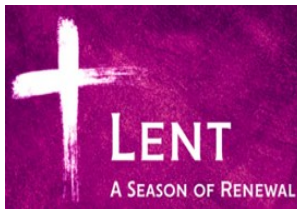




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**MARCH 1, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT**

COMMISSIONING OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Lectors, Communion Ministers, Musicians, Greeters/Ushers,
Ministers of Care and Hospitality Ministers**

At All Masses on the Weekend of March 7-8

Serving at the Altar of the Lord



In liturgical celebrations each person, minister or lay faithful who has an office to perform, should carry out all and only those parts which pertain to his/her office by the nature of the rite and the norms of the liturgy. (SC 28)

Servers, lectors, commentators, communion ministers, greeters/ushers, hospitality ministers, and members of the choir exercise a genuine liturgical function. They are called to discharge their offices with sincere piety and reverence demanded by so exalted a ministry. (SC 29)

May all who serve at the altar be deeply imbued with the spirit of the liturgy, formed properly, and faithful in carrying out their sacred duties for the glory of God and the sanctification of His people.

Lord, make us worthy to serve at Your holy altar.

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)

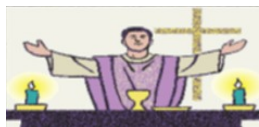
4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

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. 28th | Vigil Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. God's Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven by Kieselente Family
+ John Caldario by Lonnie & Phil Lee
+ Birthday remembrance for Catherin Spina by A. Briglio

Sunday, March 1st | Second Sunday of Lent

6:00 a.m. + Katherine Mesa Ramberg by Family
+ Lisa Mesa Steinberg by Family
+ Marilyn Ricci by Dolores Becatti
9:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Wilfredo Cruz by Cruz Family
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family
+ Gina Ferro by Family
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family
+ Dan Isacson by Anita Isacson

Tuesday, March 3rd | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Special intention for Alyssa by Aunt Antonette
+ Birthday Remembrance: Barbara Lokey by Bette Pienta

Thursday, March 5th | Lenten Weekday

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

Saturday, March 7th | Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Spina by Joe & Rena
+ Birthday Remembrance for Rose Marie & Howard Thome by Joe & Rena

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, March 1st | Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. + Lawrence S. Pusateri by Family
10:30 a.m. Health Blessings for GuoXin Jian by Jean Wu
Health, Peace & Career Blessings for Stephen Wu by Jean Wu
Blessings for PengZhang by Family
+ Laura Felde by Lisa Chan
+ Kee Chung Leong by Darlene & Chris
+ Pauline Lau by Marian Torrez

Monday, March 2nd | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Agnes Chin Pin by LiHua Wang

Wednesday, March 4th | Saint Casimir

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

Friday, March 6th | Lenten Weekday

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

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



***"Spread love everywhere you go.
Let no one ever come to you
without leaving happier."***

Saint Mother Teresa

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara - Saturday, March 7th

5p.m. Lectors: Barbara, Eli
Eucharistic Minister: Edward

Sunday, March 8th

6a.m. Lector: J. Bertucci
Eucharistic Minister: JoAnn
9:30a.m. Lectors: SCHOOL FAMILY MASS
Eucharistic Minister: Roberta

St. Therese – Sunday, March 8th

8:00a.m. Greeters: Joey, Naomi
Lectors: Aireen, Nicole
St. Michael Ministry:
10:30a.m Greeters: Darlene, Jade, Marian
Lectors: Vincent, Darlene
Eucharistic Ministers: Wing (Altar) Jade (Choir)
St. Michael Ministry: Angelo

Congratulations and Thank You

Congratulations to all of our **OCIA Catechumens**. As they begin their final period of intense preparation, we celebrated the Sending Rite for Election with them and their Godparents, sponsors and catechists last Sunday. This Sunday they will celebrate the Rite of Election at Holy Name Cathedral with one of our Bishops. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thanks to all who participated in our Living Well Speaker Series last Saturday. Special thanks to the committee for planning for the evening and to **Katharina and Budi Kusnoto, Elizabeth Pienta, and Frances and Chris Lee** for financially sponsoring the speaker.

Thanks to all who attended our Overseas Chinese Speaking College Students Gathering last Saturday. Special thanks to all who helped to organize it and to **Haber He** and his family for donating all the ingredients for their dumpling making event. All participants had a wonderful time to celebrate the gift of faith and culture.



Liturgy for Encounter: Encountering God through Preaching

Last Sunday, we read Ken Ricci's insightful article on encountering God through the Word in Liturgy, which invited us to prepare, listen, reflect, and practice the Word. Today, I would like to share how liturgical preaching further facilitates this encounter with God.

First, **homily preparation is a spiritual discipline**. A preacher begins by reading Scripture, praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and praying for the people he is going to preach to. This process involves deep study through scriptural exegesis and spiritual writings, while reflecting on the current lives and needs of the congregation.

Second, **preaching is an act of love shared with the community**. When delivering a homily, the preacher focuses on speaking about God to God's people, recognizing that each of us is made in God's image. A homily reflects the preacher's spirituality and love for both God and the parishioners. Similarly, listeners are invited to pay close attention to the message, reflecting on how God's Word relates to their own lives through the



preacher's interpretation. The authenticity of the preacher, the work of the Holy Spirit, the openness and receptivity of the listeners lead to a true encounter with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Third, **preaching urges us toward discipleship and evangelization**. Homilies are meant to help us experience the joy of the Gospel, urging us to cultivate healthy relationships and commit to our mission. They inspire us to love God and our neighbors, to practice concrete virtues and works of mercy, compelling us to reimagine what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the world today.

Ultimately, a homily is not meant for entertainment, but for the inspiration and encouragement of the faithful to encounter God through prayer and by practicing God's Word in daily life.

Next week, we will explore "Encounter God through Gestures in Liturgy."

May the Lord empower each of us to have a fruitful Lent.

Peace, Fr. Francis



St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive! **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR PARISHIONERS!** Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey beginning on **February 18**. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen **St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish** and better prepare us for the future!

For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please scan the QR code below or enter the URL from February 18 to March 29, 2026. Paper copies are also available in English and Chinese at the entrance table of church.



<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/pbca7p>

Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.





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 6 & 20 at St. Therese. **b.** March 13 & 27 at St. Barbara.

CRS Rice Bowl---Pick up on entrance table and Return on March 21-22 and 28-29

OCIA *The Rite of Election for Catechumens is on Sunday, March 1st at 2:30pm at Holy Name Cathedral. ***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

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

Eucharistic Minister Gathering---March 1st from 12:30pm to 3:30pm at St. Mother Teresa Hall

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

Evangelization Outreach---1pm Rosary at Senior Suites of Bridgeport

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

1st Reconciliation ---March 7 at 10am at St. Therese

Youth Ministry---March 7th at 6:30pm at St. Mother Teresa Hall

Family Mass---9:30am on Sunday March 8th followed by Open Gym and Coffee and Donuts

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

Commissioning of All Liturgical Ministers---March 7th -8th at All Masses

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit and Presentations---March 14th -15th

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 from 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.

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

MAR 1

CANTONESE MASS FOLLOWED BY GO DEEPER

10:30 am at STW

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER GATHERING

12:30-3:30 PM at St. Mother Teresa Hall

MAR 6

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

8 am with Divine Mercy Chaplets and Benediction at STW

EVANGELIZATION OUTREACH

1 pm Rosary at Senior Suites of Bridgeport

MAR 7-8

COMMISSIONING OF ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

At all Masses

MAR 7

FIRST RECONCILIATION

10 am at STW

YOUTH MINISTRY

5 pm Mass followed by YM at 6:30 pm at St. Mother Teresa Hall

MAR 8

FAMILY MASS

9:30 am at SBW followed by Open Gym and Coffee and Donuts

INDONESIAN MASS

11:30 am at SBW

HOLY NAME NEWS

Holy Name welcome men of the community to meet every 2nd Friday of the month at 7 pm in the convent dining room at St Barbara. The next meeting is March 13th. Look for the next \$10 Split the Pot coming soon.

Our 100 Club winners for February are: 1st Chris B. 6am; 2nd Inez & Donna Rodriguez; 3rd J & K 6am; 4th Martha Barriga; 5th Didavina Garibay

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



Please pray for the following students as they prepare for their First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 10 am at St. Therese Church



Kaley Chen
Thomas Fiedor
Mac Lowe
Camden Ponce
Josué Sanchez
Gillian Wong

“LEAVE EVERYTHING AT THE ALTAR” - Part 2 by Roberta Cheong

Through this continual willing exchange of us giving to God what is worldly in us and God giving **Himself** to us at every Mass we attend, He is gradually transforming us to become more conformed to Him, molding us to become more Christ-like little by little and sanctified through the regular consumption of His Body and Blood. Ultimately, He is forming us to be **divine**, like Him. We increasingly begin to *think* more like Him, *behave* more like Jesus, *love* more like Him, *speak* more like Him, *desire* what He desires, *live* more like Him, *forgive* more like Him, *be* more like Him. We start to take on more of Jesus' likeness. Each time we meet Jesus anew at Mass, we are a little less of the world and a little more like Him, because Christ is continuously transfiguring us through His flesh and His blood in the Eucharist. And what it means to be “fully formed” is to resemble Christ completely so that when other people see us, they see only the Christ who is living *in* us.

It is quite an unjust exchange, actually, because we are nothing but ashes, but in exchange, Jesus gives us **His very self** in totality (Body, Blood, mind, His Sacred Heart, Holy Spirit, and divinity) and makes us ONE with Him whenever we receive the Eucharist. He even gives us a share in His divinity! What could we possibly offer to God that is of any value? But God wants our heart and our will the most. He wants our heart to be His. The truth is that it is only by uniting our self-sacrifice and offerings to the **perfect** offering of Jesus Christ on the cross that makes our offerings a *worthy* offering to God.

As we grow in our trust in the Lord and closer in our relationship with Him, from acquaintance to friend to best friend, step-by-step we give to God more of what is private, personal, and dear to us, so that He can heal and transform us. Until ultimately, we have grown so intimate and in love with the Lord that, just like Jesus, we give God **our very self**. We become a continuous living sacrifice to God. Thus, **we** become the offering, and when **we** become the offering united with **Jesus'** offering of Himself on the Cross, then we are collaborating with Jesus in a very tiny way in the redemption of souls and helping to praise and glorify God's Holy Name. Yes, God wants the entirety of us—mind, body, and soul—but first and foremost, it is our **love for Him** that moves us to put our very selves on the altar, just as His Son, Jesus Christ did.

This self-offering, in fact, is the goal! *This* is our vocation as Catholics, as is so eloquently expressed in Eucharistic Prayer III at Mass: “**May he make of us an eternal offering to you**, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect.” And the Prayer over the Offerings during Mass on September 20, 2025 was: “Look with favor, almighty God, on the offerings of your people and, through the intercession of the blessed Martyrs, **grant that we ourselves may become a sacrifice acceptable to you for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.**”

WEEKLY COLLECTION- FEBRUARY 22, 2025

	St. Barbara		St. Therese	
Sunday Envelopes	\$	685.00	\$	812.00
Sunday Loose	\$	708.00	\$	197.00
Give Central	\$	447.00	\$	594.00
Total Collection	\$	1,840.00	\$	1,603.00
	YTD	Weekly	YTD	Weekly
Actual	\$	72,852.00	\$	76,422.00
Goal	\$	91,800.00	\$	91,800.00
% of Goal		81%		59%
Mandarian Mass	\$		\$	764.00
Eastern Europe	\$	626.00	\$	75.00

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.

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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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Please contact parish office for any of the following:

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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.

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.

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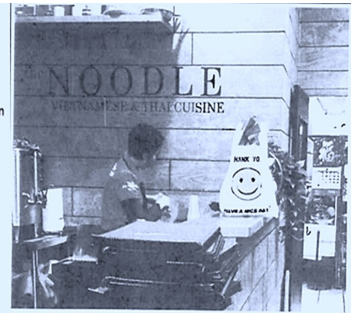
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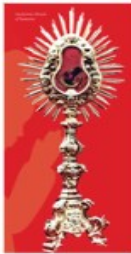
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THE TREASURE OF THE TRANSFIGURATION by Fr. John Cuff

The story is told of a rich man who died and left a large and beautiful house to a poor struggling order of nuns as a gift. The house contained many beautiful paintings. Mother Superior decided to have some of them cleaned thinking they were simply ordinary paintings. A cleaning company offered to buy some of them for a generous amount of money. Mother became curious and consulted an art expert, and to her great surprise was informed that two of the paintings were masterpieces worth millions. Naturally the nuns were overjoyed; they'd not realized the great treasure they possessed. I believe their experience echoes the Transfiguration.

In the Gospel we need to recall what happens just before Jesus is transfigured before his Apostles. He's on his final journey to Jerusalem, and he's just told them he is going to die, brutally, at the hands of their religious leaders. They are crushed and confused and feeling mightily betrayed. Suddenly their lives over the last three years with him seem like a huge waste. Jesus understands this, and so he takes them up the mountain and renews their hearts and hopes by showing them where he's really headed, which is the Resurrection, and it's then that they realize this is their destiny also! And so together they walk down the mountain, wonderfully strengthened and encouraged, to resume their journey to Jerusalem and to the wonderful destiny that ultimately awaits them.

The story of the nuns fits in well with the Transfiguration. Like them, we at times don't always realize the great treasure we have in Jesus. Through the Transfiguration Jesus wishes us to know him better, just like he wanted his Apostles to know that he was not only a man but also God, by changing his appearance, his clothes becoming dazzling white, and the voice of the Father saying, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." Just as the nuns were amazed to learn the true value of their paintings, so also were those three Apostles to learn that Jesus was not only a man but also God, and they suddenly realized the importance of their mission to accompany Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. So today, let's continue our own Lenten journey with Christ. Remember, Jesus is our treasure.



ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS

Black History Month - Student Essay

In honor of Black History Month, our students have been engaged in meaningful research and writing projects highlighting the lives and contributions of influential Black leaders and heroes. They worked diligently on their essays and presentations, deepening their understanding while strengthening their research and writing skills. We are so proud of their hard work and thoughtful learning. Below is Carson's essay on Charles Drew.

Charles Drew is a famous African American doctor and surgeon. He is most well known for inventing blood banks and finding a way to store and donate blood. With his findings, the medical world changed. By being African American, Charles Drew had a hard time fitting in at the time. However, he still kept trying and made a difference in the medical world.

Charles Drew was born in Washington, DC on June 3, 1904. Charles grew up with a mom and dad, three sisters, and one brother. At the time, African Americans were not being treated the best. However, Charles Drew tried his best to succeed. He graduated from Dunbar High School. Overall, he was a very good student. After high school, he went to many different colleges to become a doctor. He went to Amherst College where he did football and track. Then he went to Morgan College, where he taught chemistry and biology. After, he went to McGill University to get his Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery. Finally, he went to Columbia University where he was the first African American to get a Doctor degree.

Charles Drew became famous because he invented blood banks. He found a way to store and keep blood for people that needed blood. During his time, he collected over 15,000 blood donations. Charles also organized mobile blood stations for people to get and donate blood. He also made a program to ship blood out to soldiers that were hurt in World War 2. During this time, Charles Drew proved that African Americans can be in the medical world. With his findings, he made a big impact on the medical world. He saved many lives.

Charles Drew died on April 1, 1950 from a car accident. However, when he was still alive, he didn't retire and was a professor teaching African American students. He influenced his students to become doctors and surgeons in the South. What Charles Drew did is still important to this day. He was a good doctor and surgeon who made saving blood possible. He saved many people's lives. To this day, people still donate blood. Without his findings, a lot of people would be dead.

Charles Drew is a very important doctor and surgeon. He invented blood banks and found a way to store blood. Many people needed blood like soldiers in World War 2. Without his findings, many people would have died. He still has influence on us today because he never gave up and people still need and donate blood today. Charles Drew was a very important person because he influenced others to become doctors and saved many lives.