



# ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate

聖德肋撒堂區 總教區華人牧靈中心

**December 31, 2023**  
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH**



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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 up friendship with one another and with Jesus.

**Who:** Youth in grades 6-12

**When:** Saturdays after the 5pm Vigil Mass until 7 pm

Saturday, January 13

Saturday, February 3

Saturday, March 2

**Where:** St. Barbara Worship Site

Contact Mr. Chariker with questions  
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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. 30th Vigil | The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph**

5:00 p.m. 7 Yr. Wedding Anniv: Geoff & Norah Pienta by Bette Pienta  
+ Birthday Remembrance for Vince Briglio by Wife & Children

#### **Sunday, Dec. 31st | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

6:00 a.m. + Wally Gusich by Janet Ropke  
+ Deceased Members of the Gusich Family by Janet Ropke  
+ Maharda Maffea by Janet Ropke  
+ Joseph Frasco by Janet Ropke  
+ Members of the Bertucci & Ropke Families by Janet Ropke  
+ Ronald Ropke by Janet Ropke  
+ Dorothy Kawalerski by David & Ruth Czarnecki  
9:30 a.m. + Andrew Nawracaj by Stan Nawracaj & Family  
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family

#### **Monday, Jan. 1st | The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord / Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

9:30 a.m. Health Blessings for Judy Maz by Aunt Rose  
Prayers for God's Blessings for 2024 by Saludo Family

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 2nd | Saint Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors**

8:00 a.m. + Irene Zima by J. Lukwinski

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

8:00 a.m. + Carole Meyers by Family

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

8:00 a.m. + All Souls Day Remembrance

#### **Saturday, Jan. 6th Vigil | The Epiphany of the Lord**

5:00 p.m. God's Will Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven by Kisielente Family  
Health Blessings for Larry Noga by Aunt Rose  
+ James Roti, Birthday Remembrance by Marion Rot

#### **Sunday, Jan. 7th | The Epiphany of the Lord**

6:00 a.m. +  
9:30 a.m. +

### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

#### **St. Barbara - Saturday, Jan. 6th:**

**5p.m.** Lectors: E. Pollock, W. Podrazik  
Eucharistic Minister: A. Skokal

#### **Sunday, Jan. 7th:**

**6a.m.** Lector: J. Bertucci  
Eucharistic Minister: G. Vanderford  
**9:30 a.m.** Lectors: B. Hudren, Sr. K. McNulty  
Eucharistic Minister: A. Alonzo

### St. Therese Worship Site

#### **Sunday, Dec. 31st | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00 a.m. + Rocco Roti, Birthday Remembrance by Marion Roti  
+ Bernadette Zito by Rena & Joe  
10:30 a.m. Health Blessings for Jian Guoxin by Jean Wu  
+ Marilyn Leung by Lilly Subunnonone  
+ June Moy by Ricky Yong  
+ Ho Kuan Yuen by Jennifer Sin & Jacob Mellor

5:00 p.m. Blessings for Benefactors & Parishioners

#### **Monday, Jan. 1st | The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord / Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

10:00 a.m. + Joseph D'Amico by Joe & Rena  
+ Manuel Hugo Moreno by Lonnie & Phil Lee  
+ Mary Brebis by Lonnie & Phil Lee

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

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors & Parishioners  
+ Bernie Wong by Friend

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

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors & Parishioners  
+ Florence Yu by Friend

*"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand.  
The coming of Jesus at Bethlehem brought joy to the world and to every human heart. may His coming this Christmas bring to each one of us that peace and joy that He desires to give."*

*~ St. Mother Teresa*

#### **St. Therese - Sunday, Jan. 7th:**

**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: TBA

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Wing (Altar) Jade (Choir)  
**St. Michael Ministry:** Peter



## THANKS and Congratulations!



Thanks to all who helped with our Christmas celebrations: the music ministers did a great job to lead us in songs, the decoration team did an amazing job to beautify our Churches, and all other liturgical ministers did a wonderful job too. Our

parish has been blessed by their faith, dedication and love. We thank them all!!

## Praying & Working for PEACE



Fr. Francis Li  
PASTOR



If you didn't get a chance to pick up a copy of the book titled, *Beautiful Eucharist* on Christmas, please feel free to do so this weekend. After you read it, consider sharing it with family members or another person you think he/she might be interested.

As we end the year 2023 and look forward to the year 2024, we thank God for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us and we

beg for the good Lord to increase God's peace and love in our human family in the New Year. Pope Francis in his **World Day of Peace** message offers his fervent wish for peace, calls all responsible parties to use science and technology as a path to peace, and cautions the risk of the artificial intelligence to our human family as well as its promises. We must help to put an end to wars and conflicts, and alleviate many forms of suffering that afflict our human family.

In preparation for the jubilee year of 2025, Pope Francis announced the year 2024 is a year of prayer. **"I wanted next year, in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee, to be entirely dedicated to prayer. Next year (2024) will be dedicated to prayer".**

*Wish you and your loved ones a healthy and peaceful Year of 2024! Peace ~ Fr. Francis*

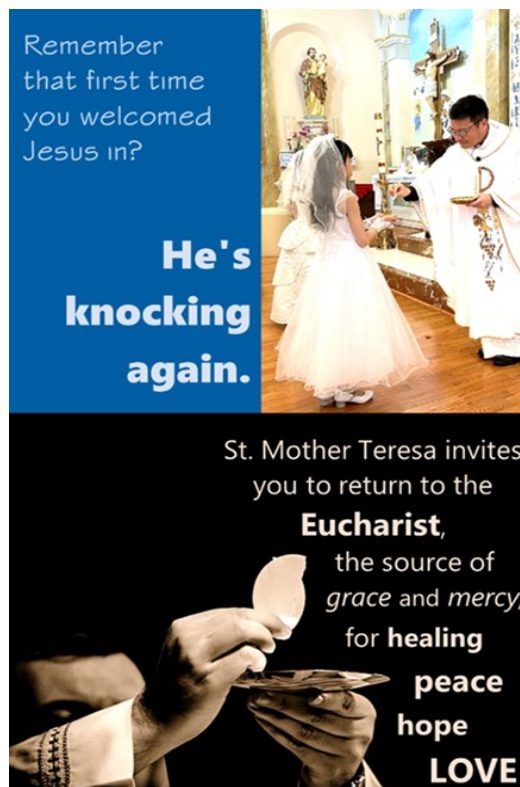


Thanks to **Bruno Caruso** for donating all the Christmas poinsettias, trees, garlands and wreaths to our churches and thanks also to **Bill Parelli** and **Jim Vittori** along with Bruno's beloved dog for assisting Bruno in delivering them to us.

Thanks to **Raymond Lin** for getting thousands of paper cups and chopsticks donated to our churches! Thanks also to **Chris Lowe** for helping him to deliver them to us.



Congratulations to **Rhedintza Audryna and Nicholas Yuwono**! They celebrated their sacrament of marriage before last week at St. Barbara Church. We wish them well in their married life and assure them of our prayers.



Remember that first time you welcomed Jesus in?

**He's knocking again.**

St. Mother Teresa invites you to return to the

**Eucharist,**

the source of grace and mercy, for healing

**peace**

**hope**

**LOVE**

## CHRISTMAS DONATIONS 2023

**St. Barbara-site Christmas donations as of  
12/27/2023. Thank YOU to all who donated!**

Yolanda Bobadilla	\$50	Maria Balutr	\$50
Maria Rolon	\$25	Mr & Mrs David Czarnecki	\$50
Unreadable	\$5	John & Karen Zovko	\$50
Judith Zarzuela	\$125	Steve Vazzana	\$6
Matt & Judy Dalcamo	\$200	Tina Vazzana	\$6
Phil Dalcamo	\$100	Paula Schipiour	\$20
Ronald Kash	\$100	Martin Sanchez	\$10
Stanley J. Rzasa	\$100	Mr & Mrs Cesar Medrano	\$30
Barbara Rekar	\$100	Grace Dumelle	\$25
Elizabeth & Javier Rosado	\$5	John Allan	\$25
Rose Lavelle	\$25	Tracy Jasas	\$25
Emmanuele King	\$20	Mr & Mrs Jose Perez	\$100
J & G Arellano	\$60	Walter Podrazik	\$50
Wladyslawa Lazowski	\$200	Louis Vittori	\$50
Larion Panasky	\$100	Gerard & Darlene Chan	\$300
Eugenia Krzyzanski	\$100	Bernard Krygowski	\$100
Barbara Ziemba	\$25	Archbishop Quigley Council	
Peter & Tia Rivera	\$30	2428 Knights of Columbus	\$100
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Moon	\$60	Mr & Mrs John Arellano	\$15
The Lee Family	\$200	Peter Chan	\$20
Barbara Rekar	\$200	Mr & Mrs George Vanderford	\$30
Raymond Smolinski	\$5	Mr & Mrs Matthew Rodriguez	\$5
Raymond & Margaret Murphy	\$100	Maria Socorro Gauardo	\$5
Carol Spalla Malone	\$150	Elizabeth & Javier Rosado	\$20
Jesus & Susan Salinas	\$75	Christine Kisielente	\$500
James Petrovich	\$10	Mr & Mrs Ed Jalowiec	\$500
Anonymous	\$1,300	Christine Krupa	\$100
Carl DiFranco	\$250	Rose Stronczek	\$100
Gina Ciaccia	\$75	Robert & Adrienne Kowalsky	\$50
Adeline Skokal	\$200	Mr & Mrs Leroy Szczepanski	\$50
Elaine Pusateri	\$100	Mr & Mrs Jake Yan	\$100
Cheryl Sokolowski	\$100	Rodrigo Gomez Jurado	\$100
Mr & Mrs Ron Gortowski	\$270	Mr & Mrs Billy Carden	\$100
Maryann Januszewski	\$300	Eileen & Raymond Chin	\$1000
Mr & Mrs Cruz	\$30		
Bernadette Glabicki	\$200		
Henry Diaz De Leon	\$50		
Elizabeth Pienta	\$150		
Dolores Becatti	\$100		
Walter Furmanek	\$25		
Mr & Mrs Patrick Saletta	\$75		
Mr & Mrs Ronald Szczesniak	\$500		
Barbara Hudren	\$150		
Diane Rzasa	\$220		
Mr & Mrs Dgary Solverson	\$30		
Jeffrey Spaargaren	\$40		
Marilyn Rzasa	\$245		
Mr & Mrs Tom Groark	\$25		
Mr & Mrs Emmanuel King	\$20		
Gloria Paradiso	\$20		
Donna Jean Schultz	\$20		
Pat Camione	\$25		
Ruth Davidson	\$7		
Ray Okoniewski	\$50		
Nenita Feliciano	\$115		
Joseph O'Connor	\$100		
Mr & Mrs Michael Vicario	\$100		
James & Christine Bertucci	\$200		
Johnny Bertucci	\$25		

**St. Barbara Church Total as of  
12/27/2023: \$10,999**

**St. Therese-site Christmas donations as of  
12/27/2023. Thank YOU to all who donated!**

Deacon Ignatius Paul Spalla	\$1000
Lily & Richard May	\$1000
Wilfred Chan	\$3000
Laurence & Theresa Wong	\$200
Corwin & Luanne Eng	\$200
Salvatore Covelli	\$50
Anonymous	\$300
Anonymous	\$104
Catherine Chang	\$100
Anthony Fratto	\$100
Shiu-Mei Sim	\$100
Douglas Huey	\$50
Joe & Carol Marzullo	\$25
Rosetta Palumbo	\$15
Nora Gonzalez	\$200
Rosemarie Centofanti	\$100
Francine Caruso	\$50
Katharina & Budi Kusnoto	\$1000
Hong Aninta	\$50
Joseph & Rena Zito	\$600
Tom Chan	\$75
Thereas Latham	\$100
Therese Vallina	\$50
Helen Distasio	\$50
Robert Alonzo	\$10
Paul Laura	\$25
Michael A. Madia	\$25
Mananne Cibulka	\$20
Rose Lee	\$100
Gemma Wong	\$100
Wing F Chan	\$100
Irene F. Lee	\$50
Monica Lam	\$100
Katherine Moy	\$100
Anonymous	\$200
Shile Chen	\$100
Teresa Moy	\$100
Peter Tse	\$200
Michael & Wanda Jordan	\$250
Marion Roti	\$100
Janice & Brian Chow	\$200
Cindy Fung Kam Oi	\$500
Shao-Chen Lin	\$35
Wendy Sin & Pat Culen	\$300
Linda & Willis Weiler	\$300
Lucille Salerno	\$100
Lawrence Pusateri	\$500
Herman Lew	\$50
Rita Co	\$10
Mary Nudo	\$100
Ruth Williamson	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Vinci	\$50
Ellen & Nick Andriacchi	\$500
Mei Ling	\$100
Peter Delich Family	\$100
Richard & Mary Lou	\$25
James Distasio	\$300
Mr. & Mrs. George Bonomo	\$50
Vivian Wong	\$100
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lee	\$10
Michael & Elizabeth Velten	\$100
Marlyn Lee	\$75
Miulan Yau	\$100
Rosalind Toy	\$25
Nancy Longmire	\$50
Rose Marie Centofanti	\$100



**St. Therese-site Christmas donations as of  
12/27/2023. Thank YOU to all who donated**

Carol Spalla	\$125
Sophie Nardi	\$100
Paul Lau	\$1000
Chuck Lee	\$200
Nancy & Steve Wong	\$200
Chung Chan	\$25
Martin Yuen	\$50
Joe DiFazio	\$200
Suet Chun	\$10
Simon Condic	\$50
Eleanor He Family	\$200
Casey Family	\$25
Fung Family	\$60
Catherine Chan	\$50
Anonymous	\$200
Sam Ng	\$50
Mr. Mrs. James Chin	\$500
David Wong	\$50
Thomas Lam	\$100
Jeannie Hui	\$100
Chi-Ing Li	\$3000
Scarlate Family	\$200
Yu Chen	\$75
Cameron & Kalina Pon	\$300
Bun Hung Lai	\$100
Stephen Saleui	\$150
Albert Moy	\$200
Marian Woo & Vincent Torrez	\$100
Linda Myers	\$150
Peter Tse	\$20
Kun Cheong	\$10
Edward Jung	\$200
Janet Moy	\$50
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Degnan	\$100
Earl Hokens	\$120
Marie Chan	\$100
William Barshop	\$50
Gene & Teresa Lee	\$300
Margaret Moy	\$100
Larry Pusateri	\$20
Michael Chan	\$100
Joseph & Naomi Lowe	\$200
Gertrude Chan	\$100
Jennifer Sin	\$200
Andy Toy & Family	\$20
Pon	\$40
Patricia Lee	\$125
Edy & Lisa Gunawan	\$150
Jerome & Wendy Fluder	\$150
Paul Pham	\$50
Sevila Schimi & Family	\$500
Al H. & Amanda Schwarz	\$250
Victor Leong	\$4000
Roberto Garibay & Family	\$202
Ricky Yong	\$400
Lucy Moy	\$50
John & Sheila Lin	\$200
Raymond Lin	\$200
Anonymous	\$3000
Janet Frechteau	\$500
Carl DiFranco	\$250
Teresa Au	\$50
Van Nguyen	\$100
Loose Cash	\$790

**St. Therese Church Total as of  
12/27/2023: \$35,907**

# news and events

## JANUARY

**Upcoming Special  
Events & Schedule**

**Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionary of  
Charity:** 4pm-5pm Street Rosary and 5pm-6pm Adora-  
tion at St. Therese Church. All are welcome.

**Good Shepherd Catechism** for Children ages 3 to 7  
years on Sundays at 10:30am at St. Therese

**Jan. 1---**9:30am Mass at St. Barbara  
10am Mass at St. Therese

**Jan. 2---**Parish Office Closed

**Jan. 4---**St. Therese School Resumes.

**Jan. 5---**Holy Hour with Benediction immediately after  
the 8am Mass

**Jan. 6---**Anointing of the Sick during the 8 am Mass at  
St. Barbara Chapel

3pm Evangelization Meeting at St. Mother Teresa Hall

**Jan. 7----**10:30am Cantonese Mass Followed by Can-  
tonese Alpha

11:30am Indonesian Mass at St. Barbara Church

**Jan. 8---**9:30am Blessing of Doors at St. Therese  
School

6:30pm Living Well Meeting at St. Therese

**Jan. 12---**12:45pm Staff Meeting  
7pm Holy Name Gathering

**Jan. 13---**5pm Mass Followed by Youth Ministry in the  
Gym

**Jan. 14---**9:30am Family Mass with Blessing of Mar-  
riage Followed by Reception & Open Gym

**Jan. 15----**No School

**Jan. 17---**12pm Vicariate Meeting at St. Barbara

**Jan. 20---**5pm Mass Followed by English Alpha

**Jan. 21---**10:30am Family Mass with Blessing of  
Marriage

**Jan. 22----**6:30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at  
St. Mother Teresa Hall

**Jan. 24---**6:30pm Liturgy Meeting at St. Mother Teresa  
Hall

**Jan. 25---**10am Archdiocese Priests' Day

**Jan. 28----**12:30pm Mandarin Mass Followed by Faith  
Sharing

Annual 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Church in Latin American at  
all Masses

**Jan. 29---**Catholic School's Week

6:30pm Finance Council Meeting

**Jan. 31---**1pm All School Mass at St. Therese

### HOLY NAME NEWS

The next Holy Name meeting is January 12, 2024. All men 18  
and older are welcome to meet at 7pm at the SBC mobile unit  
in the north parking lot for a great meal and social gathering.  
Tickets for Split the Pot, 100 Club & Queen of Hearts are  
available from Holy Name members and in the back of  
church at the St. Barbara site.

**2024 English Calendars** are available at the Church en-  
trance tables. Please pick up as many as you want and feel  
free to share it with neighbors and friends

**2024 Chinese Calendars** are available at St. Therese  
Church.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION—DECEMBER 17, 2023

### St. Barbara

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,295.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 333.00
Give Central	\$ 497.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,125.00</b>

#### YTD      Weekly

Actual	\$ 50,101.00	\$ 2,125.00
Goal	\$ 70,200.00	\$ 2,700.00
% of Goal	71%	79%

	\$	
	\$	

### St. Therese

\$ 995.00
\$ 576.00
\$ 802.00
<b>\$ 2,373.00</b>

#### YTD      Weekly

\$ 55,871.00	\$ 2,273.00
\$ 70,200.00	\$ 2,700.00
80%	88%

\$	
\$	

**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) **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, 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, 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, Rose Kisielowski, Anna Kolendo, Christine Krupa, 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, 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, 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 Setter, 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 Williamson, Bai Xue, Ching Shiu Yau, Lan Ying Yee, Ramona Zavala, Susan Zibricky, Sonny Furmanek, Juliana, 蔡宏恩, Kate Lynch, Josephine Laco, Dolores Becatti, Michele Young, Charles Corbett, Rick Deleon, Shirley Mendoza, Gary Leverence, Diane Rzasa, MingYing Liu, FanYa Zhang, Diana Cardinal, Karen Zovko, Darlene Phillips Smith, Ella Dover, Jian GuoXin, Louis Phillips, Jeffrey Fockler

**\*\*\*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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**Youth Ministry:** Mr. & Mrs. Nick & Ellen Andriacchi  
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**Cantonese OCIA:** Mr. Perry Lau  
**Mandarin OCIA:** HanFei Chan  
**Formation & Ministry of Care:** Sr. Mary Caritas Wehrman  
**Chinese Apostolate:** Ms. Jing Zhang  
**Parish Pastoral Council Chairs:**  
Mr. George Lee & Mrs. Sharon Wong & Mr. George Vanderford

## St. Barbara Church

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## St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church

### 聖德力華人天主教堂

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**Office Hours:** Mon., Tue., Wed., and Fri.: 9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. . The office is closed on Thur., Sat., and Sun.

**Website:** <https://www.stmothertereseparish.org>

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## St. Therese Chinese Catholic School

### 聖德力華人天主教學校

*A 2010 & 2018 National Blue Ribbon School*

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## St. Barbara Campus

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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.

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## GOD'S DIVINE ARRANGEMENTS by Roberta Cheong

After Mass on Christmas Eve, I went to brunch with my dad. When I entered the restaurant, I saw someone whom I recognized from St. Therese Church. I haven't seen him at church in 5 years and even then, he was not a frequent Mass attendee. When I was being seated by the hostess, I gave him a friendly smile and enthusiastic wave "Hi!" as I walked past him. During my meal, he came over to me and said, "Hi! I didn't know you come here." I replied, "Yeah, I haven't seen you in a while. You used to go to St. Therese." He said, "I've been working all the time." I said, "Well you don't have to work on Christmas Day, do you?" He said, "No..." I said, "Well why don't you come to Mass tomorrow at 10:30?" He replied, "Oh it's at 10:30? I always thought it was at 9." Then I told him about our two parishes, and we shared more details with each other about our lives.

At the end of our cordial conversation, I invited him again to Mass, and he said, "OK." When recounting the incident to my mother later, she said, "Well let's see if he actually shows up tomorrow."

I prayed for him afterward. On Christmas morning, he really DID come to Mass at St. Therese!

☺ It was so obvious to me that God had arranged that divine meeting between us at the restaurant the day before and placed me there to invite him back to Mass. In fact, *everyone* we meet in life is a divine arrangement by God meant for us to bring Christ and His Gospel to them in some way. There are no coincidences.

Remember, the evangelization model is **Ask—Listen—Befriend—Proclaim the Gospel—Invite**.

## GOD'S HOLY FAMILY by Fr. John Cuff

A teacher was teaching his Sunday school kids The importance of family and things that money can't buy. "Money can't buy laughter and it can't buy love," he said. To illustrate he said, "What would you do if I offered you \$1,000 not to love your mother and father?" The whole class fell silent. Finally, a small voice asked, "How much would you give me not to love my big sister?" Yes, it's easier to love vertically than to love horizontally. Love between parents and children or between grand-parents and grand-children comes more easily to us than the love between siblings.

St. John's First Epistle reminds us of the need to love one another since we're all children of the one family of God. Usually, in speaking of the "Holy Family" (capital letters), we think of the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. But there's another "holy family" (small letters), namely, the larger family of God, made up of all who call God their Father: the family of the children of God. John goes on to speak of the great mystery of God's love which has made us so: **"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are...Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when He is revealed, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is."**

Thus, two things become clear: we're God's children now, and on the Last Day, we'll become like God. Which tells us that as children of God, we're family. Not that we should be or will be family in future; no, we're family now. In celebrating today's Feast of the Holy Family, we proclaim ourselves to be God's children, which makes us too a "holy family." Then having established what we *are*, God's children, John goes on to point out how we *should act*. Being children of God brings a twofold responsibility, love of God and love of neighbor. As believers, we are God's children, His family, but we still have the choice to be true or false members of this family. True children of God are those who strive to live by the twofold commandment of love of God and love of neighbor. Here again we see the two dimensions, vertical and horizontal. The vertical dimension, as we said, appears to be the easier one. It's easy to proclaim our faith in God and protest our love of God in pious hymns and prayers. But the real test for the authenticity of our faith lies in the horizontal dimension: How do we measure up in terms of practical love of family members, our parish, and our neighbors, those outside home and parish, but still deserving of our love. And by showing our love for those at home and in our parish, we can lead them to see in us the Holy Family of God that we say we are.



This Christmastide, we invite you to meditate on Scott Soper's message in *Child of the Poor*, which will be sung at this week's 10:30am mass. Christ came as a commoner because He is God truly *with us*. Today, He asks us to still see Him in every child of the poor.

Helpless and hungry,  
lowly,  
afraid,  
wrapped in the chill of midwinter;  
comes now among us,  
born into poverty's embrace,  
new life for the world.

Who is this  
who lives with the lowly,  
sharing their sorrows,  
knowing their hunger?  
This is **Christ**,  
revealed to the world  
in the eyes of a child,  
a child of the poor.

Who is the stranger here in our midst,  
looking for shelter among us?  
Who is the outcast?  
Who do we see amid the poor,  
the children of God?

Bring all the thirsty,  
all who seek peace;  
Bring those with nothing to offer.  
Strengthen the feeble,  
Say to the frightened heart:  
"Fear not: HERE is your GOD."

## RESPECT LIFE

The Mission of Jesus' Followers – Before Jesus came to start his mission to save us from sin, John the Baptist was designated "*the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord'*" (Jn 1:23). The Gospel of Luke described his mission: "He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb, and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord" (Lk 1:15-17). As followers of our Lord, our role in a way is similar to John the Baptist. We are called to live out Jesus' teachings and commands, to speak the truth, to be his witness in our daily life, and to love others as our own selves. To show our love for him, we are merciful, slow to judge others but apt to forgive; we speak and defend the vulnerable; we give alms to the needy; we visit and comfort the imprisoned... and in short, we live and love as he taught his disciples when on earth. Consequently, we pray that our Lord will also draw more souls toward himself through us.

**Let's Pray the Rosary** – Our Blessed Mother, through her six apparitions at Fatima, has consistently emphasized the importance of praying the Rosary as a solution to the challenges our world faces. America Needs Fatima, [americanneedsfatima.org](http://americanneedsfatima.org), is an organization dedicated to spreading the message of Fatima and, more specifically, the power of the Holy Rosary. They firmly believe that the Rosary is the answer to the moral troubles facing America. Their Director Robert E. Ritchie recently wrote: "We cannot pretend that we in America do not live in a post-Christian culture," "The rise of secularism and atheism has promoted the idea that individuals are free to live their lives without regard to God or morality," and "The legalization of abortion and same-sex 'marriage' has undermined the institution of marriage and the traditional family structure" (12/11/23 letter to subscribers). We agree. Let us commit to recite the Rosary as often as possible, and support the crusade to spread the Rosary to every corner in our nation.

**Prayers at the End of the Year** – Here are two suggestions:

[A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life | USCCB](#), and [Prayer for Radical Solidarity | Respect Life](#).

**We ask St. Joseph, who has faithfully cared for and protected Jesus and Mary, to help us faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened; and we pray our Blessed Mother, by her example of radical solidarity, to teach us to reference and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations.**

**Quote** – "Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things." — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "[A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life](#)", **Our Prayer** – For all families: As the domestic Church, may they pursue holiness, pass on the faith, and persevere in love; **We pray to the Lord**