



## ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate

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January 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

***“They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.”***

(Mt 2:10-11, Lectionary)



*The Adoration of the Magi, Charles-André Vanloo, LACMA*

***Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. In popular tradition, this day commemorates the arrival of the three Kings at the stable in Bethlehem where Christ was born. The Gospel reading for the day – Matthew 2:1-12 – tells the story.***

### 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:** 7 p.m.



### **St. Barbara Worship Site**

#### **Saturday, Jan. 1st— | The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

9:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving & for Blessings by Maria Saluda  
Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family

5:00 p.m. Blessings for All Parishioners

#### **Sunday, Jan. 2nd— The Epiphany of the Lord**

6:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Fr. Michael Njeru by  
James Bertucci

+ Kazimierz Wojtasik by Parishioners

9:30 a.m.+ Teresita Villafuerte Holcomb by Angelica,  
Emmanuel & Jeremy King

+ Kazimierz Wojtasik by Jing Zhang

+ Pearl Bartkowski by B. Glabicki

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 4th | Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

8:00 a.m.

#### **Thursday, Jan. 6th | Saint Andre Bessette, Religious**

8:00 a.m. + Holy Souls by Elizabeth

#### **Saturday, Jan. 8th— | Christmas Weekday**

8:00 a.m.

#### **Saturday, Jan. 8th Vigil | Baptism of the Lord**

5:00 p.m. Birthday Blessing for JZ by Marion

+ Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Famil

#### **Sunday, Jan. 9th - Baptism of the Lord**

6:00 a.m. Health Blessings for Megan Pirelli by Family

9:30 a.m. + Teresita Villafuerte Holcomb by Angelica,  
Emmanuel & Jeremy King

### **St. Therese Worship Site**

#### **Friday , Dec 31st—New Year Eve| Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

5:00 p.m. + Rocco Roti, Birthday Remembrance by Marion

+ Monica Lin by BiJiang

+ Delfin Masangcay by Elizabeth & Mary

+ Vincent Briglio, Birthday Remembrance, by Wife &  
Family

#### **Saturday, Jan. 1st— | The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

10:00a.m. In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima by Dominic Barba  
ro

Healing blessing for Roberta Cheong by John,  
Sheila & Family

Health Blessing for Mary & Elizabeth by Jing Zhang

+ Mary Lydon, Birthday Remembrance, by BiJiang

#### **Sunday, Jan. 2nd | Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. Health Blessing or Rev. Theodore Ploplis by Carol  
Christiansen

Birthday Blessing for Ryan Fung by Parents

+ Jennings Chan by Children

10:30 a.m. Health Blessing for Barbara Metzanger by Friend

+ Arcio Rendor by Richard & Rita Young & Family

+ Linda Fong by Richard & Rita Young & Family

+ Joanna Wai Nin Law Wan by Law Family

+ June Moy by Darlene & Chris Lowe

+ 林露琪 by the Cheong Family

+ Haniek Widjajo by Edy & Lisa Gunawan

#### **Monday, Jan. 3rd | The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

8:00 a.m. + Yong Lun Hong by Daughter Oy

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 5th | Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

8:00 a.m. + Monique Rowray by Masangcay

+ Frank Barbaro, Sr. by Dominic Barbaro

#### **Friday, Jan. 7th | Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest**

8:00 a.m. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Dominic

### **St. Therese**

Sunday, Jan. 9th:

**8 a.m. Greeters:** N. Lowe, J. Lowe

**Lectors:** A. Romallosa, M. Costa

**St. Michael Ministry:** Chris

**10:30 a.m. Greeters:** C. Lee, J. Yee, D. Lowe

**Lectors:** TBA

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Wing(Altar), Jade(Choir Loft)

**St. Michael Ministry:** Pat

### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

#### **St. Barbara**

Saturday, Jan. 8th

**5 p.m. Lector:** P. Saletta, G. Dumelle

**Eucharistic Minister:** L. Raya

Sunday, Jan. 9th:

**6 a.m. Lector:** J. Bertucci

**Eucharistic Minister:** G. Vanderford

**9:30 a.m. Lector:** Family Mass

**Eucharistic Minister:** H. Alonzo

## Thanks

Thanks to **Bruno Caruso** for donating once again all the Christmas Trees, Garlands, Wreaths, and 52 Poinsettias. Thanks to **Chris Lowe** for his help in purchasing and transporting some of the Christmas decoration items. Due to shortage of supplies, we are not only grateful to Bruno's generosity, but to his extra efforts for obtaining the decoration items.



Thanks to **Cecile & Joe Brehm Family** for donating \$100.00 towards the painting of the Gethsemane Garden Shrine at St. Barbara Church.

Thanks to **all children** for being part of this year's Christmas Pageant. They brought a lot of energy and spirit to our celebration. Special thanks to their parents, catechists, and **Bridget Lee** for supporting them and getting them ready for this wonderful tradition.

Thanks to all who have made a Christmas offering to our parish. If you haven't, but still would like to make a special offering, you can do so in the next few weeks. Your generosity is needed and appreciated.

## Gifts to be Shared

This holy season reminds us of God's pure gift of self to each one of us, Jesus Christ, the source of all gifts. God continues to bless us through our families, communities, and all of God's creation.

On this Feast of Epiphany, the kings brought gifts to Jesus from Far East. Gifted and blessed, what are our gifts to our Lord today and this year?

I would like to share with you what I read from one of **Barbara Hudren's** recent emails: *Seven Simple Helps for Happiness in the New Year*:

- 1. Free your heart from hatred.**
- 2. Free your mind from worries.**
- 3. Live simple and for others**
- 4. Give more.**
- 5. Expect less.**
- 6. Forgive, forgive and forgive more!**
- 7. Last, but most importantly, root life in God through faith in Jesus Christ.**

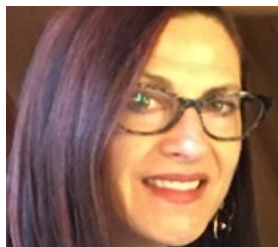
Lastly, our gifts to our Lord can also be financial. As I shared a few weeks before Christmas, our Finance Council has compiled a list of ways of sharing our financial gifts with our parish. In the next four weeks, we will share these ways with you in our weekly bulletin.

I thank you for being generous and responsible stewards and invite you to continue to do so for our parish and for your family.

***Wish you and your loved ones have a healthy and peaceful New Year!***

***Peace, Fr. Francis***

## Welcome, Sabina!



My name is Sabina L. Lilly. I have been accompanying most of the Saturday Masses at the St. Barbara campus since September. As of January 1, 2022, I will be the music director for St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish and the music teacher for both campuses of St. Therese Chinese Catholic School.

As a professional musician for nearly thirty years, this is a full-circle moment for me. Many of you have recognized me from St. Mary of Perpetual Help, where I was principal cantor from 2000 to 2013. During those years I got to know and serve with Eva Morgan and Fr. Li in various area churches, including a Mass at St. Therese about ten years ago.

Now, I am grateful for the opportunity to share music with the community of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish in my dedicated roles. I look forward to partnering with the staff, students, volunteers, parishioners, and everyone involved in the musical and spiritual life of the Parish—and to spreading God's love through our collaborative efforts.

# CHRISTMAS DONATIONS AT ST. THERESE as of 12/28/2021

THANK YOU to all who contributed!

Lily & Richard May	2,000	Tom Chan	75	Albert Moy	100
Joe & Christine Delfin	100	Joe & Carol Marzullo	25	Patti Lee	200
Anthony Nudo, Sr.	100	Richard Co	200	Marilyn Leung	50
Dr. Hak Sue	500	Carl DiFranco	150	Teresa Moy	100
Christopher Lau	2,500	Janet Fecteau	100	Wing Chan & Joanna Chang	50
Mary Grist	150	Fen Norto	150	Fung Kam Oi	500
Theresa & Laurence Wong	150	Wanda & Michael Jordan	100	Anonymous	250
Nora Gonzalez	250	Tony Lin & Sharon Wong	500	Anonymous	250
Rebecca & Paul Lee	100	Izabel Sheh	100	Gertrude Chan	100
Gemma Wong	50	Vernon Lam	200	Janet Moy	65
Herman N. Lew	100	Anonymous	500	Joseph & Naomi Lowe	200
Yeede Loh	500	Catherine Chan	100	Larry Pusateri	30
Angela Chan-Ng	50	Rita Co	10	Eleanor & Jian Guo He	200
Adam Dunaway	100	Anthony & Maria Vinci	50	Agnes Lee	200
Wilfred Chan	2,000	Chuck Lee	250	Anonymous	3,000
Linda & Willis Weiler	1,000	Nancy Shortino	25	Nathan Lau	100
M. Yau	100	Marianne & Vince Scarlata	25	Frank Scuito	20
George & Rose Bonomo	50	Joseph A. Zito Jr.	200	Alonzo Family	25
Thomas Lam	100	Joseph & Rena Zito	500	Martin Yuen	50
Marilyn Lee	60	Cameron & Kalina Pon	100	Ms. Barbara Boril	50
Joseph Cibulka	10	Chung Chan	25	Nancy & Steve Wong	200
Therese Valina	30	Paul & Cindy Lau	1,000	Theresa Scopacasa	100
Veronica Cardenas	50	Jack Markase	30	Laura Chu	300
Bruno Tassone	15	Catherine Chang	100	Richard Krach	125
Francine Caruso	50	Frances Karagianes	25	John & Mary Ann Walz	25
Joseph Donzelli	100	Lucy Setlak	100	S. M. I. Club	300
Maureen Vana & Jingchao Wu	100	Lucy Moy	200	Joe DiFazio	50
Anthony Spina	500	Bo Chung Yau	100	Budi Kusnoto & Katharina Atmadja	1,500
Rita Lim	20	Teresa & Henry Lee	200	Al & Amanda Schwarz	250
Richard & Marylou Waried	25	Deacon Paul Spalla	1,000	Kun Cheong	10
Lucille Alagna	250	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Fratto	100	Mary & Elizabeth Masangcay	20
Anthony Distasio	100	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Nardi	25	Annie Lowe	100
James Flannery	250	Larry Pusateri	500	Shile George Chen	100
Nancy Longmire	75	Lucille Salerno	100	Lucy Tse Moy	100
Wai Cheun Tse	100	Joseph & Natia DiFazio	50	Vincent & Marian Torrez	100
Nick & Ellen Andriacchi	500	Anonymous	500	Anna Cheung	100
Rosetta Palumbo	80	Rosemarie Centofanti	75	Richard & Rita Young	300
Jeannie Hui	50	Roberto & Sanda Costa	100	Kee Chung Leong	100
Shiu-Mei Sim	100	Jorge & Jennifer Morales	200	Corwin & Luanne Eng	150
Vivian Wong	100	John & Sheila Lin	200	Lucy Wong	10
Rose Lee	100	Raymond Lin	200	George & Yvette Lee	300
James Distasio	500	Janice Lin & Brian Chow	200	Chan Ann	20
Kwok Chi Lee	100	Shao-Chen Lin	50	Mr. & Mrs. Roberto Garibay	100
Monica Lam	100	Anonymous	200	Earl Hokens	200
Lucy Wong	50	Suet Chun Mui & Family	20	Andrew & Eva Feng	300
Michael Madia	25	Ricky Yong	300	Dominique Feng	300
Edy & Lisa Gunawan	150	Wendy Sin & Pat Culen	250	Matthew Feng	300
Melanda Kywe	300	Therese & Francis Degnan	100	Maria Feng	300
Anita Chan Hong	50	Katherine Moy	200	Anna Feng	100
Fung Family	100	Michael Chan	200	Keating Family	250
Margaret Moy	100	Lai Ha Tam	120	Darlene & Chris Lowe	350
Maria Chan	100	Mimi & Jing Zhang	100	Betty Kovathana	200
Michael & Wanda Jordan	200	Chris Lee & Family	800	Jerome & Wendy Fluder	150
Linda Myers	150	Margaret Lee	1		
Gene & Teresa Lee	300	Ella Reyes	40.25		
Marion Roti	100	Loose Cash	369		
Connie Liu	25				

Total Donated as of 12/28/2021: \$39,899



## CHRISTMAS DONATIONS AT ST. BARBARA as of 12/28/2021 **THANK YOU to all who contributed!**

Juan and Nora Rodriguez	350
Thomas Howard & Libia Peaz-Howard	100
Anonymous	30
Paul & Roseann Mostacchio	50
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Moon	100
Mr. Stanley Rzas	200
Christine Kisielente	300
Janice Kutansky	25
William Webb	50
Fr. Cuff	300
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Yolanda Bobadilla	50
Elizabeth Beckman	20
Wladyslawa Lazowski	100
Matthew Barron	100
Mr. & Mrs. George Vanderford Jr.	25
Mrs. Maria Rolon	20
Anonymous	500
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Bernadette Torba	6
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Joanne Sierzega	300
Cheryl Sokolowski	150
Robert Stegmiller	50
Pat Campione	5
Susan Wisniewski	10
Anonymous	100
Anonymous	50
Anonymous	40
Martin Sanchez	20
Judith Lukwinski	200
Mr & Mrs. Joseph Jasas Jr.	45
Diana Rzas	150
Donald Przybylo	5
Marilyn Rzas	250
Judith Zarzuela	10
John Allan	20
Maria Salvacion Saludo	20
Susan & Jesus Salinas	75
Arthur Gray	20
Laurel Migut	20
Peter Laco	50
Mr & Mrs John Arellano	50
Mr & Mrs James Bertucci	200
John Bertucci	25
Joann Balasa	50
Mr & Mrs David Czarnecki	5
Christine Krupa	150
Frances Kamradt	5
Mr & Mrs Michael Vvario	100
Wilfredo Cruz	50
Elaine & Lawrence & Lisa Pusateri	25
Mr & Mrs Emmett O'Hara	300
Anonymous	500
Walter Furmanek	20
Mr & Mrs Patrick Saletta	50
M. & P. Janiszewski	300
Dolores Becatti	125
Donna Jean Schultz	30
Anonymous	25
Mr & Mrs Thomas Groark	30
Bernadette Glabicki	200

Ruth Davidson	15
Gary Leverage	25
Thomas Spalla & Carol Spalla-Malone	125
Joseph Boniewicz	40
Ray Okoniewski	50
Mr & Mrs Clifford Whitehouse	100
Chester Jendryczka	120
Bernard Krygowski	20
Barbara Rekar	500
Mr. Henry Diaz De Leon	75
Wally Podrazik	50
Elizabeth Pienta	200
Tina Vazzana	6
Adeline Skokal	200
Jo Ann Balasa	100
Ken Ricci	100

**Total Donated as of 12/27/2021: \$7,982**

**January Indonesian Mass** will take place on Sunday Jan. 2nd at 11:30am at St. Barbara Church.

**January Cantonese Alpha** is canceled due to New Year celebrations and concerns for COVID-19. It will resume in February.

**First Friday Devotion:** Our First Friday Holy Hour will take place on Friday, Jan. 7th at 7pm at St. Therese Church. All are welcome!

**Next Mandarin Alpha** will be on Sunday, Jan. 23rd after the monthly Mandarin Mass in the Community Room.



**Altar Server Commissioning Rites:** Our new and experienced servers will be commissioned at the 9:30am Family Mass on Sunday, Jan. 9th at St. Barbara Church and at the 10:30am Family Mass on Sunday, Jan. 16th at St. Therese Church. Servers and their families can choose to attend either of these two masses for the blessing.

### St. Therese Worship Site

2022 Offering Envelope Boxes are available for registered families to pick up at the Church entrance table on Sunday Dec. 26th and afterwards.

**2022 English Calendars** are available at both of our churches' entrance tables. The Chinese calendar is at the entrance table at St. Therese Church.



### Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:

4pm-5pm: Rosary on the Streets

5pm-6pm: Holy Hour—All are welcome!

## WEEKLY COLLECTION - Dec. 26, 2021

### St. Barbara

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 810.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 284.00
Give Central	\$ 402.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,496.00</b>

### YTD      Weekly

Actual	\$ 55,886.00	\$ 1,496.00
Goal	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
% of Goal	83%	60%

Votives and Vigil Lights	\$
Mandarin Mass	\$

### St. Therese

\$ 985.00
\$ 225.00
\$ 591.00
<b>\$ 1,801.00</b>

### YTD      Weekly

\$ 60,553.00	\$ 1,801.00
\$ 67,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
90%	72%

\$
\$

Attention: For those who make your offering in the form of a check, please make checks to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish. Electronic giving through **GiveCentral.org** is the safe and secure way to make your weekly donations. Donate via credit card or electronic check (ACH). *Thank YOU, and God Bless you for your generosity!*

**St. Therese Church :** [www.givecentral.org/location/190](http://www.givecentral.org/location/190) or

**St. Barbara Church:** [www.givecentral.org/location/445](http://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 Averet, 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, Tim Consola, 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, Ann Njeru, 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 Sinople, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sharon Solverson, Rosalie Spalla, Diane Spata, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stronczek, Rose Stronczek, Shirley Synal, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dolores Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, 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, MAD & Rose Marie Donato, Mark Donato, Mia Rose Faciana, Kerry Fluder, Gyna Gazzi, Maria Ng Gee, 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, Barbara Metzinger, Xue Ying Mou, Lucy Moy, Mina Preysler Munoz, Cita Orendain, John Paleoik, Anne Pataka, Lois Payton, 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 Williamson, Lucy Wong, Bai Xue, Ching Shiu Yau, Lan Ying Yee, Ramona Zavala, Susan Zibricky, 蔡宏恩

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### Sacramental

*Please contact parish office for any of the following:*

**Baptisms:** Parents must be registered practicing parishioner 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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith.

**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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**Jan. 9th: Parent Formation, Topic: "Peer Pressure"**

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**Jan. 11th: English Speaking Alpha, 6:30pm at St. Barbara**

**Jan. 16th: Parent Formation, Topic: "Peer Pressure"**

9:15am at St. Therese

**Jan. 18th: Parent Sacramental Meeting, 6:30pm—Zoom**

**January 29th: Youth Ministry Mass & Gathering, 5pm at Old St. Mary's**

### Holy Name Society

If you're interested in being a part of this great organization contact the rectory and we will follow up with you.

**The St. Barbara Holy Name Society** will host its meeting on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the mobile unit in the parking lot. We are an organization of men getting together for an evening of fellowship and conversation, culminating with a special dinner. In the new year, we hope to make St. Mother of Teresa of Calcutta Parish a place where men can gather, share ideas, plan events and make our community a safe & vibrant area for all.

We need more men to join us and help us to reach our goals. Do not sit back and let your input and thoughts go to waste. Join us and make your ideas happen. All we need is each other and God's blessing.

### GIFTS OF FAITH & LOVE by Sister Caritas

Last week, we celebrated Christmas, the birth of Jesus, His revelation to the Jewish community. The shepherds came following the message of the angels. Today we celebrate the *Feast of the Epiphany*, the coming of the men from the East. King Herod was concerned as the men came looking for "The King of the Jews," announced by a special star. Herod was not the king they were seeking. The star re-appears and leads the men to Jesus. God, on Christmas, gives us the greatest gift of love. He gave all humanity, especially the Jewish people, fulfillment of the promise, the gift of Jesus. Today God reveals Jesus to those non-Jews, the gentiles, those coming from the East. These men, we call The Three Kings, bring gifts fit for a king, Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. They are gifts given by The Kings, who came in faith following the star to Jesus.

We have just come through a time of gift giving to many people. A true gift is given out of Love. God gave us His Son out of love. The shepherds came out of deep belief in the angel's message and left with love. The Kings came and found Jesus and left gifts for a king. They left, listening to a message given in a dream. They came, following a star, believing they could find a newborn King. They left with a newfound faith vision, a faith in Jesus and a new way home, maybe a new life.

We have heard these stories and seen the symbols in these stories many times. We are hearing again, hopefully, with renewed belief. We are given a chance to again re-live the story of Jesus becoming one of us. We are given the awesome experience of seeing Jesus in a human body, one of us, living on earth, like us. Contemplate the mystery. Jesus is God and man, one of us—sent here by The Father, out of love, to deepen our growing faith. Believe, be open, live in faith-filled love.

### NEW YEAR WISHES AND RESOLUTIONS by Fr. Cuff

The name "January" comes from the Roman god Janus, the god with two faces, one looking to the past and the other looking to the future. So now's the time to look back at last year and look forward to the new year ahead and ask: How did we spend 2021? Did we manage our time well between the demands of work, family, friends and our spiritual lives? Have we made progress on our life's journey toward our true and final destination? Soul-searching questions like these lead to setting goals and resolutions for the new year. But some people say there's no point making new year resolutions, since they're never kept. Don't believe them. We all need to set goals and make resolutions, and to review our lives from year to year, for, as Socrates says, the unexamined life is not worth living.

Today's newspapers are full of new year resolutions; most of them, however, aren't resolutions at all but only wishes. What's the difference between a resolution and a wish?

----A wish identifies a goal I hope to reach, while a resolution specifies the steps I will take to reach it.

----A wish says this is where I want to be, while a resolution says this is the road I'll take and what I'll do to get there.

----The wishful person says, "I hope to pass my exams this year," and the resolved person says, "I will devote an extra hour to my studies every day in order to pass my exams."

----The wishful person says, "I hope to have more peace and love in my family this year," while the resolved person says, "I will spend more time with my family at table instead of rushing off to the TV, so that we get to know and understand ourselves better."

----The wishful person says, "I intend to get closer to God this year," while the resolved person says, "I'll set aside this period of time each day to read and ponder God's word."

The difference between wishing and resolving is knowing and doing what it'll take to make one's dreams come true. Mary is a model of that new life in Christ that we all want for ourselves during this coming new year. In the Gospels we see how Mary lived out her special role as Mother of God. We read that when the shepherds came to adore the Child Jesus in the manger and told her all that the angels had said to them, "**Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.**" In addition, after Jesus was found in the Temple, we're told that "**His mother treasured all these things in her heart.**" Mary was a woman who treasured the word of God and made time to pray and meditate upon it. Her holiness came from the grace of God, but she still needed to do her part to cooperate with His grace. Mary pondered God's word to discern what God was telling her at every stage of her life, in order to carry out her role as the handmaid of the Lord. So in this coming year, let's resolve to find time to hear what God is saying to us, to treasure His word and ponder it in our hearts, in order to realize our new year resolutions to live lives in closer union with God. In this way we'll not only be wishy-washy but resolute in 2022!