Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2020

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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

August 30, 2020 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. + Kent Moy by Margaret Moy & Teresa Lee Jimmy Annoreno by Family 10:30 A.M. Special Intention by Lily May Special Intention by Darlene Chan-Lowe Healthy and Healing Blessing for Ferdinand Nathan and Endi Minto by **Gunawan Family** Listiyani Dewi by Lisa & Eddy & Family Rita Lambie by Sr. Lupita Marie Jorge, Virginia, George, Charles Lo, Fillis, Bill, Joe, Albert Wong by +Agnes & Family MON. Aug. 31st Weekday *(Mass at St. Therese Church) 8:00 A.M. + Maria Wang by Phillip Wang Weekday *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel) TUE. Sept. 1st 8:00 A.M. + Bruno Roti, 25th Anniversary by Marion Darlene Ray by Barbaro Family +Weekday *(Mass at St. Therese Church) WED. Sept. 2nd 8:00 A.M. Special Blessing for the Wang Family by Phillip Wang Birthday Blessing for Michael Sung by So Family Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church THU. Sept. 3rd *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel) 8:00 A.M. Weekday *(Mass at St. Therese Church) FRI. Sept. 4th 8:00 A.M. Blessing for Li Jiao by Li Zhong Wang In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Barbaro Family Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Religious SAT. Sept. 5th 8:00 A.M. *(Mass at St. Barbara Church) In Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Barbaro Family 5:00 P.M. *(Mass at St. Therese Church)

Special Intention by Darlene Chan-Lowe



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Congratulations and Thanks

Congratulations to the 2020 class at St. Barbara Campus of St. Therese School, who celebrated their Confirmation last Saturday at St. Barbara Church:

Ronald Cabrera Cecilia Claudio Maylen Dunagan Gabriella Godinez Brooke Mahneke Victoria Medellin Krystin Ruiz Lucia Thomas

We thank their parents, sponsors, and catechists for accompanying them and preparing them for this special celebration.





Congratulations to **Austin He**, who was baptized last Sunday at St. Therese Worship Site. We welcome Austin and assure him and his parents and Godparents of our prayers and support.

Thanks to Eva Mrgan, Ken Ricci and Lily and Richard May for their generous donations to cover the cost of the new organ at St. Therese Worship Site. Special thanks to Eva, Ken, Rick and Michael Pietrzak for their expertise and guidance for the new organ to be properly delivered and installed.

Thanks to **Jim Distasio** and his company "M & J Asphalt" who repaved St. Therese's parking lot for free. We appreciate their generosity and kindness.

Racism and Ministry

Last Wednesday, Bishop Robert Casey had a zoom meeting with his priests in Vicariate III on the topic of racism and ministry. I found the conversations to be helpful in light of the recent racially charged events in our country. This is an issue that not only challenges all ministers, but also all Christians and people as well. I want to share the examination of conscience questions that Bishop Casey invited his priests to reflect and pray about with you all.

Have I prayed, earnestly and regularly, for an end to racism and an increase in the understanding of the equal dignity of all those created in the image of God?

Have I sought ways to better educate myself about the structures of sin that perpetuate racism and that may have an unforeseen effect on the way I live my life?

Have I tried to gain a deeper understanding of the privileges and blessings I enjoy in my life and how these same privileges and blessings may not be enjoyed by others because of their race?

Have I been conscious of the existence of racism in world, naming it and recognizing it as a structure of sin?

Have I prayed for and actively sought after a greater understanding of systemic racism and have I been willing to enact real changes in my life to combat it?

Have I been willfully ignorant of the racism that I know exists in family, or my community, or my Church and I have been insensitive by ignoring it?

Have I looked for opportunities to enter into dialogue about racism with those with whom I would not ordinarily converse?

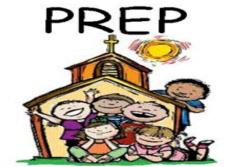
Have I desired to overcome indifference to racial violence and to push past the tendency to ignore it?

Have I asked God to forgive me for the times that I have contributed to racism, whether consciously or unconsciously, through jokes, conversations, criticisms, use of influence, or complaints?

Have I asked God to forgive my family members, my friends, my neighbors, and my fellow churchgoers who have deliberately participated in and perpetuated the sin of racism, and have I prayed for a conversion of their hearts?

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish



Parish Religious Education Program

Religious education for children from 1st to 8th grade.

PREP will begin with Family Orientation at 2p.m. on Sunday, October 4, 2020 via Zoom

For more information contact:

- Chris Delfin at ChrisDelfin@gmail.com
 - Parish Office at 312-842-6777
- Deadline for enrollment is Monday, September 14, 2020.

Enroll online at

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dGw85fL8i9TVexmp j3XvxrruSPUtgSlQd4sefAMPlFM/edit?usp=sharing

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Witnessing through Accompaniment By Thomas Howard

Some mistakenly believe that when it comes to sharing a faith testimony, priests and sisters should be recruited first and laypeople last. We are blessed with many active ministries here at St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta parish, where the creative action of the Holy Spirit is hard at work. It is wonderful when a layperson involved in one of our ministries steps up to the plate and willingly shares a faith witness.

Bette Pienta's experience during the RCIA baptisms a few weeks ago is highlighted below. The guiding question to keep in mind is: Can I emulate Mary, who accompanied Jesus to the very end?

Just a few days before the big evening on August 1st, the date was chosen to finally initiate several new members into our faith community, Bette was the first member of our evangelization team to volunteer to attend the mass and conduct a few interviews for our evangelization team. "Thanks in ad-

vance, Tom for picking me up. I know how hard it can be to find parking in Chinatown on a Saturday evening."

From the moment we arrived until hours later when we left, Bette was in her element, introducing herself to the RCIA elect encouraging them with both words and a smile hidden behind her mask. Her main task was to conduct a few interviews, delving into one's raw experience of grace discovered in the sacrament of baptism.

Fiona, Jing's, and my new goddaughter was one interview Bette conducted that evening. "I wanted to find out, first hand, how an immigrant family encounters the Catholic faith, Bette commented." Yo-Yo, Fiona's mother and pictured on the left, was also initiated into the faith that evening.

Bearing witness to Christ crucified, therefore, is often quite simple. Bette's openness to saying 'yes' to our team's invitation not only infused confidence and peace in the lives of the elect that she interacted with that beautiful summer night, but this experience also brought her great personal satisfaction and joy. "I absolutely love accompanying people as they enter the faith. Even though this was not the Easter Vigil, it did, nevertheless, bring back many wonderful memories for me in my Catholic journey. God is good!"

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish Communication News

SMTCP Facebook:

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to receive the latest news about the parish.

SMTCP New Email System:

Please take a moment to sign up

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SMTCP New Bulletin Design:

We are working to unify our parish bulletins. If you would like to share your designing talent, please let Fr. Francis know.

SMTCP New Website:

We have been working on a unified website. Thanks to all who have helped so far. We need volunteers to assist with the content and translation (from English to Chinese).

If you would like to be part of this ministry, please let Fr. Francis know.

Our Parish's Live-Streamed 10:30am Sunday Mass:

Catholics are still absolved from Sunday obligations. Those who can't yet participate in person can still join us online; our 10:30am Sunday mass is live-streamed via Facebook and YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAgZ6h3s85o fB3QSYO2VQ)

"Carry on the Mission" Match Appeal

Thank YOU all who have already donated!

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Teresa & Gene Lee	\$250	to Saint Mother	
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Anonymous	\$150	reresa of Carcutta Modie Telesa	
Marilyn Lee	\$125	Coint Targes of Coloutte, you allowed	
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Andrew Toy	\$125	Cross to become a living flame with-	
Lucy Moy	\$125	in you, and so became the light of	
Sacred Heart Ladies	\$125	His love to all.	
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Dominic Lai	\$200		
Theresa Latham	\$250	(here make your request).	
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Nancy Longmire	\$100	Teach me to allow Jesus to pene-	
James DiStasio	\$500	trate and possess my whole being so	
Francine Caruso	\$100	completely that my life, too, may ra-	
Gerard Chan	\$125	diate His light and love to others.	
Linda Weiler	\$125	diate i iis light and love to others.	
Tom Chan	\$125	Amon	

As of 8/28/2020 Total Donation \$4250

Weekly Offering Collection for August 23, 2020					
Sunday Envelopes	\$1,018				
GiveCentral	395	July 1-To-Present (Actual):	\$ 18,264		
Sunday Loose	149	July 1-To -Present (Budget):	\$17,600		
Total Collection	\$ 1,562				
Weekly Budget:	\$2,200	% of Budget Attained:	103%		
Please consider giving one hour of your weekly salary as your contribution. May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!					
8/16/2020 St. Rocco Feas 8/23/2020 Mandarin Mass		28			

Amen.



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

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Daily Life by Sr. Caritas

Before I came to St. Therese, about fifteen or sixteen years ago, I had left another parish and was without a job or ministry. My doctor said the point I was at, was "The will of God". When he said that, it was the last thing I was thinking about. He suggested that I should have my second hip replaced. Another surgery was not what I wanted to do. He was persistent, so I did. After the surgery, recovery, and therapy, I was mostly pain free. The following January, I got up in the morning and found myself free of pain for the first time. I continue to be mostly pain free. My doctor was right. I did not see what could be. I would probably not be as healthy or active as I am now. Sometimes what we don't want is God's will and good for us.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus is preparing for His future death and resurrection. He is telling His apostles. Peter takes Jesus aside and says, "No such thing shall ever happen to you." This can't be what is supposed to happen. The Messiah is not supposed to happen. The Messiah is not supposed to end like Jesus reminds us that we all must carry our cross to follow Him.

Jesus reminds us that we all must carry our cross to follow Him. With the dawn of each day, we have another chance to carry our cross. Everyone has one suited to themselves. We have seen in Jesus' life that carrying our cross leads to a kind of resurrection which we do not see or know. If we seek Jesus and His way of life as we carry our cross, we know there is resurrection. Jesus tries to show us that crosses, difficulties, pain, and suffering are often the way to another kind of life, a new and better way of life. Seeking this kind of life means we will not lose life even when we die.

Each of us makes daily choices. God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit is with us and gives us the fulness of life appropriate to living as a Catholic Christian here in this world. As you and I end each day, looking back over choices we make through the day, we measure them to Jesus' life. Each of us is called to follow Him, love Him and love each other. That kind of life leads to eternal happiness that the "world" cannot give.

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Mandarin Rosary on Tuesdays at St. Barbara Church: 2:30pm, English Rosary on Wednesdays at 3:00p m and 5:30am Every Sunday Rosary Prayer at St. Barbara Church. If

you are able to join, please contact Jing Zhang at izsttherese@gmail.com for details.

Celebrating the Feast of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta—September 5th

Novena begins on Thursday, Aug. 27th during our daily mass and you are invited to pray privately if you cannot attend the daily mass. On the Feast Day, Saturday, Sept. 5th, we will have an 8am mass at St. Barbara and 5pm mass with Bishop Robert Casey at St. Therese Church in honor of our parish's beloved patroness.

First Friday Devotion:

There will be a Holy Hour on Friday, Sept. 4th at 7pm in Church with Divine Mercy Chaplets prayer and Benediction. All are welcome!

The Annual Feast of SMI in honor of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

will take place on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 12 noon at St. Therese this year. Due to limited space, this mass will be live-streamed at our parish's YouTube channel.

REMINDER:

If you are considered as "vulnerable population;" or if you are having pre-existing health conditions; or if you are experiencing any health issues, out of super abundant caution and pure love for yourself and others, we strongly encourage you not to join our mass in-person for now and we kindly invite you to join our online masses.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Saturday: Anticipated Mass: 5:00PM

Sunday: 6:00AM & 9:30AM

Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

St. Therese Church:

Weekends:

Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM, and Mandarin Mass on 2nd Saturday at 4pm; and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30PM

Cantonese Mass 粵 語:

1st Sunday of each month at 10:30am

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2nd Sunday of each month at St. Barbara Chapel at 11:00am

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