



# 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 4, 2022  
Second Sunday of Advent



*St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish*  
聖德肋撒堂區

## Parish Annual Advent Retreat

*Come on A Unique Advent Adventure*

*Retreat Leader: Fr. John Cuff, M.M.*

*When: 10:00 am–3:00 pm  
December 10th 2022  
Lunch will be provided.*

*Where: St. Barbara Gym  
2859 S. Throop St.*



**Fr. John Cuff, M.M.** was born and raised in Chicago. After attending Quigley Preparatory Seminary and four years at Mundelein Seminary, he joined Maryknoll (Catholic Foreign Missionary Society of America) to continue his priestly formation. Ordained in 1969, he was then sent to Hong Kong and China, where he spent the next 50 years as a Maryknoll Missionary. Since retirement in 2019, he's been resident at St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Chicago, where, with his fluent Cantonese, he seeks to help in the Chinese Apostolate of the Chicago Archdiocese.

**Registration required by Tuesday, December 6, 2022 by contacting the office at 312-842-6777 or 312-842-7979.  
Email: [office@stmotherteresaparish.org](mailto:office@stmotherteresaparish.org)**

## 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.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Barbara Worship Site

#### **Saturday, Dec. 3rd Vigil | Second Sunday of Advent**

- 5:00 p.m. Health Blessing for Jim Distasio by O'Connell Family  
In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima by Dominic Barbaro  
Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente Family  
+ Laverne Schipiohr by Paula Schipiohr  
+ Linda Krasovskis by Carolyn DeSanto Disigilo  
+ Nick, Jennie & Pasquale Salerno;  
James, Catherine, Michael, James, Jr. & Jimmy Gurgone by Lucille Salerno  
+ Geraldine & James Distasio, Patricia & Jack O'Connell, Tony & Frances Fratto by Lucille  
+ Frank Nardi by Godmother  
+ Happy Heavenly Birthday, Anna Pisarski by Rosetta Palumbo

#### **Sunday, Dec. 4th | Second Sunday of Advent**

- 6:00 a.m. + Stanley Slotarski by Family  
+ Ann Kaminski by Ed Payton  
+ Anne Kaminski by Christine Krupa  
+ 35th Anniversary: Martin J. Becatti by Doroles  
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz De Leon by Family  
+ Deanna Marzano by Rose LaVelle  
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family  
Class of St. Barbara by Tina

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

- 8:00 a.m. All Souls' Remembrance

#### **Thursday, Dec. 8th | The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 8:00 a.m. + Michael Heneghan by Janet Fecteau & Carl Difranto  
7:00 p.m. Blessings for All Parishioners

#### **Saturday, Dec. 10th | Advent Weekday**

- 8:00 a.m. All Souls' Remembrance

#### **Saturday, Dec. 10th Vigil | Third Sunday of Advent**

- 5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente Family  
+ Linda Krasovskis by Carolyn DeSanto Disigilo  
+ Tony Demma & John Yoskowski by Family

#### **Sunday, Dec. 11th | Third Sunday of Advent**

- 6:00 a.m. + Loretta Keslinke  
+ Guadalupe Pena by Christine Krupa  
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz De Leon by Family  
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family  
+ Joseph Nawracaj by Stan Nawracaj  
+ James L. Leliosh by Bette Pienta & Family  
+ 50th Anniversary: Peter J. Becatti by Dolores

### St. Therese Worship Site

#### **Sunday, Dec. 4th | Second Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 a.m. + Jimmy Annoreno by Family  
+ Carmella & Peter DeSanto by Charolotte De Santo  
+ Peter Yuan by Margaret Moy & Teresa Lee  
+ Armina Wu by Gerri & Woody Moy  
10:30 a.m. + Dai Cheng-Ching 戴正清 by Monica Lam & Family  
+ Lucy Wong by Eva

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

- 8:00 a.m. + Joseph S. Lotta, Sr. by John & Susan Adomaitis

#### **Wednesday, Dec. 7th | Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

- 8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

#### **7:00 p.m. Vigil -The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- + Dominic Barbaro by Barbaro Family  
+ Dai Cheng-Ching 戴正清 by daughter Lily May  
+ Charlene DeSanto by Mom Charlotte  
+ Fr. Donald Senior, C.P. by Jing

#### **Friday, Dec. 9th | Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin**

- 8:00 a.m. + In Memory of Gramma Rose Bertucci by Dominic Barbaro

### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

#### **St. Barbara**

Thursday, Dec. 8th

**8a.m.** School Mass; **7p.m.** A. Reilly, E. Kroner

Saturday, Dec. 10th:

**5p.m. Lectors:** A. Alonzo, III, H. Alonzo

**Eucharistic Minister:**

Sunday, Dec. 11th:

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

**Eucharistic Minister:** TBA

**9:30 a.m. Lectors:** School Family Mass

**Eucharistic Minister:** TBA

#### **St. Therese**

Sunday, Dec. 11th:

**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:** E. Kroner/C. Lee

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jean (Altar) (Choir)



## Thanks

Thanks to all cooks who worked so hard for our Thanksgiving Luncheon at St. Therese Site: **Paul Chen, Ingrid Sambudjo, Emma and Ella Reyes, Lily Cooley, Janet Fecteau, Kim Casey, Michael Casey, John and Sheila Lin, and Lushia Tie.**



All the food and drinks were donated by our generous parishioners and friends. We had an awesome variety of food and desserts. It was a wonderful Thanksgiving gathering. Thank YOU all!



This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of St. Barbara. What a precious moment for us as a community to be grateful to our past, to renew our faith for the present, and to reignite our hope for a bright future. Vatican II reminds us that the Church is the people of God. Our Church needs each of you to remain strong and to have a future.

We ask for the intercessions of St. Barbara for each one of us and for our faith community. May her holiness inspire us to follow Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. May her heavenly intercessions empower us to be missionary disciples now.

*St. Barbara, pray for us and for our community!*

*Peace, Fr. Francis*

## Parish Advent Challenge by Roberta Cheong

During Advent, we prepare for Jesus' birthday and the second coming of Jesus, but what was the mission He left us to do before He ascended into Heaven? Jesus said, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Wouldn't we want to be found as the faithful servant doing what our Master called us to do when He returns?

There are Good News pamphlets at the church entrance. One is in English and one is in Chinese. The Advent Challenge is for each person to take one pamphlet and give it out to someone you know who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, someone who doesn't know Jesus, or someone who has forgotten the Good News.

If all of us gave it to just ONE person whom we think will actually read it, how many more people would that be who would then know that Jesus loves them and died for them?

Christmas is the best time to evangelize! What would be a better birthday present for Jesus than to bring souls to Him?

If on Jesus' birthday, someone came to church for the first time, prayed for the first time, read the Bible, or decided to believe and follow Jesus, that would be the ultimate birthday gift for Jesus! It would make Jesus SO HAPPY! ☺

So together, let us make it the best birthday ever for Jesus this year! Please feel free to take as many Good News pamphlets as you want—to give to others. How many can you give out before Christmas time?

## ISAIAH'S VISION OF THE KINGDOM by Fr. John Cuff

This is one of Aesop's best known fables: A Wolf meets a Lamb straying from the flock. The wolf decides not to pounce on the Lamb right away but first to give the Lamb a reason why he, the Wolf, has a right to eat him. So he says to the Lamb:

"Hi, it was you who insulted me last year." "Actually," says the Lamb in a mournful voice, "I was not born then." Then says the Wolf, "Ah, but you feed in my pasture." "No, sir," says the Lamb, "I have not yet tasted grass." "Besides," says the Wolf, "You drink at my well." "No," replies the Lamb, "I never yet drank water, for as yet my mother's milk is both food and drink to me." At that the Wolf seized him and ate him, saying, "Well! I'm certainly not going without supper, even if you refute all of my accusations."

Aesop is not the only one who sees human relationships in terms of wolves and lambs. The philosopher Thomas Hobbes said about the human condition, "Man is wolf to man." An African proverb says, "A fish has to eat other fish in order to grow." Observing the human community and human relationships, one gets the impression that there are two kinds of people, the oppressors and the oppressed. Isaiah is aware of this state of affairs among humans. He speaks of the human community in terms of wolves and lambs, leopards and kids, lions and calves, bears and cows. He sees that the wolf eats the lamb, the leopard the goat kid, the lion the calf, and the bear the cow. But Isaiah's interest is not simply in the way things are and have always been, but in the way things can be. Isaiah is a prophet, and in today's first reading he prophesies his vision of the Day of the Lord, in "the days to come" when God will manifest his glory to all mankind.

"Impossible," you say, "he's dreaming; the wolf can never live in peace with the lamb because it's the nature of the wolf to eat the lamb." But that's exactly the point. Just as it is impossible, naturally speaking, for the wolf to live in peace with the lamb, so it is impossible for us to live a harmonious life in new world order envisioned by Isaiah and the prophets. A radical transformation of human nature is needed, a completely new heart made possible only by God's grace. Grace transforms nature. Grace working in nature accomplishes much more than we could ever imagine. In our personal and business life, don't we consciously or unconsciously operate on the principle that for us to win someone else has to lose? The vision of the new world order to which the prophets invite us today is founded on the principle that we can all be winners. The story of the Wolf and the Lamb told by Aesop and Hobbes is not the full story. Rather, as Isaiah tells us today, the full story will end with "and they lived happily ever after" in the Kingdom of God.

## SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to ALL who donated to St. Therese School on *Giving Tuesday*. Because of your final push, **we raised \$15,090 in less than 24 hours!**

We are grateful to have you as a part of our school community. Your support allows us to continue to carry out our mission of providing a world-class and faith filled education to our students.



# ST. THERESE

CHINESE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## 50/50

### GRAND RAFFLE

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### JOIN US FOR THE FEAST OF ST. BARBARA MASS

FOLLOWED BY

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

\*Hosted by the School and Family Association

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 4TH**  
MASS AT 9:30  
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA  
TO FOLLOW



**Individual Ticket: \$5 each**  
**Family Package: \$20 for 4**

INDIVIDUAL TICKET INCLUDES DELICIOUS  
BREAKFAST AND PHOTO WITH SANTA

FAMILY PACKAGE INCLUDES 4 TICKETS,  
DELICIOUS BREAKFAST AND PHOTO WITH  
SANTA, AND ONE RAFFLE TICKET

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
AT THE DOOR



## December/ Special Events Schedule

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

**\*\*\*Good Shepherd Catechism** for children 3 to 7 years takes place on Sundays at 10:30am at St. Therese.

**Dec. 4---**9:30am celebrating the Feast of St. Barbara followed by Breakfast with Santa at St. Barbara and 10:30am Cantonese Mass followed by Cantonese Alpha at St. Therese

**Dec. 5----**10am Staff Meeting at St. Barbara

**Dec. 8---**Masses for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 7pm Vigil at St. Therese and 8am with School Students followed by Reconciliation and 7pm at St. Barbara Church.

**Dec. 9---**Holy Name meeting at 7pm at Senior Mobile

**Dec. 10---**Parish Advent Retreat from 10am-3pm at St. Barbara Gym; Simbang-Gabi Mass at 5pm at St. Barbara and Mandarin Bible Sharing at 6pm at St. Therese

**Dec. 11---**9:30am Family Mass; 11:30am Indonesian Mass at St. Barbara; RE students Reconciliation at 9:15am and Teaching Masses at St. Therese

**Dec. 12---**8am Mass with School Students followed by Reconciliation at St. Therese

**Dec. 14---**St. Therese School Christmas Concert at 6pm at St. Barbara Church

**Dec. 17-18---**Teaching Masses at St. Barbara, 12:30pm Mandarin Mass followed by Christmas Carols at St. Therese, and Christmas Decoration of the Churches

**Dec. 24-25---Christmas Masses:** 5pm Vigil with Christmas Pageant, 8am and 10:30am at St. Therese; Mid-night preceded by Christmas Carols at 11:30pm, 6am and 9:30am at St. Barbara

**Dec. 31---Jan. 1, 2023:** Masses are 5pm Vigil, 6am and 9:30am at St. Barbara and 5pm Vigil with Benediction (NO hotpot this year), 8am and 10:30 am (Cantonese) at St. Therese

**Annual Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious** ---Weekend of Dec. 10-11

Aging religious have offered a lifetime of service. Most do not have adequate retirement funding. You can help. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection at Mass next weekend.

**Teaching Mass** will take place at all the masses on Sunday Dec. 11 at St. Therese Church and on the weekend of Dec. 17th-18th at St. Barbara Church.

**Prayer Intentions:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Barbara Metzinger** and **Lucy Wong** who were buried this past week through St. Therese Church, and for **Rosario Lopiccolo** whose Memorial Mass was held at St. Barbara Church this past Friday. May they rest in Peace!

## ST. BARBARA HVAC PROJECT:

**As of November 28th, we have received \$54,424.34 toward the Project.**

**Thank you to all our donors!**

Elizabeth Nardi

Josephine & Peter Laco

John & Theresa Liu



**HOLY NAME NEWS** Holy Name is holding a **Super Split the Pot Raffle** Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$10 each. Drawing will be held Dec. 31st or sooner if all tickets are sold. Tick-

ets available in the back of SB church by while they last. Help the men's club thrive and survive, men ages 18 and up are welcome and need not be parishioners but want to be involved in our community -come join the Holy Name. Our next meeting is on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the mobile unit at St. Barbara's. Our meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month at 7pm.

## CHOIR CORNER *Choir News!*

The combined choir will sing at **Midnight Mass at St. Barbara, including an 11:30pm carol service.**

Choristers are invited to sing at **anticipated Immaculate Conception Mass at St. Therese on Wednesday, December 7, 7pm, and IC Mass at St. Barbara on Thursday, December 8, 7pm.**

We are also rehearsing music for **10:30am Christmas Mass at St. Therese** and **9:30am Christmas Mass at St. Barbara.** The same music will be used at both services.

**WEEKLY REHEARSALS** will take place **Tuesday, December 6, December 13, and December 20, 7pm at St. Barbara site.** Current, former, and new parish musicians are warmly invited to participate. Contact Sabina at [slilly@archchicago.org](mailto:slilly@archchicago.org) for more information.

**2023 English Calendar** is available at the Church entrance tables. Please pick up as many copies as you want and feel free to share it with neighbors and friends.

## OPLATKI -FRANKINCENSE\*MYRRH\*GOLD

One pack/box per family and free -will donations are appreciated. They are available at the St. Barbara Church entrance table. Thanks!



**Baby Bottle Project:** Our parish will once again participate in the Baby Bottle Project this Advent as one of the Corporate Works of Mercy. Please pick up a Baby Bottle after mass this weekend and fill it with your spare change and return it on the weekend of Dec. 17-18. Your generosity and participation benefits the ministry of The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. Thank You!

## WEEKLY COLLECTION - November 27, 2022

	St. Barbara		St. Therese	
Sunday Envelopes	\$	735.00	\$	925.00
Sunday Loose	\$	263.00	\$	325.00
Give Central	\$	300.00	\$	500.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	\$	<b>1,298.00</b>	\$	<b>1,750.00</b>
	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
Actual	\$ 45,052.00	\$ 1,298.00	\$ 52,844.00	\$ 1,750.00
Goal	\$ 59,400.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 59,400.00	\$ 2,700.00
% of Goal	76%	48%	89%	65%
Mandarin Mass	\$		\$	268.00
Thanksgiving	\$	145.00	\$	4,289.00

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 Aver-et, 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, 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, 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 Sino-ple, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sharon Solverson, Rosalie Spalla, 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, 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,

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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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St. Barbara known in the Eastern Orthodox Church as the Great Martyr Barbara, lived and suffered during the reign of the emperor Maximian (305-311). Because of doubts about the historicity of her legend, she was removed from the General Roman Calendar in the 1969 revision, though not from the Catholic Church's list of saints.

Barbara was the daughter of the rich pagan named Dioscorus and when his wife died, Dioscorus put all his attention on his only daughter. Barbara was extraordinarily beautiful so Dioscorus decided to hide her from the eyes of strangers. Her father built her a tower where only her pagan teachers were allowed to see her. From her tower, Barbara was able to view the wooded hills, rivers and meadows blanketed with flowers, which was breathtaking. She came to a realization that idols could not have made the surrounding world. Her father and teachers offered worship to these idols, but Barbara's desire to know the true God, consumed her soul so she decided to devote all her life to this goal and to spend her life in virginity.

Before Dioscorus set off on a journey, he ordered a bath-house to be erected for Barbara's use near her tower. Originally, two windows were to be put in, but Barbara had three windows put in as a symbol of the Holy Trinity. When her father returned, Barbara acknowledged herself as a Christian, which infuriated her father.

The short end of her story, was that her father, being so angry at his daughter for not renouncing her Christian faith, took out his sword and beheaded her. However, as punishment, on his way home, he was struck by lightning and his body was consumed by flames. Barbara was buried by a Christian, Valentinus, and her tomb became the site of miracles.

### **St. Barbara Symbols:**

**The Tower:** is a reference to the Holy Trinity and this symbol is frequently associated with military engineering emblems.

**The Cannon:** a modern symbol referenced to her role as patron of artillerymen.

**The Peacock Feather:** a traditional Christian symbol of immortality due to the belief that peacock flesh does not decay. The peacock feather is frequently associated with St. Barbara in reference to her home city of Heliopolis.

**The Crown:** an early Christian symbol of immortality and martyrdom, in reference to the crown of thorns worn by Jesus Christ during his crucifixion.

**The Chalice:** symbol of the Sacrament, which is often associated with St. Barbara because of her final wish for the grace of Sacrament. St. Barbara is the only female saint to be depicted with the communion chalice and wafer.