



## ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate

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January 9, 2022

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## *The Baptism of the Lord*



**J**esus fulfilled all the precepts of Jewish religious law perfectly, including the required rituals of purification and atonement. So when John the Baptist preached a “baptism of repentance,” Jesus went to receive Baptism from him not because he needed to repent but “to fulfill all righteousness.” In the moment that Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down upon him, and the Father spoke from the heavens that he was well pleased with his beloved Son.

By this example, Jesus modeled the simple path through which all people who are baptized become sons and daughters of God. Through the action of the Holy Spirit, the waters of Baptism cleanse a person from all sin and restore his or her relationship with God to its original holiness. Baptism, therefore, transforms one's identity.

Baptism also gives a new purpose to a person's life—being washed in water and renewed by the Holy Spirit, they are joined into the Kingdom of God and given the mission to increase the Kingdom in their lives. Just as Jesus began his public ministry after receiving Baptism, so too are the new children of God commissioned to spread the Good News to all, beginning first with the transformation of their own lives, and then spreading and sharing that joy with others, so as to bring all things under the authority of the Kingdom of God.

Just before his Ascension, Jesus renewed the meaning of Baptism as an entrance to discipleship and even prescribed how it should be administered to others: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit” (Mt 28:19).

## 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, Jan. 8th— | Vigil Baptism of the Lord**

5:00 p.m. Birthday Blessing for JZ by Marion  
+ Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family

### **Sunday, Jan. 9th— Baptism of the Lord**

6:00 a.m. Health Blessings for Megan Pirelli by Family  
9:30 a.m. + Teresita Villafruerte Holcomb by Angelica,  
Emmanuel & Jeremy King  
+ Furmanek Family by Sonny

### **Tuesday, Jan. 11th |**

8:00 a.m.

### **Thursday, Jan. 13th | Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 a.m. + Holy Souls by Elizabeth

### **Saturday, Jan. 15th— | Weekday**

8:00 a.m.

### **Saturday, Jan. 15th Vigil | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. Birthday Blessing for Crisalzen C. Saludo-Fe  
Albanese by Maria Saludao  
In Thanksgiving to Senor Sts Nino by Maria  
Saludo  
+ Dominic Barbaro by Barbaro Family  
+ Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family

### **Sunday, Jan. 16th - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:00 a.m. + Donald Vetrovec by Mary Jean Chan  
9:30 a.m. Birthday Blessing for Judy Lukwinski by  
Dolores

## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

### **St. Barbara**

Saturday, Jan. 15th

**5 p.m. Lector:** M. Tse, E. Kroner

**Eucharistic Minister:** C. Sokolowski

Sunday, Jan. 16th:

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

**Eucharistic Minister:** J. Balasa

**9:30 a.m. Lector:** L. Szczepanski, P. Saletta

**Eucharistic Minister:** P. Rodriguez

## **St. Therese Worship Site**

### **Sunday, Jan. 9th | Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. + Mariano Caruso by Family  
+ Marie Roti by Francine  
+ Charles Palumbo, Sr. by Wife Rosetta Palumbo  
+ Theresa Bertucci by Dominic Barbaro  
+ Robert & Lillian Stuart by Cheng Family

10:30 a.m. + Debbie Lee by Patti Lee

+ Anne Koh by Geraldine, Gillian & Greg

+ Al DiFranco by Geraldine, Gillian & Greg

+ Gunawan Atmadja by Darlene & Chris

+ June Moy by Gertrude Chan

+ Hoerner Moy by Fred & Marty & Family

+ Susan Moy by Fred & Marty & Family

+ Denis Cheung by Fred & Marty & Family

+ Kenneth Moy by Fred & Marty & Family

+ Judy Moy by Fred & Marty & Family

+ Sam Moy by Fred & Marty & Family

+ Delfin Masangcay by Mary & Elizabeth

+ Genevieve Crocker by Charlotte De Santo

### **Monday, Jan. 10th | Weekday**

8:00 a.m. + Antoinette Pacelli by nephew Jody

### **Wednesday, Jan. 12th | Weekday**

8:00 a.m.

### **Friday, Jan. 14th | Weekday**

8:00 a.m.

### **Please pray for the repose of the souls of:**

1. **Theresa Scopacasa** —visitation will be on Wed. Jan. 12, 10-11a.m. at St. Jerome Church followed by mass at 11a.m.
2. **Tom Moore** —visitation will be on Sunday Jan. 9, 3-8p.m. at Hasse-Lockwood Funeral Home, Twin Lakes, WI. and funeral mass will be on Monday Jan. 10th at 10a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Church, Lake Geneva.

May they rest in peace.

### **St. Therese**

Sunday, Jan. 16th:

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

**Lectors:** R. Centofanti, N. Gonzalez

**St. Michael Ministry:**

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

**Lectors:** Family Mass

**Eucharistic Ministers:** John (Altar), Sheila (Choir Loft)

**St. Michael Ministry:** Edy

## Wisdom from Pope Francis to Married Couples

In celebrating “*Amoris Laetitia* Family” year, Pope Francis wrote a letter to married couples on Dec. 26, 2021. I found it helpful as parents try to raise up their children in a challenging environment. Below are a few highlights for your reflection.



In this “*Amoris Laetitia* Family” Year, I am writing to express my deep affection and closeness to you at this very special time. Families have always been in my thoughts and prayers, but especially so during the pandemic, which has severely tested everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us. The present situation has made me want to accompany with humility, affection and openness each individual, married couple and family in all those situations in which you find yourselves.

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Like Abraham, all husbands and wives “set out” from their own land at the moment when, in response to the vocation to conjugal love, they decide to give themselves to each other without reserve. Becoming engaged already means setting out from your land, since it calls you to walk together along the road that leads to marriage. Different situations in life, the passage of time, the arrival of children, work and illness, all challenge couples to embrace anew their commitment to one another, to leave behind settled habits, certainties and security, and to set out towards the land that God promises: to be two in Christ, *two in one*. Your lives become a single life; you become a “we” in loving communion with Jesus, alive and present at every moment of your existence. God is always at your side; he loves you unconditionally. You are not alone!

Dear spouses, know that your children – especially the younger ones – watch you attentively; in you they seek the signs of a strong and reliable love. “How important it is for young people to see with their own eyes the love of Christ alive and present in the love of spouses, who testify by the reality of their lives that love for ever is possible!” [1] Children are always a gift; they change the history of every family. They are thirsty for love, gratitude, esteem and trust. Being parents calls you to pass on to your children the joy of realizing that they are God’s children, children of a Father who has always loved them tenderly and who takes them by the hand each new day. As they come to know this, your children will grow in faith and trust in God.

To be sure, raising children is no easy task. But let us not forget that they also “raise” us. The family remains the primary environment where education takes place, through small gestures that are more eloquent than words. To educate is above all to accompany the growth process, to be present to children in many different ways, to help them realize that they can always count on their parents. An educator is someone who spiritually “gives birth” to others and, above all, becomes personally engaged in their growth. For parents, it is important to relate to children with an authority that grows day by day. Children need a sense of security that can enable them to have confidence in you and in the beauty of your life together, and in the certainty that they will never be alone, whatever may come their way.

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Marriage, as a vocation, calls you to steer a tiny boat – wave-tossed yet sturdy, thanks to the reality of the sacrament – across a sometimes stormy sea. How often do you want to say, or better, cry out, like the apostles: “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” (Mk 4:38). Let us never forget, though, that by virtue of the sacrament of matrimony, Jesus is present in that boat; he is concerned for you and he remains at your side amid the tempest. In another Gospel passage, as they rowed with difficulty, the disciples saw Jesus coming to them on the waters and welcomed him into their boat. Whenever you are buffeted by rough winds and storms, do the same thing: welcome Jesus into your boat, for once he “got into the boat with them... the wind ceased” (Mk 6:51). It is important that, together, you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. Only in this way, will you find peace, overcome conflicts and discover solutions to many of your problems. Those problems, of course, will not disappear, but you will be able to see them from a different perspective.

To read the letter in its entirety, please see this link: [Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to Married Couples for the “Amoris Laetitia Family” Year, 2021-2022 \(26 December 2021\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

*Peace, Fr. Francis*





## Ways to Give

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 (GiveCentral & Paypal)
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

### **Giving from the Comfort of Your Couch**

While it's nice to see our ushers as they bring the collection baskets around, sending your Sunday Offerings online through GiveCentral is the easiest and most efficient way to support SMTCP.

- Set it and forget it - tell GiveCentral how much and how often to send to SMTCP, and then you won't have to worry about it (unless you want to change it).
- Donations can be set up from any computer or smartphone, and the parish office can help if needed.
- You control the frequency of donations - they can be weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or any other frequency you'd like.
- It's safe - your payment information is secured using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) encryption, the industry standard in online payments.
- Print a record of your giving history at any time.
- Help the parish office reduce its bookkeeping and accounting work.
- Use an automated withdrawal from your bank account to provide the lowest cost to the parish - it's cheaper than credit card donations or printing/mailing envelopes.

### **St. Therese Church :**

**[www.givecentral.org/location/190](http://www.givecentral.org/location/190) or**

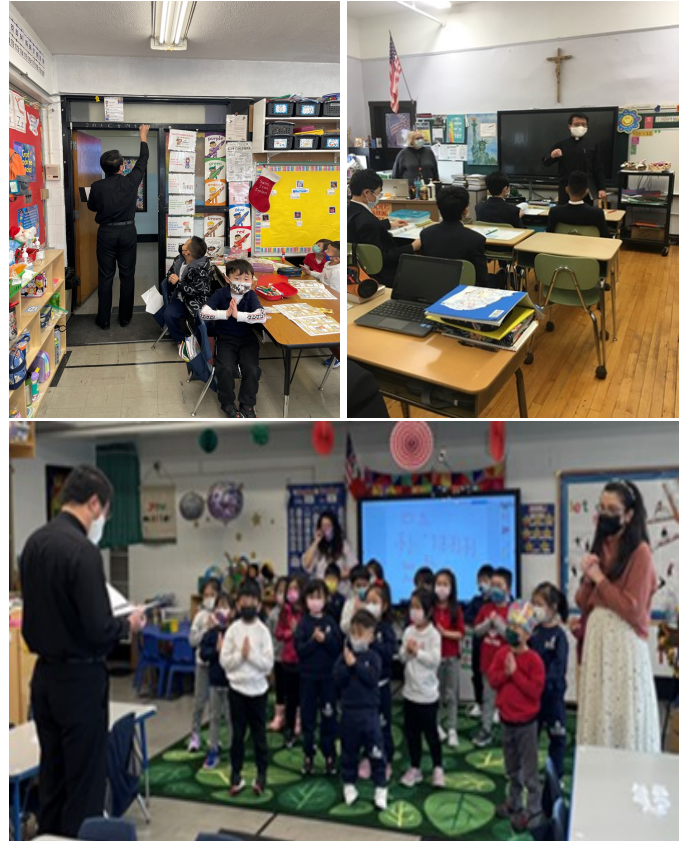
### **St. Barbara Church:**

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Thank you for your support, and tune in next week to learn ways to receive additional tax benefits!

## SCHOOL NEWS

Father Li visited with our students last week to offer prayers for the new year and to bless all of the doorways of each classroom at both campuses.



Care for our  
**Common Home**

### **Caring for our Common Home: 'Tis the Season for New Year's Resolutions!**

Here are a few earth-friendly resolutions to consider:

- 1) Use a reusable cup for coffee, water or juice;
- 2) Use a reusable tote bag for ALL your shopping needs, not just groceries.
- 3) Use paper straws - or better yet, reusable straws (metal, silicone, etc.)
- 4) Buy in bulk - fill a reusable container and save money on unnecessary packaging (double bonus!).
- 5) Use a razor with replaceable blades, instead of a disposable razor.

# news and events

## CHRISTMAS DONATIONS AT ST. BARBARA as of 01/03/2022. THANK YOU to all who contributed!

Jolenna Chan	100
DALCAMO Funeral Home	300
Thomas K. Moore	200
Mrs. Rose Stronczek	20
Mr. & Mrs. Hector Feliciano	10

**Total Donated as of 01/03/2022: \$8,612**

## CHRISTMAS DONATIONS AT ST. THERESE as of 01/04/2022. THANK YOU to all who contributed!

Dominic Lai	200
James D. Vittori	100
Tie & Lushia	100
Tom & Carol Spalla	100
Gerard & Darlene Chan	300
Mr. & Mrs. Peter DeLich	100
Ruth L. Williamson	25
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Irene Lee	50
Frank Frigo & Michelle Tucker	50
Joseph & Moun-Mei Kao	100
Peter & Barbara Pon	50
Lizzy Andriacchi	50
Sam Andriacchi	20
Frank & Sophie Nardi	250

**Total Donated as of 01/04/2022: \$41,595**

### Upcoming Special Events

The Finance Council will meet on Monday Jan. 10th at 6:30pm.

Jan. 9th: Parent Formation, Topic: "Peer Pressure" 10:30am at St. Barbara is cancelled.

Jan. 11th: English Speaking Alpha, 6:30pm-St. Barbara

Jan. 16th: Parent Formation, Topic: "Peer Pressure" 9:15am at St. Therese

Jan.18th: Parent Sacramental Meeting, 6:30pm—Zoom

**Taking Down Church Christmas Decorations will take place on Sunday Jan. 16th** after the 9:30am mass for St. Barbara Church and after the 10:30am mass for St. Therese Church. Your help is needed and appreciated!

**The St. Barbara Holy Name Society** will meet on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the mobile unit in the parking lot. In the new year, we hope to make St. Mother of Teresa of Calcutta Parish a place where men can gather, share ideas, plan events and make our community a safe & vibrant area for all. We need more men to join us and help us to reach our goals. Join us and make your ideas happen. All we need is each other and God's blessing.

**Next Mandarin Alpha** will be on Sunday, Jan. 23rd after the monthly Mandarin Mass in the Community Room.



**Altar Server Commissioning Rites:** Our new and experienced servers will be commissioned at the 9:30am Family Mass on Sunday, Jan. 9th at St. Barbara Church and at the 10:30am Family Mass on Sunday, Jan. 16th at St. Therese Church. Servers and their families can choose to attend either of these two masses for the blessing.

### St. Therese Worship Site

2022 Offering Envelope Boxes are available for registered families to pick up at the Church entrance table.

**2022 English Calendars** are available at both of our churches' entrance tables. The Chinese calendar is at the entrance table at St. Therese Church.



### Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:

4pm-5pm: Rosary on the Streets

5pm-6pm: Holy Hour—All are welcome!

**Quote** – "The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection." — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Another Look at Abortion" ([respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion](https://respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion))

## 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



## WEEKLY COLLECTION - Jan. 2, 2022

### St. Barbara

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 823.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 299.00
Give Central	\$ 717.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,839.00</b>

### YTD      Weekly

Actual	\$ 57,725.00	\$ 1,839.00
Goal	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
% of Goal	82%	73%

Votives and Vigil Lights	\$
New Year	\$ 620.00

### St. Therese

\$ 1,451.00
\$ 741.00
\$ 494.00
<b>\$ 2,686.00</b>

### YTD      Weekly

\$ 63,239.00	\$ 2,686.00
\$ 70,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
90%	107%

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\$ 413.00

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!*

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*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.

**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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### **New Chances to Please God by Sr. Caritas**

We are now into a few days of the New Year 2022. Each new day can bring new adventures, new challenges, new depth in relationships and new directions in our families lives, work, jobs, or relationships with God. Many years ago or a few years ago, we, like Jesus in today's Gospel story, began a new life. Jesus was about to begin His public ministry. He was making one more step toward being the one who would save each of us.

At the end of today's Gospel, we have a manifestation of God, the Father. "A voice came from heaven. You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased. It was the Father affirming Him and how He lived His life in fidelity. Jesus had lived His life up until then, doing the will of the Father. How do you think Jesus felt with this affirmation?

Each of us, at our Baptism became children of God in a new and wonderful way. God is our Father, Mary our mother and we are all brothers and sisters to each other as members of Jesus' Body, the Church. Living fully this vocation as a member of the "Body of Christ" is done most perfectly when we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, doing the will of God the Father. Take a moment in the next few new days and take the word spoken by the Father to yourself. Hear God say to you, "You are my beloved son, beloved daughter in whom I am pleased." Let it sink deeply into your soul. Embrace the affirmation of God, your Father. Experience His love for you and know He is well please with your efforts to do His will.



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### **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD by Fr. John Cuff**

Today's feast, the Baptism of the Lord, was originally one of three Gospel events marked by the feast of the Epiphany. These events are: the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; Christ wills to be baptized by John in the Jordan to bring us salvation. In the Western Church, Christ's Baptism was later overshadowed by the visit of the Magi, until Pope Pius XII in 1955 instituted it as a separate liturgical commemoration. The Baptism of Christ is a great Theophany because in it the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, which is the highest mystery of the Church, is made manifest.

Today's Gospel reading confirms the manifestation of the Blessed Trinity at the Baptism of Jesus. God the Father is revealed in the voice which confirmed the Sonship of Jesus, God the Son is revealed in Jesus who was baptized, and God the Holy Spirit is revealed in the Dove which descended upon the Son. Thus this manifestation of the Trinity becomes the origin and destination of our Christian worship because all our prayers begin and end in the name of the Blessed Trinity.

Jesus received John's baptism and in the process instituted a higher form of baptism which according to John is with "fire and the Holy Spirit." John's baptism is the foundation of Christ's Baptism, and in the latter Christ instituted a baptism which is not just a mere religious practice but also a sacrament. He brought the Trinitarian dimension to baptism and thus made baptism a communion with God and the Church. John's baptism is for repentance, but Christ's Baptism is more than that. It is a source of cleansing and incorporation into the family of God.

Therefore as the Trinity manifest Themselves in the baptism of Jesus, They also manifest Themselves in our own baptism and in fact make Their abode in us. As the Father proclaimed Jesus His beloved Son, so does He through the merits of Christ proclaim us His adopted children. Enabled by the Holy Spirit, Jesus went about doing good. Since we have received the same Holy Spirit at our baptism, have we gone about doing good? So let us renew our baptismal promises and resolve to be more faithful to them.