Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 8, 2019

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Sacraments

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

Weddings: Church arrangements must be made at least six months in advance, before booking a reception hall.

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 Sept. 8, 2019 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. In Thanksgiving for the Prayers and Supports of all my family & Friends by Marie Panozzo

- + Sau Fong Yuan by Margaret & William Moy
- + Loraine Pon by Chris & Darlene Lowe
- + Ali Punzalan, 1st Year Anniversary by Yvette Lee & Family

11:00 A.M. SMI Mass

+

Birthday Blessing for Elvyra Rudiene by Vesta and Bill Watt The Izzy and Armstrong Family by Family

Saint Peter Claver, Priest *(Mass at St. Therese Church)

8:00 A.M. + Vera Caldario, Birthday Remembrance by Marion Roti + Tony Leung by Mom Marilyn Leung

Weekday *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)

8:00 A.M.

WED. Sept. 11th

TUE. Sept. 10th

MON. Sept. 9th

Weekday *(Mass at St. Therese Church)

- 8:00 A.M + 高志清 by 王世彬
 - + Poor and Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro

THU. Sept. 12th

Weekday *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)

8:00 A.M. +

FRI. Sept. 13th	Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00 A.M. +	*(<i>Mass at St. Therese Church</i>) James Roti, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion Roti
SAT. Sept. 14th	The Exaltation of the Cross

- 8:00 A.M. + 5:00 P.M.
 - *(Mass at St. Barbara Church)
 + Wan Hing Cheng by Chung Family



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks and Congratulations

Thanks to **Phil, Jimmy, Darlene, Perry and Wendy** for spending part of their Thursday on Aug. 29, to give witness of our Renew My Church journey on the Relevant Radio. We were blessed by the Holy Spirit to have had the opportunity to share on our parish's new name, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and how Mother Teresa has affected each one of our lives. Relevant Radio is at 950AM or <u>www.relevantradio.com</u>.

Thanks to **Barbara Hudren** and **Elizabeth Pienta** for their creative ideas and leadership helping with the Thanksgiving and Hope celebration last weekend at St. Barbara Worship Site. It offered us a precious opportunity to celebrate the past, the present and to pray for our future together.

Thanks to St. Therese School Classes of the 1960s, who generously donated \$15,000.00 to our school at their Alumni Gathering last Saturday. Their generosity truly is representative of "Age of Aquarius" one the greatest songs and the spirit of the 1960s. I was blessed to be part of their reunion. Many of them have fond memories of St. Therese. We thank them and wish them well.

Congratulations to **Nathan Emil Wu**, son of Jing Chao Wu and Maureen Vana. Nathan was baptized last Sunday at St. Therese Worship Site. We assure them of our best wishes and prayers.



The Cost of Discipleship

The readings for last weekend reminded of us on the importance of the virtue of humility. Being truly humble leads us closer to God and to the service of others. A humble person is not self-centered, but cares for the needs of others and therefore offers glory to our Lord.

Today's readings urge us to courageously carry our daily cross with true faith and hope. Our call to discipleship demands us to renounce all possessions including those that may mean the most to us as they are obstacles to our salvation. There is a cost to our discipleship. One of my favorite theologians, Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, connects the concept of discipleship to grace, in which he beautifully wrote,

"Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: 'Ye were bought at a price', and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God."

Jesus paid the price for our salvation and we are called to follow His way, His truth, and His life. St. Mother Teresa, pray for us, for our faith community, and may your humility inspire us always. ~Peace, Fr. Francis

Special September Masses



Date	Time	Worship Site	Description
Thursday 9-5-10	10:00AM	St. Barbara	Feast of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Bishop John Manz, Celebrant
Sunday 9-8-19	9:30AM	St. Barbara	Family Mass and Back to School Bash
Tuesday 9-10-19	8:00AM	St. Barbara	School Mass for St. Barbara Campus
Sunday 9-15-19	10:30AM	St. Therese	Family Mass, Catechetical Sunday, Blessing of Teachers Catechists for BOTH campuses
Monday 9-16-19	8:00AM	St. Therese	School Mass for St. Therese Campus
Tuesday 9-24-19	8:00AM.	St. Barbara	School Mass for St. Barbara Campus
Wednesday 9-25-19	8:00AM	St. Therese	Class Mass for 7 th Graders of BOTH Campuses
Monday 9-30-19	8:00AM	St. Therese	Feast of St. Therese, Little Flower

First Saturday 8am Healing Mass:

During our monthly healing mass on the 1st Saturday of the Month at the 8am mass at St. Barbara Worship Site Chapel, we will have the Sacrament of Anointing and pray the Marian Litany. One of the questions people ask is who can receive the Anointing?

This sacrament is not only for those who are dying but is for all who ae seriously ill. Are you suffering from serious illness, chronic pain, or the debilitating effects of advancing age? Are you preparing for surgery or recovering from the effects of surgery? Come and receive this sacrament. Let Jesus heal you.

Hospitality Schedule for Sept. 15, 2019:

GREETERS: Marian Torrez & STS Students / RECEPTION: Elisa, Kathryn, Renee, Rita <u>Today's Liturgy - Sept. 8, 2019</u> Gather 1160, - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/C

> PROCESSIONAL: #842 – Come to Us OFFERTORY: #728 – Eye Has Not Seen COMMUNION: Your Song of Love RECESSIONAL: #881 – Lift High the Cross

News and Events

Parish Religious Education Program

Registration forms can be found at the entrance of the church. See registration materials for more details or contact Chris Delfin at <u>ChrisDelfin@gmail.com</u> Or 312-842-6777. **Catechists are also needed!**

SMI Feast Celebration is today at 11:00am. All are welcome!



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Matthew, Richard, Frances, Bright, Eugene, Lynette, Alice, Kenneth, Slvia, Andrea, Irving, Helena, Gregory, Elisa,

Charles, Jonathan, David, Frank, Kim, Lori, Linda, Jackie

St. Michael Schedule:

Sept. 8: 9am: Chris 10:30am: Angelo, Pat Sept. 15 : 8am: Chris; 10:30am: Enrique, Eric, Miguel

Wedding Banns:

Janice Lin and Brian Chow will celebrate their matrimony on Sat. Sept. 28. Please keep them in your prayers.



"Gratitude to God is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy."

By St. Mother Teresa

MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019: 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, and Mandarin Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00PM

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:

Mass from August 2019 –January 2020 at Divine Word Mission in Techny, IL

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

ATTENTION: For those who make your offering in the form of a check, please continue to make checks payable to your respective Worship Site Churches until it is announced otherwise.



Thursday Bingo at St. Barbara, Sept. 12th — 6:35 PM Start 2859 S. Throop St. @ Archer — Chicago



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Back to School Bash

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 FAMILY MASS St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish - St. Barbara Worship Site 2859 S. Throop Street

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Respect Life Corner

Creep Starting to Gallop – 22 years ago, syndicated columnist Cal Thomas was already right about Abortion and **PAS** (Physician-assisted suicide). He wrote: "Once it is established that some lives are less valuable and less meaningful than other lives (as happened in *Roe*), the rest is merely who's next and how quickly we can move forward with the disposal process." He also wrote: "In the past, the assault has been directed at Jewish lives and at those whose skin pigmentation was darker than the majority's. Now the threat is directed toward the 'terminally ill'." Today, Roe v Wade's carnage continues apace. Some states have passed or considered legislation extending *Roe's* influence to permit infanticide of children born alive during a failed abortion. States like Illinois keep abortion statistics secret by exempting them from freedom of information laws. All the while, US births have dropped to their lowest rate on record, far below the replacement rate. As for PAS, it is now legal in 18 countries. In the US it's legal by law or court decision in nearly 20% of all states (California, Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, New Jersey, Maine, Vermont, Montana and the District of Columbia). Two-thirds of these state laws have been enacted in the last three year. By any measure, that's a bolt to gallop. At the same time, there's serious concern that assured "safeguards" in the death laws aren't working and real victim numbers are being concealed from scrutiny (See, e.g. Assisted Suicide Laws in Oregon and Washington: What Safeguards? 4/2/2019). For human dignity's sake, Physicians should be helping the vulnerable instead of disposing of them: "A caring community devotes more attention, not less, to members facing the most vulnerable times in their lives. When people are tempted to see their own lives as diminished in value or meaning, they most need the love and assistance of others to assure them of their inherent worth. The healing art of medicine is an important part of this assistance ... Such care should combine medical skill with attention to the emotional as well as spiritual needs of those facing the end of life." (USCCB, To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide (June 11, 2011.) To quote Cal Thomas again: "If doctors are allowed to become killing agents at the end of life, as they are at the beginning of life, the next assault will come against the otherwise healthy elderly, the disabled and, depending on the spirit of the age, who knows who else." Should we care?

Quote – "Within the "people of life and the people for life', the family has a decisive responsibility. This responsibility flows from its very nature as a community of life and love, founded upon marriage, and from its mission to 'guard, reveal and communicate love'." — *The Gospel of Life*, no.92, Excerpt from *Evangelium Vitae* © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

Our Prayer – For all fathers: May they be guided by the love of God the Father and teach their children to follow the Lord, who is life - *we pray to the Lord...*

<u>Weekly Offering</u> Collection for Sept. 1, 2019						
Sunday Envelopes	\$1,536					
GiveCentral	235	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$15,581				
Sunday Loose	702	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$19,800				
Total Collection	\$2,473					
Weekly Budget:	\$2,200	% of Budget Attained: 78%				
Please consider giving one hour of your weekly salary as your contribution. <i>May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!</i>						

Sun., Sep 15 10:30 AM (St. Therese)

Sat., Oct 12 5:00 PM (St. Barbara)

Sun., Nov 10 10:30 AM (St. Therese) Mass + Service (Church Maintenance) Freshen up the church by painting & various maintenance! Beginners welcome!

Mass + Youth Ministry Meeting Help mentor and lead the future Young Adults of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta!

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Mind of God—By Sr. Caritas

Many times when I am around little babies, I wonder what is going on in their minds as they stare at me or at other things. I wonder what they are thinking. Since they cannot not speak, I do not know nor can I even guess. We do not really know what anyone else is thinking unless they tell us in some way. Assuming we know can cause grave misunderstandings.

The first reading today tells us how incomprehensible the mind of God is. We can "search the things of heaven", but we really do not know for certain what heaven will be. If we pray, reflect and think about the scripture and the words and life of Jesus, we can get some sense of the mind of God. Our human capacity still does not comprehend totally what God is deeply thinking. We get indications but we do not have complete knowledge. We can pray for God to show us, to reveal to us, HIs mind, His way, His thinking.

St. Paul is proposing to the former slave owner that he take Onesimus back as a brother, as someone precious to St. Paul, as a fellow Christian. This must have seemed beyond the comprehension of the one who owned the slave. He was of the lowest dignity and now he should be considered an equal, a son, having the same respect as if Paul himself was there to be welcomed. How incomprehensible the mind of Paul, a reflection of the mind of Jesus, of the mind of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus defines his disciples as those who carry their own cross daily, willingly, joyfully. He tells us "anyone who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciples." To the people following Jesus, the teachings and words of Jesus, possessions will keep one from discipleship. So we ask God to give us the mind of Jesus. Let us "put on Jesus Christ." God, let us have your view and mind of everyday life so we can have eternal life.



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Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, hospitalized, and homebound...

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