA COMMUNITY

OUR WEEKLY FRIDAY LOAVES AND FISHES MEAL OFFERING HAS GROWN AND IS NOW AVERAGING OVER 100 GUESTS PER WEEK. THIS INCLUDES SENIOR CITIZENS, GUESTS WHO LIVE IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING OR ARE HOMELESS AND IMMIGRANTS, ALL IN NEED OF A NUTRITIOUS MEAL. THANKS TO ALL OF THE AMAZING VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP TO PREPARE AND THEN SERVE THE MEAL. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING WITH OUR LOAVES AND FISHES MEAL SERVICE REACH OUT TO STEVE SIBON (630.881.3348, [S.SIBON@AOL.COM](mailto:S.SIBON@AOL.COM)).

AS THE COOLER WEATHER BEGINS TO SETTLE IN, OUR LOAVES AND FISHES GUESTS ARE BEGINNING TO ASK ABOUT WINTER COATS. WE ALL KNOW HOW CRITICAL IT IS TO HAVE A WARM CLOTHING FOR CHICAGO'S COLD WINTER SEASON. WE WILL USE SOME OF THE FUNDS GENEROUSLY DONATED TO L&F TO PURCHASE WARM GLOVES AND SOCKS FOR OUR GUESTS. HOWEVER, THE MOST URGENT NEED NOW IS FOR NEW OR GENTLY WORN WARM WINTER COATS. MEN'S LARGE AND EXTRA LARGE COATS ARE THE GREATEST NEED. WE WILL BE COLLECTING COATS OVER THE COMING WEEKS FOR OUR GUESTS SO PLEASE HAVE A LOOK IN YOUR CLOSETS AND SEE IF THERE ARE ANY COATS THAT YOU CAN SPARE FOR OUR GUESTS.

IN JOHN 21 15:19, JESUS ASKS PETER 3 TIMES IF HE LOVES HIM, PETER RESPONDS THAT YES HE LOVES HIM, AND EACH TIME JESUS TOLD HIM TO "FEED MY SHEEP". SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED WITH A NUTRITIOUS MEAL AND WARM WINTER CLOTHING IS WHAT OUR LOAVES AND FISHES MINISTRY IS ALL ABOUT. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





## 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>

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

Thank you

## 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).



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### St. Teresa's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot

Calling all Walkers, Joggers, Runners, Canines and Turkeys!

Please join us for our 10th, 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 27th 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 20, 2025  
Coach Mark  
[markbuciak.qcc@rcn.com](mailto:markbuciak.qcc@rcn.com)



## Mass Intentions

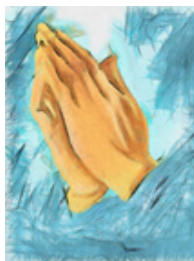
10AM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

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.

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## Sunday Funday Thanksgiving:

**Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade:** The first parade was in 1924, but it didn't have the large character balloons we see today.

The first character balloon was Felix the Cat in 1927.

**TV dinners:** The invention of the TV dinner is a direct result of an oversupply of turkey after a company miscalculated its Thanksgiving sales.

The first president to actually let a turkey go was John F. Kennedy.

**Thanksgiving football:** The Dallas Cowboys and Detroit Lions have played the most Thanksgiving Day games.

The Lions have played almost every Thanksgiving since 1934.

The Cowboys have been a Thanksgiving fixture since 1966

**Space Thanksgiving:** The first Thanksgiving meal in space was in 1973 aboard the Skylab space station

## Mass Schedule

Sunday 11/30 10am- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 11/30 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 11/30 6pm- Fr. Frank

## Jesus is King

Dear Jesus,

I see the kingdom you love, the one full of the broken and forgotten.

I see the crown you wear — thorns out of love for me.

I pick you as my King.

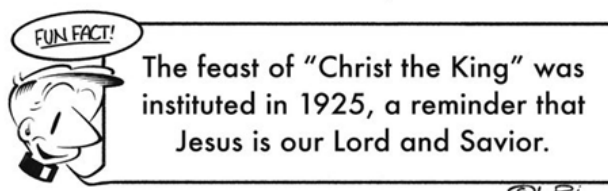
Mold my heart to be a worthy member of your kingdom.

Amen.

"What is a dentist's favorite hymn?"



"Crown Him with many **crowns!**"

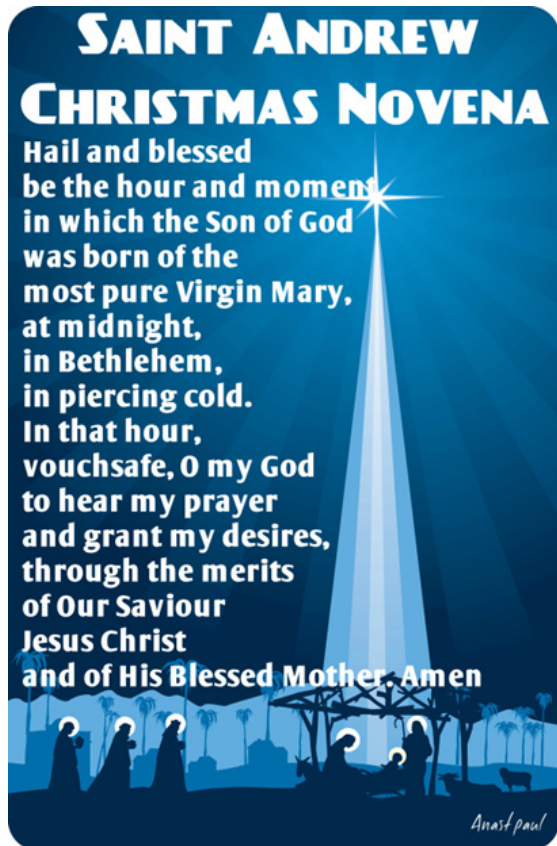


## St. Andrew Christmas Novena

The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from November 30, the Feast of St. Andrew, through Christmas Eve. Traditionally, it is recited 15 times each day.

The Gospel of John tells us that St. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist who heard John call Jesus “the Lamb of God.” Andrew followed Jesus, curious about him, and realized that he was the Messiah, so he quickly found his brother, Peter, and the two became the first disciples.

In praying this novena, Christians follow the example of Andrew’s prescient faithfulness throughout the season of Advent.



## Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The King Who Hangs Beside Us

We love to hate the bad thief.

Ancient Christian tradition has called him by the name “Gestas.” In contrast to Dismas, “the good thief” who recognized and repented of his own sins, Gestas goes down bitter and swinging. With his last breaths he taunts Jesus, poking fun at the absurdity of a deity who allows himself to be crucified by mortals. “Are you not the Christ?” he sneers.

But his final words betray an undercurrent of desperation. Of terror. In the end, Gestas just wants Jesus to save him.

It’s taken me a few hundred read-throughs of this Gospel passage to finally understand a painful truth: I am Gestas. I hang from my own cross — we all do, in this life. But I’m lucky enough that my cross is right beside Jesus, because the sacraments bring him as close to me as he was to Gestas — closer, even. How unfathomable is the mercy of God.

And yet, I am not grateful. I don’t rejoice at my proximity to my Lord, to the flesh and blood that have bought my salvation. I don’t do what I should do, and what Dismas does. I don’t say, “Wherever you are King, please, let me be your subject. Wherever you are going, please, take me with you.”

“Are you not the Christ?” I say instead. And what I mean is exactly what Gestas meant: “Get me down. Take this cross away. I don’t want it. I can’t take it.”

What a tragedy it would be, if all Christ had to offer us was an easier life.

None of this looks like anyone thought it would. The long-foretold Messiah, whose majesty and might would eradicate violence and establish peace. The guy who was going to make everything okay again. The King of the Jews. And here he hangs: bleeding and dying and doing what looks like nothing. Staring at Gestas. Staring at me. Staring at you.

What will you say to him?

## Catholic Q & A :

**Question: What is Eucharistic Adoration?**

**Answer:**

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with “benediction,” the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.

## Devotions, Explained!

**Jesse Tree, Explained!**

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold “shoot from the stump of Jesse” who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

In a way, creating a Jesse tree is the telling of one big story — the redemption of man — through the telling of many smaller stories — the fall of Adam, God’s promise to Abraham, the wandering of the Israelites, the greatness of David and the humble submission of Mary. A Jesse tree is adorned with symbols of these various people and stories, with the earliest ones hung from the topmost branches, progressing downward.

There are different versions of the Jesse Tree featuring different Old Testament figures and stories, but all begin with Adam and end with the birth of Jesus. It is an easy tradition to practice at home — all you need is a tree, paper, markers, scissors, string and a Bible.



## Catholic Trivia:

**Question: What’s the difference between a disciple and an apostle?**

**Answer: Disciples are “called,” and apostles are “sent.”**

## Staff

**Fr. Frank Latzko**

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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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## Parish Council

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The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and represents a cross section of the parish. Together with the Pastor, the PPC helps to craft and carry out the Mission of the Parish.

## Finance Council

**Don Eldred- Chair**

The St. Teresa Finance Council reviews the financial documents and position of the parish and advises the pastor and business manager on financial matters, including the preparation of the annual parish budget.

## Stewardship Committee

**Dan Summins- Chair**

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The Stewardship Committee's goal is to foster a sense of gratefulness and response of increased sharing of gifts in the parish and communities we seek to support. We do this by creating, encouraging and communicating ideas and programs that help parishioners recognize and share their gifts.

## 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.