



**ST. MOTHER TERESA OF  
CALCUTTA PARISH**

Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate

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**NOVEMBER 23, 2025  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**



*Happy Thanksgiving*

**Thanksgiving Day  
EUCHARIST and LUNCHEON  
Thursday, November 27, 2025**

Our Thanksgiving Day Masses are at 8:00am and 10:00am at St. Therese Church and 9:30am at St. Barbara Church. Our parish will host a traditional Thanksgiving Day luncheon right after the 10am Mass at the St. Therese Worship site in the community room. All are invited and welcome to celebrate with us!

If you know of anyone, or an elderly who may be alone for Thanksgiving, please invite them to St. Therese to celebrate the Eucharist and to share a Thanksgiving meal with us.

If you are able to help out with preparing the meal or donating items for the luncheon, please sign up at the church entrance table. The following food items are needed to prepare the meal:

**TURKEYS \* HAMS \* VEGETABLES & POTATOES \* SWEET POTATOES \* CRANBERRY SAUCE \* TURKEY STUFFING DESSERTS (CAKE, PIE, FRUIT) \* DRINKS**

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Sunday, November 23rd, by either signing-up at the church entrance table or calling the Church office at 312-842-6777 or 312-842-7979, so that we can prepare an adequate amount of food. Thank YOU!

**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)

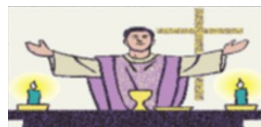
4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

**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, Nov. 22nd | Vigil Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe**

5:00 p.m. God's Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven by Kieselente Family  
+ Deceased Members: Pong Lee Family by Lonnie & Phil Lee

### **Sunday, Nov. 23rd | Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe**

6:00 a.m. Health Blessings for Cliff Whitehouse by Whitehouse Family  
+ Katherine Mesa Ramberg by Family  
+ Lisa Mesa Steinberg by Family  
+ Therese Ryndak by Anthony Ryndak  
9:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Wilfredo Cruz by Cruz Family  
+ Gina Ferro by Family  
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family  
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family  
+ Gwendolyn J. Holub by Darlene Chan Lowe  
+ Joan Bocian by B. Glabicki

### **Tuesday, Nov. 25th | Saint Catherine of Alexandria**

8:00 a.m. + Ed Glabicki by B. Glabicki  
+ Boon Man Lee & Victor Lee by Rose Lee & Family

### **Thursday, Nov. 27th | Weekday/Thanksgiving**

9:30 a.m. + Marie Sabbia Arcieri & All Deceased Members of the Sabbia & Arcieri Families by Janet Ropke  
+ Bruno Bertucci & all Deceased Members of the Bertucci & Parelli Families by Janet Ropke

### **Saturday, Nov. 29th | Weekday**

8:00 a.m. + Bill Bartowski by B. Glabicki



***“Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it.”***

***Saint Mother Teresa***

## St. Therese Worship Site

### **Sunday, Nov. 23rd | Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe**

8:00 a.m. Health Blessings for Vivien Chin by Fung Family  
+ Nellie & Annie Kaleinikas & Mary Zewall by Family  
10:30 a.m. + Richard Lee by Gertrude Chan  
12:30 p.m. **MANDARIN MASS**  
+ Mary Lin by Linda  
+ Joseph Wang by Linda

### **Monday, Nov. 24th | Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs**

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

### **Wednesday, Nov. 26th | Weekday**

8:00 a.m. + Lotti J. Trybus by Bette Pienta & Family  
+ Tom Pottoff by B. Glabicki  
+ Deceased Members of Bertucci-Barbaro Families by Dominic Barbaro

### **Thursday, Nov. 27th | Weekday/Thanksgiving**

8:00 a.m. + Birthday Remembrance of Marion Roti Sr. by Marion Roti  
+ All Deceased Members of Marion Roti Family by Marion Roti  
+ Cookie & David Jarzyna by Marion Roti  
+ Carmen Prescia by Marion Roti  
10:00 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Zito & D'Amico Families by Joe & Rena  
+ Deceased Family Members of A. Briglio by A. Briglio  
+ Jenping J. Chan & Diane Marie Chan by Darlene & Chris  
+ Mac Lowe & Steven Lowe by Darlene & Chris

### **Friday, Nov. 28th | Weekday**

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

## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

### **St. Barbara - Saturday, November 29th**

**5p.m. Lectors:** Mina, Johann  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Loida

### **Sunday, November 30th**

**6a.m. Lector:** J. Bertucci  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Margaret  
**9:30a.m. Lectors:** Sr. Kathy, Wally  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Tina

### **St. Therese – Sunday, November 30th**

**8:00a.m. Greeters:** Joey, Naomi  
**Lectors:** Rose Marie, Nora  
**St. Michael Ministry:** Chris  
**10:30a.m Greeters:** Darlene, Jade, Marian  
**Lectors:** Chris, Cameron  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sheila (Altar), John (Choir)  
**St. Michael Ministry:** TBA

## Thanks

Thanks to all who attended our last Living Well Speaker Series. We had a great turnout and wonderful evening of sharing. Special thanks to the Committee for their leadership and hard work and to **Budi Kusnoto** for an inspirational and informative talk on “Leading Like Jesus.”



Thanks to all students and children who helped us with the Family Mass last Sunday. Our children did a great job leading us in prayers, songs, and the Mini-Saints procession. Special thanks to **Elaine Sin, Heba Jaqman and Joe Delfin** for organizing and preparing our children.



Fr. Francis Li  
PASTOR



Caring for those who are hospitalized, homebound or living in nursing/senior homes is a very important ministry of our Church and of our parish.

If you know any parishioners who can't join our parish for Eucharist due to illness, age or physical disabilities, but would like to receive Communion regularly at private homes or nursing homes, please call our parish offices, our parish's Ministers of Care or priests. They will be happy to visit them, bring them Communion and pray with them.

If you or someone you know who is in need of the Sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation, please call our parish offices and one of our priests will be happy to visit you.

Let's keep all of parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized or living in nursing/senior homes in our prayers. May the good Lord be with them and bestow them with God's presence and healing power.

*Peace, Fr. Francis*

Available during Weekend Masses  
November 22-23, 2025

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The priest prays over the faithful and anoints them with the oil consecrated by Bishop in the name of the Lord. The faithful can receive the sacrament as soon as they begin to be in danger of death because of sickness or old age (can be received multiple times if their illness becomes worse). The sacrament can be requested by the loved ones of the faithful to take place at home, in hospital, in church, or in a communal setting.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church  
Numbers 1499, 1500, 1513, 1532)

Jesus sought out the sick and gave them healing.

### What The Sacrament does

- restores health, if it is conducive to the salvation of one's soul
- unites the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his/her own good and that of the Church
- strengthens the sick with peace and courage to endure in a Christian manner serious illness
- forgives sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the Sacrament of Penance
- prepares the believer to pass over to eternal life



## CHRIST'S KINGSHIP IN TODAY'S WORLD

By Fr. John Cuff

St. Thomas More, patron saint of politicians, was a brilliant lawyer and diplomat of 16<sup>th</sup> century England. Because of his patriotism and personal loyalty to the throne, King Henry VIII made him Lord Chancellor of England, the first layperson to hold such an exalted role. But what Henry didn't know was that, as loyal as Thomas was to him, his first loyalty was to Christ, the King of kings. So when Henry divorced his wife Catherine of Aragon to marry Anne Boleyn and make himself head of the Church of England, Thomas refused to accept what he believed to be against the Divine Will. No longer able to support the king, Thomas resigned his position as Lord Chancellor. He was arrested, imprisoned, convicted of treason, and beheaded. On his way to execution, he encouraged his grieving family to remain steadfast in their faith. His last recorded words were: "I die the king's good servant, but God's first."

Thus for Thomas More, simply to confess Christ privately in the safety of one's heart and home wasn't enough; one must also confess Him in public life and in the political forum when truth is concerned. Christ's Kingship is not necessarily a threat to the kingdoms of the world, which was Pontius Pilate's thinking when interrogating Jesus on whether or not He was a king. Jesus' answer was that, yes, he was indeed a king, but not the sort of king Pilate had in mind: "**My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my followers would fight to save me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not of this world.**"

What then is the difference between Christ's kingship and that of Pilate and other kings of this world? We can name three: (1) Other kingdoms have territorial boundaries, but Christ's kingship is universal; Christ is King without borders. (2) Other kingdoms come and go, but the kingship of Christ is eternal. (3) Other kingdoms are sustained by military power, but the kingship of Christ is sustained by the power of truth. Therefore, citizens of Christ's kingdom must stand by the truth even when it's embarrassing or hurtful to do so. When we speak of the Kingdom of God in this way, some people ask: "What then becomes of patriotism and national loyalty?" Patriotism and national loyalty surely have their place in Christian life, but loyalty to God comes first. Sadly, in the name of patriotism and national loyalty, some Christians have surrendered their consciences to the state. If the state says a thing is lawful, then it's okay to do it. For example: abortion. Or, if the state says a thing is unlawful, then it is wrong to do it. For example: harboring "illegal" immigrants. Today's Feast challenges us to examine more critically laws and policies governing public life and see them against the light of the law of Christ. Like St. Thomas More, we must be loyal citizens of our country, but loyal citizens of God's Kingdom first.



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## YOUTH MINISTRY

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." -1 Timothy 4:12

Join us for 5 pm Mass followed by discussion, pizza, and open gym.

Why: Come together to build friendship with one another and with Jesus.

Who: Youth in grades 6-12

When: Saturdays beginning with the 5pm Vigil Mass until 7:30 pm

December 6, 2025

January 10, 2026

February 7, 2026

March 7, 2026

Where: St. Barbara Worship Site  
Contact Mrs. Jaqman with questions  
hjaqman@sttheresechicago.org





**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 EVENT SCHEDULE**

**NOV 22-23**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Anointing of the Sick available at all Weekend Masses

**NOV 27**

**THANKSGIVING**

8 am Mass at STW

9:30 am Mass at SBW

10:00 am Mass at STW followed by Thanksgiving Luncheon

**NOV 30**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Oplatki, Incense, Calendars & Book

**DEC 6**

**MANDARIN RETREAT**

5 pm Mass and Youth Ministry

**DEC 7**

**RE CONFESSION**

8:30 am at SBW

**FEAST OF ST. BARBARA & BREAKFAST**

**WITH SANTA**

9:30 am Mass at SBW followed by Breakfast with Santa in Lower Hall

**DEC 8**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

8 am School Mass followed by Reconciliation

7 pm Mass at SBW

**DEC 13**

**SIMBANG GABI**

5 pm at SBW

**DEC 14**

**FAMILY MASS & LIVING NATIVITY**

9:30 am Family Mass led by 7<sup>th</sup> grade followed by the Living Nativity in the parking lot

**DEC 15**

**PARISH ADVENT "NIGHT OF MERCY"**

7pm at SBW with Music, Adoration, Confession, and Benediction

**DEC 17**

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

6 pm at SBW

**DEC 20**

**STW CHRISTMAS TREES & OUTDOOR**

**DECORATIONS**

10 am at STW

**DEC 21**

**FAMILY MASS**

10:30 am at STW

**MANDARIN MASS**

12:30 pm at STW

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

10:30 am at SBW

1:30 pm at STW

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of Care

Sunday, November 30, 2025  
12:30 – 3:30



*When was the last time you thought about why God chose you to serve in this ministry?*

ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of Care are invited to join us for an afternoon of renewal and reflection. This time together is important and required to be mandated to serve in this blessed ministry. Gather in conversation with fellow ministers and enjoy a simple afternoon meal prepared for you.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Hall  
St. Barbara Campus  
2832 South Quinn Street

**2025 Catholic Campaign for Human Development—2nd Collection this weekend**

CCHD works in partnership with community organizations to address the root causes of poverty in the United States. We promote organizations that help people help themselves, and our mission to break the cycle of poverty continues to be at the heart of our faith. CCHD grantees organize members of their communities to create jobs, improve neighborhoods, keep schools safe and enriching for children, and raise leaders of the future right here in the Archdiocese of Chicago. We are so thankful for your support. Please be generous.

**Holy Name Society**

Holy Name welcomes men from our community to meet every 2nd Friday of the month in the chapel at St Barbara. Join us to help serve our community and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Chef Jeff. *Our next meeting is December 12.*

We are now collecting old bicycles, parts and accessories to make room for the new ones Santa's bringing!

**Our 100 Club winners this month are:** 1st: K&J 6 am; 2nd: K&J 6 am; 3rd: Jane 6 am; 4th: Jane 6 am; 5th: Mac

100 Club tickets are \$1 each monthly; and the Holiday Split the Pot tickets are \$10 each. Both are available in the back of church at St Barbara. "Holiday Split the Pot", drawing will be held on January 9, 2026. Thank you for your support!

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

*Mother Teresa*

# WEEKLY COLLECTION– NOVEMBER 16, 2025

	St. Barbara		St. Therese	
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,712.00		\$ 880.00	
Sunday Loose	\$ 382.00		\$ 393.00	
Give Central	\$ 648.00		\$ 583.00	
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,742.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,856.00</b>	
	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
Actual	\$ 47,432.00	\$ 2,742.00	\$ 43,764.00	\$ 1,856.00
Goal	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 2,700.00
% of Goal	88%	102%	82%	69%
	\$		\$	
St. Rocco	\$		\$ 455.00	

**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.*

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, Harold 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, Christine Krupa, Craig Labudda, Sunny Labudda, Baby Kinsley Paige Leschinsky, Kiera Litwin, Barbara Lokey, 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, Shirley Synal, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, 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

**\*\*\*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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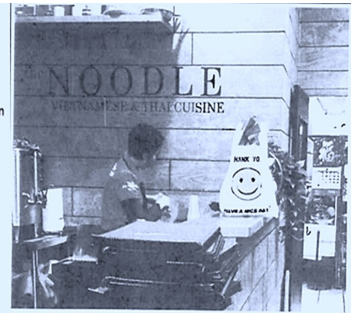
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**Two Cents from the Finance Council:  
 Be a Steward Who Brings Five Loaves and Two Fish**

During the last few weeks, we've talked about regular giving in person and online, special giving for fundraisers and emergencies, and giving with a variety of tax incentives. But even if you don't have the resources to feed the 5,000, there is still something you can do to help the parish's finances. See how many of the following can be added to your "giving" plan, and also come up with your own ways to help the parish get back to a solid footing.

<p>Sign up for your <b>Employer's Matching Program</b> – these programs will double and sometimes even triple employee donations to charity.</p>	<p>Provide <b>goods and services</b> as in-kind support to reduce our bills. Do you have a skill to share? Perhaps you're handy with building maintenance, repairs, or cleaning, or maybe you play a musical instrument and can accompany the Masses. Or do you own a restaurant or supplies business and can donate catering services and materials to the Summer Fair and other events? Such in-kind gifts help to reduce or even eliminate parish expenses and are typically tax-deductible.</p>	<p>Ask <b>friends and family</b> to donate to our fundraisers, such as the <i>Super Duper Bowl</i> coming up in February. Tell them why you love SMTCP and how it's worthy of support!</p>
<p><b>Share the Good News.</b> Bring a friend to Mass! Or if you know someone searching for a new spiritual home or school, or anyone seeking marriage, baptism, or other sacraments, talk us up and encourage them to consider SMTCP.</p>		<p>Sell weekly <b>bulletin ad space</b> – this is one of our major fundraisers each year. Do you know any business owners who would like the exposure? See the parish office for a bulletin ad sales form.</p>
<p>Arrange for <b>discounts and donations from businesses</b> the parish uses, such as local neighborhood restaurants or supplies stores.</p>	<p><b>Reduce usage</b> anywhere you can – every little bit helps! Examples include making sure doors are closed to reduce loss of heat or AC, turning off equipment when not in use, returning the bulletin after reading if you will not be sharing it, reducing the amount of disposable goods used at receptions, bringing your own water, or canceling your physical envelope if you just donate online. This also supports our Christian call to care for creation.</p>	

Advent starts next week. As we travel through this season of anticipation, the SMTCP Finance Council remains hopeful that the parish will soon return to operating with an excess income - and once we stop playing catch-up, we'll be able to expand our ministries. Our parishioners are our strongest allies, and we trust in your care for one another and for our parish home. We thank God for your generosity and wish each of you a fruitful Advent.





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**ST. BARBARA CHURCH**

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**7 PM**

All are welcome!



# ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS



## Nature

Written by St. Therese School Students

The twisting leaves, the smell of wood,  
Reminds me of my childhood.  
Gathered around the table with friends,  
I hope these times will never end.

I hope this season never fades,  
A time of year where joy is made.  
Enjoying the season is my heart's desire.  
Getting cozy with family by the fire.



## Science Observations

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students began growing different kinds of plants earlier in the school year. Over the next few weeks, they made observations and took measurements of their plants' growth!

**JOIN US FOR THE  
FEAST OF ST. BARBARA**  
followed by

**BREAKFAST  
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HOSTED BY THE SCHOOL AND FAMILY ASSOCIATION

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

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for distribution by St. James Food Pantry



**WHEN:** November 29 - December 21, 2025

**WHAT:** Brand new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages

**WHERE:** Place your items in the boxes at the entrance of church