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Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate

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December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all.
The Lord is near.

—Lectionary, Phil 4:4-5



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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

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, Dec. 17th Vigil | Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente Family
 + Linda Krasovskis by Carolyn DeSanto Disiglio
 + Jean Fornek by Bette Pienta & Family
 + Don McCarthy by Cheryl Merrithey

Sunday, Dec. 18th | Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 6:00 a.m. + Guadalupe Pena by Christine Krupa
 9:30 a.m. Blessings for Maria & Anthony Vinci by
 A. Briglio
 + Michelle Pienta by Bette Pienta

Tuesday, Dec. 20th | Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Blessings for Parishioners

Thursday, Dec. 22nd | Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings: Revanorzej Beltowski by
 Dolores
 + Annie Lee Yong by daughter Marie

Saturday, Dec. 24th | Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. + Birthday Remembrance: Adamina Paterkiewicz by
 Dolores

Sunday, Dec. 25th | The Nativity of the Lord—Christmas

- 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass
 6:00 a.m.. + Rose Mary Gleason-Naponiello
 9:30 a.m. + Thomas Moore by Anita & Dan Isacson
 + Mary Diaz De Leon by Family
 + Deceased Family Members of Marion Roti by
 Marion
 + Cookie & David Jarzyna by Marion Roti
 + Matthew Rekar by Wife

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, Dec. 18th | Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 a.m. + Jimmy Annoreno by Family
 + Rosemarie Donato by SMI Club
 + Lucy Wong by Perry & Rose Lau
 10:30 a.m. + Carmela DeSanto by Charlotte
 + Lucy Wong by John & Sheila Lin & Family
 + Armina Wu by Darlene & Chris Lowe
 + In Memory of Kathy, Moo Lai, Stanley,
 & Members of the Young, Cheung &
 Yau Families by Victor Leong

12:30 p.m. Mandarin Mass

Monday, Dec. 19th | Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Nicole by Mom D

Wednesday, Dec. 21st | Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving by Rose Lee & Family
 Christmas Blessings for my Deceased Family
 Members by A. Briglio

Friday, Dec. 23rd | Saint John of Kanty, Priest

- 8:00 a.m. + Vincent Briglio by Wife & Family
 + Bernadette Zito by Joe & Rena

Saturday, Dec. 24th Vigil | Christmas Eve

- 5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente Family
 + Annie Lee Yong by Grandchildren
 + Chuck H. Oi by Oi Family
 + Manuel Munoz by Amanda Mendoza
 + John Fockler by Wife Jane Fockler
 + Chuck H. Oi by Oi Family
 + Manuel Munoz by Amanda Mendoza
 + Iskandar by Reyes Family
 + Sartini by Reyes Family
 + Griselda by Reyes Family
 + Angelica by Reyes Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara

Saturday, Dec. 24th:

12a.m. Lectors: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo, III
Eucharistic Minister: A. Skokal

Sunday, Dec. 25th:

6a.m. Lectors: J. Bertucci
Eucharistic Minister: G. Vanderford
9:30 a.m. Lectors: B. Hudren, B. Pienta
Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski



We pray for Ukraine and Russia and for all our
 brothers and sisters living in fear and for all vic-
 tims of war. Lord, Raise up peacemakers, so that
 violence and war can end.

St. Therese

Sunday, Dec. 25th:

8:00a.m. Greeters: N. Lowe, J. Lowe
Lectors: B. Fung, J. Fung
St. Michael Ministry: Chris

10:30a.m. Greeters: C. Lee, J. Yee, D. Lowe
Lectors: S. Ng, C. Pon

Eucharistic Ministers: Wing(Altar) Edy(Choir)
St. Michael Ministry: Pete

Thanks

Thanks to all who attended our parish's Advent Retreat and special thanks to **Fr. Cuff** for leading it, to **Sr. Monica** for her assistance, and **Joe Delfin** for taking care of the IT needs. Fr. Cuff encouraged all participants to follow the examples of Mary and John the Baptist during this season of Advent as we prepare and journey toward Christmas, celebrating the mystery of God's incarnation and love for humanity.



Thanks to the **Alonzo Family** and to **all of our Filipino parishioners and friends** for the wonderful celebration of the Simbang-Gabi mass and reception. It was a joyful celebration of faith and culture.



Thanks to **James Distasio** and the **SMI Club** for taking care of the cost of spot painting the St. Joseph and St. Therese statues at St. Therese Worship Site. It was over \$2000.00. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to **Tony Lin** and his friends and **Por Cheng** for trimming the two big trees in the St. Therese Prayer Garden. It took them quite a few hours to do so and they did a great job. Their volunteer work has saved our parish the expenses of hiring workers to do this necessary job.

Renewing Our Love for the Eucharist (continued)

Our Parish's "Teaching Mass" went well last weekend at St. Therese Site. Thanks to **Jade Yee** for leading it, **Ken Ricci** for the script, and the rest of the Liturgy Committee and all others who cooperated to make it happen.

This weekend, Ken will lead the "Teaching Mass" at St. Barbara Site. I hope our parish's Teaching Mass can help us individually and collectively to renew our knowledge as well as our appreciation for the Eucharist.

In his exhortation letter on *The Liturgical Formation of the People of God*, Pope Francis taught us on the importance of formation of the Liturgy and being formed by the Liturgy as people of God. He also beautifully connected our liturgical celebrations with our everyday living as missionary disciples by stating, "**A celebration that does not evangelize is not authentic, just as a proclamation that does not lead to an encounter with the Risen Lord in the celebration is not authentic. And then both of these, without the testimony of charity, are like sounding a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal**" (1 Cor. 13:1).

At the end of each Mass, we are sent out to love and serve God's people. The nourishments we received at Mass have to be shared with the people we encounter in our family, workplace, and the World. We must allow the Eucharist to transform our lives and we must strive to transform the lives of others.

Finally, I invite you and your loved ones to join our Christmas and New Year Masses:

Dec. 24-25---Christmas Masses are 5pm Vigil with Christmas Pageant, 8am and 10:30am at St. Therese; Mid-night preceded by Christmas Carols at 11:30pm, 6am and 9:30am at St. Barbara.

Dec. 31---Jan. 1, 2023: New Year Masses are 5pm vigil, 6am and 9:30am at St. Barbara and 5pm Vigil with Benediction (NO hotpot this year), 8am and 10:30 am (Cantonese) at St. Therese.

Peace, Fr. Francis

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS AT ST. THERESE CHURCH

Christmas Donations as of 12/12/2022
Thank You to all who contributed!

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| Wilfred Chan | 2,500 |
| Chi-Ing Li | 2,500 |
| Hak Sue | 500 |
| Budi & Katharina Kusnoto | 1000 |
| Larry Pusateri | 500 |
| Theresa Latham | 100 |
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| Joseph Cibulka | 10 |
| Michael Madia | 25 |
| Mary Ann Nudo | 100 |
| Corwin & Luanne Eng | 100 |
| Joseph & Natia DiFazio | 125 |
| Sal Covelli | 50 |
| Cindy Oi | 500 |
| Rita Co | 10 |
| Walter Lum | 100 |
| Tom Chan | 50 |
| Maria & Anthony Vinci | 50 |
| Karen Zewe | 25 |
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| Anita Chan Hong | 50 |
| Francine Caruso | 50 |
| Nora Gonzalez | 200 |
| Peter Tse | 100 |
| Ming Kam Chiu | 100 |
| Ellen & Nick Andriacchi | 500 |

Total as of 12/12/2022: \$9,570

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS AT ST. BARBARA CHURCH

Christmas Donations as of 12/12/2022
Thank You to all who contributed!

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| Barbara Rekar | 100 |
| Yolanda Bobadilla | 50 |
| Sylvester Maryas | 25 |
| Raymond Smolinski | 5 |

Total as of 12/12/2022: \$180

ST. BARBARA HVAC PROJECT:

As of December 12th we have received
\$56,374.34 toward the Project.

Thank you to all our donors!

Gertrude Chan
Jesus Reyes & Emma Catur
Katharina & Budi Kusnoto
John & Sheila Lin

Should we approach God in Fear or in Hope?

--John Lin

This is one of the reflection questions given by Fr. Cuff in his recent Advent Retreat in our parish.

He pointed out that the Gospel reading of the 3rd week of Advent (Mt. 11:2-11) shows the transition of the Old Testament period where John the Baptist lives into the New Testament period of Jesus. John the Baptist focused on the Final Judgement and therefore asked us to repent our sins.

Jesus starts the Fulfillment period where Isaiah (Is 35:5) described "the blind regains their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them". Remember the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) Jesus told us? God will give us an open arm to receive us sinners when we go back to Him.

My short answer is I'll approach God in Hope, Love and Thanksgiving! But Do we have to experience pain and suffering before we find God? That's a discussion for next time!

我們應該在恐懼中還是在希望中接近天主?

--連配擎

這是郭神父最近在我們堂區的將臨期避靜上提出的反思問題之一。

他指出，在將臨期第三主日的福音（瑪十一2-11）顯示了洗者若翰生活的舊約時代轉變到耶穌的新約時代。洗者若翰專注於最後的審判，因此要求我們悔改。

耶穌開始了依撒意亞所描述的履行時代："瞎子看見，癱子行走，癩病人得了潔淨，聾子聽見，死人復活，窮苦人得了喜訊。"(依35:5)。還記得耶穌給我們講的浪子回頭(路15:11-32)的比喻嗎？當我們回到他身邊時，天主會張開雙臂接納我們這些罪人。

所以我的簡短回答是我會在希望、愛和感恩中接近天主！但是，在找到天主之前，我們是否必須經歷痛苦和磨難？那是下一次的討論！

Christmas Novena prayer is available at the Church entrance table. Please feel free to take home a copy and pray the Novena. This is a wonderful way to prepare ourselves for Christmas.

First Friday Holy Hour:

Beginning in Jan. 2023, our First Friday devotion with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction will take place immediately after the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church.

December/ Special Events Schedule

*****Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionary of Charity:**

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

*****Good Shepherd Catechism** for children 3 to 7 years takes place on Sundays at 10:30am at St. Therese.

Dec. 17-18---Teaching Masses at St. Barbara, 12:30pm Mandarin Mass followed by Christmas Carols at St. Therese, and Christmas Decoration of the Churches

Dec. 24-25---Christmas Masses: 5pm Vigil with Christmas Pageant, 8am and 10:30am at St. Therese; Mid-night preceded by Christmas Carols at 11:30pm, 6am and 9:30am at St. Barbara

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HOLY NAME NEWS Holy Name's *first split the pot winners* were: 1st place, Gary Leverence \$300, 2nd place, Jane (6am mass) \$150, 3rd place, Cliff Whitehouse \$50. Tickets for the next drawing are

available now from members of the Holy Name and in the back of the church at the St. Barbara site. The drawing will be at the next meeting if all tickets are sold 01/14/2023. The *100 club winners* for December's Holy Name drawing were:

J & K (6am) 1st, P. Pon 2nd, Mr. & Mrs. Roberto Garibay 3rd, Julie 4th, Mr. & Mrs. Roberto Garibay

Our Society's Christmas meeting went very well. We welcomed new member Perry Lau, and hope to welcome many more in the future. We welcome all men 18 yrs. old and up from the community, parishioner or not, who are interested in helping our community and parish. Come join us for a gourmet dinner by our own, Chef Jeff at our next meeting January 14, 2023.

CHOIR CORNER *Choir News!*



The combined choir will sing at **Midnight Mass at St. Barbara, including an 11:30pm carol service.**

We are also rehearsing music for **10:30am Christmas Mass at St. Therese** and **9:30am Christmas**

Mass at St. Barbara. The same music will be used at both services.

WEEKLY REHEARSALS will take place **Tuesday, December 20, 7pm at St. Barbara site.** Current, former, and new parish musicians are warmly invited to participate. Contact Sabina at slilly@archchicago.org for more information.

2023 English Calendar is available at the Church entrance tables. Please pick up as many copies as you want and feel free to share it with neighbors and friends.



Baby Bottle Project Please return baby bottles this weekend. If you have forgotten return by next weekend. Your generosity and participation benefits the ministry of The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. Thank You!

RESPECT LIFE

Quote – "Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her. — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "*10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting*."

Our Prayer – For all parents awaiting the birth of their child: May they look to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph and follow their example of cherishing and protecting human life; *We pray to the Lord: We pray to the Lord:*



Prayers for Peace for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Personal Prayer for Peace

Colossians 3:15 says, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

Lord, I invite your peace to rule my heart! As I end this year and reflect on your many gifts you have given me; let my heart be encouraged with the truth that you are a good God. I thank you for sending your Son to die for me. I thank you for the peace I have through you. May my words and actions be ones that glorify you. Amen.

A Prayer for Peace for Our World

Psalms 29:11 says, "The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace."

Lord, would you bring your strength and peace to your people! Would your presence be felt by all who seek you in a powerful way in this Advent season. Turn the hearts of mankind towards you. We pray that the lost turn to you and find an unshakable peace that nothing else in this world can offer. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTION—DECEMBER 11, 2022

St. Barbara

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$ 950.00 |
| Sunday Loose | \$ 382.00 |
| Give Central | \$ 523.00 |
| Total Collection | \$ 1,855.00 |

YTD Weekly

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| Actual | \$ 49,378.00 | \$ 1,855.00 |
| Goal | \$ 64,800.00 | \$ 2,700.00 |
| % of Goal | 76% | 69% |

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| Religious Retirement | \$ 275 |
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St. Therese

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| \$ 807.00 |
| \$ 319.00 |
| \$ 651.00 |
| \$ 1,777.00 |

YTD Weekly

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| \$ 57,431.00 | \$ 1,777.00 |
| \$ 64,800.00 | \$ 2,700.00 |
| 89% | 66% |

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| \$ 685 |
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St. Therese Church : www.givecentral.org/location/190 **St. Barbara Church:** www.givecentral.org/location/445



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,, Debbie Annoreno, Amy Aver-et, Kimberly Babe, Geraldine Baldwin, Judith Beaudry, Christine Bertucci, Joseph 'Joey' Bertucci, Lonnie & Theresa Bertucci-Falls, Jennifer Bond, Jeff Bowman, Andrea Brongiel, Mary Camarda, Anthony Capone Sr., Laverne Connolly, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGrazia, Henry Diaz De Leon, 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, Bernadette Glabicki, Ed Glos, Pat Grieco, Koen Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Kellar Harris, Lynette Heidemann, Jasmine Henson, Barbara Herr, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Jennifer Janson, Maryann Januszewski, Chester Jendryczka, Dr. Joe, John Kaput, Dorothy Kawalerski, Rose Kisielowski, Anna Kolendo, Christine Krupa, Janice Kutansky, 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, Tony Mrgan, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petruck, Theresa Pickens, Dolores Pienta, Mitchell Pienta, Ellen Pietrzak, Beverly Pirelli, Megan 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, Kennedy Shepski, Anthony Sino-ple, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sharon Solverson, Rosalie Spalla, Diane Spata, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stroncsek, Rose Stroncsek, Shirley Synal, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dolores Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, Christine Vanderford, 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*** Ken Barber, Hu Bin, Jose Cardinal, Joseph Caruso, Roberta Cheong, Kim Chiu, Brian Cook, Sister Noel Devine, Jimmy Distasio, MAD & Rose Marie Donato, Mark Donato, Mia Rose Faciana, Kerry Fluder, 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, Cita Orendain, John Paleoik, Anne Pataka, Rose Perez, Gerard Phillips, Ali Powers, James Rak, Victor Roa, Phyllis Robinson, Joseph Rubin, Amelia Lorraine Schroeder, Karl Schroeder, David Sero, Richard Shew, Kay Siani, Nicholas Tobar, Richard Tobar, Anthony Valentino, Luz Whitehead, Luke William-son, Bai Xue, Ching Shiu Yau, Lan Ying Yee, Ramona Zavala, Susan Zibricky, Sonny Furmanek , Juliana, 蔡宏恩, Jimmy Distasio, Kate Lynch, Josephine Laco, Dolores Becatti, Michele Young, Charles Corbett, Rick Deleon, Shirley Mendoza, Judy Lukwinski

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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.

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The Mandarin's Dream by Fr. Cuff

Once upon a time a mandarin in the interior of China heard a missionary preaching about Christ in today's Gospel. After listening intently, the mandarin said to himself, "This Christian religion is certainly a strange religion; who could ever believe this doctrine of 'God is with us'? How could that be? Why, our great Chinese religions like Confucianism and Buddhism have no such foolish nonsense of God becoming man, being born and living among us, and finally sacrificing himself to save mankind. Who could ever believe such a strange doctrine?"

Then one morning not long after that, he ran up to the missionary in a joyful mood saying, "Father, last night I had a dream and now I understand. I dreamt that I fell into a deep pit, where I lay helpless and despairing. Soon a teacher of Confucius came and leaned over the edge but saw that it was hopeless, so he said to me, 'My friend, you should never have let yourself fall into that hole. But when you get out of that hole, come to me and I will teach you how never to fall into that hole again.' Then he went on his way. Next, a Buddhist monk came along; he stretched his arm over the edge and said, 'Friend, if you can manage to climb up far enough for me to reach you, I'll help you out.' But as I could not climb up far enough to reach his hand, he also left. Then Jesus came; he climbed down into the pit, let me stand on his shoulders, and I was able to climb out. Father, I wish to learn more about this Christian religion."

In today's Gospel Matthew quotes the prophecy of Isaiah to show that Jesus the son of Mary was indeed Emmanuel, "God is with us." With the birth of Jesus, God became present to his people in the flesh and blood of person of Jesus. No other religion besides the Catholic religion claims to have the abiding presence of God in their midst, and only we believe in the "real presence." So, just as we say, "Every Mass is a little Easter" so we can also say "Every Mass is a little Christmas," because the Mass indeed makes "God with us" till the end of time. That is why both we and the mandarin can rejoice today. Happy Emmanuel Sunday!

SCHOOL NEWS



Alderwoman Nicole Lee came to visit our 2nd and 4th grade students, who wrote letters requesting recycling bins to help reduce our school's carbon footprint.

Thank you to Alderwoman Lee for having our new recycling bins delivered and to Lake Shore Recycling, who have donated their recycling bins and services!



Congratulations to **Joy Chen**, the Grand Prize winner of our 50/50 Raffle drawing. Thank you to ALL who supported our school by purchasing raffle tickets and attended our Christmas program! The performances by all the children were amazing and very joyful!

