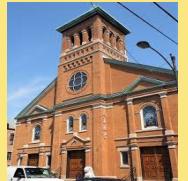


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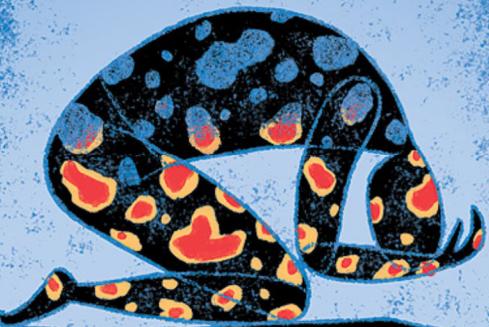
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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Feb.
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**IMMEDIATELY,
THE LEPROSY
LEFT HIM**



AND HE WAS MADE CLEAN

**Whether you eat or drink, or
whatever you do, do everything
for the glory of God.**

— 1 Corinthians 10:31

news and events

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal Follow-Up Weekend: February 13 – 14

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

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world," was selected because, as disciples of Jesus, we follow the Master who both gives us hope and sends us to bring his hope to our world that needs it so much.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at <http://annualcatholicappeal.com>.

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.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm during Lent

Due to COVID-19, no Living Stations of the Cross are permitted this year. Also due to projected low attendance and lack of volunteers to disinfect our Churches during weekdays, 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:

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

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 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](#)

Saint Valentine's Day



O St. Valentine, lover of Christ and of the Church, we ask your intercession that we may learn how to love God above all things and to selfishly love one another.

O glorious St. Valentine, pray for us, that we too may have the steadfast faith of the martyrs.

Amen.

ONE HAVING AUTHORITY (3) By Fr. John Cuff

Last week we saw how those in clerical or parental roles compromise their authority by the way they act, and the harm that can be done by abuse of authority. That's negative. Let's look at the positive. Many seniors have spent years taking care of sick spouses. Their retirement is not at all what they had expected. Instead of traveling and relaxing, their days are instead spent caring and cleaning, and organizing doctor appointments. But when someone comments that he or she is such a good spouse, they often reply, "I promised to be faithful in good times and in bad, for better or for worse. I'm simply keeping my promise." Those few words of a faithful spouse speak more eloquently about marriage than any priest or preacher could possibly speak. Their words have authority, the authority of God who called them to the Sacrament of Marriage and that of a spouse who lives it out.

Jesus spoke with authority because what He said was true, and because of Who He was, the Son of God. He not only casts out demons, but he also demands obedience from his followers. He commands us to love one another, forgive our enemies, and pray for those who persecute us. He himself asked his Father to forgive those who were crucifying him. So yes, He practiced what He preached. In conclusion then, Jesus had authority both because of who He was and what He did, and He gives this authority to us his Church. Today we pray that we might have the authority of Christ, an authority that flows not just from what we say, but from who we are as Christ-like people.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THANKS

Thanks to **Loida and Edward Raya** for responding positively to being our newest Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and thanks to **Bette Pienta** for training and working with them. If you are thinking to be a minister or involved with other committees and activities in our parish, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

Thanks to **Nick Andriacchi** for his leadership for this year's Super Duper Bowl Fundraiser and to members of the Parish Finance Council for their assistance. Thanks to all who purchased squares and special thanks to **the May Family** for donating their winnings back to our parish. Congratulations to all winners. This event raised over \$5,000.00 for our parish use.

Thanks to **Joey Lowe, Elizabeth and Sam Andriacchi** for helping to shovel snow the last two weekends during the severe cold weather.

Thanks to all who helped with the decoration of St. Therese Church for the Lunar New Year celebration. Special thanks to **Jade Yee** for her leadership. We had many helpers, including some children. A few of you are caught on the photo.

Thanks to all who have already made a financial pledge to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. If you were not able to come to Church last weekend, you may pick up a pledge envelope this weekend and send in your financial contributions directly to the Archdiocese.



NEW YEAR AND FAMILY

One of the most important values in the Chinese culture is family. This of course is true in so many other cultures too. Family plays an essential role in our lives. It is where we first experience love and where we grow and learn how to love one another. Our parents are our primary teachers of love and care and children are formed by them and later on by their teachers too. No matter what kind of families we had and we have, we all know in the deepest of our hearts the necessity of having a caring and loving family.

The Lunar New Year celebration is one of the festival occasions when families gather and celebrate their success and connectedness. Due to COVID-19, many families may not be able to gather physically. People may not be able to travel back to their families for all the festivities. Families, even if they gather, might have to simplify their celebrations. However, I think that the spirit of the New Year will be more needed this year than ever. We need feel our connectedness as families and we need find creative ways to express our care for one another. I pray and hope that families will find ways to do so safely.

Speaking of family, Pope Francis has declared 2021 as The Year of The Family and invites people to study and celebrate family love. “In imitation of the Holy Family, we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit: it must be founded on the love that always regenerates relationships, opening up horizons of hope,” he said. Every child has the right to be loved in the family and all parents have a responsibility to teach their children about values and right relationships.

This is a great weekend for us to celebrate our own families and our human family. Let's keep all families in our prayers and, throughout the year, let's find ways to honor the work and dignity of our families.

Happy Lunar New Year, the Year of Ox, to all!

Peace

Fr. Francis

“IF YOU WANT TO”
By Sister Caritas

In the time of Jesus and centuries before Jesus and hundreds of years after Jesus, Leprosy was a highly contagious disease. It was spread easily from one person to another through sneezing, coughing, etc . Later, into our times, this disease was studied and by then medicines which could heal the disease were discovered and invented. It still exists today but, because of medication and treatments, people can be treated and cured.

Today we, in the entire world, are facing a corona virus pandemic. Very few countries are free of this virus. Thousands of people have died (over 468,000 in the US) and it is mutating into other versions of the same virus. We have developed a vaccine which helps and people are trying to be vaccinated. The Gospel today has a man who is a leper, coming to Jesus. He says “If you want to, you can make me clean.” Jesus is moved with pity and the man goes away healed. The leper believed Jesus could make him well. The illness and the belief of the man touched Jesus and He took pity on him.

Our lives today are radically affected by this highly contagious virus. Yes, we should get vaccinated. Yes, we should continue to wear masks, wash our hands often and keep a safe distance. What about our faith? Do we believe that Jesus is touched by our world’s condition? Do we reach out and ask with deep faith? Sometimes we have other illnesses, spiritual illness, personal relational weakness, and other conditions. We need to ask Jesus, “I do want to be healed.” The Leper is healed. Ask Jesus for all the levels of healing you need. Jesus will have pity. You, too, can be healed. What a way to start a new Chinese Year!

PRAYING THE ROSARY

St. Mother Teresa loved praying the rosary and taught her sisters to love this wonderful devotion too. She taught that *our fervent praying of the rosary is a very special way for us to contemplate with our Heavenly Mother the mysteries of Jesus’ life that she shared so fully. Yes, we must always be very faithful and never give up praying the Rosary.*

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

Please email Jing Zhang for the Mandarin Zoom information at jzsstherese@gmail.com or contact Perry Lau via our parish offices at 312-842-7979 or 312-842-6777 for the English Zoom information.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Last week, in celebration of Catholic Schools Week, St. Therese Chinese Catholic School's 7th and 8th graders attended Mass with Fr. Cuff, while the rest of our students streamed Mass in their classrooms.



St. Therese Chinese Catholic School students have been preparing for the year of the ox by creating art projects and music for our Chinese New Year video, which will be released this week!



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.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday - February 13 - The Vigil of the Sixth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Edward Lenicky (Dee)
+ Joyce Coon (Sister, Jane Fockler)
+ Mary Lillian "Mary Lou" Vaccaro (Jim and Christine Bertucci)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, February 14 - The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Valentine's Day

6:00 a.m. + Birthday Rem.: Loretta Keslinke
+ George Joseph Petraski, III (Par & Rosemary Waitkus)
9:30 a.m. + Teresita Villafuerte Holcomb (Angelica, Emmanuel & Jeremy King)
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
+ Deanna Marzano (Rose LaVelle)

Monday, February 15 - Weekday; Presidents' Day

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

Tuesday, February 16 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Rita M. Lukas

Wednesday, February 17 - Ash Wednesday

6:00 a.m. + Fr. Anthony Adducci (Jim & Christine Bertucci)

9:30 a.m. St. Therese School Students

7:00 p.m. + Theodore and Stanley Piorecki

Thursday, February 18 - Thursday after Ash

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings: Analisa Saludo (Tita Inday)

Friday, February 19 - Friday after Ash Wednesday

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

Saturday, February 20 - Saturday after Ash

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Father's Day Remembrance

Saturday, February 20 - Vigil of The First Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. + 2nd Ann.: Edward Lenicky (Dee)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, February 14 - The First Sunday of Lent

6:00 a.m. + George Joseph Petraski III (Sam Abedrubbo and Family)

9:30 a.m. + 15th Ann.: Eugenia (Jean) Becatti (Dolores)
+ Teresita Villafuerte Holcomb (Angelica, Emmanuel & Jeremy King)

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
Holy Name Cathedral
ABC-TV Channel 7 - Chicago
Sunday Mass: 9:30 am

Year-Round

Mercy Home - Sunday Mass at 9:30 am
WGN- TV Channel 9 - Chicago

Collection - Week of February 6th - 7th

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 567.25
Sunday Loose	\$ 131.00
Total Church Collection	\$ 698.25
Mailed-in Collection	\$ 75.00
Total Collection	\$ 773.25
Second Collection - Maintenance	\$ 140.00
Second Collection - Piano & Organ	\$ 255.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,200.00
July 1st to Present (Budgeted)	\$ 70,400.00
July 1st to Present (Actual)	\$ 51,778.41

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ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

6:00 a.m.

Lector: Jim Bertucci

9:30 a.m.

Lectors: 7th and 8th Grades

7:00 p.m.

Lector: Ken Ricci

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: A. Alonso

Lector: H. Alonso

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

6:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: G. Vanderford

Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski

Lector: W. Podrazik

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/catholic Chicago.

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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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