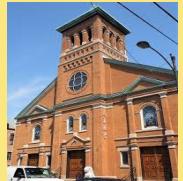


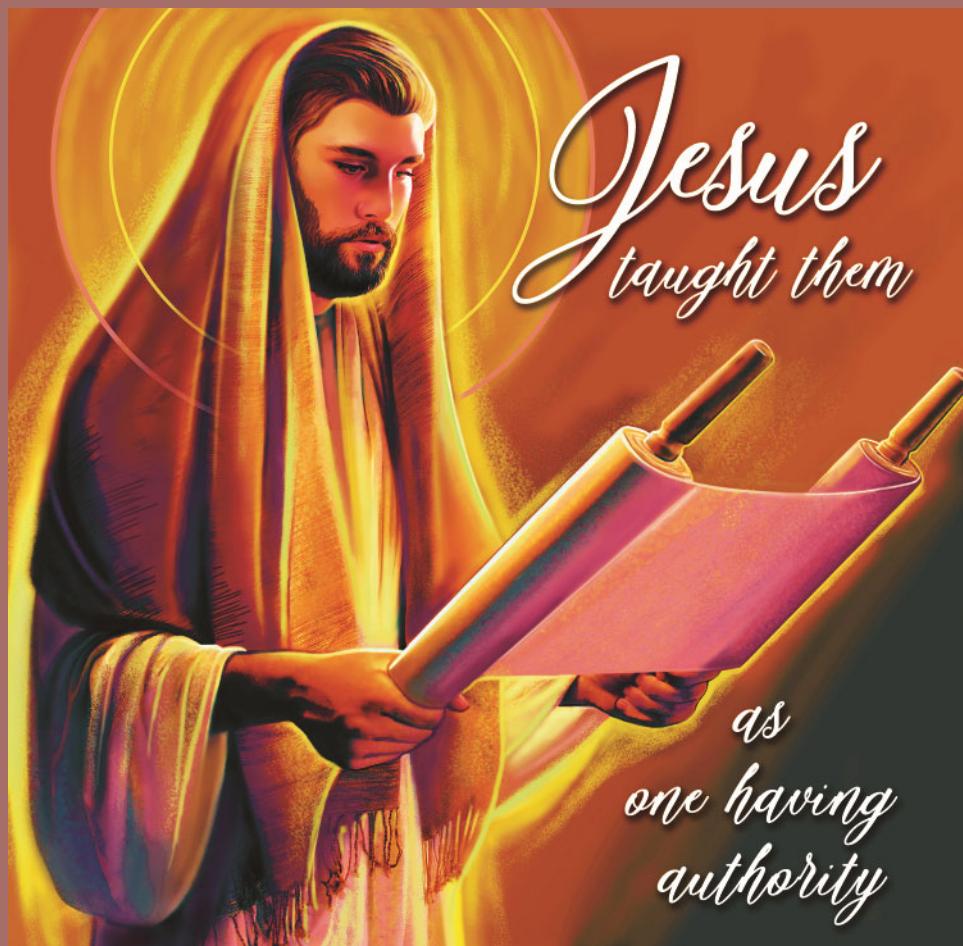
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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY
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2021**

**Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD
who made us.**

— Psalm 95:6

news and events

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.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2021: Jan. 31 - Feb. 6

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is **Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience**.

Please keep our students, teachers, staff and administrative leaders and, of course, parents in your prayers as they continue to navigate through this difficult time. May the Lord watch over them, keep them safe, and fill them with God's peace, wisdom and hope.

School Mass during Catholic Schools Week: Jan. 31---Feb. 6

On Monday Feb. 1st, we will have an 8am school mass to start the celebration of the Catholic Schools Week. This mass will be live-streamed at our parish's YouTube Channel.

Blessing of Throats will be offered on Feb. 3rd at the 8am mass at St. Therese and at all 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.

First Friday Devotion

Our February 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

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

Formation Series Continues

All parishioners are invited to join Dr. Thomas Howard for this year's **ONLINE** parent faith formation series:

- Sunday, February 7, 2021, 9-9:45 am; Topic: Theology of Reconciliation and Lent

To attend via Zoom, please email thoward@sttheresechicago.org and you will receive the link.

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.

SPEAKING GOD'S WORDS **By Sister Caritas**

We have somewhat become a nation of flashy speaking or showy commentary. We do not always follow those who clearly speak the 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 Moses that He 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 hearts, 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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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 gather in person, we strongly encourage you to **use the 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 in 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

ONE HAVING AUTHORITY

By 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.



It's that time of year again! COVID cannot stop professional football from being played, which means SUPER BOWL IS ON!

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be selling Super Duper Bowl Squares for \$100 each. You can buy multiple squares or split one with friends - whatever your budget allows. This is a great way to support the parish AND potentially win some money!

Payout Details:

- Final Score: \$2,500
- Halftime Score: \$500
- 1st and 3rd Quarter: \$250
- Score Changes: \$1,000 total (e.g., If there are 8 score changes, each gets \$1,000/8 = \$125)

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 StTherese@ArchChicago.org

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





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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Ignatius of Loyola
(October 23, 1491- July 31, 1556)

- Founder of the Society of Jesus and the Jesuit Ministry.
- Patron Saint of the Society of Jesus, soldiers, educators and education.
- After being shot by a cannonball, he began to have visions of God and followed God's teachings.
- Feast Day: July 31



Student Reflection #1: Something that I admired was his devotion and his determination to God. He endured a lot of challenges, and went through a lot of correction and error. But, in the end, it was his determination to God that got him through all of his problems.

Student Reflection #2: The thing that really impressed me about St. Ignatius is how strong he was and how hard-working he was. Even though his leg was crushed by a boulder, he kept strong. He even gained the ability back to walk. The second thing I admired about St. Ignatius is how hard he worked. Although he didn't know French, he managed to learn how to study in France and even gained a master's degree.

ST. THERESE CHINESE NEW YEAR BENEFIT

St. Therese Chinese Catholic School has decided to postpone our annual Chinese New Year Benefit until May. However, for the month of February, we have partnered with businesses in our community to support those who have been struggling due to the pandemic. Please consider purchasing gift cards from these businesses who continue to support our school and parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ART CONTEST

Congratulations to Terrence Fang (Kindergarten), Joseph Ramoran (Grade 5), and Sophia Chen (Grade 6), the winners of the 2020 Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest.



Terrence Fang (K)



Joseph Ramoran (5)



Sophie Chen (6)



CHINESE NEW YEAR SMALL BUSINESS SHARE

SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES AND ST. THERESE SCHOOL

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday - January 30 - The Vigil of the Fourth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, January 31 - The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Bill and Barbara Webb
(6:00 am Mass Attendees)

9:30 a.m. + Mary Wyzynski (Charlene Reimer)
+ Teresita Villafuerte Holcomb (Angelica,
Emmanuel & Jeremy King)
+ Maria Ciepiela (Sraga Family)
+ Jose and Victoria Lara (Marta Herrera)

Monday, February 1 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

Tuesday, February 2 - The Presentation of The Lord

8:00 a.m. + The Mezdylo Family: John, Genevieve,
Genevieve (Jean), Aloysius and Eleanore

Wednesday, February 3 - St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

Thursday, February 4 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Edward and Rose Ciz

Friday, February 5 - St. Agatha

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

Saturday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki and Companions

8:00 a.m. + Ann. Rem.: Leopoldo Galdo Saludo (Saludo
Family)

All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

Saturday, February 6 - Vigil of The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Ted and Ann Glowacki (Family)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, February 7 - The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Walter Bielanski (Sister, Christine Bielanski
Bertucci)

+ Tommy Clark

9:30 a.m. + Teresita Villafuerte Holcomb (Angelica,
Emmanuel & Jeremy King)

Collection - Week of January 23rd - 24th

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 815.25
Sunday Loose	\$ 355.00
Total Church Collection	\$ 1,170.25
Mailed-in Collection	\$ 375.00
Total Collection	\$ 1,545.25
Second Collection	\$ 367.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,200.00
July 1st to Present (Budgeted)	\$ 66,000.00
July 1st to Present (Actual)	\$ 49,823.16

Electronic giving through GiveCentral.org is the safe and secure way to make your weekly donations to St. Barbara. Donate via credit card or electronic check (ACH). Sign up by visiting St. Barbara's home WEB page and follow the prompts.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: E. Raya or L. Raya

Lector: L. Saletta

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

6:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: S. Guest

Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski

Lector: P. Saletta

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



CHERYL ANN MATTHEWS

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and Sister of Harold Frost
and

TOMMY CLARK

Uncle of Michael Vicario

Please keep the Frost, Clark and Vicario Families in your prayers.

ATTEND MASS ONLINE

The Archdiocese of Chicago broadcasts Masses from Holy Name Cathedral every Sunday in English, Spanish and Polish. The Masses are available on the YouTube channel: [youtube.com/catholicChicago](https://www.youtube.com/catholicChicago).

For those unable to attend Mass due to illness or for those who do not have access to the internet, please be sure to watch the Mass on television:

**Cardinal Cupich Mass from
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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND LITURGIES

St. Barbara: Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 6:00am, 9:30am
St. Therese: Mandarin Mass on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 4:00 pm followed by Bible sharing and food.
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am; and Mandarin Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

St. Barbara: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: 8:00 am
St. Therese: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

St. Barbara: Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm; Holy Day Masses: 6:00 am, 8:00 am

St. Therese: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: St. Therese - 7:00 pm

FIRST SATURDAY HEALING MASS: St. Barbara Chapel - 8:00 am

CONFESION

St. Barbara: Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm or by appointment
St. Therese: By appointment

THE ROSARY

St. Barbara: The Rosary is prayed on Sunday at 5:30 a.m. before 6:00 am Mass.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, and Wednesday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and Friday: 9:00 am - Noon. At the present time, the office is closed on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Baptisms: Parents must be registered practicing parishioners and attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled. Call the rectory office for further information.

Communion Calls: Please contact the Rectory when someone who is homebound or in the hospital wishes a visit to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing of the Sick is for anyone seriously sick and not only for those near death.

Ministry of Care: Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to those who are sick and unable to attend Mass. Notify the Parish Office when this service is needed.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith.

Weddings: Weddings need to be scheduled at least six months in advance. Couples are reminded to secure the Church date before the reception hall.

Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers:

Amalia Agins, Austin Agins, Bernadette Agins, Joyce Agins, Stephen Agins, Mary Aguirre, Debbie Annerino, Walter Annerino, Amy Averet, Kimberly Babe, Geraldine Baldwin, Tony Baressi, Judith Beaudry, Christine Bertucci, Joseph 'Joey' Bertucci, Lonnie & Theresa Bertucci-Falls, Jennifer Bond, Fr. Michael Bowler, Jeff Bowman, Andrea Brongiel, Mary Camarda, Anthony Capone Sr., Laverne Connolly, Tim Consola, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGrazia, Henry Diaz DeLeon, Kathy Egle, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Harold Frost, Paul Gadomski, Ray Gadomski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Cheryl Lynn Gilhooly, Bernadette Glabicki, Ed Glos, Pat Grieco, Koen Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Sheila Hansen, Kellar Harris, Lynette Heidemann, Jasmine Henson, Barbara Herr, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Jennifer Janson, Chester Jendryczka, Dr. Joe, John Kaput, Dorothy Kawalerski, Rose Kisielowski, Stanley Kiwala, Anna Kolendo, Janice Kutansky, Craig Labudda, Ken Labudda, Sunny Labudda, Baby Kinsley Paige Leschinsky, Kiera Litwin, Lenny Loretto, Richard Lyznicki, Nancy Mallory, John Mangan, Kayle Marth, Paul Martinez, Bill Marcuk, Zena Masi, Maria Mawgwi, Lil' Joe Michalak, Cindy Moore, Dr. Mike, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Ann Njeru, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Theresa Oleszkiewicz, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petrucc, Theresa Pickens, Dolores Pienta, Mitchell Pienta, Ellen Pietrzak, Beverly Pirelli, Ray Polakowski, Robert Potter, James Pzarek, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Ellen Ryan, Therese Ryndak, Patricia Sacony, Maria Saludo, Laverne Scianna, Kennedy Shepski, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sharon Solverson, Rosalie Spalla, Diane Spata, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stronczek, Rose Stronczek, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dolores Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, George Vanderford Sr., George Vanderford Jr., Juan Vargas, Joyce Vogt, Ava Walczak, Sadie Walker, Barbara & Bill Webb, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, Evelyn Zaleski, Virginia Zawacki, Irene Zima



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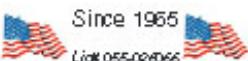
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