



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

March 6, 2022
First Sunday of Lent

LENTEN 2022



THE FORTY DAYS of LENT

REFLECTION

RECONCILIATION

RENEWAL

Pope Francis in his Lenten 2022 message calls us all to reflect on and focus on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: ***"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (kairós), let us do good to all"*** (Gal. 6:9-10).

Lent is a time of renewal. What do we need to renew this Lent?

- * Renew our discipleship in the Lord
- * Renew our prayers
- * Renew our commitment to "works of mercy"
- * Renew our love for the Eucharist by returning to in person mass
- * Renew our works of peace and justice
- * Renew our stewardship for our Church and of our earth
- * Renew your marriage and family life
- * Renew our relationships with our Lord and with one another

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



St. Barbara Worship Site

Saturday, March 5th Vigil | First Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. + Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family
+ Jonas Adomaitis by John & Sue Adomaitis
+ Gertrude Mierzewski by Paula Schipour
+ Patricia Cavanaugh-Wypasek by Brost Family

Sunday, March 6th— First Sunday of Lent

6:00 a.m. + Stanley Slotarski by Family
+ Joseph Wojcik by Elizabeth Wojcik
9:30 a.m. + Jean Lech by B. Glabicki
+ Cliff Pienta by Family
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family

Tuesday, March 8th | Saint John of God, Religious

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Thursday, March 10th | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Stanley & Ted Piorecki

Saturday, March 12th— | Saint Joseph Dapeng Zhang and Companion

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Saturday, March 12th Vigil | 2nd Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. + Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family
+ John Fockler by Jane Fockler

Sunday, March 13th— 2nd Sunday of Lent

6:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving by Megan Pirelli
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family

Prayer Intention:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Donna Roberts**, former parishioner of St. Barbara. She was buried this past Friday. May she rest in peace!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara

Saturday, March 12th:

5 p.m. Lectors: M. Tse, B. Hudren
Eucharistic Minister: E. Raya

Sunday, March 13th:

6 a.m. Lectors: J. Bertucci
Eucharistic Minister: J. Balasa

9:30 a.m. Lectors: Family Mass
Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, March 6th | First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Spina by Joe & Rena
+ Rosemarie & Howard Thome by Joe & Rena
+ Henry & Angeline Ceivilare by Charlotte DeSanto
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Debbie Annoreno
+ Lillian & James Christian by Family
10:30 a.m. + June Moy by Marian Torrez & Family
+ Jennie Briglio by A. Briglio
+ Wei-Tung Ting, Birthday Remembrance, by Daughter Lily May

Monday, March 7 | Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Spina by A. Briglio
+ Vincent Briglio by Wife & Family

Wednesday, March 9th | Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00 a.m. + Theresa Scopacasa, Birthday Remembrance, by Marion Roti
+ Rosemarie & Howard Thome by A. Briglio

Friday, March 11th | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. First Birthday Blessing for Nori Yong Jain by Darlene
62nd Birthday Blessing for James Bertucci by parishioner



We pray for Ukraine and Russia and for all our brothers and sisters living in fear and for all victims of war. Instill hope in them and their concerned family members, dwelling in countries where democracy and freedom exist. Let the voices for discernment and peaceful solutions prosper among leaders of all nations, especially in Eastern Europe. Raise up peacemakers, so that violence and war can be stopped soon.

St. Therese

Sunday, March 13th:

8 a.m. Greeters: N. Lowe, J. Lowe
Lectors: A. Romallosa, M. Costa
St. Michael Ministry:
10:30 a.m. Greeters: C. Lee, J. Yee, D. Lowe
Lectors: D. Lowe, C. Lee

Eucharistic Ministers: John(Altar), Sheila(Choir Loft)
St. Michael Ministry: Pat

Thanks

Thanks to **Katharina and Budi Kusnoto's Family** for generously covering all the testing expenses related to the quality of air at St. Therese Church, Community Room and CCD Classrooms. I am happy to share that the quality of the air is well passed.



Thanks to **Joe Delfin** for upgrading the wireless microphone system with his used but in very good condition system at St. Therese Church at a much discounted cost. The old system was outdated due to radio frequency interference.

Thanks to **Holy Name Society** for generously donating \$400.00 towards the Shrine Painting at St. Barbara Church.

Lenten 2022 —Continued

With masks being optional now and the Covid getting much better, I pray and hope that many of our sisters and brothers who are in good health and haven't returned to in person mass might decide to join us in our communal celebrations this Lent. We value community and we need each other to be a life-giving parish.

For others who are still concerned with the threat of the COVID due to health reasons, we assure them of our prayers. If you know any of our brothers and sisters who would like to have a priest to visit her/him, please call our parish office to make the arrangement.

I pray that each one of us individually and communally will have a fruitful and transformative Lent.

Peace, Fr. Francis

WELCOME O THE DESERT by Fr. John Cuff

A mother camel and her baby are talking one day and the baby camel asks, "Mom, why have we got these huge three-toed feet?" The mother replies, "To enable us trek across the soft sand of the desert without sinking." "And why have we got these long, heavy eyelashes?" "To keep the sand out of our eyes on the trips through the desert" replies the mother camel. "And Mom, why have we got these big humps on our backs?" The mother replies, "They are there to help us store fat for our long treks across the desert, so we can go without water for long periods." "OK, I get it!" says the baby camel, "We have huge feet to stop us sinking, long eyelashes to keep the sand from our eyes, and humps to store water. Then, Mom, why the heck are we here in the San Diego zoo?"

Modern life sometimes makes one feel like a camel in a zoo. And like camels in a zoo we need sometimes to go into the desert in order to discover who we truly are. Lent invites us to enter into this kind of desert experience. The desert was the birthplace of the Chosen People who escaped from Egypt as scattered tribes and arrive at the Promised Land as one nation under God. It was in the desert that they became a people of God by covenant. Throughout their history, when their love and faithfulness to God grew cold, the prophets would suggest their return to the desert to rediscover their identity and mission as a way of reawakening their faith and strengthening their covenant relationship with God. The great prophets Elijah and John the Baptist were people of the desert: they lived in the desert, ate desert food and adopted a simple lifestyle. The desert is the university where God teaches His people.

Not surprisingly, it was into the desert, immediately after His Baptism, that Jesus was led: **"The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him."** During Lent we too are led by the Spirit into the desert. Where else but in the desert can we encounter the Holy Spirit as well as Satan, the holy angels as well as the wild beasts? It is in the silence and recollection of the desert that we like Jesus come to terms with ourselves as we really are, becoming more aware of the beasts and the angels in our lives, and where we can experience true peace.

Lent is the time for this desert experience. We cannot all afford to buy a camel and head off into the desert. But we can all create a desert space in our overcrowded lives. We can set aside a place and time to be alone daily with God, a time to distance ourselves from the many noises and voices that bombard our lives every day, to hear God's word, to rediscover who we are before God, to say yes to God and no to Satan as Jesus did. Welcome to Lent! Welcome to the desert!

耶稣的苦难之爱

通过耶稣的苦难，认识他对我们的大爱

- 时间：3月12日星期六

早上10:00 am—下午4:00 pm

- 地点：圣德力教堂

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Nights of Mercy

慈悲之夜

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

2022年3月8日 星期二

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Adoration, Confession, and Music

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6:00PM-8:30PM

晚上6:00 - 8:30

Other Locations and Nights:

Monday, March 7, 2022

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

**Mother of the Americas
Church**

**Jesus, Bread of Life
@ St. Sylvester**

Jesus, I trust in You

LADDER UP

Tax season is upon us! Ladder Up, a local non-profit, offers FREE tax filing services for individuals and households with incomes under \$73,000. Their eTAP program lets you scan and submit your tax forms online to be completed by a qualified tax professional.

Visit <https://www.goladderup.org/etap/> to learn more.

If you DON'T have a smartphone or a computer at home, come to one of these two locations and a volunteer will help you scan and upload your documents. It's secure - all information is encrypted - and it's completely free. No hidden fees or surprises!

Chicago Public Library in Brighton Park located at 4314 S. Archer Ave.

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Chicago Public Library Harold Washington located at 400 S. State St., 7th Floor

Services available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 11am – 7pm and Saturday from 10am – 1pm.

No appointment is necessary, walk-ins are welcomed.

Last day of services provided at this site will be on 4/18/2022.

SCHOOL NEWS

This week we celebrated Ash Wednesday with an All School Mass at St. Therese Church. Father Li also visited our Early Childhood classrooms and offered ashes to our students.



STUDENTS: Share your musical talents with us!

If you are a student interested in sharing your instrumental or vocal talents at a school or weekend Mass, please contact Ms. Lilly!

Mask Updates:

Since Feb. 28, all archdiocesan parishes, churches, schools and offices are **mask-optional**.

St. Therese Parking Lot: This is a gentle reminder that when you park in the lot, please make sure that you hang your green permit on your mirror. If your car blocks others, please kindly leave your phone number on your dashboard. Thank you for your attention.



PEACE PROJECT "Live Peace, Teach Peace"

The Peace Project is making progress! Thanks to those interested in helping with this necessary project in this restless

time.

Volunteer Training Session: March 6

Time: 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Place: St. Therese Church community room.

If you are interested, please contact Sr. Monica's email: srmonica@stmothertereseparish.org or office phone number: 312-842-7979, 312-842-6777.

2021 Tax Donation Letter: If you would like to obtain a letter of your last fiscal year's donation for tax report purposes, please call our parish offices at 312-842-7979 or 312-842-6777. Thank you.

PALM WEAVING

Have you ever wanted to learn a new craft? Attempt making something out of the palm fronds received on Palm Sunday? You will have a chance to gather with others



to learn the art of palm weaving by making simple crosses, cones, braids, and anything else your imagination allows you to envision.

In preparation for the beginning of Holy Week, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish will offer a class to help you learn how to weave palms to bring to church for blessing on Palm Sunday. So that we are able to prepare for the number of attendees, **please register for the class by signing the sheet on the table in the back of the church.** Also, if you are already familiar with the art and would like to assist the instructor, you are most welcome to join us in this capacity. Join us on **Saturday, April 2nd, at 1:00 pm in the St. Barbara Parish Center.** Entrance is through the front door on Throop Street or through the back at the Chapel entrance door.

Don't forget – sign up on the registration sheet.



Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:

4pm-5pm: Rosary on the Streets

5pm-6pm: Holy Hour—All are welcome!

St. Vincent DePaul will host a bicycle drive from March 2nd thru April 10th -Collecting old & new in any condition bicycles and parts. Also accepting hand tools such as wrenches, screw drivers and such. You can drop off donations at the St. Barbara rectory or if needed call (text message even better) George at 773-592-7036 to arrange for pickup of items. Bicycles are cleaned, fixed, and given first to those in our community in need of basic transportation, and the rest are given to the Working Bikes Coop which ships them to the Catholic missions third world countries overseas.

Also during the Lenten season, we will do the **40days 40 cans of food drive** to benefit the Benton House Pantry. This will run the same dates as the bicycle drive. Boxes will be at the rear of both worship sites for the drive.



The Holy Name is happy to announce the winners of the *January/February 100 Club Raffle* – 1st prize – Liz Nelson; 2nd prize –Judy Lukwinski; 3rd prize – Bea Glabicki; 4th prize – Bismark; 5th prize -- George Vanderford Sr. – Thank you to all

those who support our Holy Name Organization – tickets for the upcoming month's raffle are available from any Holy Name member or in the back of church after mass – tickets are \$1 each.

The next meeting of the St. Barbara Men's Holy Name is **Friday, March 11th at 7pm** in the mobile unit in the main parking lot. After a month's hiatus due to the rise in COVID infections the Holy Name bounced back with a very interesting and productive meeting. The meeting will start promptly at 7pm with greetings and prayer followed immediately by dinner being served at 7:15pm – so do not be late and miss our dinner prepared by Chef Jeff Spaargaren. It is great to "break bread" with our brothers and give a feeling to the brotherhood we share. We then start the meeting in which we discuss the needs of men, what we can do to improve the parish, and our short- and long-term goals. We work toward being men who help each other help our great community. We are open to all men who are interested in making things better in our parish and community. the door is open please stop by!

RESPECT LIFE

Quote – "The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (*The Gospel of Life* 5).

Our Prayer – For the times we have violated or neglected the sanctity of human life: May we repent, receive the Lord's mercy, and return to Him with our whole heart; *We pray to the Lord:*



Wedding Banns:

Morgan & Spencer Trefliek

WEEKLY COLLECTION - Feb. 27, 2022

St. Barbara

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 979.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 281.00
Give Central	\$ 412.00
Total Collection	\$ 1,672.00

YTD Weekly

Actual	\$ 77,904.00	\$ 1,672.00
Goal	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
% of Goal	87%	67%

Votives and Vigil Lights	\$
	\$

St. Therese

\$ 2,248.00
\$ 375.00
\$ 416.00
\$ 3,039.00

YTD Weekly

\$ 82,417.00	\$ 3,039.00
\$ 90,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
92%	122%

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\$

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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, Maria Ng Gee, 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

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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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LENT 2022

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Ash Wednesday March 2nd (Fast and Abstinence)

Distribution of ashes at 6am, 9:30am and 7pm masses at St. Barb. Church, and 8:00am mass and 1:00pm School Mass at St. Therese Church

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm

- a. March 4, 18 and April 1 at St. Therese. Benediction will also take place on the first Fridays of March and April immediately after the Stations.
- b. March 11, 25 and April 8 at St. Barbara.

CRS Rice Bowl

Distribution on March 5th & 6th and Returning on April 2nd & 3rd, 9th & 10th

St. Vincent DePaul Society Bicycle Drive--- March 2nd---April 10th

1st Communion Retreat ---March 5th from 7:45am to 1pm at St. Barbara

Alphas

Cantonese Alpha on Sunday March 6th
English Alpha on Tuesday March 22nd at 6:30pm
Mandarin Alpha on Sunday March 27th

Nights of Mercy---March 8th from 6pm to 8:30pm at St. Barb. Church

Holy Name Gathering---March 11th at 7pm

Mandarin Lenten Retreat---March 12th, 10am-4pm at St. Therese Community Room

Indonesian Mass---March 13th at 11:00am

RCIA--- March 13th

- *Sending Rite for Election will take place at the 10:30am mass.
- *The Rite of Election will be at 2:30pm at Holy Name Cathedral.
- *Scrutiny Rites will be celebrated on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent.

Confirmation Retreat--- March 26th from 7:45am to 1pm at St. Barb.

Youth Events--- March 26th beginning with the 5pm mass

March Mandarin Mass ---On Sunday March 27th at 12:30pm

First Reconciliation---School and R. E. students on April 2nd at 10:00am.

Parish Religious Education Program Students will lead the 10:30am mass on Sunday, March 27th.

Lenten Reconciliation:

School Students---March 23rd and March 29th after “Campus Mass”
R. E. Students---April 3rd

Parish English Lenten Retreat---Saturday April 9th

Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School Students will be virtual this year.

Lenten Regulations (from March 2nd, 2022, Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.