



**ST. MOTHER TERESA OF
CALCUTTA PARISH**

Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate

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**JANUARY 11, 2026
THE BAPTISM OF
THE LORD**

SUPER DUPER BOWL

Sunday, February 8, 2026

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 7, 2026 after the 5pm Mass at St. Barbara Church.

Once drawn, we will email and make the completed square sheet public.

To purchase Super Duper Bowl Squares or for more information, please contact:

- Parish Office at 312-842-6777 or at 312-842-7979
- Nick Andriacchi at 312-933-7712 or email at nandriacchi@yahoo.com

Purchase Options:

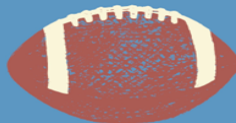
- Give Central - scan QR code to pay
- Checks payable to St. Mother Teresa Parish. Please add SDB in the memo.



Come watch the super bowl with us! Big Screen TV, Food, Drinks, and Gentle Banter.

Location: Community room at the St. Therese Worship Site. Doors open at 5pm.

Admission is free with purchase of a square. \$20 without purchase.



MASS SCHEDULE

St. Barbara Chapel

Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday: 8 a.m.

St. Barbara Church

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 6 a.m./9:30 a.m.

Indonesian: 2nd Sunday: 11:30 a.m.

DEVOTIONS

First Saturday Healing Mass & Rosary

St. Barbara Chapel: 8 a.m.

The Rosary

Sunday 5:30 a.m. Before 6 a.m. Mass

St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8 a.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Cantonese: 1st Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Mandarin: 2nd Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (TBA)

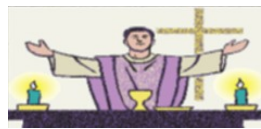
4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

Mondays with Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:

4-5 p.m. Rosary and 5-6 p.m. Holy Hour

First Friday Holy Hour: After the 8 a.m. Mass



Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Barbara Worship Site

Saturday, Jan. 10th | Vigil The Baptism of the Lord

5:00 p.m. God's Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven by Kieselente Family
+ Rose Catino by Adeline Skokal

Sunday, Jan. 11th | The Baptism of the Lord

6:00 a.m. + Katherine Mesa Ramberg by Family
+ Lisa Mesa Steinberg by Family
9:30 a.m. + Teresita Holcomb by King Family
+ Gina Ferro by Family
+ Jesus Barrera by Yvonne Villareal

Tuesday, Jan. 13th | Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. + Dorothy B. Huss by Mary Ellen Zimmerman

Thursday, Jan. 15th | Weekday

9:30 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors & Parishioners

Saturday, Jan. 17th | Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:00 a.m. + In Memory of Vince Briglio by Family

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, Jan. 11th | The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. + Mariano Caruso by Family
+ Marie Roti by Francine
+ Tina & Nick Travaglini by Family
10:30 a.m. + Mac Lowe by Doreen & Joe Eng
+ Karen Majewski-Goodvin by Lisa Chan
+ Richard Tracy by Lisa Chan
+ Brian Perryman by Lisa Chan
+ Mireille Jeannot by Lisa Chan
+ Pearl Ko by Darlene
+ Rose Lee by John & Sheila Lin & Family
+ Sally Bannapradist by John Fornoles
+ Natalia & Family by Deanna & Nora
+ Gary May by Marian Torrez
+ June Moy by Ricky Yong

Monday, Jan. 12th | Weekday

8:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Lonnie Lee by Darlene

Wednesday, Jan. 14th | Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Cecilia Sun & Joseph Li by Family

Friday, Jan. 16th | Weekday

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors & Parishioners



"We know only too well that what we are doing is nothing more than a drop in the ocean. But if the drop were not there, the ocean would be missing something."

Saint Mother Teresa



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jesse Rodriguez**, whose Mass of Christian Burial was last Monday at St. Barbara Church. May he rest in peace.

"God still loves the world through you and through me."
Mother Teresa

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara - Saturday, January 17th

5p.m. Lectors: Laura, Barbara
Eucharistic Minister: Judy

Sunday, January 18th

6a.m. Lector: J. Bertucci
Eucharistic Minister: Margaret
9:30a.m. Lectors: Bette, Patrick
Eucharistic Minister: Tina

St. Therese – Sunday, January 18th

8:00a.m. Greeters: Joey, Naomi
Lectors: Betty, Jimmy
St. Michael Ministry:

10:30a.m Greeters: Darlene, Jade, Marian
Lectors: **FAMILY MASS**

Eucharistic Ministers: John (Altar) Sheila (Choir)
St. Michael Ministry: Angelo



GENERATION TO GENERATION: ANSWER THE CALL CAMPAIGN AT St. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

Today we kick off the Generation to Generation: Answer the Call campaign. Our parish's participation in the campaign, along with all parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago, will meet needs of our parish and support Catholic ministries in Cook and Lake counties.

Our goal at St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta parish is to raise \$415,000 in pledges payable over five (5) years from our parish families. Fifty percent of the funds from these pledges will go toward the parish needs listed below. The remaining fifty percent will go towards spiritually renewing our church, supporting our priests, and assisting vulnerable communities.

When you receive your invitation to participate in this historic effort, please pray and discern a multi-year sacrificial pledge that is right for your family. Today, join us in praying for the success of the Generation to Generation campaign.



St. Barbara Catholic Church
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St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church
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CAMPAIGN PRAYER

God of abundant and generous mercy, we gratefully acknowledge the many gifts you have given us across the years from the sacrifice of generations before us.

And so, we confidently trust that you will walk with us into the future.

We echo the words of the Blessed Virgin Mary: truly, your mercy is from generation to generation.

Help us now to respond generously to your gifts, as we support our Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago

and work to bring faith forward for the generations that follow us.

By your grace and help, let our gifts be a blessing for our children, our grandchildren, and those who follow them.

Through Christ our Lord.

PRESERVING OUR FACILITIES

Our parish has numerous maintenance needs coming in the next years. At St. Barbara Church, tuckpointing is needed to protect the integrity of the structure. At St. Therese the church is beginning to show signs of needing to be repainted. While this campaign will likely not address all of these maintenance needs, we hope it can begin the process with strength.

SUPPORTING PARISH MINISTRIES

We seek to invest in the ministry needs that nurture parishioners in their faith and strengthen the life of the parish. Evangelization has been a vital presence in our parish, reaching countless families with the Good News. Through this campaign, we will strengthen evangelization initiatives, expand our outreach, and provide resources that welcome new people while deepening the faith of those already here.

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TO GENERATION:
ANSWER THE CALL.....

St. Therese Worship-site Christmas Donations as of 01/05/2026

Lily & Richard May	\$1,200	Lawrence Pusateri	\$500
Paul & Cindy Lau	\$1,000	Tom Chan	\$50
Deacon Paul	\$1,000	Linda & Willis Weiler	\$800
Nora Gonzalez	\$200	Joseph A. III & Rena Zito	\$500
Laurence & Theresa Wong	\$250	Lucille Salerno	\$100
Ms. Ming Chiu	\$100	Rita Co	\$10
Cindy (Fung Kam) Oi	\$500	Theresa Latham	\$200
Budi & Katharina Kusnoto	\$1,000	Emilie M. DiFranco	\$100
Salvatore J. Covelli	\$100	Christopher & Zhiyun Lee	\$300
Jerome & Wendy Fluder	\$150	Chuck Lee	\$100
Miulan Yau	\$100	Gemma Wong	\$200
Gertrude Chan	\$100	Sylvia Donato	\$5
Ellen & Nick Andriacchi	\$500	Gerard & Darlene Chan	\$300
Peter Tse	\$100	Eileen Chin	\$500
Kee Chung Leong	\$300	Eleanor He Family	\$200
Rita Young	\$500	Shao Chen-Lin	\$50
Anna Cheung	\$300	Joseph & Moun-Mei Kao	\$50
Elizabeth & Michael Velten	\$200	Anna Feng	\$30
George & XiaoYing Zou	\$100	Regina & Roque Cheong	\$200
Wing Chan & Joanna Chang	\$200	Carl DiFranco	\$500
Teresa Au	\$50	Janet Fecteau	\$300
Mr. Robert Alonzo	\$25	Richard & Jennifer Co	\$200
Anthony N. Fratto	\$100	Anonymous	\$3,000
Catherine Chang	\$100	Wil & Janet Chan	\$3,500
Michael A. Madia	\$25	Raymond Chin	\$1,000
Helen T. Distasio	\$50	Anonymous	\$3,000
Corwin & Luanne Eng	\$300	Annie Lowe	\$1,000
Anthony & Maria Vinci	\$50	John & Sheila Lin	\$500
Marilyn Lee	\$100	Raymond & Joanna Lin	\$1,000
Marion Roti	\$100	Janice & Brian Chow	\$500
Anonymous	\$300	Anonymous	\$200
Wonder Chop, INC	\$100	William Barshop	\$200
Angie & Frank Chin	\$5,000	Margaret Moy	\$100
Ms. Robyn M. Pio	\$100	Michael Chan	\$200
Joe DiFazio	\$100	Linda Li	\$110
Lucy Moy	\$100	Teresa Au	\$20
Mrs. Katherine Moy	\$100	Gene & Teresa Lee	\$500
Anita Honos	\$50	Linda Myers	\$150
Marian Torrez	\$100	Larry Pusateri	\$30
Masangcay Family	\$100	Marie Chan	\$200
Mandarin Group	\$300	Jing & Mimi Z	\$100
Fung Family	\$100	Irene Lee	\$25
Rosemarie Centofanti	\$100	Jim Keating	\$400
Vivian Wong	\$100	Cameron & Kalina Pon	\$320
Sam Ng	\$50	Ricky Yong	\$750
Sophie Nardi	\$100	Patricia Lee	\$100
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Nardi	\$25	Wing F. Chan	\$20
Walter Lum	\$100	Ella Reyes	\$320
Mr. & Mrs. James Chin	\$500	Spalla-Degnan Family	\$100
Anonymous	\$25	Al H. Schwarz	\$250
Francine Caruso	\$100	Mr. Chung Chan	\$25
Anthony Spina	\$250	John Walz	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Delich	\$100	Jim. Distasio	\$200
Antoinette Briglio	\$25	Paul Lee	\$500
Mrs. Ruth Williamson	\$25	Mei Ling Lee	\$100
Mrs. Shiu Mei Sim	\$100	Janet Moy	\$100
Simon Dusan Condic	\$100	Pat Culen & Wendy Sin	\$300
Marianne Cibulka	\$20		

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Nancy Shortino	\$25
Nancy & Steve Wong	\$250
Joe & Christine Delfin	\$25
Ka Soen & Lushia Yun Tie	\$100
James D. Vittori	\$100
Joseph A. Zito Jr.	\$300
Teresa Moy	\$100
Morales Family	\$200
Roberto Garibay & Family	\$250
Dominic Lai	\$100
Vivian Pham	\$100
Barbara & Peter Pon	\$100
George & Yvette Lee	\$520
Janet Groh	\$20
Peter Tse	\$20
Agnes Lee	\$20
Simone & Nicole Orendain	\$15
Darlene Chan Lowe & Chris Lowe	\$600
Lonnie Lee	\$150
Mimi Chin	\$40
Groh Family	\$300
Eva Liu & Andrew Feng	\$200
Matthew Feng	\$100
Dominique M. Feng	\$30
Maria B. Feng	\$30
GRAND TOTAL AS OF 01/05/2026:	\$45,312

**St. Barbara Worship-site Christmas
Donations as of 01/06/2026**

Raymond & Margaret Murphy	\$300
Mr. & Mrs. James Bertucci	\$200
Mrs. Barbara Rekar	\$100
Anonymous	\$500
Ms. Eugenia Krzyzanski	\$25
Mr. Johnny Bertucci	\$25
Margaret & Martha Raymond	\$300
Mr. Michael J. Kammerer	\$50
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Moon	\$1,000
Yolanda Bobadilla	\$100
Wladyslawa Lazowski	\$100
Katherine Krugler	\$20
Mrs. Rose Lavelle	\$50
J. Fockler	\$100
Karen Bikos	\$50
Cecilia Nguyen	\$5
King Family	\$75
Stanley J. Rzsasa	\$100
Edward Jimenez	\$300
Barbara A. Ziemba	\$25
Irene Ninow	\$25
Joan Sivalon	\$100
Robert J. Stegmiller	\$100
Tina Vazzana	\$6
Steve Vazzana	\$6
Mary Kay McCann	\$30
Mary Joanne McCann	\$50
Philipp F. Dalcamo	\$100
John J. Zovka	\$25
Cheryl Sokolowski	\$100
Matthew Barron	\$100
Matt & Judy Dalcamo	\$200
Mr. & Mrs. Ronnel Supetran	\$10
Mrs. Maria Rolon	\$20
Tina Krueger	\$100
Joseph Boniewicz	\$20
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Salena	\$75
John Allan	\$5

Anonymous	\$200
Ruth Davidson	\$5
Delores Becatti	\$125
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Groark	\$25
Thomas Hadley	\$25
Elizabeth Pienta	\$100
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Villareal	\$50
Louis Vittori	\$100
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Rodriguez	\$20
Michelle Pienta	\$20
Marilyn Rzaja	\$250
Anonymous	\$100
Diane Rzasa	\$275
Mr. & Mrs. W. Cruz	\$50
Mr. Henry Diaz Deleon	\$30
Donna Jean Schultz	\$20
Roberta Carden	\$100
Elaine Pusateri	\$100
Peter & Josephine Laco	\$100
Bernard Krygowski	\$100
Susan Wisniewski	\$20
Tracy Jasas	\$20
Juan Ruvalcaba, Jr.	\$50
Robert Kowalsky	\$50
Eva Caseillon	\$10
Barbara Hudren	\$200
Judy Zarzuela	\$200
Tom & Carol Spalla	\$300
James Sanicki	\$20
Mr. & Mrs. David Czarnecki	\$10
Wally Podrazik	\$50
Anonymous	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Perez	\$10
Eugene & Dawn Barajas	\$10
Anne De Angelis	\$5
Martin Sanchez	\$5
Lynn Liskiewicz	\$20
Evelyn Zaleski	\$100
Walter Furmanek	\$25
Hecter & Nenita C. Feliciano	\$40
Kathy Gortowski	\$300
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Gortowski	\$20
Ruth & David Czarnecki	\$100
Teresita Quinones	\$25
Mary Loughney	\$50
Gloria Paradiso	\$50
Michael Bertucci	\$200
Janet Kwilosz	\$50
Maribeth Loughney	\$90
Judy Lukwinski	\$250
James Bertucci	\$25
Adeline Skokal	\$200
JoAnn Balasa	\$140
Gina Claccia	\$50
Anne P. Santos	\$10
Edward Raya	\$10
Joseph Lee	\$100
Gary Leverence	\$20
Tom Gniadek	\$15
Bernadette Glabicki	\$250
Charlotte DeSanto	\$50
Ma. Socorro Gallardo	\$5
Christine Kisielente	\$300
GRAND TOTAL AS OF 01/06/2026:	\$9,772

PLEASE NOTE: If there are any discrepancies with your Christmas donation, please don't hesitate to call the Parish Office to rectify it. Thank you for your patience.

WEEKLY COLLECTION– JANUARY 4, 2025

	St. Barbara		St. Therese	
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,708.00		\$ 1,054.00	
Sunday Loose	\$ 337.00		\$ 856.00	
Give Central	\$ 521.00		\$ 536.00	
Total Collection	\$ 2,566.00		\$ 2,446.00	
	YTD	Weekly	YTD	Weekly
Actual	\$ 61,528.00	\$ 2,566.00	\$ 60,075.00	\$ 2,446.00
Goal	\$ 72,900.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 72,900.00	\$ 2,700.00
% of Goal	85%	95%	83%	91%
	\$		\$	
	\$		\$	

ATTENTION: For those who make your offering in the form of a check, please make checks to **St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish**. Our parish has a **new givecentral** account, through which people can still choose to make their donations to either Worship Site.
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Please pray for those who are ill, homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers.

Amalia Agins, Austin Agins, Bernadette Agins, Joyce Agins, Stephen Agins, Mary Aguirre, Angeleo Alonzo, Marlene & Walter Annerino, Amy Averet, Kimberly Babe, Geraldine Baldwin, Judith Beaudry, Christine Bertucci, Joseph 'Joey' Bertucci, Lonnie & Theresa Bertucci-Falls, Jennifer Bond, Jeff Bowman, Andrea Brongiel, Mary Camarda, Laverne Connolly, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGrazia, Henry Diaz De Leon, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Paul Gadomski, Ray Gadomski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Bernadette Glabicki, Koen Guest, Kellar Harris, Jasmine Henson, Barbara Herr, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Jennifer Janson, Dr. Joe, Anna Kolendo, Craig Labudda, Sunny Labudda, Baby Kinsley Paige Leschinsky, Kiera Litwin, Lenny Loretto, Richard Lyznicki, Nancy Mallory, John Mangan, Kayle Marth, Paul Martinez, Bill Marczuk, Zena Masi, Maria Mawgwi, Lil' Joe Michalak, Cindy Moore, Dr. Mike, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petruck, Theresa Pickens, Dolores Pienta, Beverly Pirelli, Megan Pirelli, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Maria Saludo, Kennedy Shepski, Anthony Sinople, Adeline Skokal, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stroncsek, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, Christine Vanderford, George Vanderford Jr., Juan Vargas, Joyce Vogt, Ava Walczak, Sadie Walker, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, Evelyn Zaleski, Virginia Zawacki, Al Zipf

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*****Please review the above Prayer List to identify if there is a name that should be removed OR inform us if there is someone that needs to be added. Please call the rectory to make changes. Thank YOU!**

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Sacraments/Sacramental

Please contact parish office for any of the following:

Baptisms: Parents must be registered practicing parishioners and attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled.

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.

Confessions: Saturdays, 4:15-4:45 p.m. at St. Barbara Church or by appointment.

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.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith. Parish has English, Cantonese & Mandarin-OCIA available.

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

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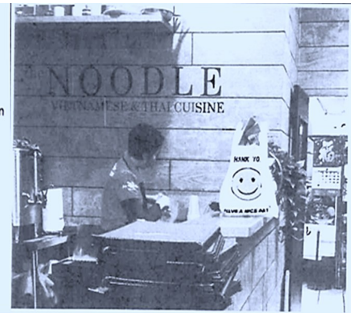
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Good Shepherd Catechism

Sundays for children from 3 to 7 years old at
10:30am. This class is taught by Sisters of the
Missionaries of Charity.

THE HUMILITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

By Fr. John Cuff

The story is told about a falcon who was consumed by envy of an eagle. "How come he can fly so high? Everyone admires him and no one admires me." Then one day he saw a hunter below and called out to him to shoot the eagle. The hunter replied that he'd need to add some feathers to his arrow for it to reach the eagle. The falcon pulled out one of his best feathers and dropped it down to the hunter, but it was not enough to reach the eagle. So the falcon pulled out another and then another, yet the arrow was still not quite able to reach the eagle. Before long all the falcon's best feathers were gone and he was no longer able to fly, so the hunter simply turned round and shot the falcon for his meal that day. The moral of the story: envy and jealousy consume and destroy the person who harbors such thoughts much more than they do the person who is envied.

In today's world, envy and jealousy seem to be accepted human traits; in fact, much of our advertising seems based on envy or jealousy, trying to make people want to be like someone else or to have what he has. But the example of John the Baptist shows us that true personal fulfillment lies not in how we compare ourselves with others, but in how faithful we are to our God-given roles in life. Indeed, nobody likes to hear that the person who succeeded them is doing better than they did. However, John is a rare exception to the rule. For example, after John had launched the movement announcing the Kingdom of God; Jesus succeeded him and became leader of the movement after Herod executed John. Yet, whenever John speaks of Jesus, he sees Him as better than himself, and summarizes his whole attitude to Jesus thus: "He must increase, but I must decrease." He describes Jesus as the bridegroom and himself as merely His best man. Notice how he introduces Jesus to his own disciples in today's Gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes one who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'" As a result of this endorsement, two of his disciples follow Jesus, indeed, Jesus' first two disciples, according to John's Gospel. So why is the Baptist content and satisfied with playing second fiddle rather than vying with Jesus? Because he knows why he came into this world: "I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And knowing why he has come, he knows when his mission is finished and it's time to hand the baton to another.

Why did you and I come into the world? What is God's plan for our lives? If we can't answer this question, chances are that we'll spend our lives chasing after everything and nothing, in a rat-race of envy and jealousy with those we perceive as better than us. Let's put before us this wonderful example of John the Baptist's knowing his vocation, so as to learn how to be humble and to avoid being envious and jealous of others.

**St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish
Special Events Schedule**

- Jan. 10**—Youth Gathering Beginning with the 5pm Mass, followed by Pizza, Sharing and Open Gym
- Jan. 11**---9:30am Family Mass Followed by Reception and Open Gym; 12:30pm Parish Appreciation Luncheon
- Jan. 14**---From Generation to Generation at 6pm
- Jan. 17**---English Alpha Following the 5pm Mass
- Jan. 18**---10:30am Family Mass Followed by Reception
- Jan. 20**---12 Noon Vicariate Meeting
- Jan. 21**---9:40am Faith Formation Meeting; 10:40am Staff Meeting & 6:30pm Finance Council Meeting
- Jan. 25**---12:30pm Mandarin Mass Followed by Go-Deeper & 2nd Collection for the Church in Latin America
- Jan. 26**---Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We will take down our Church Christmas decorations on Sunday, Jan. 18th after 9:30am Mass at St. Barbara and after 10:30am Mass at St. Therese. Your help is greatly appreciated.

2026 Offering Envelopes:

Registered Parishioners at St. Therese Site, please pick up your 2026 offering box. The 2026 Chinese Calendar is available at the Church entrance table.



**Wedding Banns:
Samantha Perez and
Salvador Reyes**



St. Therese School News

Blessing of the Doors

Father Li visited our students this week to discuss the Feast of the Epiphany and to bless all of our doors for the new year. He wished all of our students a safe, happy, and blessed new year.



Families Serving Families



“The family that prays and serves together stays together.”

All families are invited to help provide light refreshments after our monthly Family Mass.

Families may sign up in small teams to share in this ministry of fellowship and hospitality.

If you would like to participate, please sign up at the church entrance table.