Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 14, 2019

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#### Sacraments

**Baptisms:** Parents and Godparents must attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled.

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**Confessions:** Saturdays, 4:15-4:45 pm at St. Barbara Church or by appointment.

The **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** and **Communion Calls** are available to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Please contact the church office for additional information.

	Mass Intentions		
July 14, 201	9 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
<b>8:00 A.M</b> . +	Sau Fong Yuan by Margaret & William Moy		
10:30 A.M. + +	For Roberta's Healing by Regina & Roque & Family Birthday Blessings for Jacinta Shun Wong by Bernie Birthday Blessings for Dr. K.K. Wan by Bernie Wong Birthday Remembrance for Tony Leung by Mom Marilyn Maxine Kroner by Darlene & Chris Lowe		
MON. July 15th	Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church *(Mass at St. Therese Site)		
8:00 A.M.	Special Intentions for Briglio Children and Grandchildren		
TUE. July 16th	Our Lady of Mount Carmel *(Mass at St. Barbara Site)		
8:00 A.M.			
WED. July 17th	Weekday *(Mass at St. Therese Site)		
8:00 A.M. + +	Vince Briglio by Wife and Family Cary Moy by Lucy Moy & Family		
THU. July 18th	Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest *(Mass at St. Barbara Site)		
<b>8:00 A.M.</b> +			
FRI. July 19th	Weekday *(Mass at St. Therese Site)		
8:00 A.M.	Birthday Blessings for A. Briglio by Family Wedding Blessings for Katherine Ann Watt & Jared Tevis by Bill & Family		
SAT. July 20th	Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr, BVM *(Mass at St. Barbara Site)		
8:00 A.M.	Wedding Blessings for Katherine Ann Watt & Jared Tevis by Bill & Family		
5:00 P.M.	*(Mass at St. Barbara Site)		



### From the Desk of Fr. Francis

Greetings of Christ's Peace and Joy! Hope you all had a blessed week.

#### Who is My Neighbor?

I have had the humble privilege and honor to be selected as a Diocesan Ambassador to a program run by DePaul University and the Vincentians who are hosting a group of Chinese priests for a collaborative leadership training in the last few years and this summer at the Lincoln Park campus. One of the major goals of the program is to help the priests to better know the Catholic Church in America. During their visit, these Priests have a rigorous schedule of morning classes coupled with cultural exchange opportunities in the afternoons and weekends. Some of these exchanges include visits to various Churches and institutions in the Chicago area where they can serve the poor and experience the unique diversity of our communities through interactions with the priests and laities. They have had many opportunities to learn and experience the life of the Church here. In their reflections and sharing, one of the things they have been really impressed is the hospitality of the people they have encountered in Chicago. They shared on many occasions how friendly and helpful people are. Their encounters with local people empowered them to have positive and meaningful experiences and impressions, which will serve them as they go back to their parishes to better minister God's people. We good and compassionate people are their neighbors. I invite everyone to extend our SS. Barbara and Therese Parish hospitality to them as they join us at the Parish Picnic this Sunday.

Who is my neighbor? The concept of neighbor is not defined by territories and space in today's Gospel story. They not only can be our next door neighbor or a fellow parishioner, but this also includes people across the globe from us. Jesus challenges us to expand our understanding of neighbor, inclusion and diversity. Our neighbors are the people who treat others always with mercy, compassion, respect and love. We might be living next to each other, but if we are not welcoming, caring, don't show respect to one another and if we are not willing to practice mercy, can we in good conscience call ourselves Christians? The Good Samaritan in the story cared for the victim of the robber and therefore they are neighbors in Christ.

I experienced care and kindness from all the good people at St. Barbara Worship Site last weekend. I heartily thank you who welcomed me with open arms and warm smiles. I know change is difficult, and we are going through many physical, emotional, and spiritual changes that can challenge our faith. We are not strangers, but people of God who are called to love our God and our neighbors with all of our heart, our mind, and our strength. I am truly grateful to all of you for your hospitality and your faith and love. It is by our love that they know we are Christians. As we journey forward, I encourage you to continue to show the strength and the beauty of your relationship with Christ through neighborly hospitality to all you meet.

Christian hospitality has a deep root in our history and Bible. This reminds me of the classical story of Abraham welcoming three strangers. Little did he know, he was encountering the Trinity. In offering food and drinks to strangers, Abraham and Sarah encountered God in a profound way and they were blessed with a child in their old age. What can we learn from this story? How can this powerful story help us to treat our brothers and sisters in our community and neighborhood and beyond?

1 John reminds us if we say that we love our God and don't care for our brothers and sisters, we are lying. Our love for God needs to be lived out in our discipleship. "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God....If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4: 7&20).

We know the Golden Rule in life, but we all need reminders to help us to change and to treat one another as we would want others to treat us. In loving our neighbors, we honor and love our God. Let's not be afraid to practice hospitality, mercy, respect and love; for by encountering others in this way, we encounter our God like Abraham did, and in the way that we are commanded to "Love Your Neighbor as Thyself".



Congratulations to **John & Sheila Lin** who received a special blessing last Sunday on their 40th Wedding Anniversary. God bless them!

~ Peace, Fr. Francis

#### SS. BARBARA-THERESE UNIFICATION CHANG-

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During our staff meeting this week, several changes were made to our schedule to help unify hours at both St. Barbara and St. Therese.

#### Holy Day Mass Times

St. Barbara: Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm; Holy Day Masses: 6:00 and 8:00 am

St. Therese: 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

#### **First Friday Holy Hour & Benediction**

St. Therese: 7:00 pm

#### **Healing Mass**

St. Barbara: First Saturday of the Month: 8:00 am

#### **Confession**

St. Barbara: Saturday: 4:15-4:45 pm or by Appointment

Hospitality Schedule for July 21, 2019:

GREETERS: Marian Torrez & STS Students RECEPTION: SUMMER FAIR

Today's Liturgy - July 14, 2019 Gather 1136- 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time/C PROCESSIONAL : #842 – Come to Us OFFERTORY: #699 –God Is Love COMMUNION #916 – I Receive the Living God RECESSIONAL: #807– We Are Called

#### News and Events

#### SUMMER FAIR- SUNDAY, JULY 21ST! VOLUNTEERS are needed!!! Share your time & talents with us! Donations and Booth Sponsors are also welcome! Please sign up at the church entrance table or see Chris Lowe, Jennifer Sin or Janice Lin. ADVANCED MEAL TICKETS are available for \$9.00 (includes beverage). See sellers at the end of mass. Tickets also available at the church office 312-842-6777.

#### Parish Religious Education Program

Registration has begun! Forms can be found at the entrance of the church. See registration materials for more details or contact Chris Delfin at ChrisDelfin@gmail.com

Rectory at 312-842-6777

#### Catechists are also needed!

Our Parish Religious Education Program is looking for living disciples to share their faith with our youth.



#### Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients: Paul,

Emily, Annette, Jean, Bonnie, Willa, Era, Darlene, Frank, Vera, Marion, Dorothy, Coutney

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#### St. Barbara Church:

#### Weekends:

Saturday: Anticipated Mass: 5:00PM Sunday: 6:00AM & 9:30AM

#### <u>Weekdays:</u>

8:00AM Mass: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

#### St. Therese Church:

#### Weekends:

Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM 12:00PM (twice a month) Cantonese Mass 粤語: 1st Sunday of each month at 10:30am 每月第一主日 上午十時三十分

#### Indonesian Mass 印尼 語:

2nd Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon

每月第二主日 中午十二時

#### Mandarin Mass 國語:

4th Sunday of each month at 12:00noon 每月第四 主日 中午十二時

#### Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

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#### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

**California 'Confession Bill' Withdrawn** - A bill in California that could have forced Catholic priests to choose between violating the law and violating the seal of confession was withdrawn by its sponsor the day before it was to be debated in the committee.

Senate Bill 360, the so-called <u>Confession Bill</u>, would have required priests to report suspicion of child abuse or neglect, even if that knowledge was acquired during the sacrament of confession. In instances outside of confession, priests are designated as 'mandated reporters' and are legally required to report suspicion of child abuse or neglect to the proper authorities.

However, in the Catholic Church, priests have an absolute duty not to disclose anything they learn from penitents during the sacrament of Reconciliation. This is called the 'seal of confession,' and priests are bound to uphold the seal or face excommunication. Senate Bill 360 sought to eliminate the priest-penitent privilege and require priests to violate the seal of confession.

The bill's sponsor, state Senator Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo), withdrew the bill on July 8, the day before it was scheduled to be debated on July 9. Many Catholics from across the state were organizing a gathering in Sacramento on July 9 to protest the bill and the dangers it posed to religious freedom.

Monsignor Stuart Swetland, Chief Religion Correspondent for Relevant Radio<sup>®</sup>, discussed the withdrawal of this controversial bill.

"We have to give a shout-out to the bishops of California who really focused the people on telling their their legislators what a dangerous piece of legislation this was," Msgr. Swetland said. "Archbishop Gomez of Los Angeles said that Senate Bill 360 was a dangerous piece of legislation, and indeed it was. He went on to say if any legislation can force believers to reveal their innermost thoughts and feelings shared with God in Confession, then truly there is no area of human life that is free or safe from government."

Msgr. Swetland pointed out, "I think wise people of all kinds of faith, and even some who do not have the gift of faith at all, saw the threat that this legislation imposed. Because it was the government trying to get the proverbial first step into the very inner sanctum of people's conscience."

The history of the Catholic Church has many examples of holy men and women who were persecuted for refusing to follow unjust or immoral laws. Though many priests in California asserted that they would rather go to jail than violate the seal of confession, for now they do not have to fear that choice.

"There are places that the government cannot go," Msgr. Swetland said. "It has not the competence. And, of course, we see this now looking backwards very clearly in Jesus' teaching about rendering unto Caesar what is Caesar's, but unto God what is God's. Meaning that there is an appropriate role for the State, but there's also the absolute role for God, and that has to be respected first."

https://relevantradio.com/2019/07/california-confession-bill-withdrawn/

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#### "EVERY DAY" by Sister Caritas

Every day, when we are driving on Chicago streets and expressways we encounter homeless people standing at corners and intersections begging for money. Sometimes, especially downtown, they are on corners or sitting against buildings at busy places. If you took a video of the responses of the people passing by or driving by, it would be very interesting. Maybe the same types of people as are described in the Gospel would be found on the video. The priest of their day (one who had the role by heredi-ty...like father like son..) was bound by the law to remain pure and undefiled in order to be able to offer worship for the people and thus gain God's continued blessing. Perhaps the person in the video would be the one who has no way of helping the person hurt and knows it but is on his way to do an important job. The Levite in the time of Jesus was also involved in duties in the temple, perhaps even helping with sacrifices at time. He too held a role inherited. He was a member of the ancient Tribe of Levi. No law bound him as it did the priest. Like many people today, for their own reasons, they passed by the wounded hurt man.

In our world today, many people are hurt, wounded "beaten up," homeless, country-less, "family-less" maybe even left by the roadside to die. In our local areas, even in our churches there are many people who feel "church-less," struggling with change and difference. "Things won't be the same." One of the consistent things in life is change. What do you do when you meet someone who is hurt? Are you like the Samaritan, who stops pours oil and wine on the wounds to clean them, takes him on his donkey and pays for his housing and needs? If you can't do all of that, what will you do? Will you listen with compassion and not judge them? Will you welcome the stranger and give them comfort and welcome and make them as if they have found a new home, a new family?

Will you give of yourself, giving talent, time and care? Use your knowledge and experience, or the things you have learned along the way that are helpful. Will you bind up the wounds of the hurt to your patience and care? The Samaritan in the story knew what it was to be "neighbor, brother, sister, family, people of God." Jesus asked the lawyer, "Who was neighbor to the man left along the road?" Knowing the law, the lawyer of course answered correctly. Jesus said, "Go and do likewise." What about us, will we do likewise? What about you and me? Can we "Go and Do Likewise?"





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