Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2021

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Mass Intentions

February 28, 2021 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 A.M. + Catherine Spina, Birthday Remembrance, by Briglio Family

+ Dominic Barbaro by Barbaro Family

10:30 A.M + Catherine Spina by Joe & Rena

+ Villazana Judith by Kusnoto Family

+ Giraldo Agustín Bordabeheres by Kusnoto Family

12:00 P.M. Mandarin Mass

+ Ko Ming Simon Chang by Lane, Livia & Alberto

MON. March 1st Lenten Weekday *(Mass at St. Therese Church)

8:00 A.M. + Wai Chun Tse by Lucy Moy & family

+ Albina Adomaitis, Birthday Remembrance, by John & Susan Adomaitis

TUE. March 2nd Lenten Weekday *(Mass at St. Barbara Church)

8:00 A.M.

WED. March 3rd Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin *(Mass at St. Therese Church) 8:00 A.M.

THU. March 4th Saint Casimir *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)

8:00 A.M.

FRI. March 5th Lenten Weekday *(Mass at St Therese Church)

8:00 A.M. + Jonas Adomaitis, 2nd Anniversary Remembrance, by John & Susan

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+ Ted & Mary Novak by family

SAT. March 6th Lenten Weekday *(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 participated in last Advent's Baby Bottle collection. Our parish raised \$1,658.15 to support the ministry of The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. Your generosity is a great testimony of your faith and trust and support in the lifesaving work of TWC. It is much appreciated particularly during this pandemic. Thank you flyers from The Women's Center are hanging at the entrance of our churches.

Rite of Election

This year our parish has been blessed with 10 people in our Rite of Initiation for Adults Program (RCIA). Eight of them are Catechumens preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion this Easter: Aaron Tang, Rena Hui, Rachel Hui, Larry Hao, Tong Li, QingHua Mao, Janet Groh, and Sandy Chee, <u>and</u> two are candidates preparing for Confirmation this Easter: Cheryl Sokolowski and Alejandro Rodriguez. This Sunday all catechumens and their Godparents and Catechists will attend the Rite of Election at 2:30pm at Holy Name Cathedral presided over by one of the Bishops of our Archdiocese. In the next three Sundays all of them will attend 3 Scrutinies---the 1st at St. Barbara Church and the other two at St. Therese Church. Please keep them in your prayers and I hope they experience support from <u>our</u> faith community, and from their baptized family, friends, and neighbors especially during this Lenten journey leading up to their Sacraments of Initiation.

The Rite of Election usually takes place at the cathedral with the Bishop. During the rite, their names will be called and their chosen Godparents and catechists will be asked to testify their readiness to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at the upcoming Easter Vigil in their parishes. These individuals enter the cathedral as "catechumens" and leave as "elect." The liturgy may also be called Enrollment of Names. Election refers to the idea of "the chosen people."

Paul Turner writes that the key moments of the rite are the Affirmation by the Godparents and the Act of Admission or Election. In the affirmation, the godparents testify that the catechumens are worthy to be initiated. Their testimony reveals the church's positive judgment about the catechumens' desire and behavior. The entire assembly may also join the affirmation. Next, the bishop invites the catechumens to sign Book of the Elect. In some dioceses, this action has already taken place in parishes during the Rite of Sending, and the books are presented at this point. Finally, during the Act of Admission or Election, the bishop declares that the catechumens are members of the elect, to be initiated at the next Easter Vigil.

We pray for our catechumens and soon to be "Elect" and candidates that this Lenten journey will be a time of abundant blessings, conversion and new hope and life.

Peace, Fr. Francis

To celebrate the beginning of the season of LENT, our 7th and 8th grade students participated in Mass at the St. Barbara Worship Site and Father Li came to distribute ashes to all of our students and staff on Ash Wednesday.



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

Our parish will once again participate in the CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. Rice Bowls will be available for you to pick it up on the weekend of the First Sunday of Lent after all masses. You may return the rice bowls on the weekends of March 20th and 21st and March 27th and 28th. You may donate online at : CRS Rice Bowl | A Catholic Program for Lent

Regulations for Lenten Sacrifice

- All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for Catholics over 14.
- Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17) and Good Friday (April 2) are days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Fasting means taking only one full meal and two smaller meals that, taken together, do not equal one full meal.
- Throughout Lent, Catholics are especially encouraged to perform voluntary acts of penance.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm during Lent

Due to COVID-19, no Living Stations of the Cross is permitted this year. Also due to projected low attendance and lack of volunteers to disinfect our Churches during week days, we will rotate the Stations of the Cross between our two Worship Sites this Lent. Please make a note of the schedule below and consider joining us for this powerful devotion:

March 5th, and March 19th at St. Therese Church March 12th, and March 26th at St. Barbara Church



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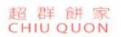
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Congratulations to our alumna, Victoria Medellin, who was placed on the high honor roll (GPA of 3.5 or higher) for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year at Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Thank You, Father Abraham! — Fr. John Cuff

Every second Sunday of Lent, the first reading of the Mass speaks of Abraham, our Father in faith. Two thousand years before Christ's birth, God revealed Himself to an elderly nomad living in the hills of Iraq, Abram of Mesopotamia. God made a covenant with Abram pledging that he would become the father of a nation with a destiny and a promised land, and Abram believed. Abram was so touched by God's revelation that he changed his name to Abraham ("father of a multitude") and his wife Sarai's name to Sarah ("mother of many nations"), and left his country for the land God would show them. They became a new people united to God through a covenant and a commission to testify to God in the world.

Now, four thousand years later, this concept of a single, supreme, all-powerful being may not seem that earthshaking. But considering the widespread worship of polytheistic deities and spirits of those times, the idol worship and superstitious rites and bloody human sacrifices practiced by neighboring nations, and the numerous earth gods and fertility goddesses, the acceptance of one God by Abraham and his descendants was the most significant advance in the history of religion. It would be difficult to envision a Jesus figure ever evolving out of any other culture at that time. Indeed, sun worship in Egypt, emperor worship in Rome, and warring mythological deities in Greece were all contradictory to the idea of one-God-for-all-people, without which Christianity could not have flourished.

Though the twelve tribes of Israel were surrounded by pagan worship, by the fourteenth century B.C.E., an alliance formed between them shaped Israel's future character. A movable ark accompanied these nomadic Semites, whose dominant prayer was "Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is one." Their firm acknowledgement of a single deity and their insistence on preserving their storied unique heritage in their biblical writings, deeply influenced Jesus' vocation. Centuries later it was to become the beginning of rabbinic Judaism, the Pharisaic movement that nurtured the spiritual development and learning of Jesus. Monotheism and the belief that God was ever present became the very essence of Judaism, essential to the growth of Christianity. Thus we owe a lot to our Father in faith and our Jewish religious forebears. Which is why Catholicism is rightly called the Judaic-Christian religion, and why we can say, "Thank you, Father Abraham!"



Did you know that beginning Ash Wednesday there will be one change to one word in the *Collect** at Mass?

In May of 2020, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments wrote to the English-speaking Conferences of Bishops regarding the concluding doxology of the Collects in the Roman Missal (which also appear in other liturgical books).

Specifically, the Congregation pointed out that the current translation – which concludes "[...] in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever" – is incorrect. There is no mention of "one" in the Latin, and "Deus" in the Latin text refers to Christ. Therefore, the correct translation, which is already reflected in the Missal in other languages (including our own USCCB Misal Romano) is simply: "[...] in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever." The Cardinal Prefect has pointed out the importance of affirming this Christological truth amid the religious pluralism of today's world.

English translations of the Missal for use by the faithful prior to the Second Vatican Council reflected the correct translation, as for example the St. Joseph's Missals of the 1950's. However, when the post-conciliar texts were published in English, the word "one" was added.

It should be noted that when the translation of the Missal currently in use was in progress, ICEL pointed out the discrepancy to the Congregation in Rome, but was told to retain the use of "one God" in the new translation.

In light of the Congregation's most recent direction in this matter, the Latin Rite Bishops of the USCCB have voted to amend no. 54 of the U.S. text of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal to reflect the change, and the Congregation has confirmed this decision, as it already has for the Episcopal Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland, and Canada.

This change to the concluding doxology of orations is to be implemented on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. The words "one God, for ever and ever" are simply replaced with "God, for ever and ever."

The above is taken from a note on a change to the translation of Collect prayers from the USCCB's Committee on Divine Worship.

*The Collect is the opening prayer that concludes the Introductory Rites of the Mass. For a refresher on the parts of the Mass, check out the USCCB page Order of Mass.

Weekly Offering			
Collection for February 21, 2021			
Sunday Envelopes	\$	800	
GiveCentral		540	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$ 64,405
Sunday Loose		95	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$73,800
Total Collection	\$	1,435	
Weekly Budget:	\$2,200		% of Budget Attained: 87%
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Listen to Him by Sr. Caritas

One of the interesting things I remember when I would watch my very young brothers or sister outside was seeing them discover their shadow. At first, they might have been surprised or a little frightened but eventually they discovered it was fun to do things and see their shadow do the same things.

When Jesus took Peter, James and John up the mountain, He was transfigured before them. As they were there, a cloud came and overshadowed them. How they saw Jesus, with Moses and Elijah, they were surprised and when the voice spoke there were terrified. They were speechless. Finally Peter said, "It is good for us to be here. Let us build a tent here for each of you." The voice coming from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him."

This is the Second Sunday of Lent. Last week the Gospel ended with the directive, "Repent and Believe." Today in this Gospel, God The Father gives us a directive for this week and for the rest of our lives. The Father says, "This is my Beloved Son. Listen to Him." It is a clear call. We are called to recognize Jesus, in whatever way we see Him in our lives. We are called to a deeper belief in Jesus. The second part of the directive is "Listen to Him." In listening to Him we are called to have an open heart and open ears. Reflection, taking special time to let Jesus voice and presence penetrate us and guide our lives is one piece of God's directive. Each of us hears God's voice in our own way. We are filled with awe and wonder which is the basis of contemplative prayer. Each day, in every way we can, let us LISTEN to Him. Let God 's shadow and presence completely overshadow our lives.

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<u>Shangrong.Cao@oakstreethealth.com</u> for more information.

2020 Tax Letter

If you would like to receive a tax letter for 2020, please call or email the parish office.

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/StMotherTeresaParish. Please like us and follow us for parish events!

Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients: Julius, Teresa, Evelyn, Enriqueta, John,

Michael, Mary, Naomi, Jacob, Krista, James, Maria, Linetta, Beverly

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

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

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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.