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**MARCH 15, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

LET YOUR VOICE

.....: *Be Heard* :.....

DMI Survey Now Open

If you're a parishioner and haven't already taken the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey, NOW is the time! It's the very important first step in St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta growing in our discipleship. We are currently assessing our parish's greatest strengths and opportunities, and need your response to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future - as we strive to reflect more of Christ's love in our community.



For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/pbca7p> or scan the QR code.

The survey closes on March 29, 2026.



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)

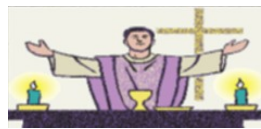
4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

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, March 14th | Vigil Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. God's Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven by Kisielente Family
+ Richard & Jean Fockler by Jane Fockler
+ John Fockler by Jane Fockler
+ Fred Ceramic by Marion

Sunday, March 15th | Fourth Sunday of Lent

6:00 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors & Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Wilfredo Cruz by Family
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family
+ Gina Ferro by Family
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family
+ Rose Furmanek by Sonny

Tuesday, March 17th | Saint Patrick, Bishop

8:00 a.m. + Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Kaput by Mr. & Mrs. Stan Nawracaj
+ Vincent Briglio by Family

Thursday, March 19th | Saint Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. + Edwin J. Trybus by Bette Pienta
+ Joe D'Amico & Spina by Joe & Rena

Saturday, March 21st | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Geri Kaput by B. Glabicki



Prayer Intention:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Elina Basilio and Clifford**

Whitehouse, Jr. Elina's memorial Mass was held on March 9th at St. Barbara. Clifford, a member of Holy Name Society and the Men's Choir, was buried through St. Barbara on March 12. May they rest in peace.

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, March 15th | Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. + Lawrence S. Pusateri by Family
+ Cliff Whitehouse Jr. by Nora Gonzale Family
10:30 a.m. Health Blessings for GuoXin Jian by Jean Wu
Health, Peace and Career Blessings for Stephen Wu by Jean Wu
+ Jenping J. Chan by Darlene
+ Richard J. Chan by Darlene & Chris
+ Anna Marie Parrilli by SMI

Monday, March 16th | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Birthday Remembrance: Jenping J. Chan by Darlene
+ Richard J. Chan by Darlene

Wednesday, March 18th | Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Family Peace by Linda Wang
Blessings for the Wong Family by Friend

Friday, March 20th | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving by Linda Wang

+

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



"Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep for every dream precedes the goal."

Saint Mother Teresa

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara - Saturday, March 21st

5p.m. Lectors: Sr. Kathy, Laura
Eucharistic Minister: Judy

Sunday, March 22nd

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

St. Therese - Sunday, March 22nd

8:00a.m. Greeters: Joey, Naomi
Lectors: Betty, Jimmy
St. Michael Ministry:
10:30a.m. Greeters: Darlene, Jade, Marian
Lectors: Noemi, Samantha
Eucharistic Ministers: John (Altar) Sheila (Choir)
St. Michael Ministry: Tim

Congratulations and Thanks

Congratulations to **Eliana Lin**, daughter of Joanna Lo and Raymond Lin, who was baptized last Sunday at St. Therese Church. We rejoice with her family, welcome her to our faith, and assure them of our continued prayers.



Thanks to all of our Liturgical Ministers for their dedicated service to our parish. They were re-commissioned at all Masses last weekend, and we remain grateful for their commitment and offer them our prayers and collaboration.



This week's Liturgy for Encounter: Encountering God through Gestures can be found on the back page.

Peace, Fr. Francis



ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS

Governor's Blue Ribbon Award

Last week, Ms. Oi and Mrs. Gonzalez traveled to Springfield to attend the inaugural Illinois Governor's Blue Ribbon Schools Award Reception at the Executive Mansion. St. Therese School, along with 27 other Illinois schools, received the 2025 designation in recognition of its exemplary academic performance.

We are incredibly proud of our students, teachers, and staff whose hard work and dedication made this recognition possible!





2026 St. Francis Jubilee Year

“Make me a channel of your peace...It is in giving that we receive...”

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 7pm

a. March 20 at St. Therese. b. March 27 at St. Barbara.

CRS Rice Bowl—Pick up a bowl on church entrance table and return on March 21-22 and 28-29

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

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

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit and Presentations---March 14th -15th at St. Mother Teresa Hall

RE Led Mass and Confession---Sunday, March 15th 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 23rd 7pm at St. Barbara Church

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

Mandarin Lenten Retreat---Saturday, March 28th; 10:30am to 4:30pm at St. Therese Community Room

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

Lenten Regulations (from Feb. 18th, 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.

ST. THERESE SCHOOL JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS
PRESENT

The Living Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 27 at 1 pm at STW

Friday, March 27 at 7 pm at SBW

Sunday, March 29 at 12:00 pm at STW



Night of Mercy

MONDAY, MARCH 23

ST. BARBARA CHURCH

Adoration, Confession, and Music

7 PM

All are welcome!

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.



You are invited...

It was good to see so many of our Liturgical Ministers being re-commissioned last weekend. As you continue to grow in your relationship with the Lord during this Lenten season, you are invited to consider becoming involved in a church ministry. **We are currently looking for additional volunteers to serve as ushers or greeters at Mass at St. Barbara Worship Site.** This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your participation in the liturgy. Training and further details will be provided for all new volunteers. For more information, please reach out to Judy Lukwinski or Jane Fockler.

Devotional Candles Update



Due to the increased cost of devotional products, it is necessary to increase the requested amount for devotional candles at the St. Barbara worship site. It is important that we cover the cost of this offering,

and appreciate the need for each person who lights a candle to give the following donation:

Votive candles \$1 and Large candles \$5.

Please be generous in your intention.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, in Darien, IL (in the southwestern suburbs), on April 17-19, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

HOLY NAME NEWS

Holy Name welcome men of the community to meet every 2nd Friday of the month at 7 pm at St. Barbara convent dining room. The next meeting is April 10th.

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

2026 Franciscan Jubilee Year

St. Francis of Assisi: Lessons for Life and Death

Fr. Larry Webber



SATURDAY, MARCH 21
9:30 AM - 2 PM
ST. MOTHER TERESA HALL
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fr. Larry Webber has been a Capuchin Franciscan Friar for 55 years and an ordained Priest for 46 years. He has worked in jail Ministry, a Central City Parish in Milwaukee, 27 years in Central America, 6 years as Director of the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit, one year in the Capuchin Development Office in Detroit, 6 years with the Northern Cheyenne at St. Labre Mission in Montana, and is presently stationed at St. Francis Monastery in Milwaukee accompanying the newly developing Capuchin Spirituality Center and assisting in the Milwaukee area and beyond in preaching and spiritual accompaniment.

Please RSVP by Tuesday March 17 via parish email or calling the offices. You may also sign up at the Church entrance table. This helps us to prepare lunch and handouts.

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He's knocking again.



St. Mother Teresa invites you to return to the Eucharist,

the source of grace and mercy, for healing peace hope LOVE



WEEKLY COLLECTION– MARCH 8, 2025

	St. Barbara		St. Therese	
Sunday Envelopes	\$	829.00	\$	740.00
Sunday Loose	\$	569.00	\$	263.00
Give Central	\$	428.00	\$	766.00
Total Collection	\$	1,826.00	\$	1,769.00
		YTD		Weekly
Actual	\$	77,318.00	\$	1,826.00
Goal	\$	97,200.00	\$	2,700.00
% of Goal		80%		68%
		YTD		Weekly
	\$		\$	
	\$		\$	

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, 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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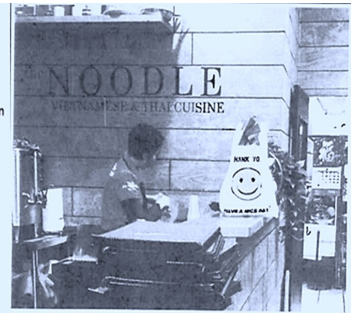
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Final Preaching Survey for Fr. Li

Two years ago, Fr. Li was nominated by the Archdiocese of Chicago to participate in the Preaching for Encountering program, which is from the Institute of Homiletics at the University of Dallas.

During this 2-year period, the preachers (priests, deacons, bishop) met monthly and attended retreats twice annually. They would study homiletics in large- and small-group gatherings of preachers, and received personal coaching.

For each preacher, a group of lay volunteers who would support him and pray for him as he worked to grow in his preaching. The group was called ST. JOSEPH'S PREACHERS (SJP) under the patronage of Jesus's foster father, that quiet patron of workers.

Here at our Parish, SJP consisted of 10 volunteers: Carl DiFranco, Jim Keating, John Lin, Kimberly Casey, Mina Tse, Nicole Orendain, Pam Spano, Rose Lau, Simone Orendain and Perry Lau as the coordinator. We served as the connector of pulpit and pew.

In Year 1, our group would meet monthly without Fr. Li. We studied workbook that would give insights into what effective preaching looked like, how to give feedback to him, and how to listen for the presence of God in the liturgy and in scripture.

In Year 2, our monthly meetings were joined by Fr. Li. We discussed questions on the workbook, gave feedback on Fr. Li's homily, studied the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and shared our ideas that Fr. Li could incorporate in his preparation of the homily.

As this pilot program concluded recently, a FINAL PARISH PREACHING SURVEY will be conducted to allow parishioners to rate and offer feedback on Fr. Li's homily. The survey can help Fr. Li and the program in the future.

Please take some time (3-5 minutes) to complete this survey.



Scan the QR code or visit the link to
take the survey.

Survey closes on March 29

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Encounter God through Gestures in Liturgy by Joe Delfin

Last week, we looked at "Encounter God through Music in Liturgy." Today, we show our intent to participate fully, actively, and consciously in the Mass through our gestures. Gestures are outward, physical expressions of our thoughts and of our heart. **How can the simple gestures we do in Mass bring us closer to God?**



With the **Sign of the Cross**, we dedicate ourselves to the Holy Trinity and declare their Name: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We recall the saving death of Christ on the cross. The Sign of the Cross first marked our bodies at baptism, when we were claimed for Christ. We use our right hand to touch our forehead, then our chest or stomach, then our left shoulder, and finally our right shoulder.

Dipping our fingers into holy water and making the sign of the Cross reminds us of our baptism (we belong to God, we turn away from sin, and follow Christ). When we enter the church, it also marks our transition from ordinary life to sacred worship.



We **genuflect** by briefly bending our right knee to the ground to show our adoration, humility, and reverence for Jesus Christ, especially in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. It is commonly done upon entering or leaving a pew, and when passing before the tabernacle. If you cannot genuflect due to age or injury, a deep bow from the waist toward the altar is a proper substitute.



Bowing is another gesture of reverence. The priest and all the ministers bow to the altar upon processing to the sanctuary at the beginning of Mass. During the Creed, we bow at the words that commemorate the Incarnation: "...by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." This gesture shows our profound respect and gratitude to Christ who humbled himself as a human in order to save us.



Beating the breast during the Penitential Rite ("I confess") is an ancient gesture of repentance, sorrow, and humility when saying "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault". It comes from the Gospel of Luke, where the tax collector beat his breast in prayer for mercy, and the crowd did the same after witnessing the crucifixion.



Sitting, standing, and kneeling during Mass are physical expressions of prayer, reverence, and active participation. Standing signifies our respect, vigilance, and resurrection. Sitting helps us to listen attentively. Kneeling shows our adoration and humility.



We trace a **small cross on our forehead, lips, and heart** before the Gospel reading at Mass to pray, "May the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart". We want God's word to purify our thoughts, guide our speech, and transform our hearts.



During the **Rite of Peace**, we express our commitment to sharing Christ's peace with others. It shows our desire to live in communion with one another.



When we receive Communion, we make a **simple bow of the head** first, then extend one hand resting on the other, palm up, held sufficiently outward and upward so that it is clear that the person wishes to receive in the hand (rather than directly onto the tongue). Through this show of reverence, we acknowledge the living Christ who comes to us as our spiritual food.

Through our common postures and gestures, we encounter God and give witness to who we are as the one Body of Christ. Next week, we will explore "Encounter God through Holy Communion in Liturgy."