

# **St. Teresa of Avila Church**

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Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM,

Sunday 8 & 10 AM



**May 17, 18, 2008**

## Mass Intentions

Tues, May 20     **No Mass**  
Wed, May 21     8:00 AM – In Thanksgiving  
Thurs, May 22     8:00 AM – Marjorie Maggot by Felix Maggot  
Fri, May 23       8:00 AM – Michael Rodriguez by K of C  
Sat, May 24       5:00 PM – Anna Brzozowski by Ed & Grace Brzozowski  
Sun, May 25       8:00 AM – Fr Alan Loth (recovery) by K of C  
                      10:00 AM – For Our Parish Family

### **CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 PM.**

Collections: May 11 119 Adult envelopes \$3281.00 8 Youth envelopes \$9.35 Building Fund \$130.00 Loose \$109.00 Total: \$3529.35 Building Fund on deposit as of May 11 (\$727,249.06 includes interest)

**Readings for May 19 to May 25.** Mon. James 3:13-18; Psalm 19:8,9,10,15; Mark 9:14-29; Tues James 4:1-10; Psalm 55:7-8,9-10a,10b-11a,23; Mark 9:30-37; Wed James 4:13-17; Psalm 49:2-3,6-7,8-10,11; Mark 9:38-40; Thurs James 5:1-6; Psalm 49:14-15ab,15cd-16,17-18,19-20; Mark 9:41-50; Fri. James 5:9-12; Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,8-9,11-12; Mark 10:1-12; Sat. James 5:13-20; Psalm 141:1-2,3 and 8, Mark 10:13-16; Sun. Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12); 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; *Lauda Sion. John 6:51-58*

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society meets Tuesdays at 7 PM in the RE building. Anyone who needs assistance with food or utilities should call our number 343-2938.

**Prayer Chain!** Our Parish has a prayer chain for our Parish Family concerns!! You can call for prayer requests to either Kristi Kretchmar at 391-2728 or Marilyn Tytanic at 454-3556.

Parish Web Site. [www.stteresaharrah.org](http://www.stteresaharrah.org) The email address is: [info@stteresaharrah.org](mailto:info@stteresaharrah.org)

**Anyone using the hall is requested to empty all the trash cans before they leave. Thanks**  
*May is traditionally recognized as the month of Mary. A table will be placed in front of Mary's statue. Parishioners are invited to bring flowers to honor Mary.*

**Please note:** All cemetery decorations must be vases or on monuments during the mowing season except for one week during the Memorial Day weekend. It would be appropriate if everyone who has loved ones in St. Teresa's cemetery or owns lots there, would

contribute their fair share for the cemetery upkeep, so as not to leave the burden on a few.

**Nominations are being accepted for one position for a 3 year term on the Parish Council. Candidates should submit a brief written statement as to their desire to serve on the Council. The election will take place the first weekend in June, and the newly elected will take office at the July meeting. Deadline for submitting names is May 18.**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic to benefit the Catholic Foundation will take place June 9. Registration information and entry form are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church

Birth Choice needs volunteers! Birth Choice needs phone and field volunteers, clothing room workers, receptions, and RN's for 2-4 hours a week. Birth Choice is a pro-life organization helping women with unexpected pregnancy since 1973. Volunteers are needed in all of the offices; Bethany, Edmond, Norman and South Oklahoma City. The next information session, is Tuesday, May 13 6 to 8 PM at 4701 S Western, OKC. To register and for more information, call Marilyn at 799-7195

**Safe Place Faith Community** (A response to the Bishop's Document, "When I call for Help") Next training date is Friday, May 30 at St. Teresa's from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. All churches are invited. This training educates volunteers and church personnel about domestic violence. The training also teaches how to refer to agencies in your community, how to listen, confidentiality and more. This program is sponsored by the Office of Family Life. Training will be provided by the Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Attorney General's Special Victim's Unit. Registrations required. Fee of \$6.00 includes lunch, snacks and materials. Call Office of Family Life, 721-8944 or email [cindynewby50@yahoo.com](mailto:cindynewby50@yahoo.com) for more information.

The National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague continues its Speaker's Bureau with Mr. Mark Shea. He will speak at the Shrine, Saturday, May 31. The day's program begins at 9:00 AM and concludes at 3:30 PM. The program is free along with lunch, but a free will offering will be taken. Please call so that enough refreshments can be prepared. The number is 405-567-3080.

**RE T-shirts!! RE students!** If you didn't get your new RE t-shirt, please contact Maggie Zawisza, 454-0630 to get it. **Adults (and others!) T-shirts will also be for sale.** There will be an order form in the back of the church to sign up for one. Cost is \$12 for sizes small-extra large; \$14 for sizes above that. Also contact Maggie for more information.

Catholic Charities Refugee Program is in desperate need for **twin bedding**, including sheets, pillow cases, blankets, bed frames, box springs and mattresses. **Silverware** is also needed. Catholic Daughters encourages our parish family to make donations for this life-saving program. A donation box will be located in the back of the church through May. Contact Beth Patterson, 454-2181 or [best.paterson@rsvpoc.org](mailto:best.paterson@rsvpoc.org) for more information.

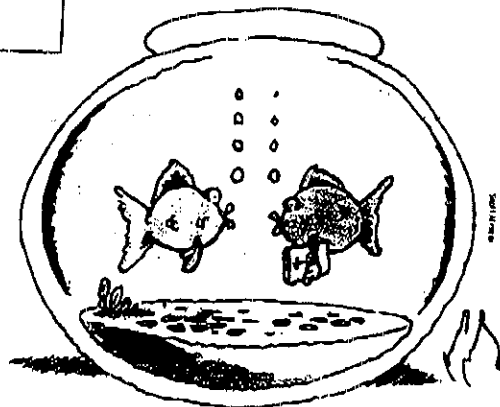
7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free: A Catholic Small Group Study is designed to help participants becoming more effective stewards of the gifts entrusted to them by the Lord. Possibly you would like to become a leader in such a group. Phil Lenahan, the author of *7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free*, will be conducted small group leader training at the Pastoral Center, Friday June 6 from 3 – 9PM. For more information and to sign up, please call Jeff Finnell at 405-255-4343 or visit [www.veritasfinancialministries.com](http://www.veritasfinancialministries.com).

**Region 10 Meeting** – A meeting will be held Sunday, June 1 after 10 AM Mass for parents and high school youth (grades 9 – 12 school year 2008-2009) interested in attending Region 10 Youth Conference on November 21-23, 2008 in Amarillo, TX. Itinerary, costs, registration forms, etc. will be discussed. Parish subsidies are available for those who attend Youth Group and participate regularly at Mass. Please plan to attend. Any questions, call Kelly Trice at 570-2003.

**Animal Friendly Tradition?** Catholic vegetarianism has a spotty history. The Christian Vegetarian Association ([all-creatures.org/cva](http://all-creatures.org/cva)) claims that many religious communities and saints—The Desert Fathers, the Benedictines, Basil the Great, and Clement of Alexandria, to name a few—encouraged vegetarian diets. Augustine, however, did not approve of abstaining from meat “as a matter of doctrine.” He argued that “Thou shalt not kill” does not apply to animals because they don’t use reason. Bernard G Prusak wrote in *Commonweal* last year:

Veg4Lent says that it was once common practice to go vegetarian for the 40 days of Lent. The organization sees Lent as a pathway into a vegetarian diet all year round for modern Christians. [Veg4Lent.org](http://Veg4Lent.org), [Jesusveg.com](http://Jesusveg.com), and other sites respond to common counterarguments, such as biblical reference to eating meat. The Society of Ethical and Religious Vegetarians ([serv-online.org](http://serv-online.org)) also offers articles on vegetarianism from a variety of religious perspectives.

A Special Thank You to all of you who have been so Patient and understanding during my recent hospitalization. I sincerely appreciate your cards, prayers, the gifts of Food, and your thoughtful assistance. Fr. Loth



“Wouldn’t a Baptism be redundant, Pastor?”