



ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate

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July 31, 2022
Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



**PLEASE COME OUT TO SUPPORT OUR
PARISH'S SUMMER FAIR BOOTH TODAY
THERE IS STILL TIME TO SUPPORT
OUR 50/50 RAFFLE for \$10 each.
THANK YOU!**

ANNUAL CHINATOWN SUMMER FAIR JULY 30 - 31, 2022 ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH @ ST. THERESE CHURCH

This is our parish's biggest event of the year--not only financially, but in terms of our presence in Chinatown and promotion of the church to all visitors.

This event would not be possible without your help and support!

St. Mother Teresa Summer Fair Committee:

Chris Lowe - chris@chrislowe.us

Naomi Lowe - nchanlowe@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PLEASE EMAIL US OR SIGN UP AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE IF YOU CAN HELP OUT ON EITHER OR BOTH DAYS WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Saturday 7/30/2022 and Sunday 7/31/2022

8:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Set up and food prep

10:30 AM to 2:00 PM/2:00 PM to 5:30 PM shifts -
Food booth (food prep, grillers, cashiers, packers, runners)
Activity booths (helpers for Ministry and Church Tours)

5:00PM - Clean up

Donations and Booth Sponsors are also needed. Please contact us if you would like to sponsor a booth.

50/50 Raffle Tickets are available for \$10. Purchase from: St. Therese and St. Barbara offices

Sat 5pm: Cheryl Sokolowski

Sun 6am: Jim Bertucci & Jane Kryzanski

Sun 8am: Naomi Lowe

Sun 9:30am: Ruth Davidson & Jeff Spaargaren

Sun 10:30am: Marian Woo Torrez, Gemma Wong, Linda Leong, Darlene Chan-Lowe, & Corwin Eng

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, July 30th Vigil | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente Family

Sunday, July 31st | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Ray Smolinski

9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family
+ Teresita Holcomb by King family
+ Birthday Remembrance: Stan Leverage by Son Gary
+ Mickey Spaargaren by St Barbara Holy Name Society

Tuesday, Aug. 2nd | Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

8:00 a.m. + Art Latham by Theresa Latham
+ Birthday Remembrance for Lois Payton by Sister Caritas
+ Bill Bartkowski by B. Glabicki

Thursday, Aug. 4th | Saint John Vianney, Priest

8:00 a.m. + Chester Tobinski by B. Glabicki

Saturday, Aug. 6th | The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Remembrance

Saturday, Aug. 6th Vigil | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente Family
+ Joseph & Francis Mierzwinski by Paula Samipnur
+ Bill Beyer by B Glabicki

Sunday, Aug. 7th | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Stanley Slotarski by Family
9:30 a.m. + Teresita Holcomb by King Family
+ Bernie Chwalisz by B. Glabicki
+ Laura Bocian by B. Glabicki



We pray for Ukraine and Russia and for all our brothers and sisters living in fear and for all victims of war. Lord, Raise up peacemakers, so that violence and war can end.

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, July 31st | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. + Cecilia Sun by Family
10:30 a.m. + Lois Payton by Darlene & Chris
+ Li Jian Shao by Jade

Monday, Aug. 1st | Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. + Anne Parulski by Mr. & Mrs. Stan Nawracaj

Wednesday, Aug. 3rd | Weekday

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

Friday, Aug. 5th | Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Ann Marie Maffiola Nabor by Rosetta Palumbo
+ Nathaniel W. Hicks by Family
+ Therese Ryan Lee by Darlene
+ Deceased Members of Krygowski Family by Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara

Saturday, Aug. 6th:

5p.m. Lectors: L. Saletta, P. Saletta
Eucharistic Minister: A. Skokal

Sunday, Aug. 7th:

6a.m. Lectors: J. Bertucci
Eucharistic Minister: J. Balasa
9:30 a.m. Lectors: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo, III
Eucharistic Minister: A. Alonzo

St. Therese

Sunday, Aug. 7th:

8a.m. Greeters: N. Lowe, J. Lowe
Lectors: A. Romallosa
St. Michael Ministry: Chris
10:30 a.m. Greeters: C. Lee, J. Yee, D. Lowe
Lectors: Cantonese
Eucharistic Ministers: Sheila (Altar) (Choir)
St. Michael Ministry: Earl



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Teresa He** who was baptized last Sunday at St. Therese Church. Teresa is the daughter of Haber

He and Jean Hou, Goddaughter of Jason Lin and Jing Zhang. We rejoice with Teresa and her family and assure them of our prayers.



Fr. Francis Li
PASTOR

What Matters to God

Today's readings speak about "vanity" and the danger of being "rich." It's human nature to be greedy. This is why greed is one of the 7 deadly sins according to *the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)*. Greed is also known as Avarice and it can be described as follows based on CCC.

AVARICE:(from Latin *avarus*, "greedy"; "to crave") is the inordinate love for riches. Its special malice, broadly speaking, lies in that it makes the getting and keeping of money, possessions, and the like, a purpose in itself to live for. It does not see that these things are valuable only as instruments for the conduct of a rational and harmonious life, due regard being paid of course to the special social condition in which one is placed. It is called a capital vice because through it many other sins are committed. It is more to be dreaded in that it often cloaks itself as a virtue, or insinuates itself under the pretext of making a decent provision for the future. In so far as avarice is an incentive to injustice in acquiring and retaining of wealth, it is frequently a grievous sin. In itself, however, and in so far as it implies simply an excessive desire of, or pleasure in, riches, it is commonly not a mortal sin.

The virtue to combat avarice is generosity, our willingness to generously share our gifts with others, particularly the poor. Generosity is one of the hallmarks of discipleship. When interviewed with *the Catholic News Service* on the topic of being happy, Pope Francis named 10 steps and generosity as one of the necessary virtues of being happy. I share the 10 steps below for your reflection.

1. ***"Live and let live."***
2. ***"Be giving of yourself to others."***
3. ***"Proceed calmly" in life.***
4. ***Have "a healthy sense of leisure."***
5. ***"Sundays should be holidays." Spend Sundays with family and friends.***
6. ***"Create dignified jobs for young people."***
7. ***"Respect and take care of nature."***
8. ***"Stop being negative."***
9. ***"Respect others' beliefs."***
10. ***"Work for peace."***

Finally we thank all of our generous volunteers for helping with this year's Summer Fair. We also warmly welcome all of our visitors and supporters to our parish's fundraiser. Please extend our St. Mother Teresa's hospitality to our visitors.

Peace, Fr. Francis

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國語和廣東話避靜—8月6日和7日，2022年

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主題：

聖女小德蘭的靈修和福傳



主講人：曾慶導神父



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- * 在香港念完中學後移民美國，大學時主修微生物學，獲生物學碩士。
- * 在加州柏克萊耶穌會神學院獲靈修學碩士。
- * 美國波士頓威士頓耶穌會神學院信理神學博士。
- * 著名作家。
- * 現任台灣輔仁聖博敏神學院教授。

時間表：

8月6日 - 國語：上午10：30 - 下午4：30

上午10：30 - 12：00 第一講座

下午12：00 - 12：45 午餐

下午12：45 - 1：45 第二講座

下午2：00 - 3：00 第三講座

下午3：00 - 3：45 告解聖事

下午4：00 國語彌撒

8月7日 - 廣東話：上午10：30 - 下午3：30

上午10：30 粵語彌撒

上午11：45 - 12：30 第一講座

下午12：30 - 1：00 午餐

下午1：00 - 1：45 第二講座

下午2：00 - 2：45 第三講座

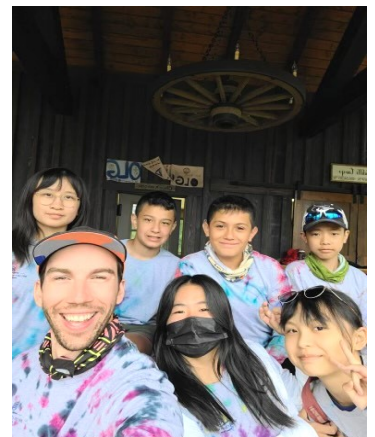
下午3：00 - 3：30 告解聖事

RSVP by 8月3日： 312-842-6777 or 312-842-7979 or office@stmotherteresaparish.org

SUMMER SCHOOL NEWS!

St Therese students attended the Staddle Camp at Brush Creek Ranch in Wyoming. These rising 7th graders had a 6 day stay where they explored new adventures and discovered the great outdoors in this science focused academic experience.

Thank you to the
Big Shoulders Fund
for this amazing
program !



news and events

Special Events and Schedule for August and September:

Aug. 5th---**First Friday Devotion** at 7pm at St. Therese
Aug. 6th--8am **Healing Mass** at St. Barbara Chapel

*Mandarin Retreat: Sat. Aug. 6th

*Cantonese Retreat: Sunday Aug. 7th

*St. Rocco Novena: Saturday, Aug. 13th at 7:30pm

***St. Rocco Feast will be at 10:30am mass on Sunday, Aug. 14th. The 8am and 10:30am Regular Masses on that Sunday at St. Therese Church will be combined to a 9am mass.**

*Masses on the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, Aug. 15th: 8am at St. Therese and 7pm at St. Barbara.

*School Starts on Monday, Aug. 22nd.

***Feast of St. Mother Teresa will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 4th at the 9:30am mass at St. Barbara and on Monday, Sept. 5th at a 6pm mass at St. Therese. There will be no 8am mass on Monday, Sept. 5th.**

***SMI Feast will be on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 11am. The regular 8am and 10:30am masses on that Sunday will be combined to a 9am mass at St. Therese.**

*Annual Leadership Day will be on Saturday, Sept. 17th.

*Catechetical Sunday and Back to School Bash: Sunday, Sept. 18th

*The 2nd Gathering for the Living-Well Series: Friday, Sept. 23rd

CHOIR CORNER NEWS!

There will be a **choir rehearsal at St. Barbara on Tuesday, August 2, at 7pm** to prepare for upcoming Sunday Masses, as well as Assumption (8/15) and St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day (9/5). For additional information please contact Sabina at slilly@archchicago.org. Parish choristers from both sites are invited to attend!

Save the dates, parish musicians from both worship sites!

•**Sunday, August 7:** Parish Musician Luncheon at St. Barbara, 12–2pm (details below)

•**Sunday, August 14 (St. Rocco Feast Day altered schedule):** 9am combined choir Mass at St. Therese; St. Barbara choir encouraged to participate

•**Monday, August 15 (Assumption):** 7pm combined choir Mass at St. Barbara

•**Monday, September 5:** 6pm St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day Mass at St. Therese

Let your voice be heard at the **Parish Musician Luncheon on Sunday, August 7, 12pm–2pm, at St. Barbara Lower Hall!** We welcome current music ministry members, inactive members, and those interested in getting involved to join us. Sabina will outline a vision for Parish music going forward, then attendees will have an opportunity to share their thoughts, followed by a meal and



fellowship. **RSVP to Sabina by Monday, August 1,** in person or at slilly@archchicago.org. Please include any dietary restrictions.

***Read the bulletin each week to stay up to date on parish music events and rehearsal schedules!**

HOLY NAME NEWS

Holy Name invites all men 18 yrs. old and up to a gourmet meal on August 12th in the mobile unit at St. Barbara site at 7pm. Come, enjoy, socialize with other men of our community and discuss items of concern in the community.



RESPECT LIFE

Quote – “A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child. Following Mary’s example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.” — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Called to Serve Moms in Need.”

Our Prayer – For women who are unexpectedly pregnant: May they be filled with trust in God’s providence and lovingly welcome the gift of their child; *We pray to the Lord:*

Wedding Banns:

Michelle Lee & XuXuan Liu

St. Mother Teresa Of Calcutta Parish Prayer For Peace

Schedule: Saturday 4:30 pm
- Rosary Prayer for Peace
Sunday after 9:30 am Mass
- Divine Mercy Chaplet and
A Peace Prayer

Location: St. Barbara Church 聖芭芭拉教堂
2859 S Throop St
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Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity

Time: 4pm - 5pm: Rosary on the Streets
5pm - 6pm: Holy Hour

Location: St. Therese Church
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

WEEKLY COLLECTION - July 24th, 2022

St. Barbara

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3,090.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 390.00
Give Central	\$ 407.00
Total Collection	\$ 3,887.00

YTD Weekly

Actual	\$ 10,368.00	\$ 3,887.00
Goal	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 2,700.00
% of Goal	96%	144%

Votives and Vigil Lights	\$
	\$

St. Therese

\$ 875.00
\$ 231.00
\$ 746.00
\$ 1,870.00

YTD Weekly

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90%	69%

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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 or

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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,, 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, Lynette Heidemann, Jasmine Henson, Barbara Herr, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michael-ine 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, 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, Jimmy Distasio, MAD & Rose Marie Donato, Mark Donato, Mia Rose Faciana, Kerry Fluder, 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, 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, Jimmy Distasio, Kate Lynch, Josephine Laco, Dolores Becatti, Michele Young

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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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THE DANGER OF GREED by Fr. John Cuff

A famous preacher noticed a woman in the congregation who began to weep as soon as he began preaching; thinking he had touched her heart he began to preach with even greater intensity. The more he preached, the more the woman cried. Finally, the sermon over, it was time to give testimonies. The preacher pointed to the woman and said, "Sister, I see you were mightily moved as we proclaimed the Word of God. Please come up and share with us what it was that touched you so much." The woman hesitated, but he insisted so she came up to the microphone. "You see," she began, "last year I lost my billy-goat, the most precious thing I had in the world; I cried so much over it and then forgot about it. But as soon as you came out to preach and I saw your goatee, it reminded me of my goat; I still cry whenever I remember him." The congregation roared. She hadn't remembered one word of what the preacher said; you can imagine his chagrin.

This incident recalls the man in today's Gospel who asks Jesus to make his brother give him his share of the family inheritance. Jesus too must have felt disappointed that after all his preaching, the man's first concern was getting his share of his inheritance. Just like the woman in the story who was brooding over her lost goat while the words of life were falling on deaf ears, this man also could probably not recall one word of what Jesus said. It's at

this point that Jesus, fearing there could be others like him in the crowd, turns and says to them, **"Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."**

He then tells the Parable of the Rich Fool, whom Jesus sees as an illustration of greed, not because he of anything he did wrong, but what he did not do--- become rich in the sight of God. In today's Gospel, God calls him a fool. Rightfully seeking for security for the future, he does not look far enough into the future beyond the inevitable fact of death, to a security that only God can guarantee. Thus, Jesus disapproves of this man, calling him greedy, even a fool: "So it is with everyone who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich in the sight of God." Greed leads a person to rely solely on material possessions for his security; and that leads to a practical forgetfulness of God, a kind of atheism, even though he may go to church regularly. Greed is the belief that there is no life after death; we grab what we can while we can however we can. That's why Jesus was so hard on greed; greed is the worship of another god, whose name is Mammon or Money or Materialism. Today's Gospel invites us to believe in the God of Jesus Christ, who alone gives eternal life and not in the god of this world, who gives us the false promise of immortality through accumulation of possessions.

ST. BARBARA CHURCH'S HVAC PROJECT

GOAL

We are very excited to report that the St. Barb HVAC project is under way, with installation expected to be completed by the end of August. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$300,000, but the good news is that we already have \$100,000 funded via "To Teach Who Christ Is" and another \$100,000 secured by donor matching fund pledges...which means **our fundraising goal by the end of October 2022 is now only \$100,000!**



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