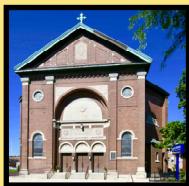
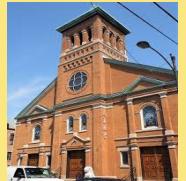


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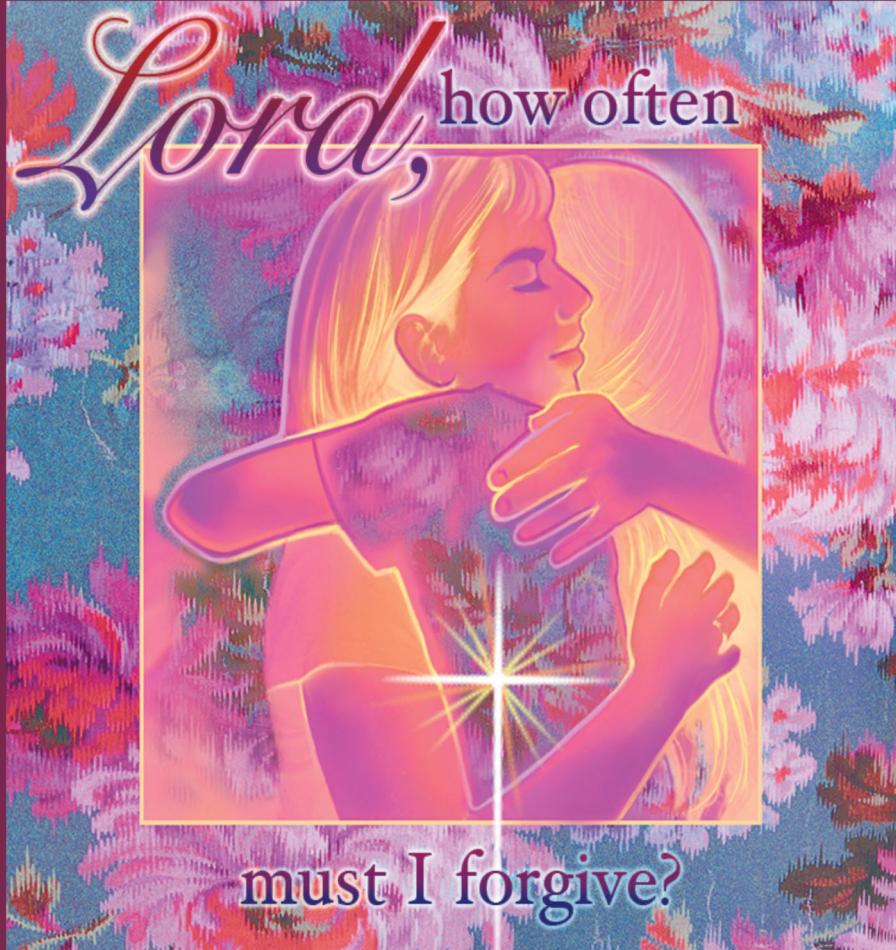


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**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sept.
13,
2020**



**Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.**
— Sirach 28:2

news and events

Annual Feast of Santa Maria Incoronata

The Annual Feast of SMI in honor of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place today, September 13th at 12:00 noon at St. Therese. Due to limited space, the mass will be live-streamed at our parish's YouTube channel.

Save The Date

What? Online Alpha

When? September 22nd, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Who? Anyone who has a heart for Jesus

How? Email thoward@sttheresechicago.org to enroll

Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus

The Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus is on Oct. 1st, but our faith community will celebrate it on Sunday, Oct. 4th, at the 10:30 am mass in English at St. Therese Worship Site. Novena to St. Therese begins on Friday, Sept. 25th. The monthly Cantonese mass is rescheduled to Sunday, Oct. 11th, at the 10:30 am mass.

Annual Parish Leadership Gathering

Please save the date for the annual Parish Leadership Gathering on Sat., Oct. 17th, from 9am to 12 noon followed by lunch. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the event will be both an in-person and online event. It is open to parishioners at large and registration is required. All CDC and Archdiocese covid guidelines will be observed. The total number of people for in-person gathering is limited to 50. Location and more details will come soon.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA classes will begin in October. If you would like to become a Catholic, or if you are a Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, this class is for you! There is an information sheet on the table at the entrance to Church. Please fill out the sheet and give it to an usher or, if you need additional information, call the rectory.



SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

The annual Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please support the men seeking to answer God's call to a life of service as a priest for the Archdiocese. Envelopes for this collection can be found on the table at the church entrance.

"CARRY ON THE MISSION APPEAL"

Our "Carry On The Mission Appeal" is ongoing. Our goal for this appeal is \$100,000. If we can raise \$50,000 by World Mission Sunday, October 18th, a generous donor has volunteered to match this amount. This appeal will help with continuing to run all ministries, opening our doors for Sacraments in a safe manner, and spreading the Good News to those who cannot come to church during the pandemic

The suggested amount per family is \$125; however, please donate whatever you can to help us meet our goal.

To date, the following donations have been received:

\$150 and Above

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Sierzega - \$300

Mr. Bernard Krygowski - \$250

Mr. Ronald Kash - \$200

\$125

Mr. & Mrs. James Bertucci

Mr. & Mrs. Minh Do

Mrs. Bernadette Glabicki

Ms. Christine Krupa

Ms. Eleanor Pollock

Ms. Maria Rolon

Mr. Stanley Rzasa

Mrs. Adeline Skokal

Ms. Marisol Torres

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Whitehouse

Under \$125

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hurkes - \$75

Mrs. Wladyslawa Lazowski - \$50

Ms. Mary Kay McCann - \$50

Mr. Sylvester Maryas - \$25

Mrs. Barbara Ziembra - \$25

Mr. & Mrs. Hector Feliciano - \$20

Mr. Joe Boniewicz - \$10

Anonymous - \$10

Thank you for your support. We will continue to update our totals weekly.



Altar & Liturgical Sponsor

In memory of Matthew Rekar

Requested by: His Wife, Barbara

Wedding Banns

I and II

Maria Szczech and Juan Jimenez



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THANKS

Thanks to all who helped with the planning and celebration of the feast of St. Mother Teresa, our parish patroness. From our ministers, to all involved children and families, and to the missionaries of Charity and to Bishop Casey, all came together to honor St. Mother Teresa and implore for her intercessions. It was a beautiful celebration despite Covid-19 restrictions.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2020



Next weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday and this year's theme is "**I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.**" This offers all catechists a wonderful opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the Lord and to our parish. It also gives our community a chance to pray and appreciate our catechists.

Our parish is in "Building the New Reality" phase of Renew My Church (RMC). This is a time for our entire community to refocus our energy, time and resources into mission and evangelization and to hand on what we have received from the Lord to these among us and in our neighborhood. As a parish, our vision is "to be Jesus Christ in Chinatown, Bridgeport and beyond." And the vision of the RMC is "to make disciples, inspire witness, and build communities." How are we to achieve these imperatives? What can each of us do to be part of this great mission? The answer is simple and it is from Jesus himself: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt. 28: 19-20).

Evangelization is a big and abstract word, but it is about “bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. At its essence are the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ and the response of a person in faith, which are both works of the Spirit of God.”

In Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States, we are told that all Christians have responsibility to evangelize and we do so “by the way we live God’s love in our daily life; by the love, example, and support people give each other; by the ways parents pass faith on to their children; in our life as Church, through the proclamation of the Word and the wholehearted celebration of the saving deeds of Jesus; in renewal efforts of local and national scope; in the care we show to those most in need; and in the ways we go about our work, share with our neighbors, and treat the stranger. In daily life, family members evangelize each other; men and women, their future spouses; and workers, their fellow employees, by the simple lives of faith they lead. Through the ordinary patterns of our Catholic life, the Holy Spirit brings about conversion and a new life in Christ.”

Clearly we all are commissioned to share with others what we have received from the Lord. Our faith is a great gift to share, to practice and to appreciate. Let’s not be afraid to carry on the Mission of Jesus Christ.

Peace

Fr. Francis

FORGIVE AGAIN AND AGAIN **By Sister Caritas**

When we are in the process of growing up, our parents begin the important lesson. We are taught the lesson of forgiveness. If you have a brother or sister, it starts there. “Tell your brother you’re sorry.” Then we are taught how to accept the apology. We may not be happy about it, but we learn to deal with the “hurt” or problem and we learn to say we are sorry. It is a lesson which goes with us our whole lives and we gradually really understand both the importance and real process of forgiving. It is one of the most challenging teachings of Jesus. We look at Jesus as the model.

The first reading today talks about having hate, anger, vengeance and other hate-filled feelings in our lives. Peter, in the Gospel, asks how many times we are to be forgiving. The challenge to be Christian is great. The Our Father prayer reminds us that we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others. Last of all, Jesus’ example of asking God, His Father, to forgive those who were crucifying Him. We are called to have and develop a forgiving heart. As we grow older, we realize **WHAT REAL FORGIVENESS IS**. It is more than just “saying words”.

Walking the way of forgiveness requires great self-knowledge. We need to look into our own hearts and see how much we need to be forgiven. We need to pray daily for the graces we need to lead a life of forgiveness. If we ask, God will give the gift. If, when we go to bed at night, we ask God to forgive us our sinfulness and weakness, God will forgive us. We also need to go to rest with a forgiving heart toward others. Being like Jesus is a lifelong task. Holiness requires forgiveness.

Our Parish’s Live-Streamed 10:30 am Sunday Mass: Catholics are still absolved from Sunday obligations. Those who can’t yet participate in person can still join us online; our 10:30 am Sunday mass is live-streamed via Facebook and Youtube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAgZ6h3s85o_fB3QSYO2VQ)

Remember to "like" our new SMTA Facebook page to receive the latest news about the parish: <https://www.facebook.com/StMotherTeresaParish/>

Reminder: If you are considered as part of the “vulnerable population;” if you have pre-existing health conditions; or if you are experiencing any health issues, out of super abundant caution and pure love for yourself and others, we strongly encourage you not to join our mass in-person for now and we kindly invite you to join our online masses.

Faith Testimony #7

Michael Pietrzak

Faith, as I see it, is a belief that all things work together for good. After all, if in the beginning there was only God, and if God created everything, then, in my mind, all things are good - even when they look and feel like they are not. Let me explain.

My parents forced me to take piano lessons in 3rd grade, but I had no interest. Getting me to practice was a battle and they took me to lessons kicking and screaming. While I stopped lessons at the end of that year, I kept playing the piano and practicing and, at different points after, on and off, I asked for more lessons -- all to my parents' surprise. I even started playing the organ at my home parish.

At the end of my freshman year in college, I was offered a position as a Parish Music Director which included teaching music in the school. Since I was pursuing my degree in education, I jumped at that opportunity. That same year, Greta Chamberlain (now a Cantor at St. Therese's 8 am Mass) was also hired. She became my friend and mentor, coaching me as a teacher, and introduced me to gospel music which I never thought I could play! She had faith in me!

Music fell off as I moved into a career in educational administration until a few years ago, when the urge to bring music back into my life started gnawing at me stronger and stronger.

Late one evening, a few months later, I got a random call that started with, "Michael, what are you doing Sunday mornings?" Puzzled, I asked, "Who is this?" - thinking: I know this voice.

That call was from Greta - after more than 20 years! She said she cantored at St. Therese and asked if I would play for the 8 am Mass *just once a month!* I agreed. *After all, how could I say no to the person who shaped me as an educator and musician since it was just one Sunday a month! (Little did I know it would become all four!)*

So you might be asking: what does this have to do with faith? Going back to the beginning, I hated piano lessons. I did not see them as good. But, those lessons introduced me to the music in my soul that I did not know about, which led to my first adult job where I met Greta. And, after 20+ years, it was the music that came from those lessons that reconnected Greta and me and led me to bring that music to the people of St. Mother Teresa. I never stop being reminded that faith is unseen and it is an act of faith to be able to step back and know all things work together for good -- even when I cannot see the good. It also reminds me that many people and events are unknowing guideposts along the way!



Next week look out for the backstory of our beautiful new organ.

PARISH COMMUNICATION NEWS

SMTCP Facebook:

If you haven't done so already, please "like" <https://www.facebook.com/StMotherTeresaParish/> to receive the latest news about the parish.

SMTCP New Email System:

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to sign up at <https://stmotherteresaparish.activehosted.com/f/1> to receive the weekly bulletin and news from the parish.

SMTCP New Bulletin Design:

We are working to unify our parish bulletins. If you would like to share your designing talent, please let Fr. Francis know.

SMTCP New Website:

We have been working on a unified website. Thanks to all who have helped so far. We need volunteers to assist with the content and translation (from English to Chinese). If you would like to be part of this ministry, please let Fr. Francis know.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 12 - Vigil of The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Daniel Kutansky (Alanna)
+ Ed Glabicki (Bette Pienta)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, September 13 - The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Ben and Mary Kulbida (Family)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Alfred Helma (B. Glabicki)
+ Walter & Dorothy Rzasa (Sharon & Season Meyers)
+ Teresita Villefuerte Holcomb (Angelica, Emmanuel & Jeremy King)

12:00 p.m. Feast of Santa Maria Incoronata (at St. Therese Church and live-streamed on YouTube)

Monday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Tuesday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 a.m. + Dominic Barbaro (Barbaro Family)
+ 1st Ann.: Cookie Jarzyna (Marion)

Wednesday, September 16 - Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

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

Thursday, September 17 - Weekday; St. Robert Bellarmine

8:00 a.m. + Birth. Rem.: Vernon Sandacz (John & Susan Adomaitis)
+ Matthew Rekar (Wife)

Friday, September 18 - Weekday

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

Saturday, September 19 - Weekday; St. Januarius

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

Saturday, September 19 - Vigil of The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, September 20 - The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Health Blessings: Theresa Oleszkiewicz
(6 am Mass Attendees)
9:30 a.m. + Florence Jandrisitz (B. Glabicki)
+ Virginia Pienta (Sandy & Glenn Baytala)
+ Edward J. Schmit, Jr. (Arlene & Cliff Whitehouse)
+ Teresita Villafulerte Holcomb (Angelica, Emmanuel & Jeremy King)

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 our YouTube channel: youtube.com/catholic Chicago.

Collection - Week of September 5th - 6th

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,485.25
Sunday Loose:	\$ 354.00
Total Collection:	\$ 1,839.25
Maintenance Fund Collection:	\$ 239.00
Give Central Donations in August	\$ 2,240.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,200.00
July 1st to Present (Actual):	\$ 15,868.75
July 1st to Present (Budgeted):	\$ 22,000.00

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, SEPTEMBER 19TH

5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski
Lector: Grace Dumelle

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

6:00 a.m.

Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Minister: JoAnn Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: P. Rodriguez or J. Rodriguez
Lector: H. Alonzo

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:

Until January 1, 2021

**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**

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday:
8:00 am - 4:00 pm. At the present time, the office is closed
on Thursday, Friday, 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., Adele Castro, Laverne Connolly, Tim Consola, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGrazia, Henry Diaz DeLeon, Jacqueline Dybas, Kathy Egle, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, 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, Kellar Harris, Lynette Heidemann, Jasmine Henson, 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, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Theresa Oleszkiewicz, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petrucc, Dolores Pienta, Mitchell Pienta, Ellen Pietrzak, Beverly Pirelli, Ray Polakowski, Robert Potter, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Ellen Ryan, Therese Ryndak, Maria Saludo, Edward John Schmit, Jr., 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 Webb, Bill Webb, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, Evelyn Zaleski, Virginia Zawacki, Irene Zima

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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.

