

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

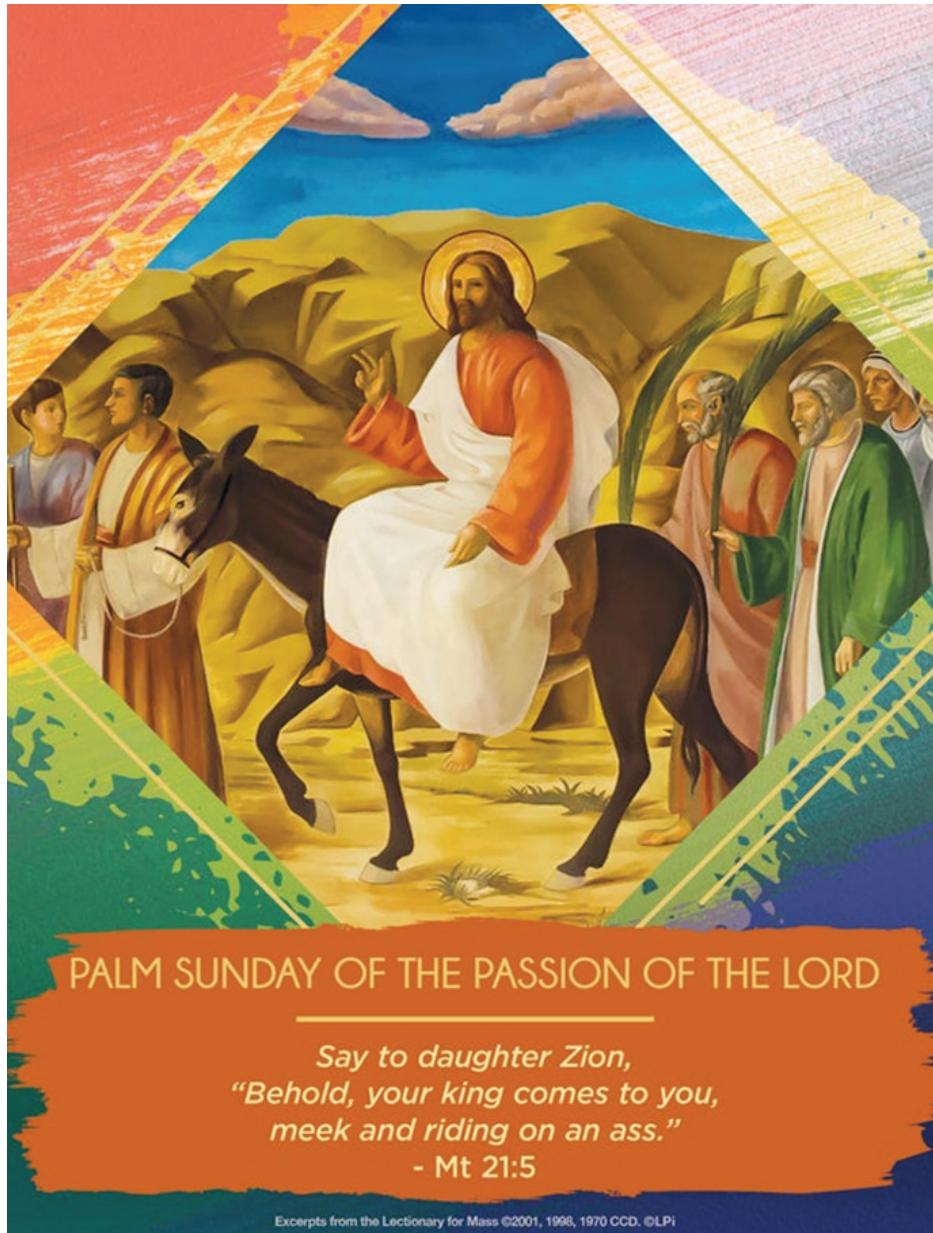
CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST 1889

March 29, 2026

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

T
H
E

J
O
U
R
N
E
Y



Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

Address

1037 W. Armitage Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60614

773-528-6650

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 PM, 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

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays- 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Office Hours

Weekdays: 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

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

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

Email eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com for more information.

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.



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	
<hr/>	
Email	Phone
<hr/>	<hr/>
Address	
<hr/>	
Ministries of Interest	
<hr/>	

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/>.

Loaves and Fishes Dinner

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

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.



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.

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 for 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: I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

Second Reading: He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel: The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

Feasts and Saints:



Wedding Banns:



Bann I

William Curtis Pensyl

Angelica Marie Porras

Gospel Meditation: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: "A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week? Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: "She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about. What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out. Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week – not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

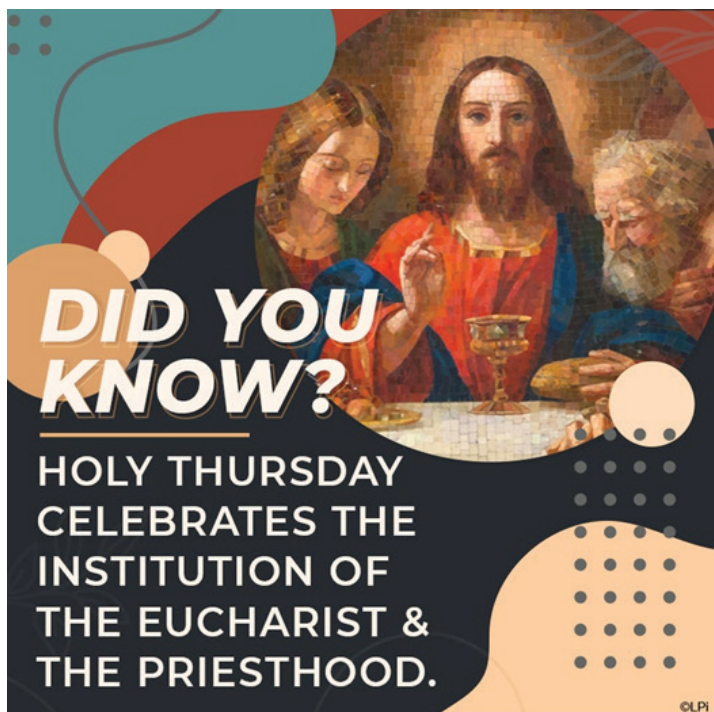
— Father John Muir

Financials: December 2025

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	32,170	46,835
Give Central:	39,446	39,177
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$71,616	\$86,012
		(\$14,396)



Holy Week:



DID YOU KNOW?
HOLY THURSDAY CELEBRATES THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST & THE PRIESTHOOD.

©LPI

This graphic features a central circular image of the Last Supper. The background is dark with abstract shapes in teal, orange, and white. The text is in white, bold, sans-serif font.

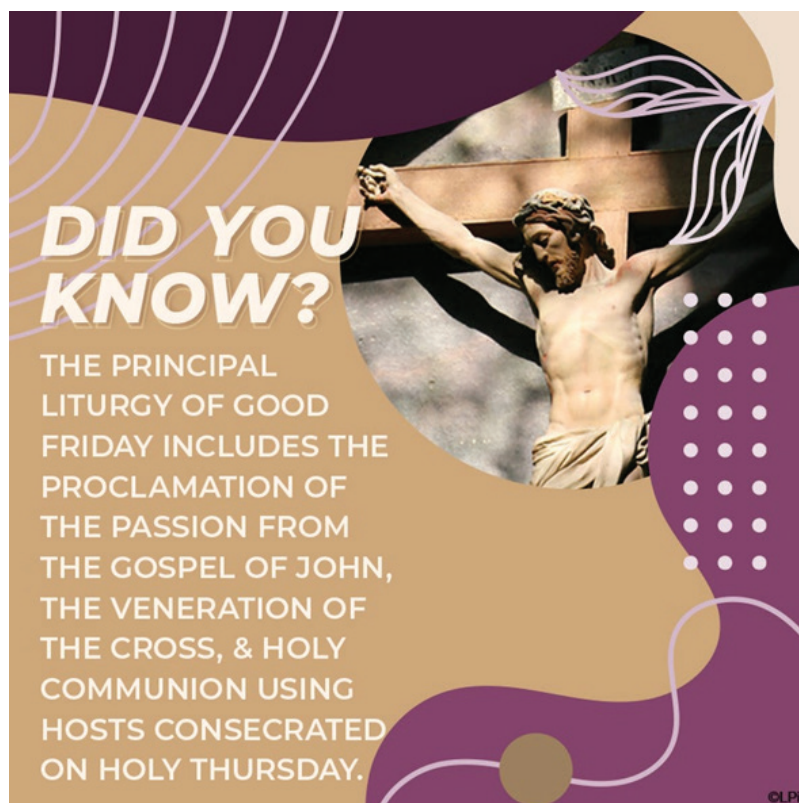
Holy Week:



DID YOU KNOW?
THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASCHAL VIGIL ON THE EVENING OF HOLY SATURDAY MARKS THE END OF HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM.

©LPI

This graphic features a central circular image of three lit candles and a cross. The background is dark blue with abstract shapes in orange and white. The text is in white, bold, sans-serif font.



DID YOU KNOW?
THE PRINCIPAL LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY INCLUDES THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS, & HOLY COMMUNION USING HOSTS CONSECRATED ON HOLY THURSDAY.

©LPI

This graphic features a central circular image of the Crucifixion. The background is a mix of purple and tan with abstract shapes. The text is in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Humanity of Holy Week

We have all sold Jesus out, at one point or another. Some of us have done it more than once, and we've done it for a lot less than 30 pieces of silver.

We have all denied Christ, and we have done it more than three times and under much less pressure than Peter, who feared for his life when he shouted, "I do not know the man!"

We have all struck the face of God — out of anger? Fear? Confusion? All of the above? — screaming, in agony, "Prophecy for me!"

At one point or another, we have all looked at our Lord beaten and betrayed, and we have all said, as Pilate did: "What shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"

And we have all hung on the cross chosen for us, crying out in bewilderment: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Holy Week is a week where we see humanity, in all its vulnerability and ignorance. We see it in the "villains" of the piece, like Judas, and in the morally neutral characters like Pilate and the Jews who have been misled about Jesus. We even see it in the "good guys" like Peter.

In this, the holiest week of the year, we see ourselves at our very worst. The chasm between man and his Creator is an ancient one, and it is driven deep and wide — by the pridefulness of Adam and Eve, yes, but also by every poor choice you and I have ever made.

Every "I don't know the man!" Every "Prophecy!"

Every "What shall I do with Jesus?"

These cries echo forth from the depths of this chasm.

But this week — this Holy Week — a bridge is built across the chasm. And God reaches out His hand

Stewardship Reflections:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Hosanna to the Messiah!

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!



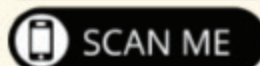
Refugee Lenten Drive

A huge THANK YOU to all of you who donated household/bathroom items, gift cards, or gave a donation towards our refugee fund this Lenten Season. We had over 150 tags placed on our cross, all of which contained desperately needed items for our refugee families. We are thrilled to say that all of the tags were taken, and we were able to build Care Packages for 30 Refugee Families.

If you missed this opportunity and would still like to donate, you can scan the QR code below and donate.

As an alternative, you can purchase Aldi Gift Cards and place them in the weekly collection basket. We will ensure to share with the refugee families in need.

If you are interested in getting more involved with our refugee program, please send a note to Kristen@rlccanning.com to learn more.



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. Please email Steve Sibon - sjsibon@aol.com

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



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.



Mass Intentions

- 5 PM- Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
- 10AM - Celeste Gannon (D)
- 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.



Mass Schedule

- Saturday 4/4 7pm- Fr. Frank
- Sunday 4/5 10am- Fr. Frank
- Sunday 4/5 12pm- Fr. Udovic



Blessing for Holy Week

Be with us this week, Lord,

journeying closer and closer to Your pierced and Sacred Heart.

Immerse us in Your intense and undying love.

Help us to encounter Your passion in new ways that inform, surprise, and inspire us.

Amen.

Sunday Funday March 29th:

Today is Lemon Chiffon Cake Day and Mom and Pop Business Owners Day

1882- The 'Knights of Columbus' was established.

1886- John Pemberton brewed the first batch of Coca-Cola in Atlanta.

1951- Broadway Show – The King and I

1998- BBC America made its debut on digital cable.

Daniel Radcliffe went through 160 pairs of prop glasses by the end of the Harry Potter series.

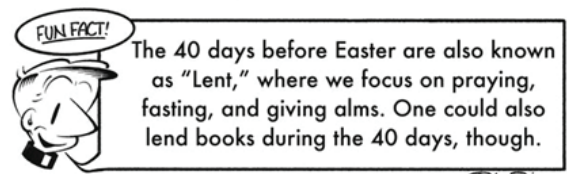
“People see God every day, they just don’t recognize him.”

– Pearl Bailey

“Why couldn’t the grandma find her prayer book?”



“She forgot it was Lent.”





your kindness save a life

Donate Blood

**Sunday
May**

31

7:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Helpful tip:

Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating. Please bring your id

For eligibility questions please call 1- 800-786-4483

St. Teresa of Avila Church Blood Drive

1950 N. Kenmore Ave, Chicago, IL 60614
@ The Parish Center

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

- Call (800) 7TO-GIVE,
- Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mt8k68t5>
- Or scan the QR code below

*Walk-ins welcome, as schedule allows!

Donate blood and be someone's hero. One pint of blood can save up to 3 lives.



ST. TERESA OF AVILA
CATHOLIC PARISH ♦ EST. 1889



Holy Week & Easter Triduum Mass Times



Saturday, March 28, 2026

- 5:00 pm Mass with Blessing of the Palms
- 6:00pm French Mass with Blessing of the Palms

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

- 10:00 am, 12:00pm & 6:00 pm Mass with Blessing of the Palms

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026

- 7:00pm
- Mass of The Last Supper

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

- 3:00 pm
- Mass of Our Lord's Passion
- 7:00pm
- Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

- 7:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

- 10:00am and 12:00pm Easter Mass

Staff

Fr. Frank Latzko

Pastor

frfrankjohn56@gmail.com

Charisse Gioia

Office Manager/Technology Coordinator/
Bulletin

cgioia@stteresaparish.org

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

mneuhengen@stteresaparish.org

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

bmchugh@stteresaparish.org

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

Part-Time Business Manager

cspalla@archicago.org

Jason Krumwiede

Director of Music

musicalnut1@mac.com

Staff

Housekeeping

Irma Saavedra

Sergio Mora

Building & Facilities Manager

smora@stteresaparish.org

Parish Council

Anna Althoff- President

annamarialthoff@hotmail.com

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

dsummins@hotmail.com

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.