Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 2021

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Mass Intentions January 31, 2021 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. +	
10:30 A.M. + + + + + +	Jenping J. Chan, Anniversary Remembrance by Darlene Lai I. Fan by Marian Torrez & Family Rennard Lucas Sanggor by Budi & Katharina Kusnoto
MON. Feb. 1st	Weekday *(Mass at St. Therese Church)
8:00 A.M. +	Fred Cermak Roti, Birthday Remembrance by Marion
TUE. Feb. 2nd 8:00 A.M.	The Presentation of the Lord *(Mass at St. Barbara Church)
WED. Feb. 3rd	Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop *(Mass at St. Therese Church)
8:00 A.M.	
THU. Feb. 4th 8:00 A.M.	Weekday *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)
FRI. Feb. 5th	Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr *(Mass at St Therese Church)
8:00 A.M. +	Benny Chan, Anniversary Remembrance by Darlene
SAT. Feb. 6th	Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)
8:00 A.M.	

*(Mass at St. Barbara Church)

5:00 P.M.



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I hope your New Year is going well. Even during this global pandemic, time goes by so fast and we are already at the end of January.

In light of the current coronavirus pandemic, our primary concern is the spiritual and physical health and welfare of the faithful and all those who serve our parishes. We also recognize that we have a duty to care for those among us who are most vulnerable.

These dual concerns reflect everyone's need for safety, while at the same time supporting those who need it most. While the financial circumstances of many families in our parish are uncertain, for those who are able we ask for your support of our Church.

The Annual Catholic Appeal will launch next weekend. With guidance from the Archdiocese COVID-19 Task Force, this year's Annual Catholic Appeal is adjusting to reflect the current public-health conditions affecting parish attendance and participation. For instance, the familiar in-pew process, when parishioners normally would receive their pledge forms at Mass, has been replaced with mail-in gift envelopes and brochures available in the entrance of the church for parishioners to take home after Mass. Because our services are limited in the number who gathers in person, we strongly encourage you to use online giving option at annualcatholicappeal.com and a text-to-give option by texting the word "ACA2021" to 345345 and then you will receive a reply to guide you through the process.

This year's theme is: Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world. We can take up the mission to bring hope to the world through the Appeal. Our financial support, our prayerful support and our direct involvement in the Church's outreach in parishes, education, religious and ministerial formation, initiatives for justice, peace and respect for life—all these bring hope into our troubled world. There are envelopes and brochures available at the entrance of the church for you to take on your way out.

Across the next week, reflect, pray and ask yourself questions about the meaning of following Jesus and how, in a very specific way, you can bring his hope to the world. Consider what you might contribute from your time, talent and treasure to infuse hope in others. In this way, you will answer that invitation to follow him and share his gift of hope in the world.

While challenging days remain, we also recognize this opportunity to be truly present to one another and care for those who are struggling. May we continue to pray for all those affected by COVID-19, those who are caring for the sick and for each other.

Peace,

Fr. Francis





Super Duper Bowl 2021

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Numbers for Squares will be randomly drawn on Saturday, February 6, 2021, after the 5pm Mass at St. Barbara Church. Once drawn, we will email and make the completed square sheet public.

Due to COVID, there will be no party this year. It is disappointing, but we appreciate your understanding.

To purchase Super Duper Bowl Squares or for more information, please contact:

- Parish Office at 312-842-6777 or 312-842-7979
- Nick Andriacchi at 312-933-7712 or email at nandriacchi@yahoo.com

Payment:

- Checks should be made payable to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish, with "Squares" noted in the memo.
- GiveCentral at https://www.givecentral.org/location/445/event/12573
- Paypal at <u>StTherese@ArchChicago.org</u>

All proceeds benefit St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish! Thank you for your support!

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CELEBRATING Catholic Schools Week 2021: Jan. 31-Feb.

The theme this year is Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience. This coming week, St. Therese Chinese Catholic School students will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Although we cannot have the same activities as we have in past years, we will be live streaming a student-led Mass on Monday, February 1 at 8am at ST Worship site. Please continue to pray for our students, teachers, staff, administrative leaders, and of course parents as they continue to navigate through this difficult time, and extraordinary year. May the Lord watch over them, keep them safe, and fill them with God's peace, wisdom and hope.

One Having Authority (1) — Fr. John Cuff

"They were amazed, for he taught them as one having authority"

Today's Gospel is all about Jesus' authority. Here's a story about authority which took place off the coast of New York in the early 50's. It was a stormy night at sea and a large battleship saw a light in the distance directly in its path. The captain of the ship sent a radio message, "Attention ahead, you must change your position and proceed ten degrees south." He received the reply "Negative, you must turn ten degrees south." The captain got onto the radio himself and said, "Now hear this, I am Captain James Smith of the United States Navy. I order you to bear ten degrees south. The reply was "Negative, Sir, you must turn ten degrees south." The captain grew furious and demanded, "Identify yourself, sailor, who are you, and what is your rank?" He heard the feeble answer, "This is Seaman First Class Andrew Scott, Sir, and you must bear ten degrees south." The captain shouted, "I am on the bridge of the Battleship USS New Jersey, and I am ordering you to turn ten degrees south." He then heard the reply, "Sir, I am in the Baker's Island Light House, and I repeat, you'd better hurry and turn ten degrees south at once." The Captain immediately turned ten degrees south.

This true story shows that a statement's authority depends on two things: who is speaking and what is being said. The captain had authority due to his rank; the seaman had authority due to what he knew to be true, namely, that the ship was on a collision course with the light house. Jesus had both kinds of authority. Jesus spoke with authority because what He said was true, and also because of Who He was, the Son of God, and He gives this authority to us his Church. He calls us to speak for Him. But for us to exercise this authority, both our words must be true and we must live as committed Christians.



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal Announcement Weekend: January 30-31

Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world.

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please directly mail in your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world." This is especially important during these trying and challenging times. Many in our parishes are affected financially by the pandemic, and we encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

The goal for our parish this year is \$19,007.00. When we exceed our goal, a rebate will be sent back for our parish use.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.



Ash Wednesday, February 17th

Masses with distribution of ashes will be offered at 6am, 9:30am and 7pm at St. Barbara Church, and 8am at St. Therese Church. The 8am mass will be live-streamed. A few classes will attend the 8am and 9:30am masses and the rest of the students will attend mass on YouTube and receive ashes in their classrooms.

Christmas Donation as of 01/31/2021

Thank You to all who contributed!

Jennifer Ng \$100 Grand Total \$41,058

Weekly Offering

Collection for January 24, 2020

Sunday Envelopes \$ 760 GiveCentral 420 July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$ 55,863 Sunday Loose 296 July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$ 65,000

Total Collection \$ 1,476

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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Speaking God's Words by Sr. Caritas

We have somewhat become a nation of flashy speaking or showy commentary. We do not always follow those who clearly speak truth. We have had some time, where lies seem to have as much or more power than listening and believing the truth.

In the First Reading today we have God telling the Moses that God was going to raise up a prophet, from their own family who would speak His Words to the people. God tells Moses whoever does not "listen to my words which he will speak through the prophet, I will punish." God calls us to not only to listen for His word, but to recognize the prophet in whose mouth "I will place my words." The Gospel shows Jesus in the synagogue and He teaches the people "with authority." With His words He drives out the demons who are crying out because of His speech and recognize Him. Everyone is astonished at what happens and how it happens.

Being people who have the experience of knowing God though Baptism and of recognizing Jesus through The Word of God, the Bible, we are called to seek and listen. We need to open our heart, our very self, to God. Through Baptism we are chosen children of the Father, and are called to seek, listen and follow Jesus in our everyday life. "If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart." Listen deeply and follow with all your being.







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First Friday Devotion

Our Feb. Holy Hour will be on Friday, Feb. 5th at 7pm at St. Therese Church with Divine Mercy Chaplets and Silent Time for Meditation and Benediction. All are welcome.

First Saturday Healing Mass

will take place on Saturday, Feb. 6th at the 8am mass in St. Barbara Chapel. The Sacrament of the Anointing will be offered during the Mass.

Blessing of Throats

will be offered on Feb. 3rd at the 8am mass at St. Therese and at all the masses on the weekend of Feb. 6-7 at both Worship Sites. Due to safety concerns, only a general blessing will be offered this year.

2021 Offering Envelopes Registered Parishioners please pick yours up at the Church entrance table. 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,

are available at the Church entrance table, Please pick up a copy.

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/ UCzAqZ6h3s85o fB3QSYO2VQ)

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



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients Danny, Gertrude, Angeline, Mark, Matthew, Michael, Debbie, Danny, Vicky, Macon family, Andrea, Edward, Maria, William, Michelle, Russell, Paula, Anna, Stacey

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Barbara Church:

Weekends:

Saturday: Anticipated Mass: 5:00PM

Sunday: 6:00AM & 9:30AM

Weekdays:

 $8\!:\!00\text{AM}$ 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.