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**NOVEMBER 30, 2025  
FIRST SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**

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

**BREAKFAST  
WITH SANTA**

HOSTED BY THE SCHOOL AND FAMILY ASSOCIATION

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

**Mass at 9:30 AM at St. Barbara Church  
followed by Breakfast with Santa in the SBC Lower Hall**

**Tickets: \$10 Presale or \$12 at the door**

**Individual ticket includes delicious breakfast, photo  
with Santa, Christmas crafts, games, prizes, & more!**

Advanced ticket purchases can be sent to the  
school campus main offices or dropped off at  
the parish rectory.

## 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)

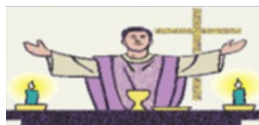
4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

### 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. 29th | Vigil First Sunday of Advent**

5:00 p.m. Birthday Blessings for Mary Masangcay by Mom  
God's Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven by Kieselente Family

### **Sunday, Nov. 30th | First Sunday of Advent**

6:00 a.m. + Katherine Mesa Ramberg by Family  
+ Lisa Mesa Steinberg by Family  
+ Anne & Ron Freeman by son Mark  
+ Bruno Bertucci & All Deceased Members of the Bertucci & Parelli Families by Janet Ropke  
+ Maria Sabbia Arcieri & All Deceased Members of the Sabbia & Arcieri Families by Janet Ropke

9:30 a.m. + Gina Ferro by Family  
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family  
+ Dorothy B. Huss by Mary Ellen Zimmerman  
+ Ted Lech by B. Glabicki

### **Tuesday, Dec. 2nd | Advent Weekday**

8:00 a.m. + Anton Glabicki by B. Glabicki  
+ Lillian Brongiel by B. Glabicki

### **Thursday, Dec. 4th | Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

9:30 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors and Parishioners

### **Saturday, Dec. 6th | Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

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



*“Love is a fruit in season at all times and within reach of every hand .”*

*Saint Mother Teresa*

## St. Therese Worship Site

### **Sunday, Nov. 30th | First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. Health Blessings for Vivian Chin by Fung Family  
Thanksgiving and Health Blessings for Ms. Cat Moy by Nora  
+ Ruth & Joe Damico by Family  
10:30 a.m. + Richard Lee by Gertrude Chan  
+ Anne Burrell by Roberta Cheong

### **Monday, Dec. 1st | Advent Weekday**

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

### **Wednesday, Dec. 3rd | Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Alyssa by Aunty Antoinette  
+ Lillian Helma by B. Glabicki

### **Friday, Dec. 5th | Advent Weekday**

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



**Hope**—Prophecy Candle  
**Peace**—Bethlehem Candle  
**Joy**—Shepherd's Candle  
**Love**—Angel's Candle

## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

### **St. Barbara - Saturday, December 6th**

**5p.m.** Lectors: TBA  
Eucharistic Minister: Cheryl

### **Sunday, December 7th**

**6a.m.** Lector: J. Bertucci  
Eucharistic Minister: JoAnn  
**9:30a.m.** Lectors: TBA  
Eucharistic Minister: Angeleo

### **St. Therese – Sunday, December 7th**

**8:00a.m.** Greeters: Joey, Naomi  
Lectors: Betty, Jimmy  
St. Michael Ministry: Chris  
**10:30a.m** Greeters: Darlene, Jade, Marian  
Lectors: **CANTONESE:** Miranda, Sharon  
Eucharistic Ministers: Jean (Altar),(Choir)  
St. Michael Ministry: Pat

## Thanks

Thanks to all of our Lectors for their dedication in the proclamation of the Word of God at our liturgical celebrations. Special thanks to all who made time for last Saturday's Renewal Gathering, to **Barbara Hudren and Jade Yee**, coordinators of our Lector Ministry, for their leadership, to **Joe Delfin** for being a wonderful facilitator for the day and to **Jade Yee** for generously providing our lectors with a delicious lunch.



## Happy New Year

This Sunday we begin a new liturgical year. In the 3 lectionary cycles of the year, this will be Year -A and we will hear from the Gospel of Matthew on most of the Sundays throughout the year.

Advent, a time of preparation and penitence, invites us to "stay awake! for you do not know on which day the Lord will come." Vigilance can help us to live a purposeful life and lead us closer to the Lord.

The question we have to reflect is, "What am I going to do to make this Advent fruitful?" Below are a few possibilities for you to consider:

- A. Attend All Sunday Mass during this Advent
- B. Spend an extra 10 minutes daily in prayers
- C. Do one extra act of kindness weekly
- D. Read our parish's gift to you, the book <<Holy Moments>>
- E. Spend less time on social media & more time with families
- F. Invite a non-practicing Catholic to Mass
- G. Attend our parish's "Night of Mercy" on Monday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at St. Barbara Church
- H. Pray for conversation of souls
- I. Be open to God's surprises in your life

*May you have a fruitful and renewing Advent. May the good and gracious Lord bless you with vigilance and openness.*

*Peace, Fr. Francis*



Fr. Francis Li  
PASTOR

Join us for the

# The Living Nativity

*Presepio Vivente!*

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**St. Barbara Church**  
Sun. Dec. 14, 2025  
after 9:30 AM Mass  
from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
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Walk through outdoors "Little Bethlehem".  
Visit the stable, pet the barnyard animals,  
and shop the market.  
Sing along to your favorite carols.  
Free pony rides for small children.  
Free hot cocoa and cookies for all.  
**Outdoor event, dress warmly!**  
All are welcome!



We are delighted to share a special parish gift this year: *Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life* by Matthew Kelly. This inspiring little book invites each of us to discover the extraordinary grace hidden in the ordinary moments of our lives.

May this gift bless your Advent journey and help you uncover the "holy moments" God has waiting for you! Copies will be available at the church entrance table beginning the First Sunday of Advent. Please take one copy per family.



For more information, call the parish offices at (312) 842-6777 or (312) 842-7979.





**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**

**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**

**DEC 8**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

8 am School Mass followed by Reconciliation

7 pm Mass at SBW

**DEC 13**

**SIMBANG GABI**

5 pm at SBW

9:30 am Mass at SBW followed by Breakfast with

Santa in Lower Hall

**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

**DEC 24**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

5 pm Vigil with Christmas Pageant at STW

11:30 pm caroling & midnight at STW

**DEC 25**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

8 am and 10:30 am at STW

6 am and 9:30 am at SBW

**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.

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2832 South Quinn Street

**OPLATKI & FRANKINCENSE\*MYRRH\*GOLD** are available at St. Barabra Church's entrance table. Suggested donations are \$3.00 per pack of Oplatki and \$5.00 per box of Frankincense \*Myrrh\*Gold.

**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 23, 2025

	St. Barbara	St. Therese
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 729.00	\$ 846.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 579.00	\$ 220.00
Give Central	\$ 572.00	\$ 583.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,880.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,649.00</b>
	<b>YTD      Weekly</b>	<b>YTD      Weekly</b>
Actual	\$ 49,312.00    \$ 1,880.00	\$ 45,395.00    \$ 1,649.00
Goal	\$ 56,700.00    \$ 2,700.00	\$ 56,700.00    \$ 2,700.00
% of Goal	87%      70%	80%      61%
	\$	\$
CCHD	\$ 507.00	\$ 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.

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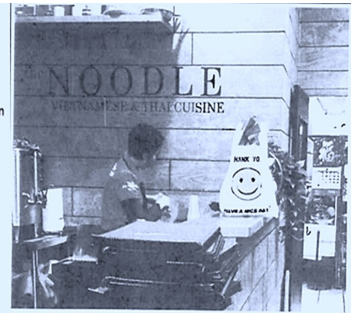
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This fund was started by Mr. Lee to give back to the community he cherished. Mr. Lee was an instrumental member of the Chinatown community. Not only was he born and raised in Chicago's Chinatown, but he was also baptized at St. Therese Church and was one of the first students to attend St. Therese School.



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Benjamin Yang, Dylan Chan, Mitchell Hui, Wesley Lo, Allyson Huang, Tianna Zhang, Nathan Liu, and Gillian Wong

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This fund was started by Mr. Tong to help those, who like him, may have come from humble beginnings but go on to achieve great educational and personal success. Mr. and Mrs. Tong were residents of Chicago's Chinatown - Mr. Tong's family lived next door to St. Therese Church! Mr. Tong was a champion of Asian American causes and actively participated in civic and professional organizations.



Mandy Luo, Yuna Wong, Roberto Gramajo, Sophia Hu, and Lukas Leung