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Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate

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APRIL 12, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

GENERATION TO GENERATION: ANSWER THE CALL CAMPAIGN AT ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA!

Today we kick off the Generation to Generation: Answer the Call campaign. Our parish's participation in the campaign, along with all parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago, will meet needs of our parish and support Catholic ministries in Cook and Lake counties.

Our goal at St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta is to raise \$415,000 in pledges payable over five (5) years from our parish families. Fifty percent of the funds from these pledges will go toward the parish needs listed below. The remaining fifty percent will go towards spiritually renewing our church, supporting our priests, and assisting vulnerable communities.

Since we have surpassed our goal, we will now receive an even greater percentage of the funds raised for these needs. This is an exceptional opportunity for the community to come together to reach our challenge goal of \$830,000 and raise even more funds for our projects.

When you receive your invitation to participate in this historic effort, please pray and discern a multi-year sacrificial pledge that is right for your family. Today, join us in praying for the success of the Generation to Generation campaign.



CAMPAIGN PRAYER

God of abundant and generous mercy, we gratefully acknowledge the many gifts you have given us across the years from the sacrifice of generations before us.

And so, we confidently trust that you will walk with us into the future.

We echo the words of the Blessed Virgin Mary: truly, your mercy is from generation to generation.

Help us now to respond generously to your gifts, as we support our Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago and work to bring faith forward for the generations that follow us.

By your grace and help, let our gifts be a blessing for our children, our grandchildren, and those who follow them.

Through Christ our Lord.

OUR PRIORITIES

- Preserving Our Facilities
- Supporting Parish Ministries

OUR PROGRESS

- Parish Challenge Goal: \$830,000
- Total Raised: \$445,500
- Percentage Raised: 54%
- Number of Gifts: 24
- Average Gift: \$18,563
- Last Updated: 4/8/26

G to G Announcement Weekend -April 18-19

G to G Commitment Weekend -April 25-26

G to G Follow-Up Weekend-May 2-3

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TO GENERATION:
ANSWER THE CALL.....

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 & Rosary

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)

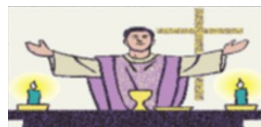
4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

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: After the 8 a.m. Mass



Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Barbara Worship Site

Sunday, April 11th | Vigil Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00 p.m. + Birthday emembrance for Rose Caponigro by Marion
+ Lucille Salerno by Jing

Sunday, April 12th | Divine Mercy Sunday

6:00 a.m. + Cliff Whitehouse by Bette Pienta
+ Teresa Oleszkiewicz by B. Glabicki
+ Tony Gilio by Jina Giglio
+ Frank Giglio by Jina Giglio
9:30 a.m. God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family
+ Walda Mejia by Sue Napierkowski
+ Gina Ferro by Family
+ Stanley Rzasa by Family

11:30 a.m. **INDONESIAN MASS**
+ Thomas Glaser by Jim & Christine Bertucci

Tuesday, April 14th | Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. + 11 Year Anniversary: Nick Koclonis by M. Korso
+ 16 Year Anniversary: Joe Kosteka by M. Korso

Thursday, April 16th | Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Catherine (Bertucci) Barbaro by Dominic Barbaro
+ Mr. & Mrs. Walter Janusz by Mr. & Mrs. Stan Nawraca

Saturday, April 18th | Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Joyce Fedor by B. Glabicki

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, April 12th | Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 a.m. + Pete & Tony Pusateri by Family
10:30 a.m. + Chong Wey & Chin Shee Lee by Patti Lee
+ Kee Chung Leong by Gertrude Chan
+ Lucille Salerno by Elizabeth Masangcay
+ Herman Wong by Lawrence & Teresa Wong

Monday, April 13th | Saint Martin, Pope and Martyr

8:00 a.m. For All Souls of the Bertucci & Barbaro Families by Dominic Barbaro

Wednesday, April 15th | Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Kim D'Amico by Joe & Rena
+ Happy Heavenly Birthday Dominic Barbaro by Barbaro Family

Friday, April 17th | Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Vincent Briglio by Family
+ Happy Heavenly Birthday Chetti Bertucci by Dominic Barbaro
+ Birthday Remembrance: Cheech Barbaro II by Dominic Barbaro
+ Ed & Estell Barton by B. Glabicki



"Every human being has a longing for God. Christians go one step further— not only do we long for God but we have the treasure of his presence always with us."

Saint Mother Teresa



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret R Rubio**, whose Funeral Service will be held this Sunday evening at Dalcamo.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Su Kin Yuen** whose Funeral Service will be held on Monday April 13th at Dalcamo.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara - Saturday, April 18th

Lectors: Elli, Laura

Eucharistic Minister: Cheryl

Sunday, April 19th

6a.m. Greeters: JoAnn, Jane

Lector: J. Bertucci

Eucharistic Minister: Margaret

9:30a.m. Lectors: Hazel, Johann

Eucharistic Minister: Tina

St. Therese – Sunday, April 19

8:00a.m. Greeters: Joey, Naomi

Lectors: Aireen, Nicole

St. Michael Ministry:

10:30a.m. Greeters: Darlene, Jade, Marian

Lectors: **FAMILY MASS**

Eucharistic Ministers: Sheila (Altar) John (Choir)

St. Michael Ministry: Earl

Thanks and Congratulations

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Triduum and Easter celebrations. Special thanks to **all Liturgical Ministers** for beautifully decorating our Church, leading us in songs, readings, and hospitality. Our children enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt and we all had a great time with the Brunch and fellowship. Special thanks to **Joe Delfin** for organizing the Visitation of the Churches on Holy Thursday and to **Peter Pon** for being our fabulous bus driver!



Fr. Francis Li
PASTOR

Congratulations to 14 of our bothers and sisters who were baptized and completed their Sacrament of Initiation at Easter Vigil. Special thanks to **Michael Pietrzak** for preparing and providing the beautiful Worship Aid for Easter Vigil.



DIVINE MERCY



I invite you to join our Divine Mercy Devotion this Sunday at 3pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction at St. Barbara Church.

The following favor and grace can be obtained:

The plenary indulgence is granted (under the usual conditions of a sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and a prayer for the intentions of the

*Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the *Our Father and the Creed, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!**

Peace, Fr. Francis

Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch with the Easter Bunny

Thank you to all who participated in our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch with the Easter Bunny. All of our children had a wonderful time. Special thanks to our Easter Bunny and all of his helpers, and to the hospitality team for cooking a delicious brunch!



**St. Therese Worship-site Easter Donations
as of 04/08/26 total \$31,037**

Wil Chan	\$3,500	Darlene Chan Lowe & Chris Lowe	\$500
Lily & Richard May	\$1,200	Richard & Jennifer Co	\$200
Cindy Fung Kam Oi	\$500	Ka Soen & Lushia Tie	\$100
Paul & Cindy Lau	\$1,000	Lucy Moy	\$20
Ignatius Paul Spalla	\$1,000	Agnes Lee	\$10
Larry Pusateri	\$500	USA Chan	\$200
Gemma Wong	\$150	Cameron & Kalina Pon	\$100
Gonzalez Family	\$200	Marian Torrez	\$100
Jerome & Wendy Fluder	\$100	Robert Ho	\$100
Sylvia Donato	\$20	Maureen Vana & Wu Family	\$50
Teresa Au	\$100	Gerard & Darlene Chan	\$150
Marilyn Lee	\$100	Janet Moy	\$100
Shiu-Mei Sim	\$100	Rosemarie Centofanti	\$50
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Theresa Latham	\$100	Michael Chan	\$100
Shao Chen Lin	\$50	Mrs. Anita Hong	\$50
Michael Madia	\$25	Margaret Moy	\$100
Maria Vinci	\$25	James D. Vittori	\$50
Salvator Covelli	\$75	John Lau	\$288
Marie Bertucci & Theodore Runge	\$10	Larry Pusateri	\$30
Budi & Katharina Kusnoto	\$1,000	Katherine Moy	\$200
Anonymous	\$200	Theresa Spalla & Francis Degnan	\$50
Anonymous	\$150	Marie Chan	\$100
Anthony Fratto	\$100	Fung Family	\$150
Jeannie Hui	\$100	Michael Fung	\$50
Simon Dusan Condic	\$50	Roberto & Liliana Garibay & Family	\$500
Jennifer Ng	\$100	Jorge Morales	\$200
Helen Distasio	\$50	Irene Lee	\$10
Ruth Lawrence	\$25	Dominic & Jian Lai	\$100
Thomas Chan	\$50	Miulan Yau	\$100
Rose Bonomo	\$50	Catherine Chang	\$100
Jim & MaryAnn Distasio	\$200	Chia L. Han	\$200
Anonymous	\$300	Peter Delich	\$100
Marion Roti	\$100	Sophie Nardi	\$100
Suey Kin Yuen	\$50	James & Ramona Chin	\$500
Mary Ann Nudo	\$100	John & Sheila Lin	\$500
Joseph & Rena Zito	\$500	Raymond & Joanna Lin	\$500
Corwin & Luanne Eng	\$150	Brian & Janice Chow	\$500
Kwok Chi Lee	\$100	Michael & Dorothy Bisch	\$200
Peter Tse	\$100	Michael Hau & Mary Kay D'Angelo	\$50
John & Agnes Lee	\$70	Paul Lee	\$200
Ellen & Nick Andriacchi	\$250	Pat Culen & Wendy Sin	\$200
Carl DiFranco	\$500	Sam Ng	\$50
Regina Cheong	\$200	James Keating	\$200
Anonymous	\$3,000	Eva & Andrew Feng	\$100
Anonymous	\$1,000	Dominique Feng	\$50
Eileen Chin	\$1,000	Maria Feng	\$50
Gina Giaccia	\$50	Anna Feng	\$1,000
Jolenna Chan	\$50	Marah Nojoc	\$1
Kimberly Casey	\$25	Anonymous	\$500
Janet Fecteau	\$300	Peter Tse	\$50
Groh Family	\$200	Connie Liu	\$1
Rita Young	\$200	Linda Li	\$100
Leong Family	\$100	Gene & Teresa Lee	\$300
In Memory of Kee Chung Leong	\$100	Peter & Barbara Pon	\$20
Anna Cheung	\$200	Earl Hokens	\$40
Ricky Yong	\$750	Ramiro & Maria Gomez	\$8
Shile(George) Chen & XiaoYing Zou	\$100	Anthony Scarlata	\$50
Linda Myers	\$150	Gertrude Chan	\$100
		James Wong	\$100
		Loose	\$799

STC Total as of 04/08/26: \$31,037

NEWS & EVENTS

St. Barbara Worship-site Easter Donations as of 04/07/26 total \$6,990

Ms. Eugenia J. Krzyzanski	\$50
Tom Gniadek	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. James Bertucci	\$200
Johnny Bertucci	\$25
Emmanuel King	\$5
Robert Kowalsky	\$20
Joseph Boniewicz	\$10
J. Escamilla	\$5
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Groark	\$25
Martin Sanchez	\$5
John F. Allen	\$5
Michael J. Kammerer	\$50
Evelyn Zaleski	\$100
Barbara Rekar	\$500
Judy Lukwinski	\$500
Karen Bikos	\$50
Matt & Judy Dalcamo	\$100
Christine Kisielente	\$300
Rose Lavelle	\$20
Johnny Bertucci	\$25
Mr. Mrs. James Bertucci	\$200
Tom Gniadek	\$10
Donna Schultz	\$20
John F. Allan	\$45
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Saletta	\$50
Gloria Paradiso	\$20
Anonymous	\$25
Elaine Pusateri	\$30
Charlotte DeSanto	\$50
Marilyn Rzasa	\$250
Roberta Carden	\$100
Mary Loughney	\$100
Matt & Marci Rodriguez	\$25
Diane Rzasa	\$250
Karen Esposito	\$5
Sonny Furmanek	\$25
Tina Vazzana	\$5
Steve Vazzana	\$5
Henry P. Diaz DeLeon	\$100
Maria Rolon	\$20
Maribeth Loughney	\$100
Judy Zurzuela	\$25
Ruth Solverson	\$30
Tom & Cheri Groark	\$25
Tina Krueger	\$100
S. Wisniewski	\$20
Dolores Becatti	\$100
Yolanda Bobadilla	\$50
Raymond Murphy	\$200
Barbara Hudren	\$150
Rebecca Fuentes	\$20
Wladyslawa Lazowski	\$100
Mary Kay McCann	\$40
Mary Joanne McCann	\$50
Kathleen Gortowski	\$400
James Petrovich	\$10
Terri P. Quinones	\$30
Bernard P. Krygowski	\$100
Dawn & Eugene Barajas	\$5
Jo Ann Balasa	\$50
Martin Sanchez	\$5

Cheryl Sokolowski	\$100
Anonymous	\$200
Anonymous	\$1,000
Ruth Davidson	\$4
Knights of Columbus Council	\$100
Loose	\$636.5
SBC Total as of 04/07/26:	\$6,990

ST. THERESE SCHOOL 2026 CNY Financial Report

Chinese New Year Benefit Financial Result as of 03/31/2026	
INCOME	
Sponsorships	\$ 19,940.00
Ticket Sales	\$ 26,052.00
Program Ads	\$ 2,050.00
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$ 8,850.00
Donations	\$ 21,224.00
Silent Auction, Class Treasures, and Teacher Adventures	\$ 14,830.00
Miscellaneous Cash Sales	\$ 2,905.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 95,851.00
EXPENSES	
Food & Beverages	\$ (18,000.00)
Raffle Prizes, Silent Auction Items	\$ (3,305.28)
Vendors	\$ (2,300.00)
Miscellaneous	\$ (500.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(24,105.28)
NET PROFIT	\$ 71,745.72



Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:

4pm-5pm, Street Rosary and 5pm-6pm.
Adoration at St. Therese Church.
All are welcome.

Good Shepherd Catechism

Sundays for children from 3 to 7 years old at 10:30am. This class is taught by Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity.

HOLY NAME

Holy Name welcome men of the community to meet every 2nd Friday of the month at 7 pm at St. Barbara convent dining room. The next meeting is May 8th.

Tax Letters: Registered parishioners can obtain letters for last year's donations by calling or emailing the parish offices.

WEEKLY COLLECTION– APRIL 5, 2026

	St. Barbara		St. Therese	
Sunday Envelopes	\$	804.00	\$	776.00
Sunday Loose	\$	636.00	\$	700.00
Give Central	\$	428.00	\$	567.00
Total Collection	\$	1,868.00	\$	2,043.00
	YTD	Weekly	YTD	Weekly
Actual	\$	85,516.00	\$	89,633.00
Goal	\$	108,000.00	\$	108,000.00
% of Goal		79%		83%

ATTENTION: For those who make your offering in the form of a check, please make checks to **St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish**. Our parish has a **new givecentral** account, through which people can still choose to make their donations to either Worship Site.
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Please pray for those who are ill, homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers.

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*****Please review the above Prayer List to identify if there is a name that should be removed OR inform us if there is someone that needs to be added. Please call the rectory to make changes. Thank YOU!**

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Sacraments/Sacramental

Please contact parish office for any of the following:

Baptisms: Parents must be registered practicing parishioners 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.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith. Parish has English, Cantonese & Mandarin-OCIA available.

Weddings: Weddings need to be scheduled at least six months in advance. Couples are reminded to secure the Church date before the reception hall.

Ministry Coordinators

Youth: Mrs. Heba Jaqman
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Chinese Apostolate: Ms. Jing Zhang
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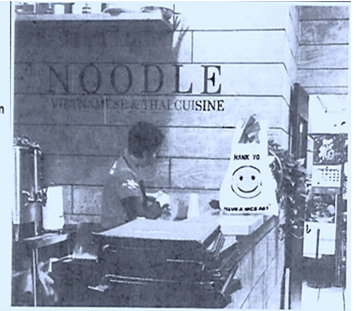
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POPE JOHN PAUL II and THE DIVINE MERCY
 By Fr. John Cuff

I wonder if anyone can remember what happened exactly twenty-six years ago on this Sunday, during the last Jubilee Year 2000. Pope John Paul II officially declared this second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. That same day he canonized a humble Polish nun named Sr. Faustina Kowalska, a saintly visionary chosen by God to spread devotion to Christ the Divine Mercy. Sr. Faustina received revelations from Jesus that were to become the basis for the Divine Mercy devotion. Since the early years of his priesthood, Pope John Paul had a deep devotion to the Divine Mercy. So that day, twenty-six years ago, after the Pope had canonized Sister Faustina, he said, "This is the happiest day of my life."

Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina and chose her to spread this devotion at a crucial moment – at a time when many people had lost faith not only in God, but in mercy itself. In the nineteen-forties humanity experienced its most horrendous war. Like all wars it cost the lives of countless young soldiers, but it also had another dimension. On a scale never before seen, civilians became targets: children, their mothers, the disabled, and the elderly. People asked: How could humans commit such atrocities? And where was God in all this? Someone who witnessed firsthand these horrors of recent history was Saint Pope John Paul II. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, he studied in Warsaw's secret underground seminary. In the terror the Nazis imposed, he saw fellow seminarians and priests arrested and summarily executed. After the war ended, Nazism was replaced by Communism. The Nazi occupation lasted only five years, while communist rule in Poland would last almost fifty years.

Many historians recognize the significant role that Saint John Paul played in the downfall of European Communism. After the collapse of the Soviet empire, some of its secret archives became public. They reveal an obsession against the Catholic Church, and especially against the Polish Pope. This Sunday, however, we can see John Paul's greatest weapon. It was not condemnation; it was not political intrigue, and it surely was not economic power. The Pope's great weapon was the Divine Mercy. Against the materialist and totalitarian philosophies that viewed humans in terms of economics, St. Pope John Paul presented a different vision, God's mercy. Yes, the human race is deeply flawed. We've committed unimaginable crimes against one another. But we are not abandoned. God offers us something infinitely greater than our human cruelty. At times it seems we're up against insurmountable obstacles. But remember that in the mid-eighties, many political experts scoffed at the idea that the Soviet empire would collapse. St. John Paul saw something deeper; he saw the Divine Mercy at work in human history, in your life and in mine. Today, let us ask the intercession of St. John Paul and St. Faustina that we will come to know in our own lives what we hear in the Responsorial Psalm: "His mercy endures forever."

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