

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17, 2021

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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

January 17, 2021 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 A.M.** + Antonis Prijohangojo Kristanto by Edy & Lisa Gunawan
+ Rennard Sanggor by Edy & Lisa Gunawan
+ Sau Fong Yuan by Marion Roti
+ Vince Briglio by Wife
- 10:30 A.M.** + Bow Kam Woo, Birthday Remembrance by Marian Torrez & Family
+ Kay Culen by Darlene & Chris Lowe
+ Jenping J. Chan by Darlene
+ Marie Panozzo by Darlene
+ Theodorus Harry Budhi by Katharina & Family
+ James Alexander Wahaney by Katharina & Family
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+ Mathilde Budhi-Yono by Katharina & Family
+ Elizabeth Whittemore Coolidge by Katharina & Family
+ William Hong Hing Lam by Monica Lam & Family

MON. Jan. 18th *Weekday *(Mass at St. Therese Church)*

8:00 A.M.

TUE. Jan. 19th *Weekday *(Mass at St. Barbara Church)*

8:00 A.M.

WED. Jan. 20th *Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr
(Mass at St. Therese Church)

- 8:00 A.M.** + All Deceased Members of Barbaro Family by Dominic Barbaro
+ David Jarzyna, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion
+ James Roti, Birthday Remembrance by Marion
+ Bruno Roti, Birthday Remembrance by Marion

THU. Jan. 21st *Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)*

8:00 A.M.

FRI. Jan. 22nd *Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr *(Mass at St Therese Church)*

8:00 A.M.

SAT. Jan. 23rd *Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin *(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 all who helped with taking down our Christmas decorations and decorated our churches for Ordinary Time. I was happy to see so many people who helped, including a lot of children. Special thanks to all parents who supported their children to do so.

Jesus is the One!

In early December, I received the bad news that the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity had to suspend their participation with our parish's weekly adoration and Holy Hour on Mondays due to COVID infections. All Sisters in the house had to be quarantined. Thank God that all of them are well now. This past Monday, we had four of them resume their involvement with the Monday rosary and adoration. The weather was cold, but it didn't stop us from walking around the neighborhood while praying the rosary. After the rosary, we did our Holy Hour and Benediction in Church. It was such a calm, peaceful and uplifting time spent with the Lord in prayer.

For whatever reasons, I found myself meditating on St. Mother Teresa's words on Jesus during the Holy Hour. St. Mother Teresa uses poetic yet simple words to help people to know and love Jesus better. I quote her words below and hope you find them spiritually delighting and nourishing.

Jesus is the Word made flesh. Jesus is the Bread of Life. Jesus is the Victim offered for our sins on the Cross. Jesus is the Sacrifice offered at the Holy Mass for the Sins of the World and mine.

Jesus is the Word-to be spoken.
Jesus is the Truth-to be told.
Jesus is the Way-to be walked.
Jesus is the Light-to be lit.
Jesus is the Life-to be lived.
Jesus is the Love-to be loved.
Jesus is the Joy-to be shared.
Jesus is the Sacrifice-to be offered.
Jesus is the Peace-to be given.
Jesus is the Bread of Life – to be eaten.
Jesus is the Hungry-to be fed.
Jesus is the Thirsty-to be satiated.
Jesus is the Naked-to be clothed.
Jesus is the Homeless-to be taken in.
Jesus is the Sick-to be healed.
Jesus is the Lonely-to be loved.

What a beautiful reminder to us all to encounter Jesus in every one of us!

Peace~ Fr. Francis

The Behind the Scenes Apostle Andrew---Fr. John Cuff

In the Gospel today we meet the Apostle Andrew, who asks “Rabbi, where do you live?” and Christ tells him, “Come and see.” I’m always intrigued by Andrew. Of the first four Apostles called, two sets of brothers, all fishermen, Andrew seems to be odd man out. In the Gospels, the other three brothers, Peter, James and John, seem to enjoy Christ favor among the twelve, while Andrew is the brother left out.

Andrew is mentioned only three other times in the Gospels, but each time he is sharing his faith, introducing others to Christ. First he brings his younger brother Simon to Jesus: “So you are Simon? You shall be called Peter,” and he makes Peter (“the Rock”) head of the Church. Another time Andrew brings a small boy with five loaves and two fishes to Jesus; as a result Christ works one of his greatest miracles, the feeding of the 5000. Later he introduces some Greeks to Christ (he knew Greek from his hometown Bethsaida, where Greek was spoken) who wish to meet Jesus. So we see Andrew is a behind-the-scenes person, a go-to guy who makes things happen; his one desire is to introduce Christ to others and others to Christ. Having come to know Christ, he wants to share that friendship with others.

So Andrew is an example to us Catholics who are also called to be Apostles to others, to invite them to meet Jesus. But often we hear that people these days aren’t interested in Jesus or religion, so what’s the use? Really? Here’s a true story:

Once a religious teacher at a high school asked each member of his class to interview three people about prayer; the students were to ask them five questions: “Do you pray?” “Do you pray daily or only occasionally?” “Why do you pray?” “When you pray, how do you pray?” “Who taught you to pray?” Three surprises emerged from the student interviews.

First of all the students were surprised how willing people were to talk about prayer; second, they were surprised how many people prayed daily; and thirdly, they were surprised how many of their close friends prayed; they had never discussed it before. One student said of the interviews, “I thought my friends would make fun of me, but they didn’t; another said he was glad to talk about something that really mattered.” “What I learned from the project is that people do care about prayer; in fact they not only co-operated, but were eager to share their thoughts on prayer.”

We too should want to share our faith with others. If Andrew had not shared his faith with his brother, Peter might not have become the rock on which Christ built his Church. Had he not shared his faith with the boy with the loaves and fishes, the multitude might have gone home hungry, and one of Christ’s greatest miracles, the feeding of the 5000, might never have happened. The message is: Even if we’re not particularly gifted, we can still be effective behind-the-scenes Apostles if we really want to. Let’s not be reluctant to share our faith and invite our friends to the RCIA!

Flight 2021

Good Morning and welcome to Flight 2021. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices, pity, anger, selfishness and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. God, our Captain, has cleared us for take off. Destination -- GREATNESS! Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY and new BEGINNINGS!! Stay Blessed! and welcome in 2021!

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS

As part of our Religious Education program, St. Therese School's 7th and 8th grade students and Parish PREP students continue working on their [Saint Project](#).

St. Catherine of Sienna (March 25, 1347 - April 29, 1380)

- She was one of only four women who were named doctor of the church, which meant that she has made a significant contribution to theology or doctrine through her research, study, or writing.
- She had her first vision of Jesus when she was 7 years old and joined the Dominican Sisters of Penitence in Sienna
- Feast Day: April 29



Student Reflection #1: St. Catherine believed in peace, love, and truth, and I feel I can stand for the same ways. St. Catherine could help me see that I can start giving away things I don't need anymore or giving money to help people that are living on the street. I can learn how to say her prayer. I can also learn that whatever choice you choose Christ will go with you. Christ will always love you.

Student Reflection #2: What I admire about Catherine of Siena is that she saw the good out of everyone. She taught people that no matter what, you can make a difference. She can help me grow in holiness because she taught me that I can make a difference even if it is through little ways.

Student Reflection #3: St. Catherine can help me grow in holiness by having me learn about what she did and what she sacrificed as a result of her devotion to God, which may inspire me to be a better person.

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THE MOUNT CARMEL ADVANTAGE

Why I Chose to be Catholic

By: Rachel Hui

Hello! My name is Rachel Hui and I am twelve years old. I am currently a seventh grader at St. Therese Chinese Catholic School. I am on the road to becoming Catholic, starting with my Baptism. I am on this journey with my mother, Rena Hui. She is my number one supporter and I am happy to be doing this with her. We are the first people in my family to ever become baptized, and I am happy this moment will be a big milestone in my journey and life.

I have been attending St. Therese my whole life, and honestly, I never had a passion for God or the church. When I was younger, I never had an interest in the church or learning anything about God. I always thought God was fake, yet I still believed Santa Claus existed. As I grew older, my interest in God started to grow to the point where I wanted to get involved with the Church. Out of nowhere, I started to pray every day, whether it was about someone who was a complete stranger or my family.

I decided to attend church with my mother more often and you might recognize me from altar serving, working the goldfish booth at the Chinatown Fair, Seven churches, or Youth Ministry. I participated in all of these wonderful things to help the church from my heart. I never sought to get service hours, but I chose to do it to help out my community. Through these works, I also grew closer to God, and I learned many new teachings about God and what God wanted to teach us. This helped me understand what God has done and how wonderful he is.

I want to become Catholic because I feel like it is one of the things that will complete my life. I believe God is good and He will help me become a better follower and person. God's words and teachings help me look at the big picture instead of getting caught up in the details. He helps me to look beyond the flaws so I can focus on the more positive message. God has always been a part of my life, but I never dug deep enough into what Catholicism was. He was always there for me, but He was just a blur. I am so proud to say that I am ready for God to guide me to his everlasting kingdom.

耶稣说：“我就是道路、真理、生命。”
Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

- 生命的意义何在?
-What is the meaning of life?
- 哪些是生命中重要的问题?
-what are the important questions in life?
- 我从哪里来?
-Where am I from?
- 人生目标是什么?
-what is the purpose of life?
- 我又往哪里去?
-Where am I going?

耶稣是谁
Who is Jesus



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划向深处使徒们等您一起来探索

Prayer for the New Year

"May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making our path easy,
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from us,
But by taking fear from our heart;
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making our life always pleasant,
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most,
and by making us anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead."

—Author Unknown

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 01/11/2021:

Phyllis Cavallone-Jurek \$300
Nancy Longmire \$50
Sammy Moy & Lisa Oi \$200
Frank & Sophie Nardi \$100

Grand Total 01/11/2021: \$40,908 Thank you to all who have donated!

Weekly Offering

Collection for January 10, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,512	
GiveCentral	405	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$ 52,811
Sunday Loose	182	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$ 61,600
<u>Total Collection</u>	<u>\$ 2,099</u>	

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

Please consider giving one hour of **your weekly salary as your contribution.**
May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!



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

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Come and See by Sr. Caritas

One of the most fascinating things to little children is a wrapped box, a present. Very small children even like playing with the box rather than the present in the box. You can say, "Come and see." You can bring the box back again, over, and over. The child can continue to be fascinated. You can say, "Come, look what I have." The child will do so. Perhaps it is the delight at a new present that brings them back with continued hope. Maybe it will be candy. Maybe a new toy car or a puppy. We can say come and see and the child will see the conviction in your eyes or hear it in your voice and their curiosity will help them.

In our second reading today, Samuel is sleeping and hears a voice calling him. Eli is awakened by Samuel as Samuel thinks Eli is calling him. He is persistent. He hears the voice several times. Eli tells him to respond, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Samuel responds the next time and it is the Lord. Samuel spends the rest of his life serving God.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist introduces his disciples to Jesus. Two begin to follow behind Jesus. Jesus turns around and asks, "What are you looking for?" They say, being surprised by Jesus, "Where do you stay?" Jesus says, "Come and See." They go and stay the rest of the day. When you personally meet Jesus, you want to know, "Where do you live? Who are you really? What can I do to be with you?" Our faith is ignited, and we want to follow Jesus as Peter did.

Take some time this week and see how God is calling you. Is it like the call of Samuel, through another person? Is it the personal encounter with Jesus which calls you? Come and see. Speak Lord, your servant is listening. Where do you stay? If you listen and respond, your life will be radically changed.



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News and Events

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Announcement Weekend: January 30–31

Commitment Weekend: February 6–7

Our Parish's Goal is \$19,007.00.

2021 Offering Envelopes for Registered Parishioners are at the Church entrance table. Please pick up yours after mass today. If you currently don't have offering envelopes, you may contact the Church office to obtain a box.

2021 Chinese and English Calendars

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

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)

Our Parish has a new **Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/StMotherTeresaParish>. Please like us and follow us for parish events!

RCIA Programs

English, Cantonese and Mandarin RCIA 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:**

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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 粵語:

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 in-person for now and we kindly invite you to join our online masses.