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MAY 17, 2026 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



*“Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: **If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.** For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.*

While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are sons of God.

Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.”

~Saint Augustine of Hippo (Vatican Archives)

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)

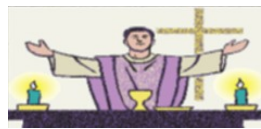
4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

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, May 16th | Vigil Ascension of the Lord

5:00 p.m. God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven
by Kieselente Family
+ Diane Vyain by Jane Fockler
+ John Fockler by Jane Fockler

Sunday, May 17th | The Ascension of the Lord

6:00 a.m. + Katherine Mesa Ramberg by Family
+ Lisa Mesa Steinberg by Family
+ Mr. & Mrs. David Kaput by Mr. & Mrs. Stan Nawracaj and Family

9:30 a.m. Birthday Blessings: Rev. John Cuff by B.H.
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family
+ Gina Ferro by Family
+ Stanley Rzasa by Marilyn & Diane Rzasa
+ Consuelo Moreno by Guadalupe Moreno

Tuesday, May 19th | Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Mr. & Mrs. John Cezkaj by Mr. & Mrs. Stan Nawracaj
+ Saturnino Saludo by Na Inday

Thursday, May 21st | Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest

8:00 a.m. + Mr. & Mrs. David Kaput by Mr. and Mrs. Stan Nawracaj

Saturday, May 23rd | Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Anicelo M. Saludo Sr. by Maria Saludo
+ Jenny & Beruno Bertucci by Joe & Rena
+ Frank Roti by Marion



Prayer Intentions:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Raymond Polakowski**, former usher of St. Barbara Church, whose Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Barbara Church this past Wednesday.

Fr. Gerry Pehler:

Fr. Gerry's hip replacement surgery was successful. He is grateful to your prayers. Please continue to pray for him for a speedy recovery.

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, May 17th | The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. + Ruth & Joe Damico by Family
+ Vince Briglio by Family

10:30 a.m. Health Blessing: Lan Yue Yee by Lucy Moy
Health Blessings for GuoXin Jian by Jean Wu
Health, Peace and Career Blessings for Stephen Wu by Jean Wu
Health Healing for Jian Guoliang by Jean Wu
+ Edith Chan by Lisa Chan
+ Andrew Kissamis by Lisa Chan
+ Kee Chung Leong by Marian & Leann
+ Cliff Whitehouse by Marian
+ Clement Che-Han Siu by The Cheong Family
+ Ping Ng by Darlene & Chris
+ Pearl Ko by Darlene

Monday, May 18th | Saint John, Pope and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Blessing nor Family Peace by Fiona
+ Happy Heavenly Anniversary Uncle Frank Bertucci by Dominic Barbaro

Wednesday, May 20th | Saint Bernardine of Siena

8:00 a.m. + Mercy for the Soul of Charles Palumbo by Rosetta Palumbo

Friday, May 22nd | Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00 a.m. Blessing nor Family Peace by Fiona
+ Mercy for all Souls of the Bertucci-Barbaro Families by Dominic Barbaro
+ Birthday Remembrance: Bruno & Jennie Bertucci by A. Briglio



If you were to die today, what would others say about you? What was in you that was beautiful, that was Christlike, that helped others to pray better? Face yourself, with Jesus at your side, and do not be satisfied with just any answer.

Saint Mother Teresa

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara - Saturday, May 23rd

Lectors: Mina, Wally

Eucharistic Minister: Cheryl

Sunday, May 24th

6a.m. Greeters: JoAnn, Jane

Lector: J. Bertucci

Eucharistic Minister: JoAnn

9:30a.m. Lectors: Hazel, Angeleo

Eucharistic Minister: Yvonne

St. Therese - Sunday, May 24th

8:00a.m. Greeters: Joey, Naomi

Lectors: Betty, Jimmy

St. Michael Ministry: Chris

10:30a.m. Greeters: Darlene, Jade, Marian

Lectors: Noemi, JJ

Eucharistic Ministers: Jade (Altar) Wing (Choir)

St. Michael Ministry: Pete

THANKS

Thank you to ALL those who planned and prepared a delicious brunch for the Moms of our parish. We appreciate your time and for making the moms feel extra special. Thanks also to those who donated towards the brunch!



Fr. Francis Li
PASTOR

Generation to Generation: Answer the Call

Thank you to everyone who has made a generous pledge to our "Generation to Generation" campaign. As of today, we have raised over 83% of our parish's challenge goal of \$830,000 and need more pledges to reach our target.

Will you help our parish to reach our challenge goal?

Campaign materials and pledge cards are available at the entrance of the church. Please return completed pledge cards to the collection baskets.

I invite you all to continue to pray for the success of this campaign.

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.

Our parish's Generation to Generation campaign ends at the end of June, so you still have time to participate! Thank you to all who have answered the call!

Peace, Fr. Francis

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL!

- Hazel and Angeleo Alonzo
- Ellen Kroner and Nick Andriacchi
- Teresa Au
- Diann Bak
- Elaine and Alberto Bertozzi
- Karen Bikos
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- Gertrude Chan
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- Brian Koiart
- Loretta and Michael Kordelewski
- Tina Krueger
- Budi and Katerina Kusnoto
- Sun Lai
- Christopher Lau
- Paul Lau
- Rose Lavelle
- Zhiyun and Chris Lee
- George Lee
- Teresa Lee
- Linda Li
- Sheila and John Lin
- Lorenzo Lopez
- Fr. Francis Li
- Darlene and Chris Lowe
- Judith Lukwinski
- Anna Manhart
- Elizabeth Masangcay
- Lily and Richard May
- Rhianna McDougal

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ANSWER THE CALL.....

English for Beginners:

Our parish is offering free English language lessons on Sunday mornings. If you or anyone you know might be interested in participating, please contact Jing Zhang for more information.



HOLY NAME

All men of our community are invited to our monthly meetings the second Friday of every month. Our next meeting is June 12th.

100 Club Raffle winners for May are: 1st Fred Cruz; 2nd Arlene Whitehouse; 3rd Joann & Kenny; 4th Diduvina Gariby; 5th Amanda V. **Split the Pot** winners: 1st Adeline Skoka; 2nd Maria Zimny; 3rd Christine & George. Tickets for 100 Club are \$1 each on the entrance table at St Barbara Church. Please join us in our raffles to support Holy Name!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL!

- Mary and Cesar Medrano
- Anna Marchant
- Margaret Moy
- Ping Moy
- Katherine Moy
- Anna and Marcel Munoz
- Jean Ng
- Ricardo Ng
- Samantha Ng
- Van Nguyen
- Yersica Padilla
- Elizabeth Pienta
- Martha Plascencia
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- Elaine Pusateri
- Larry Pusateri
- Terri Quinones
- Norma and Stephen Ramoran
- Kenneth and Eva Ricci
- Elisa Rodriguez
- Maria Rolon
- Laura and Patrick Saletta
- Anonymous
- Jennifer Sin
- Cheryl Sokolowski
- Carol and Thomas Spalla
- Kasoen Tie
- Marian Torrez
- Amy Tse
- Rodney Valdez
- Maureen Vana
- Tony Lin and Sharon Wong
- Gemma Wong
- Jackie and Jake Yan
- Jade Yee
- Ricky Yong

THANK YOU TO OUR NEW DONORS

- James & Christine Bertucci
- Walter Podrazik

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ANSWER THE CALL.....



Please pray for the following students as they prepare for their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 10:30 am at St. Therese Church



Joy Chen
Addison Lowe
J'zalia Valdez
Sebastian Zepeda



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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION– MAY 10, 2026

	St. Barbara		St. Therese	
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,090.00		\$ 871.00	
Sunday Loose	\$ 471.00		\$ 271.00	
Give Central	\$ 434.00		\$ 943.00	
Total Collection	\$ 1,995.00		\$ 2,085.00	
	YTD	Weekly	YTD	Weekly
Actual	\$ 97,376.00	\$ 1,995.00	\$ 101,385.00	\$ 2,085.00
Goal	\$ 121,500.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 121,500.00	\$ 2,700.00
% of Goal	80%	74%	83%	77%
	\$		\$	
Mother's Day	\$ 695		\$ 487	

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

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 Leverence, 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, Phil Whitehouse, Cathy Whitehouse

*****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.

Ministry Coordinators

Youth: Mrs. Heba Jaqman
Young Adult: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Naomi Lowe
Religious Education Program: Mrs. Christine Delfin
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MANKIND'S GIANT LEAP

By Fr. John Cuff

On July 20, 1969, a unique historical event occurred which united all mankind for a few brief moments of genuine togetherness. For the first time in history, a man, an American astronaut, Neil Armstrong, walked on the moon, an event seen live on TV by millions of people. That evening people interviewed in the U.S. news declared, "I'm proud to be an American!" And later, throughout the whole world, no matter what nationality, people exclaimed, "I'm proud to be a human being." The next day the newspaper headlines in other countries all over the world were equally ecstatic: "Great triumph for the human race!" "Mankind achieves age-old dream to walk on moon!" "Great victory for humanity!" "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind!" Even many leftist newspapers, including those who usually criticized U.S. imperialism, got caught up in the excitement. China Daily headlines read, "Great Victory for the People! Long live the people!" For one brief moment, politics and ideologies ceased to exist; everyone felt united as brothers and sisters of one human family. Indeed, the whole world rejoiced that a man had walked on the moon. We all felt part of Neil Armstrong's victory; his achievement belonged to all of us.

The Apostles must have felt the same kind of joy when they saw Jesus ascend into heaven. They were eyewitnesses that it was a living, breathing body that rose into the clouds. The message of the Ascension is simple: that we who are Christ's followers can also look forward to the same glorious conclusion of life, that is, to be swept up, body and soul, into heaven. The Christian religion is the only religion to teach that the human body, indeed a transformed, glorified body, will be part of one's everlasting salvation. At the final judgment we will not simply be "pure spirits" in heaven. Rather, the body, which shared in our earthly struggles during life, will also share in the rewards of eternal life. This is why the Apostles returned to Jerusalem "full of joy." They realized that, for the first time, a member of our human race had gone before them and now lived with God. Indeed, just like going to the moon, it was an age-old dream of mankind to one day being re-united with God, to live with God in heaven. They realized that they too were somehow part of Christ's victory, just like we people of the 20th century considered ourselves part of Neil Armstrong's achievement in reaching the moon. Happy Ascension!



*"Whatever you do,
do from the heart, as for the Lord."*
— Colossians 3:23

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish Cleaning Day

Spring into Service

Saturday, May 30, 2026

10 AM - 12 PM

**St. Barbara Church
2859 S Throop St.**

Followed by lunch at SMTC Hall (2832 S. Quinn St.)

- Garden refresh and organizing
- Trash pick up
- All supplies will be provided
- Service hours opportunity



By waiting until the end of May, we give pollinators like bees and butterflies time to safely emerge after early spring frosts. It's one small way we can care for God's creation as we tend our parish grounds.



Sign up at the church entrance or contact the Parish office
at (312) 842-7979 or (312) 842-6777



Corpus Christi 2026

慶祝基督聖體聖血節！

歡迎大家參與我們堂區的聖體遊行

**in a procession with the Holy Eucharist
through the streets of our neighborhood**

星期日 Sunday, June 7, 2026

10:30 AM Mass 上午10:30點舉行彌撒

聖德力華人天主教堂

**St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church
218 W. Alexander Street, Chicago, IL**

After Mass, Procession with the Holy Eucharist from St. Therese to
St. Barbara Catholic Church for benediction
2859 S. Throop Street, Chicago, IL Followed by Reception at SMTC Hall

遊行結束後，聖體降福在聖芭芭拉天主教堂舉行
最後歡迎大家在聖德肋撒大廳聚餐

The School Bus will provide transportation from St. Barbara to St. Therese at 9:30 AM & 10:00 AM. Following the reception at SMTC Hall, the bus will also return guests to the St. Therese Church parking lot. For those who need assistance, the bus will be part of the procession and available to offer a comfortable ride.



St. Therese School News

Commitment to Education

As we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we are proud to congratulate Ms. Oi, who was honored today for her commitment to education at the Annual Asian American and Pacific Islander Illinois State Treasurer Awards.

Ms. Oi has served in education for nearly 29 years and continues to advance St. Therese School's mission of academic excellence, faith formation, student development, and strong family engagement. As the first Chinese American woman to lead St. Therese School, her leadership is a meaningful part of our school's story and our community's future.

Thank you to Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs for recognizing Ms. Oi's dedication to education and to the St. Therese School community.



Talent Show

Thank you to all who supported our Talent Show by purchasing raffle tickets. Our talented students danced, sang, played piano, violin, and cello. What a wonderful talent show!

