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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

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8:00 A.M. + Anna Song by Rose Marie Centofanti + Phyllis Centofanti by Rose Marie Centofanti

10:30 A.M. + Bow Kam Woo by Jade Yee

+ Judy Moy by Sheila & John Lin & Family

+ Kay Culen by the Sin, Bertozzi & Mellor Families

MON. Dec. 28th The Holy Innocents, Martyrs *(Mass at St. Therese Church)

8:00 A.M. Special Intention by Dominic Barbaro

+ Kay Culen by the Sin, Bertozzi & Mellor Families

TUE. Dec. 29th Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord *(Mass at St. Barbara Church)

8:00 A.M.

WED. Dec. 30th Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord *(Mass at St. Therese Church)

8:00 A.M. + Maryann Roti, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion

Rose Capinegro, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion

+ Rocco Roti, Birthday Remembrance by Marion

+ Monica Liu by Bi Jiang

THU. Dec. 31st Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M. New Year's Eve *(Mass at St. Therese Church)

+ Jenping J. Chan and Diane Marie Chan by Darlene & Chris Lowe

+ Mac Lowe & Steven Lowe by Darlene & Chris Lowe

FRI. Jan. 1st The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God *(Mass at St Therese Church)

10:00 A.M. Thanksgiving by Richard & Lily
4 Joe D'Amico by Joe & Rena

SAT. Jan. 2nd Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop and Doctors of the Church *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M. *(Mass at St. Barbara Church)



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks

Thanks to our Filipino group for a beautiful and prayerful Simbang Gabi Mass on Dec. 12th. We were blessed to have Fr. Brad Zamora as our celebrant. In his homily, he reminds us the gift of our diversity in unity. Indeed, we are many, but one faith and one Lord.

Thanks to our St. Vincent DePaul Society for the Hats, Gloves, Scarves, and Socks drive during Advent to benefit the needy. Thanks to all students in our school and Religious Education Program for taking the lead on the Advent Baby Bottle Project to benefit the Women's Center. Our parishioners responded generously to both of these events.



Year of St. Joseph (Dec. 8, 2020—Dec. 8, 2021)

On the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the universal Church by Pope Pius IX, Pope Francis proclaimed a year dedicated to honor St. Joseph in his apostolic letter, *Patris Corde, With a Father's Heart* in which he divides his letter into 7 sections to speak of St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a creatively courageous father, a working father, and a father in the shadows.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, it is appropriate to take some time to honor Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. We need their examples especially now for parents and children to imitate. We need the intercessions of St. Joseph and St. Mary for our families, particularly all families who are experiencing divisions, struggles and sufferings.

Below is a prayer to St. Joseph, which is in the conclusion of Pope Francis' apostolic letter. Let's pray it and ask for St. Joseph to intercede for us and our families.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; In you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Peace~ Fr. Francis

FAMILY PRAYER

By Fr. John Cuff

Here's a story that I think is suitable for Holy Family Sunday: A young man in Scotland hired himself out as a helper to a wealthy farmer; he liked the work and seemed to be doing a good job, but after two weeks he guit and returned home.

A friend asked him, "Why did you quit your job? Was the work too hard?" "Not at all," replied the young man. "Was it the wages?" "No," answered the youth, "the pay was excellent." "Well, then why did you quit?"

"I'll tell you," he said, "there was no roof on the house." In Scotland, "no roof on the house" is an expression used to indicate a home where there's no family prayer.

When I hear the terms "family prayer" and "holy family," I recall growing up in my own family on Chicago's south side. We were had seven children, and during our grade school years each night after supper, our parents used to insist that before turning on the TV we all kneel down and say the Family Rosary, recommended by the nuns at school. I suppose the Family Rosary was the closest we got to being a "holy family," but looking back I think it had good results: No divorces, one religious vocation, sixteen grandchildren, plus thirty-one great-grandchildren and still counting, thanks, I believe, to our parents' fervent faith and their insistence on family prayer.

On this subject of Family Prayer, here's another story about prayer in the home: A pastor was doing a parish census and one of the questions was, "Do you have any kind of family prayer in your home?" One family, the Wongs, replied, "Truthfully, Father, we just don't have time for it."

So the priest asked them, "Suppose you knew that one of your children would take sick if you did not pray together, would you have some kind of family prayer then?" "Oh, I guess we would," answered Mr. Wong.

"Suppose you knew that on the day you failed to say a family prayer, one of your children would be injured in an accident, would you pray together then?" This time both Mr. and Mrs. Wong answered, "We most certainly would."

The priest continued, "Now suppose that every day you failed to pray together, the law would fine you twenty dollars, would you neglect family prayer?" Mr. Wong replied, "I'm sure we would pray, Father, but why are you asking all these questions?"

"Just this," said the priest, "Your problem is not time, you could find the time; the problem is that you do not believe family prayer is important, as important as paying a fine or keeping your family healthy."

"You love your children, but you don't see that the blessing of God that you get through family prayer is more important than anything else, am I right?" Mr. and Mrs. Wong had to agree. End of story. Question: Is there a roof on your house?

Updated Upcoming Special Events and Schedule---2020 & 2021

December 26th- 27th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Masses: 5:00pm Vigil, 6:00am, and 9:30am at St. Barbara

8:00am and 10:30am at St. Therese

December 31st New Year's Eve Mass at 5pm, followed by BENEDICTION at

St. Therese

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January 1st New Year's Day Masses:

9:30am at St. Barbara Church 10:00am at St. Therese Church

For unto you is Born this Day

By an Anonymous Mother

During one of the parent formation sessions, Mr. Howard shared an inspiring slide show on the Advent Baby Bottle project, and it hit home. It took me back to 2008 when I had to consider having an abortion. I was no longer an 18-year-old female, thinking about prom, graduation, and college. Instead, I was facing a choice that would affect me for the rest of my life.

Being a first-generation Mexican American immigrant, I worked hard to maintain good grades with hopes of receiving college scholarships. Senior year approached, and I anxiously waited for acceptance letters and became excited for what was about to come until a doctor's visit rerouted my path.

I was two months pregnant, without a boyfriend, and feeling shame and guilt at the bottom of my heart. At that moment, I wanted to die! Questions of, "What will people think? My parents?" or "Should I abort? I want to attend college; I've worked so hard!" flooded my head.

As I took the courage to tell my parents, friends, teachers, and mentors, many told me to abort. But others told me to keep the baby.

I felt lost, alone, and hopeless. I was scared for the life of the unborn child and my future. One afternoon, I went to my parish and sat in the chapel. As I sat with the Holy Eucharist, my loneliness evaporated. I prayed and asked Jesus for a sign of what to do and tell me everything would be okay.

A week later, Father Stephen approached me, and we started to talk. He told me, "Young lady, Jesus died on the cross for us. He also did it for you! Jesus loves you very much. Don't be afraid, my child; nothing is impossible for him, and nothing will be impossible for you. You can still graduate high school, attend college, and be a great mother. It'll be challenging, but you have so many people who can help you. This baby is a blessing from him, and he wants you to love him."

At that moment, I felt a sense of peace, acceptance, and love and decided to continue my pregnancy. My son is now 12 years old, and I thank God every day for sending Father Stephen to my rescue and my sons. I cannot imagine a life without my son, and proud of taking that leap of faith. Life is challenging and doesn't go as planned, but Jesus always has a way to make it work for us. All we have to do is listen and open our hearts to his love and reassurance of life.

Our parish offers the following regular opportunities to pray the rosary together.



- 1.) 5:30am on Sundays at St. Barbara Church
- 2.) 5pm on Mondays with Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity at St. Therese Church
- 3.) 2:30pm on Tuesdays in Mandarin on Zoom
- 4.) 7pm on Wednesdays in English on Zoom
- 5.) First Friday of the Month at 7pm at St. Therese Church

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:11).

Christmas Donations as of 12/22/2020

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Thank YOU to all who contributed!

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winners!

Grand Prize: Gabrielle Feliciano

First Prize: David Li Second Prize: Sophia Zheng Third Prize: Betsy Young

St. Therese School appreciates everyone for their support. Thank YOU!



CALLING ALL ALUMNI!

St. Barbara and St. Therese School alumni are invited to join a newly formed Alumni Committee to help further the mission of our school.



Weekly Offering

Collection for December 20, 2020

Sunday Envelopes \$ 631

GiveCentral 613 July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$47,054 Sunday Loose 124 July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$55,000

Total Collection \$ 1,368

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 85%

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May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!



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

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God's Child by Sr. Caritas

Young infants are a great joy, usually to their family and extended family. In my family, many of us want to hold the baby. I am one of those "in line" to hold the child. I love holding babies. People make comments like "Oh, the baby looks just like the father, or grandfather. Sometimes they compare the child to how their mother was when they were born. Sometimes they have characteristics like one of the parents.

In celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, we hear readings about tradition, ritual, faith, and beliefs. God kept His promise and gave Abraham a son and made him the father of a great nation with as many members as stars in the sky. Mary and Joseph came to the temple to fulfill the rituals for their son, Jesus. They make the traditional sacrificial offering two turtle doves, consecrating Jesus to God. Simeon and Anna are drawn by the Holy Spirit, to Mary, Joseph and the baby. Simeon, who was promised that he would see the Savior, recognizes Jesus and says now he is ready to die. He makes a prophecy about Jesus and His Mother. Anna, always in the temple, recognizes the baby as the awaited Messiah and she tells all who are waiting for the Savior. Mary and Joseph complete their worship and return to Nazareth.

As Catholics we have rituals and traditions. I know people who were baptized two days after they were home from the hospital, making sure the baby was baptized before they were sick and died. Now we wait a little longer, but Baptism is still the way we offer our children to God. The baptized infant becomes a child of God, filled, even at that age, with the grace of God and the indwelling of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The child belongs to God in a special way. Parents and Godparents promise to raise the child according to the teachings of the Church. We give thanks and praise to God for the child is a Child of God.









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2021 Chinese and English Calendars

are available at the Church entrance table, please pick up a copy this weekend after mass.

First Friday Holy Hour in Jan. happens to be on New Year's Day so it is cancelled.

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 livestreamed via Facebook and

YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAgZ6h3s85o_fB3QSYO2VQ)

Our Parish has a new Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/StMotherTeres aParish. Please like us and follow us for parish events!

RCIA Programs

Our English, Cantonese and Mandarin RCIA have started. Classes are taught online this year. You may still invite interested parties to join our programs.

Religious Education (RE) for children from 1st to 8th Grade. If you would like to enroll your child, please contact: Chris Delfin at: ChrisDelfin@gmail.com
Parish Office at 312-842-6777



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Joseph, Lula, Christine, Heather, Larry, Carolyn, Thelma, Mildred, Richard, James, Mary, Constance, Eduardo, Jacquelyn

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Barbara Church:

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 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 St. Barbara Chapel at 11:00am

Mandarin Mass 國語:

2nd Saturday of each month at 4pm 4th Sunday of each month at 12:30pm 每月第二周六下午四点和第四 主日中午十二 点半

Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

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 abundant caution and pure love for yourself and others, we strongly encourage you not to join our mass inperson for now and we kindly invite you to join our online masses.