The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate

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A 2010 & 2018 National Blue Ribbon School

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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.

Ministry Coordinators

Youth Ministry: Mr.& Mrs. Nick & Ellen Andriacchi Young Adult Ministry: Mr. Joseph Lowe Religious Education Program:

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> *Spiritual Formation*: Sr. Mary Caritas Wehrman

Parish Pastoral Council Co-Chairs Mr. George Lee & Mrs. Sharon Wong

January 3, 20	Mass Intentions 021 The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 A.M. + +	Ryan Fung, Birthday Blessing by Betty and Jimmy Fung Phyllis Centofanti by Rose Marie Centofanti Frank Barbaro Sr. by Barbaro Family
10:30 A.M. + + + + + + +	Bow Kam Woo by Lisa Chan Judy Moy by Darlene & Chris Lowe Mabel Chan, Pearl Ko, Alice Moy by Darlene Jenping J. Chan by Darlene Wieslaw Kedryna by Marian Torrez & Family Fr. Aniello Salicone by Lucy Moy
MON. Jan. 4th	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious *(Mass at St. Therese Church)
8:00 A.M. +	Agnes Kuberska by Family
<i>TUE. Jan. 5th</i> 8:00 A.M.	Saint John Neuman, Bishop *(Mass at St. Barbara Church)
<i>WED. Jan. 6th</i> 8:00 A.M.	Saint Andre Bessette, Religious *(Mass at St. Therese Church)
<i>THU. Jan, 7th</i> 8:00 A.M.	Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)
FRI. Jan. 8th 8:00 A.M.	Christmas Weekday *(Mass at St Therese Church)
SAT. Jan. 9th	Christmas Weekday *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)
8:00 A.M. + +	Charles Palumbo by Wife Rosetta Palumbo Theresa Bertucci by Dominic Barbaro
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

On this beautiful winter day, December 22, 2020, after joyfully receiving two St. Mother Teresa life-size statues into our churches and reverently found a temporary spot in each worship site, and placed her statues up for reverence and intercessions, I found myself sitting in front of my computer and writing this message for next year's first bulletin, the weekend of Jan. 2 -3, 2021. The coming of St. Mother Teresa's statues two days before Christmas has brought much inner joy and peace to me and I certainly hope that this is true for our community too. 2020 was a historical year. Our church and our world had experienced lockdowns; we all had to be challenged to practice social distancing and isolations. We have been asking, when is this pandemic going to be over? We need light; we need hope; and we need security. The availability of the vaccines has offered us



much hope. The celebration of Christmas and Christmas season continue to give our life meaning and purpose. Definitely, I see that the coming of St. Mother Teresa's statue can unite, inspire, and encourage us and our new parish to refocus our relationships with the Lord and our mission to serve and to share the Good News. I invite you to bring your needs and the needs of our community to St. Mother Teresa. She took care of God's people while she was on earth. In heaven, she will continue to watch over and intercede for us.

Thanks to all who have made a generous Christmas gift to our parish. Your generosity is especially appreciated during this global pandemic when some of you might have been experiencing financial hardships. If you didn't have a chance, but still want to, you are most welcome to offer a gift to our parish.

Thanks to all who helped with our Churches Christmas decorations. Since our school students couldn't help this year, many of you stepped up to beautifully decorate our Churches for this special season. From children to elderly, you all had fun decorating God's churches. Your joy and smiles can't even be covered by your masks.





I will share some Christmas photos and news next week. Wish you and your loved ones receive much God's love and joy as we begin this New Year. May the good Lord bless you with a healthy and peaceful year.

Peace~ Fr. Francis

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).

20+C+M+B+21 STAR GAZERS

Around a thousand years ago a stonemason in Autun, France, was working on decorations for the city's new cathedral. One of his carvings shows a charming scene. The three kings, all wearing crowns and sharing one cozy bed, are being awakened by an angel pointing to a star. The angel's finger is gently touching the hand of one of the kings on top of the patterned coverlet. This king's eyes have popped open in surprise, while the other two slumber on. The stonemason artistically combined two biblical stories into one. The star reminds us of the one that led the kings to Bethlehem, while the visiting angel refers to the warning they received in a dream not to return to Herod after visiting the Christ Child. For centuries tradition has held that the names of the kings were Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, but nobody really knows for sure. Other traditions call them wise men from the East who studied the stars. They were the first non-Jews to recognize and worship the Son of God and give him kingly gifts. In the Middle Ages, houses were blessed on Epiphany, reflecting how the magi found Christ "on entering the house." Try reviving this ancient tradition today. It can work for any family or household group. One person incenses the house while another sprinkles holy water, and a third writes in chalk over every outside doorway " 20 + C + M + B + 21" (or whatever the year may be), which stands for "The three Holy Kings, Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar, in the year of Our Lord 2021." The letters C, M, and B also stand for Christus mansionem benedicat, "May Christ bless this home." Blessing the doorways symbolizes the family's commitment to welcome everyone as Christ into their home throughout the year.



Our students worked hard on their virtual Christmas program. Visit the School Videos Playlist on our Parish Youtube Channel (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish) to watch their wonderful performances!

Christmas Donations as of 12/28/2020

Deacon Paul Spalla	\$1,000	Anthony Fratto	\$100
Kusnoto Family	\$1,000	Therese Vallina	\$25
Agnes Lee	\$40	Marion Roti	\$100
Feng Family	\$300	Dominick La Caria	\$10
Pat Culen	\$250	Wanda & Michael Jordan	\$200
Lily & Richard May	\$4,764.50	Catherine Chan	\$30
Sandy Ren-Ho	\$100	Laura Chu	\$100
Jimmy & Lynn Galleli	\$500	Lan-Sun Hu	\$250
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Vinci	\$50	Chung Chan	\$20
Theresa Latham	\$100	Kwok Chi Lee	\$100
Larry Pusateri	\$350	Rose Lee	\$100
Bernarda Wong	\$200	Akina Moy	\$200
Rita Co	\$20	Simon Dusan	\$100
Catherine Chang	\$100	Thomas Lam	\$100
Miriam Wong	\$30	Robert Lee	\$10
Mary Ann Wong	\$50	Shao-Chen Lin	\$50
Jeannie Hui	\$50	Hayashi Megumi	\$50
Michael Madia	\$25	Jim & Maryann Distasio	\$500
Rita Lam Family	\$20	Dominique Feng	\$100
Laurence & Theresa Wong	\$150	Maria Feng	\$100
Ellen & Nick Andriacchi	\$250	Suet Mui	\$20
Nora Gonzalez	\$150	Chuck Lee	\$100
Lucy Wong	\$50	Chris & Frances Lee	\$500
Paul & Rebecca Lee	\$500	Paul & Cindy Lau	\$1,000
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Nudo	\$100	Gemma Wong	\$100
Francine Caruso	\$50	Teresa Moy	\$100
Anita Chen Hong	\$20	Marilyn Lee	\$60
Teresa & Henry Lee	\$300	Eleanor & Ignatius He	\$200
Fung Kam Oi	\$500	Pauline Wong	\$100
Sacred Heart Ladies	\$1,000	Katherine Moy	\$100
Joseph & Carol Marzullo	\$25	Anonymous	\$200
Betsy Young	\$100	Fung Family	\$100
Dr. Hak Sue	\$500	Lucy Moy	\$50
Fr. Francis Li	\$100	Nancy & Steve Wong	\$200
SMI Club	\$200	Nian-Chih Yang	\$500
Lucille Salerno	\$100	Anthony & Anita Spina	\$500
William Pacella	\$200	Carol & Thomas Spalla	\$100
Tom Chan	\$50	Anonymous	\$100
Peter Chan	\$50	Raymond Chin	\$1,000
Shiu-Mei Sim	\$100	Betty Kovathana	\$200
Helen Distasio	\$50	Wil Chan	\$2,000
<u>An</u> Fei Hsieh	\$200	Christopher Lau	\$500 \$500
Marianne Cibulka	\$10	Joseph Zito	\$500 \$50
Vivian Wong	\$50	Teresa Au	\$50

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Grand Total 12/28/2020: \$38,208 Thank you to all who have donated!

Weekly Offering							
	Collection	for De	cember 27, 2020				
Sunday Envelopes	\$	700					
GiveCentral		788	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$48,627				
Sunday Loose		85	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$ 57,200				
Total Collection	\$	1,573					
Weekly Budget:	\$2,200		% of Budget Attained: 85%				
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Newborn King by Sr. Caritas

Years ago, I went to the Planetarium around Christmas time. The Planetarium shows videos on the ceiling which makes you feel like you are out in space. They were using some of their showtime to explain what the possible star seen by the Magi, might have been. I learned and enjoyed the explanation and the show. The past week around the twenty first of December, two planets, Jupiter and Saturn, came very close together showing a very bright star just at dusk. Maybe some people saw it.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The Three Kings or Magi came to Jerusalem looking for the newborn "King of the Jews". "We have seen his star and have come to pay him homage." These men who came looking for Jesus, were not Jewish or from Samaria. Tradition says they came from afar. They came bearing gifts. Perhaps they had traveled for several years to reach this destination. Herod, upon looking for the information, told them to go to Bethlehem. They found the infant. They did not obey Herod but went home another way, not telling him where they found the Infant.

The Magi found the star because they were looking for stars that appeared and seemed new. They were searching. It is true that we wouldn't find Jesus if we were not looking. Would we recognize the "Newborn Infant, King of the Jews" if we were not open, ready, prepared to see, welcome and pay homage to Him"? That is what we need to bring to the newborn Savior. We bring an open heart, awareness, willingness to welcome and receive Him. We offer Him our heart filled with love. Be aware, welcome Him. As we, "FALL ON OUR KNEES AND HEAR THE ANGEL VOICES," WE OFFER OUR HEARTS TO JESUS!









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News and Events

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 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: <u>ChrisDelfin@gmail.com</u> Parish Office at 312-842-6777



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients: Valerie, Catherine, Margaret, Latoya, Rita, Ryan, Cortez, Lillian, Maria, Antonia, Lousie, Joseph, Lula, Christine,

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

MASS SCHEDULE

<u>St. Barbara Church:</u> 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

<u>Weekdays:</u>

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.