

December 5, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Parish Advent Recollection

"Pilgrimage Toward Christmas"



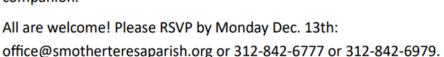
When: Saturday, December 18, 2021

Time: 9:30 am—12:00 pm

Where: Parish Center at St. Barbara Site

Facilitator: Sr. Agathe Bramkamp SSpS

Sr. Agathe Bramkamp is a Holy Spirit Missionary Sister. She served at the Catholic University in Taiwan for many years. For about fifteen years, she was involved in formation work of young members in the US province of the Congregation. For some years now, she has worked as a spiritual companion.





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, Dec. 4th Vigil | Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family Healing Blessings for Gunawan Atmadja by Family

Sunday, Dec. 5th- Second Sunday of Advent

6:00 a.m. + Crispina Galdo Saludo by Family

9:30 a.m. + Birthday Remembrance, Joseph S. Lotta, Sr. by John & Susan Adomaitis

- + Anton Glabicki by B. Glabicki
- + Lillian Brongiel by B. Glabicki
- + Lillian Helma by B. Glabicki
- + Lillian & James Christian by Family
- + Irene Zima by St. Barbara Altar & Rosary Society
- + Lorraine Fritch by Sue Napierkowski
- + Vicki Stegmiller, Birthday Remembrance by Husband & Family

Tuesday, Dec. 7th | Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor Of the Church

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 9th – Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 11th— | Saint Damasus I, Pope

8:00 a.m. + All Parishioners-Living & Deceased

Saturday, Dec. 11th Vigil | Third Sunday of Advent

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

+ Delbert & Helen Wiese by Daughter Jane Fockler

Sunday, Dec. 12th-Third Sunday of Advent

6:00 a.m. + Linda Zyla by Christina Krupa

9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family

- + Andrew & Catherine Lech by B. Glabicki
- + Dorothy Lech by B. Glabicki

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, Dec. 5th | Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. + Sau Fong Yuan by Margaret & Teresa

+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family

10:30 a.m + Judy Moy by Family

- + Florence Yu by Jade Yee
- + Joanna Wai Nin Law Wan by Family
- + Arecio Rendor by Jade Yee
- + Bernie Wong by Janet
- + Delfin Masangcay by Janet
- + Linda Fong by Michele & Linda Young
- + Teresa Chen by Emma Reyes

Monday, Dec. 6th | Saint Nicholas, Bishop

- + Lorraine Fritch by Sue
- + Victor Leong by Family
- + Teresa Chen by BiJiang Lin

Wednesday, Dec. 8th | The Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. + David & Cookie Jarzyna by Marion

7:00p.m. Mass at St. Barbara Church

Friday, Dec. 10th

8:00 a.m.

Prayer Intention: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margarita Hurtado**, who was buried through St. Barbara Church this past Friday. May she rest in peace.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara

Saturday, Dec. 4th:

5 p.m. Lector: W. Podrazik, G. Dumelle

Eucharistic Minister: A. Skokal

Sunday, Dec. 5th:

6 a.m. Lector: J. Bertucci

Eucharistic Minister: J. Balasais **9:30 a.m. Lector:** B. Pienta, B. Hudren

Eucharistic Minister: A. Alonzo

St. Therese

Sunday, Dec. 5th:

8:00 a.m. Greeters: N. Lowe, J. Lowe

Lectors: R. Centofanti, N. Gonzalez **St. Michael Ministry:** Chris

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

Lectors: J. Lin, S. Wong Eucharistic Ministers: W. Chan St. Michael Ministry: Enrique

Thanks

Thanks to all who attended our Thanksgiving Masses and Luncheon. Special thanks to our Hospitality Ministers: Kim Casey, Emma Reyes, Janet Fecteau, Linda Leong, Paul Chan, Gemma Wong, Teresa Moy, Carl DiFranco, and their helpers Michael Casey, Jesus & Ella Reyes, Samantha Ng, and Lily



Cooley for making a big pot of soup! Our cooks also cooked two extra turkeys and enough food for the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity. Special thanks also to **Jing Zhang** for delivering the food to the Sisters and for inviting and offering rides to a few Chinese students at local universities who joined our celebration. All of them were so grateful to our parish.

Thanks to **Gertrude Chan, Marilyn Leung, Sr. Caritas, Sr. Monica and Jing Zhang** for their help with our parish's Christmas mailing this past Tuesday. They worked overtime in order to complete it.







Ways to Give

Our Parish Finance Council met recently and I would like to share particularly two things we decided at the meeting. First, we will publish our Christmas donors in our bulletin. For St. Therese Site, this is not new, but for St. Barbara Site, this is new. If you prefer to remain anonymous, please mark it in your offering envelope.

Secondly, in order to help our parishioners to know the various ways that they can support their parish, our finance council members compiled the following "ways to give." In Jan. 2022, we will publish in the church bulletin a three-part series to provide more information on each of the ways of giving.

Most of us make our parish offerings and donations by giving cash or writing a check. However, there are other ways of giving, and some may generate more tax benefits for you.

- 1. Give online
- 2. Give stock or mutual fund holdings
- 3. Give appreciated real estate held for more than one year
- 4. Sign up for Employers' Matching Gifts
- 5. Establish a Donor-Advised Fund
- 6. Make Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from a traditional IRA account
- 7. Give Life Insurance
- 8. Plan for Gifts and Bequests

Thank YOU for your continued support to our parish. Your generosity keeps our churches open and the mission of Jesus here strong and vibrant.

SCHOOL NEWS

Join us for 9:30 am Family Mass on Sunday, December 12 at St. Barbara Worship Site followed by



Hosted by the St. Therese School Family Association Enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by SFA volunteers and take pictures with Santa!

You may also purchase tickets at the door.

Adult Breakfast (11 and up) \$8 Child Breakfast (10 and under) \$5

All paid children must be accompanied by a paid adult.

Please submit your payment with the number and type of tickets to the parish office in an envelope marked: **Breakfast with Santa**

Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, December 3.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish offices or email Nicole at nyong@sttheresechicago.org

50/50 GRAND RAFFLE!

There's still time to get your ticket for a chance to win cash prizes! Tickets are \$100 each.

To purchase tickets call Mrs. Chan at 312-326-2837, email Ms. Yong at nyong@sttheresechicago.org
Or buy online at sttheresechicago.org
The Drawing takes place at the conclusion of our Christmas
Pageant at St. Barbara Church on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at

6pm.

ADVENT FRIENDS & SERVICE—Sat. Dec. 11th at 5pm St. Barbara—2859 S. Throop Street

THE JOY OF EXPECTATION Sister Caritas

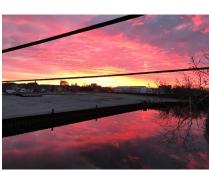
When we, my brothers and sister and I, were growing up, Christmas was a special time. We looked at Sears catalogues for ideas for presents and we told our parents what we hoped "Santa" would bring us. We had excitement, joy and waiting for the pre-Christmas days to end. We believed "Santa" would bring presents, maybe not all the ones we asked for. The possibility of a Christmas tree and presents brought us a pre-Christmas joy.

The Gospel today quotes the Prophet Isaiah which tells us that "a voice of one crying out in the desert" was calling the people to change and prepare. As we live the days of this Advent, we are called also to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Part of the preparation is to make rough ways smooth, make mountains low and to fill in valleys. In each case, mountains, valleys,

For middle school & high school teens. Join us for Mass at 5pm, followed by dinner, friendship, and writing Christmas cards to shut-ins of our parishes and more!

Building the New Reality #18: *The Dawn from on High* By Thomas Howard

Last week, creative ways to put our new signs to good use were presented. Here is one more: Consider sharing this bulletin with a friend. No fewer than **twenty** special events will happen at SMTCP before 2022. The love of Christ, God willing, will



flow from our upcoming parish activities. Pass on the information, accompany a friend to an event or a special mass, and let the Holy Spirit take over. Even if they say "no" you made a try. God only requires faithfulness.

I took this "Advent" pic-

ture of Bubbly Creek on my way into work this past week. Since it was early in the morning, it reminded me of a verse from the Canticle of Zechariah: "In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet in the way of peace."

It saddens me that, due to misunderstandings associated with the *Renew My Church* process, that not all feet at SMTCP currently walk *in a way of peace*. Change still causes some to choose to dwell in darkness. Unhealed hurts, as a result, keep many from attending Sunday Mass.

It is a fact that winter days get colder and shorter. And yet the Advent wreath offers us hope. Christ's light will soon break through the world's darkness and human sin. Let us pray that upcoming parish evangelization efforts such as ALPHA, RCIA, Breakfast with Santa, the Baby Bottle Project, and Youth Ministry may yield fruit these coming months.

and rough ways in our life are not the literal ones. These things in the writing, would be ways to prepare the way of the Messiah, and could be signs that the Messiah was on the way or already there.

We have about two weeks to prepare for the celebration of great joy. We have time to take down the "mountains" of the things blocking God's actions in our lives, to smooth out our words and actions toward others, which may be rough, difficult or hurting, as we speak them to others. We expect the "coming of the Lord" in our lives which gives us joy. We are sure of the coming of the savior. As we open ourselves to God in our daily lives, we know that Jesus is the savior born the "newborn King of the Jews." Angels, three kings, shepherds all come celebrating. We can be joyful like those who came to the manger. We must PREPARE and our joy can be great. Be the "voice" that calls others and yourself to preparation.



St. Barbara Holy Name Society 's next meeting is De-



cember 10th at 7pm. We are in need of members. We hope to elect new officers. Without new members we will not be able elect officers or to continue on. Please consider joining the

vital organization.

St. Vincent DePaul Society is collecting gloves, hats, scarves and socks for the homeless and needy. St. James will distribute the items collected. Our parish school will give your child 1 hr. service credit for every three items donated for the collection. See the fliers in back of the church and children will also be given one in class. We are also still collecting can and dry goods for our food drive benefiting the Benton House pantry. A load of food was delivered there one day before Thanksgiving. They were very appreciative of the items because their supply is very low with the demand. Thank you to Jane Krzyzanski and Cliff Whitehouse for delivering the items. The two collections will run thru December 31.

Baby Bottle Project for Advent



Our parish is participating in this project for Advent to benefit the ministry of the Women's Center. Please pick up a Baby Bottle at the church entrance and return it at the end of Advent.



Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:

4pm-5pm: Rosary on the Streets

5pm-6pm: Holy Hour All are welcome!

Simbang Gabi Mass will take place at the 5pm mass on Sat. Dec. 11th. Reception to follow in the lower Hall of our School. All are welcome.

Upcoming ALPHA Dates:

Dec. 5th: Cantonese; Dec. 7th: English

GOOD SHEPHERD CATECHISM



Children from 3-7 years old are invited to join the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity while parents attend 10:30 am mass.

When: Sundays from 10:30-11:30 am Where: Community Room at STWS



ST. BARBARA: SAINT AND MARTYR



PATRON SAINT FOR MINERS, FIREFIGHTERS, and ARTILLERY. (She's venerated by Catholics who face the danger of sudden and violent death)

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:

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

<u>The Cannon:</u> a modern symbol referenced to her role as patron of artillerymen.

<u>The Peacock Feather</u>: 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.

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

<u>The Chalice:</u> 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION - Nov. 28, 2021

	St. Barbara				St. Therese				
Sunday Envelopes			\$	620.00		\$		1,670.00	
Sunday Loose			\$	390.00		\$		411.00	
Give Central			\$	587.00		\$		573.00	
Total Collection			\$	1,597.00		\$		2,654.00	
		YTD		Weekly		YTD		Weekly	
Actual	\$	47,434.00	\$	1,597.00	\$	52,640.00 \$		2,654.00	
Goal	\$	57,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	57,500.00 \$		2,500.00	
% of Goal		82%		64%		91%		106%	
Votives and Vigil Lights			\$			\$			
ThanksGiving			\$	30.00		\$		2,712.00	

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St. Therese Church: www.givecentral.org/location/190 or St. Barbara Church: www.givecentral.org/location/445



Please pray for those who are ill, homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers.

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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.

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Taste of Happiness

SMTC---Upcoming Special Events and Schedule---2021

Nov.---Dec. 31st St. Vincent DePaul Society Food, Gloves, and Hats Drive

Nov. 21st - Dec. 19th Baby Bottle Project to Benefit The Women's Center

December 5th Feast of St. Barbara at the 9:30am Mass followed by a Light

Reception

9am -10:15am R. E. Students' Confession

10:30am Cantonese Mass followed by Cantonese Alpha

December 7th St. Barb. Campus Mass Celebrating St. Barb. followed by

Confession

6:30pm English Alpha

December 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Mass with School Students at St. Therese followed by

Confession

7:00pm Mass at St. Barb.

December 10th 7pm Holy Name Meeting

December 11th 5:00pm Simbang Gabi Mass followed with Reception and Youth

Gathering

December 12th 9:30am Family Mass followed by Breakfast with Santa

11:30am Indonesian Mass

December 15th St. Therese School Christmas Concert at 6pm
December 18th 9:30am-12 noon Parish Advent Recollection

December 19th Mandarin Mass at 12:30pm followed by Christmas Cantata

Christmas Decoration of the Churches (after 9:30am mass SBC &

after 10:30am mass STC)

December 24th Christmas Eve Mass with Pageant at 5pm at St. Therese

Christmas Carols at 11:30pm

December 25th Christmas Mass at 12am (Midnight Mass) at St. Barbara Church

Christmas Day Masses:

6:00am and 9:30am at St. Barbara Church 8:00am and 11:00am at St. Therese Church

December 26th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Masses: (NO 5:00pm Vigil) 6:00am, and 9:30am at St. Barbara Church

8:00am and 10:30am at St. Therese Church

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

December 12, 2021: The second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious is taken up each year on the second Sunday of December. Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members. The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) coordinates the annual Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) collection and distributes the proceeds to eligible religious communities. Some 31,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit. The RFR underwrites financial assistance, consultation, and education that help religious communities meet the immediate and ongoing needs of aging mem-

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