



**ST. MOTHER TERESA OF  
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Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate

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**FEBRUARY 15, 2026  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**2026**  
**Lunar New Year Mass  
and Veneration of Ancestors**  
**新春彌撒及祭祖慶典**

TIME / 時間  
**02** (月) **15** (日) SUNDAY FEB 15

丙午馬年  
YEAR OF HORSE

10:30 am  
Mass with Veneration  
of Ancestors  
彌撒及祭祖慶典

12:00 pm  
Luncheon  
中午宴聯歡會

## 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)

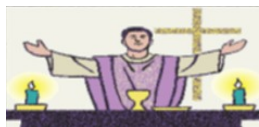
4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

### 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, Feb. 14th | Vigil Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. God's Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven by Kieselente Family  
+ Gary Solverson by Family

### **Sunday, Feb. 15th | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Maria Saludo by B. Glabicki  
+ Katherine Mesa Ramberg by Family  
+ Lisa Mesa Steinberg by Family  
+ Marilyn Ricci by B. Hudren  
+ Marlene A. Annerino by Jim & Christine Bertucci  
+ Mae Smith, Anniversary by son, Terry Smith

9:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Wilfredo Cruz by Family  
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family  
+ Gina Ferro by Family  
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family  
+ Dorene Hurkes by B. Hudren

### **Tuesday, Feb. 17th | Weekday**

8:00 a.m. + Vince Briglio by Family

### **Wednesday, Feb. 18th | Ash Wednesday**

6:00 a.m. + Dennis Riley by B. Glabicki  
+ Edward John Murray by Jim & Christine Bertucci

9:30 a.m. + Irene Zima by Friend

7:00 p.m. + Ted & Stanley Piorecki by Friend

### **Thursday, Feb. 19th | Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

8:00 a.m. + Birthday Remembrance: Larry Kirwan by Kwan Family

### **Saturday, Feb. 21st | Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 a.m. + Arlene Styer by B. Glabicki  
+ Theresa Oleszkiewicz by B. Glabicki

## St. Therese Worship Site

### **Sunday, Feb. 15th | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. + Lilliam & James Christian by Family  
+ Pauline Yau by Marie Oy Chan

10:30 a.m. Health Blessings for GuoXin Jian by Jean Wu  
Health, Peace and Career Blessings for Stephen Wu by Jean Wu  
+ Pauline Yau by Darlene & Chris

### **Monday, Feb. 16th | Weekday**

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

### **Wednesday, Feb. 18th | Ash Wednesday**

8:00 a.m. + Alice Lee Moy by Darlene  
+ Alfredo Barajas by Barajas Family

### **Friday, Feb. 20th | Friday after Ash Wednesday**

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



*"In a world where you can be anything, be kind. No act of kindness no matter how small is ever wasted. Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible"*

*Saint Mother Teresa*

## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

### **St. Barbara - Saturday, February 21st**

**5p.m. Lectors:** Chris, Frances  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Loida

### **Sunday, February 22nd**

**6a.m. Lector:** J. Bertucci  
**Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnn

**9:30a.m. Lectors:** Hazel, Sr. Kathy  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Angelo

### **St. Therese - Sunday, February 22nd**

**8:00a.m. Greeters:** Joey, Naomi  
**Lectors:** Rose Marie, Nora  
**St. Michael Ministry:**

**10:30a.m Greeters:** Darlene, Jade, Marian  
**Lectors:** JJ, Chris

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jade (Altar) Wing (Choir)  
**St. Michael Ministry:** Cam

## 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal Follow-Up Weekend



Thank you to all who made a financial commitment to this Year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Those of you who still want to participate in this year's appeal, you may find pledge envelopes at the Church entrance table. Please fill it out and place it in the collection baskets or hand it to our greeters.

The theme for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal, Together We Bring Light, draws from these gospel passages. The theme highlights that the call to live this new life is not just addressed to us individually, but it is also addressed to the entire community. Together we are invited to live the life of the Beatitudes for *Together we bring light*.

**Our parish's target for the 2026 Appeal is \$24,283.** As you know, when contributions exceed the goal our parish will receive a rebate from those donated funds.

I invite you to reflect, pray, and ask yourself how you can help to bring the light of Christ to the world. Please pray for the success of this year's Appeal and consider to be part of it.

### Liturgy for Encounter

Liturgy is at the heart of our parish and our personal lives. We strive to celebrate with full participation and joy, and our Liturgy Committee meets regularly to ensure our community has a profound spiritual experience of encountering God in our celebrations.

Over the past year, the Liturgy Committee has empowered our liturgical ministers to meet with their peers to renew their service and love for the Eucharist. This Lent, committee members will share their wisdom and experiences of encountering God through **the Word, preaching, music, gestures, communion, and hospitality**. Each week, you will be invited to reflect on one of these particular ways of encountering God in Liturgy.



Today, I offer this introduction and invite you to reflect on a central question: **How can the Liturgy help us encounter God?**

While God is always present, the Second Vatican Council's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* reminds us that God is especially present at Mass in four ways: in the proclamation of the Word, in the gathered assembly, in the presider, and in the Body and Blood of Christ. In every Eucharist, we participate in the Paschal Mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection through our words, gestures, and heartfelt responses.

*The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* states: "Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that **full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations** which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy." Such participation is both your right and your duty by reason of your baptism.

I pray that you encounter God in our Liturgy and that this encounter empowers you to witness to the Lord within your family and the world.

Next weekend, we will explore "Encountering God through the Word in Liturgy."

### Happy St. Francis Jubilee Year and the Year of the Horse

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Jubilee year from Jan. 10, 2026 through Jan. 10, 2027. A holy year or Jubilee is a time of pilgrimage, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy, based on the Old Testament tradition of a Jubilee year of rest, forgiveness and renewal. The Archdiocese of Chicago will join Catholics around the world in celebrating this Franciscan Jubilee year, marking the 800th anniversary of the passing of St. Francis of Assisi, a Catholic friar who founded the religious order of the Franciscans. There are Jubilee pilgrimage locations at local Franciscan parishes, shrines, missions and communities dedicated to St. Francis for the faithful to obtain a plenary indulgence. [Learn more here.](#)

This year of Jubilee happens to be the Year of the Horse in the Chinese calendar. The horse symbolizes speed, energy and a moving forward spirit. People born in the year of the horse are known for being independent, charismatic, courageous in the faces of change and challenges. May this year of the horse bring us renewed and vibrant spirit as we continue to move forward with new hopes and dreams.

**Happy Year of the Horse! 祝你事事马到成功，  
健康一马当先，马年幸福平安!**

*Peace, Fr. Francis*



## 2026 St. Francis Jubilee Year

*"Make me a channel of your peace...It is in giving that we receive..."*

### **Ash Wednesday, Feb.18 (Fast and Abstinence)**

Distribution of ashes at 6am, 9:30am and 7pm masses at St. Barbara Church and 8:00am School Mass at St. Therese Church; Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe at all Masses.

### **Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm**

a. Feb. 20, March 6 & 20 at St. Therese. b. Feb.27, March 13 & 27 at St. Barbara.

**CRS Rice Bowl**---Distribution on Feb. 21-22 and Returning on March 21-22 and 28-29

**Living Well Speaker Series**---6:30pm on Saturday Feb. 21 at St. Mother Teresa Hall

**Overseas Chinese College Student Gathering**--- Feb. 21 at 2pm at St. Therese Church

**OCIA** \*The Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election will take place at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, Feb. 22 and the Rite of Election on Sunday, March 1st at 2:30pm at Holy Name Cathedral.

\***Scrutiny Rites** will be celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent. The 1<sup>st</sup> on Sunday, March 8 at 9:30am Mass at St. Barbara Church and the 2<sup>nd</sup> on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am Mass and the 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Therese Church

**Mandarin Mass & Faith Sharing**---12:30pm on Sunday, Feb. 22 & March 22 followed by Faith Sharing

**Cantonese Mass & Go-Deeper**---10:30am Sunday, March 1st followed by Go Deeper

**Eucharistic Minister Gathering**---March 1<sup>st</sup> from 12:30pm to 2:30pm at St. Mother Teresa Hall

**First Friday Devotion**---Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8am Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplets and Benediction at St. Therese

**Evangelization Outreach**---2pm Rosary at Senior Suites of Bridgeport

**First Saturday Anointing of the Sick**---March 7<sup>th</sup> 8am Mass with Rosary and Benediction at St. Barbara Chapel

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation** ---March 7 at 10am at St. Therese

**Youth Ministry**---March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Mother Teresa Hall

**Family Mass**---9:30am on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> followed by Open Gym and Coffee and Donuts

**Indonesian Mass**---March 8th at 11:30am at St. Barbara

**Commissioning of All Liturgical Ministers**---March 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> at All Masses

**Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit and Presentations**---March 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>

**RE Led Mass and Confession**---Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 9am to 10:15am Reconciliation & 10:30am Mass

**Parish English Lenten Retreat**---March 21, 9:30am ---2:00pm on St. Francis Jubilee Year

**English Alpha**---6pm at St. Mother Teresa Hall

**Parish Lenten Reconciliation**---Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm at St. Barbara Church

**St. Therese School Mass**---8am on March 25th followed by Reconciliation at St. Therese

**Mandarin Lenten Retreat**---Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 4:30pm at St. Therese Community Room

**Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School Students:** Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm with School Students & 7pm at St. Barbara Church and Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm at St. Therese Church

### **Lenten Regulations (from Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Ash Wednesday--- the Paschal Triduum):**

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

# NEWS & EVENTS



## Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:

4pm-5pm, Street Rosary and 5pm-6pm. Adoration at St. Therese Church. All are welcome.

## 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.

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

### FEB 15

**LUNAR NEW YEAR MASS WITH VENERATION OF ANCESTORS FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON**  
10:30 am STW

### FEB 17

**HAPPY YEAR OF THE HORSE**

### FEB 18

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AT ALL MASSES  
8 am School Mass at STW  
6 am, 9:30 am, and 7 pm Masses at SBW

### FEB 20

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 pm at STW

### FEB 21

5 pm Mass at SBW

#### LIVING WELL SPEAKER SERIES

6:30 pm at St. Mother Teresa Hall

### FEB 22

First Sunday of Lent with Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl

**OCIA Sending Out Rite** at 10:30 am Mass at STW  
**Mandarin Mass** followed by luncheon and Go-Deeper at 12:30 pm at STW

### FEB 24

#### PRIEST'S DAY WITH CARDINAL CUPICH

### FEB 25

9:40 am Faith Formation Meeting  
10:40 am Staff Meeting

### FEB 27

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7 pm at SBW

### FEB 28

#### ST. THERESE CHINESE CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHINESE NEW YEAR BENEFIT

5:30 pm at New Furama Restaurant

### MAR 1

#### CANTONESE MASS FOLLOWED BY GO DEEPER

10:30 am at STW

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER GATHERING

12:30-2:30 PM at St. Mother Teresa Hall

### MAR 6

#### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

8 am with Divine Mercy Chaplets and Benediction at STW

## Ash Wednesday Collection



## RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

More than 30 years ago, the bishops of the United States established the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe to help the Church rebuild and resume its mission in countries where for decades, communist regimes had confiscated churches and persecuted priests, consecrated religious, and laity. The end of those communist regimes restored the Church's freedom to preach the Gospel, pray, and carry out public ministries such as health care and education.

Your support for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe at Mass helps the Church in Hungary and 27 other countries to rebuild and continue the mission to share the Gospel with new generations. More information about the collection and the range of projects it supports can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccce](http://www.usccb.org/ccce).



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活动报名表

**Tax Letters:** Registered parishioners can obtain letters for last year's donations by calling or emailing the parish offices.

# WEEKLY COLLECTION– FEBRUARY 8, 2025

	St. Barbara		St. Therese	
Sunday Envelopes	\$	1,289.00	\$	948.00
Sunday Loose	\$	455.00	\$	308.00
Give Central	\$	397.00	\$	820.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,141.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,076.00</b>
	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
Actual	\$	70,911.00	\$	71,761.00
Goal	\$	86,400.00	\$	86,400.00
% of Goal		82%		77%
	\$		\$	
	\$		\$	

**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

Ken Barber, Hu Bin, Jose Cardinal, Joseph Caruso, Roberta Cheong, Kim Chiu, Sister Noel Devine, Jimmy Distasio, MAD & Rose Marie Donato, Mark Donato, Mia Rose Faciana, Gyna Gazzi, James Gemkow, Roseann Gurgone, Michael Howley, Frank Karagianes, Levi Kirkland, Angela Lasillo, George Lee, David Leung, Shiu Wah Leung, Felina Li, James Longo, III, Matthew Mantia, Phil Maraldi, Jerry McCarthy, Barbara McElroy, Xue Ying Mou, Lucy Moy, Mina Preysler Munoz, John Paleoik, Anne Pataka, Rose Perez, Gerard Phillips, Ali Powers, James Rak, Victor Roa, Phyllis Robinson, D. Mary R. Joseph Rubin, David Sero, Kay Siani, Nicholas Tobar, Richard Tobar, Anthony Valentino, Luz Whitehead, Luke Williamson, Bai Xue, Ching Shiu Yau, Lan Ying Yee, Yaoyao Wu, Ramona Zavala, Susan Zibricky, Sonny Furmanek, Juliana, Kate Lynch, Josephine Laco, Dolores Becatti, Michele Young, Charles Corbett, Rick Deleon, Shirley Mendoza, Gary Leverage, MingYing Liu, FanYa Zhang, Diana Cardinal, Karen Zovko, Darlene Phillips Smith, Ella Dover, Jian GuoXin, Jeffrey Fockler, Anthony A. Briglio, Kelly Chrusciel, John Allan, Jack Martin, Sharon Solverson, XiaoMei Rack, Bach-Tuyet Therese Nguyen Chau, Shirley Podobailo, RenYing Huang, Dan Spano, Marion Roti, Mary Keating, Cheri Groark, Ron Lukwinski, Cory Chan, Martha Barajas,

**\*\*\*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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**Cantonese OCIA:** Mr. Perry Lau  
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**Chinese Apostolate:** Ms. Jing Zhang  
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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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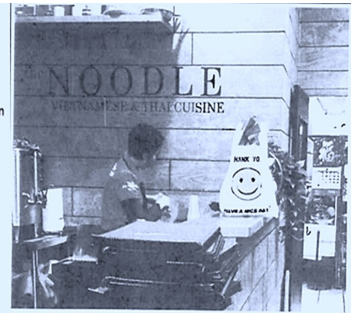
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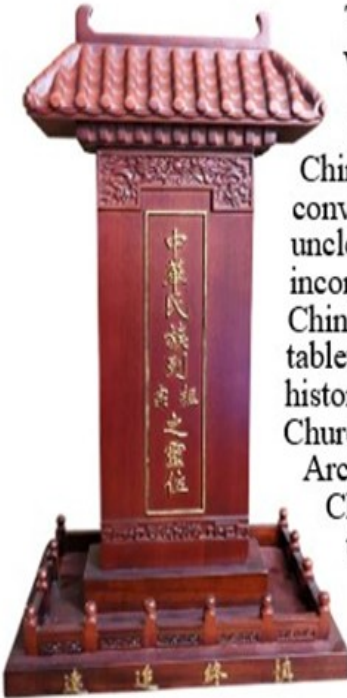
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**From East to West, by way of Jesus Christ**

In Chinese culture, an ancestral tablet serves as a symbol of the spirit of past ancestors and honors their memory. At SMTCP, an ancestral tablet is displayed at the St. Therese worship site to pay our respects to parish forebears, including the 120 Martyr Saints of China. The characters in the center recall our ancestors both collectively as a Chinese people and in our individual families, and across the bottom is a promise to always remember and honor them. And we ask them to pray for us, as we do of our Catholic ancestors, the saints.

After decades of faithful use, our original ancestral tablet deserved a good retirement. We set out to create a work of art that would solemnly thank God for the blessings granted to the Chinese communities of the world, reflect the Chinese culture, and fit the aesthetics of St. Therese Church.



To manifest this vision, we commissioned De Zhao Xian, who has a lifelong passion for Chinese art - and conveniently is also our uncle. Uncle Zhao incorporated traditional Chinese elements into the tablet's design to reflect the history of St. Therese Church and its role as the Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate. The tablet was given a roof reminiscent of the Imperial Palace in China, with curved, interlocking tiles and

ridge points arching up to the heavens, and it was further adorned with Chinese motifs including traditional woodworking patterns and dragons. Sapele wood was then chosen as the art medium for its beauty, durability, and sustainability.

The manufacturing process was managed by yet another uncle, Tak Hoi Sin. After a journey of twists and turns, the tablet was finally completed in 2025 in Guangzhou, China. To add to the richness of our revamped tableau, Uncle Hoi also donated a 鼎 “ding” cauldron to the parish. This cultural icon is a symbol of authority and prestige; it is often used as a vessel for offerings such as incense.



The tablet and ding will be blessed and presented at this year's Lunar New Year Mass. Our family is deeply honored to offer these gifts to SMTCP. May they long serve the parish community as physical reminders of God's grace displayed in the accomplishments of all those who came before us, and may we be inspired to continue God's work through our own lives.

-The Sin Family 冼氏家族

慎终追远，中华民族五千多年的文明薪火相传，博大精深。致敬先辈，铭记先祖，传承民族精神，勤劳勇敢，自强不息，厚德载物。

*Respecting the past and honoring our ancestors, the Chinese civilization spanning over 5,000 years has been passed down through generations, showcasing its profound and extensive heritage. We pay tribute to our forebears, remember those who came before us, and carry on our people's spirit of diligence, courage, self-reliance, and virtuous conduct.*



De Zhao Xian 冼德照, designer (left)  
 Tak Hoi Sin 冼德海, project manager



# St. Therese School News

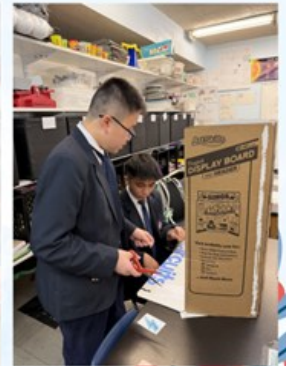


## Science Fair

Our 8th grade students have been working diligently on their Illinois Junior Academy of Science State Fair projects! Through hands-on research and experimentation, they have explored topics such as paper chromatography, the effects of different soils on plant growth, and mold growth in various types of bread.

Over the past several weeks, students have developed research questions, formed hypotheses, conducted experiments, analyzed data, and drawn evidence-based conclusions — truly engaging in the scientific process from start to finish.

We are incredibly proud of their dedication, curiosity, and perseverance. Next month, they will present their projects at the regional level. Please join us in wishing them the best of luck as they represent our school!



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