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June 12, 2022
The Most Holy Trinity



Holy Trinity

As we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity this weekend, we are reminded how God is working in our lives and in our world. One of the best descriptions of our God for me is that God is a communion of love. Love is God's essence. How is this love reflected in us and through us?

The other day I came across the following description of Christ's love and I don't know who is the author, but I hope it helps us to reflect on God this weekend.

Christ's love is *inclusive*

It is for the whole of creation.

It is for all without exception.

We see this in Jesus' table fellowship, choosing to be with the marginalized and sinners.

We see it in his encounters across gender, religious, cultural and national boundaries. ...

Christ's love is *merciful and reconciling*

We see this in the story of the Loving Father.

We see this in his challenge to keep on forgiving and seeking a reconciliation.

We see this in his forgiveness at his crucifixion.

Christ's love is *passionate*.

We see this in his stories of the woman searching for the lost coin
And the shepherd searching for the lost sheep.

We see this in his many healings.

We see this in his many exorcisms.

Christ's love is *challenging*.

He challenges his disciples and the rich young man to leave all and follow him.

He challenges Martha to let Mary learn from him.

He challenges his followers to take up their cross daily.

He challenges all who hear him not to store up earthly treasures.

— — — Fr. Francis

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, June 11th Vigil | The Most Holy Trinity

5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente Family
 Health Blessings for Dolores Becatti by Spalla Family
 + Ann & John Malone by Family
 + Birthday Remembrance: Lena Roti by Marion
 + David Brost by Elayne Brost

Sunday, June 12th | The Most Holy Trinity

6:00 a.m. + Tom Skrip by Jim & Christine Bertucci
 9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family
 + Teresita Holcomb by King Family

Tuesday, June 14th | Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Anna Zuniga by Laura D'Souza
 + Maria Elena Zuniga by Laura D'Souza
 + Juan Figueroa by Laura D'Souza

Thursday, June 16th | Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Birthday Remembrance: Stanley Lukwinski by Family
 Birthday: Caryl Olandesca by Tina Inday

Saturday, June 18th | Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Remembrance

Saturday, June 18th Vigil | The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente Family
 Richard & Jean Fockler & Delbert & Helen Wiese by Jane Fockler
 Health Blessing for Annerino Family by Spalla Family
 + Len Frenzel by Roxanne Trenter

Sunday, June 19th | The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

6:00 a.m. + James J. Bertucci by son James
 9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family
 + Wally Furmanek by Sonny
 + Teresita Holcomb by King Family
 + Clifford Pienta by Bette Pienta

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara

Saturday, June 18th:

5p.m. Lectors: M. Tse, P. Saletta

Eucharistic Minister: C. Sokolowski

Sunday, June 19th:

6a.m. Lectors: J. Bertucci

Eucharistic Minister: J. Balasa

9:30 a.m. Lectors: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo, III

Eucharistic Minister: P. Rodriguez

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, June 12th– The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. + Pei Qing Ruan by Betty Fung
 + Estelle Yakutis by Family Friend
 10:30 a.m. + Diane Marie Chan by Darlene
 + June Moy by Ricky Yong
 + Mrs. Maria Ngook Woon Gee by Laurence & Theresa Wong

Monday, June 13th | Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Special Favor from St. Anthony by Palumbo Family

Wednesday, June 15th | Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Vicki Stegmiller by Husband & Family

Friday, June 17th | Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Vince Briglio by Wife & Family



We pray for Ukraine and Russia and for all our brothers and sisters living in fear and for all victims of war. Lord, Raise up peacemakers, so that violence and war can end.

St. Therese

Sunday, June 19th:

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

Lectors: B. Fung, J. Fung

St. Michael Ministry: Chris

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

Lectors: R. Lin, S. Ng

Eucharistic Ministers: Edy (Altar), Wing(Choir)

St. Michael Ministry: Pat

Thanks

Thanks to all of our **Altar Servers** and **Student Musicians** and to all adults who mentor them and help them with their respective ministries. We had an Appreciation Pizza Luncheon and Outing at Ping Tom Memorial Park last Sunday. Special thanks to **Joy Yee Restaurant** for donating smoothie drinks to our group who enjoyed it and had a wonderful time being with each other and walking around the park!



Rectory Boiler and Church Sound System at St. Barbara

In the last few months we have been working on replacing our rectory boiler and upgrading the church sound system. Due to supply shortage, it lasted much longer than we expected. Now I am happy to share with you that both projects for the boiler and Church sound system are completed. We have a new boiler and a much upgraded sound system in our Church. Special thanks to **Lily and Richard May** for donating the funds for the new mixer and microphones for our choir area.

Peace, Fr. Francis

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Please join us celebrating:

****Father's Day
***Tom Howard's Retirement
***Alpha Summer Gathering
Congratulations to Tom Howard
on his Retirement!*

When: June 19, 6月19日 10:30 Mass & Gathering

Where: St. Therese Worship Site

All are Welcome!



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June 12, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The happy occasion of Father's Day next Sunday, gives me an opportunity to wish all who serve as fathers in our families my heartfelt thanks and congratulations. This day traditionally has also gives us an opportunity to thank and support our priests, those who serve as our spiritual fathers, our priests who minister in the Archdiocese of Chicago. These 450 active and 254 retired priests have chosen to dedicate their lives to serving you and your family through pastoral care, celebration of the sacraments, and leadership of our communities of faith.

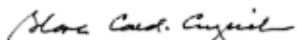
With this letter I ask you to join me in supporting the health and well-being of our priests by making a generous gift to the Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA collection for the benefit of their healthcare and retirement needs. Your sacrifice on their behalf not only contributes to their health and well-being, but it also demonstrates to them your support of their ministry in our parishes and communities.

Please note that this is the only collection for our Archdiocesan priests' health and retirement. This is separate and distinct from the annual collection for religious order priests, sisters, and brothers.

Join me in making a generous contribution to this weekend's second collection. I also ask you to consider naming the Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA as beneficiary of your will, something I personally have done.

As I ask you to join me in praying that God continue to bless our dedicated priests, I assure you of my remembrance of you and your families in my prayers and at the Lord's Table.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

Nights of Mercy

Vicariates II and III, and the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago invite you to join us for Nights of Mercy this summer and early fall. Each evening will include Adoration, music, Confession, and street evangelization from 6 – 8:30 p.m. at the following locations:

Friday, July 15 – St. Alphonsus

Friday, August 26 – St. Jerome Croatian Church

Friday, September 23 – Bl. Carlo Acutis at St. Hedwig

Contact Sr. Jaime Mitchell at jmitchell@archchicago.org with any questions. We hope you can join us – it is a great way to prepare for the Eucharistic Revival.

news and events

June Special Celebrations:

June 13th ---Finance Council Meeting will have to be rescheduled due to schedule conflicts.

June 19th ----Father's Day blessing at all masses

Support St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish through Amazon Smile!

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RESPECT LIFE

Quote – “In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern. ... Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.” — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Live the Gospel of Life” NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.

Our Prayer – May society more deeply respect the human person, who is created, redeemed, and made holy by the gracious action of the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *We pray to the Lord:*



St. Vincent DePaul News

St. Vincent DePaul is happy to say, all the bicycles collected, cleaned and fixed up have now found good homes. Again, thank you to all who donated and helped out.

Our big adventure of the year is on June 11th and 12th, this is when the bundle trailer will be in the north parking lot alongside the St. Barbara site. We will accept all items except for mattresses and baby furniture. If the trailer is unattended when you get there, you can just drop off your items along the fence in front of the trailer doors. We will try and have someone there Saturday from 8am till 3pm and Sunday from 8am till after the 10:30 mass. Items can still be dropped off at the trailer after that as it will be accessible till Monday morning by one of our members.

Holy Name wishes to remind all good men of the area that we meet on the second Friday of each month and welcome all new members and those interested in becoming members with, a wonderful gourmet dinner prepared by our own Chef Jeff. Meetings start at 7pm and are held in the mobile unit in the north parking lot of the St. Barbara site.

Father's Day Mass Remembrance

Father – Grandfather – Godfather – Uncle - Brother
Remembrance envelopes are available in the back of church. Please return them with the names of all fathers to be remembered in special Masses offered up throughout the year. You are asked to include a donation that is suitable to your intentions.

St. Mother Teresa Of Calcutta Parish Prayer For Peace



Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:

4pm-5pm: Rosary on the Streets
5pm-6pm: Holy Hour

St. Therese Church
All are welcome!

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Schedule: Rosary Prayer for Peace on

Saturdays, 4:30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet and a
peace prayer on Sunday after
9:30 am Mass

Location: St. Barbara Church 聖芭拉教堂

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WEEKLY COLLECTION - June 5, 2022

St. Barbara

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,147.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 345.00
Give Central	\$ 646.00
Total Collection	\$ 2,138.00

YTD Weekly

Actual	\$ 105,283.00	\$ 2,138.00
Goal	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
% of Goal	84%	86%

Votives and Vigil Lights	\$
Mother's Day	\$

St. Therese

\$ 1751.00
\$ 408.00
\$ 436.00
\$ 2,595.00

YTD Weekly

\$ 110,951.00	\$ 2,595.00
\$ 125,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
89%	103%

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\$

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.

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, 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, Josephine Laco, Dolores Becatti, Michele Young

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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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ANNUAL CHINATOWN SUMMER FAIR

**JULY 30 - 31, 2022
ST. MOTHER TERESA OF
CALCUTTA PARISH
@ ST. THERESE CHURCH**

This is our parish's biggest event of the year--not only financially, but in terms of our presence in Chinatown and promotion of the church to all visitors.

This event would not be possible without your help and support!

St. Mother Teresa Summer Fair Committee:

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PLEASE EMAIL US OR SIGN UP AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE IF YOU CAN HELP OUT ON EITHER OR BOTH DAYS WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Saturday 7/30/2022 and Sunday 7/31/2022

8:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Set up and food prep

10:30 AM to 2:00 PM/2:00 PM to 5:30 PM shifts -
Food booth (food prep, grillers, cashiers, packers, runners)
Activity booths (helpers for Ministry, Church Tours, Basketball)

5:00PM - Clean up

Donations and Booth Sponsors are also needed. Please contact us if you would like to sponsor a booth.

50/50 Raffle Tickets are available for \$10. Purchase from:

St. Therese and St. Barb office, Marian Woo Torrez, Gemma Wong, Naomi Lowe, Linda Leong, Darlene Chan-Lowe, and Corwin Eng

On Evangelization by Parishioner Roberta Cheong

Right before Jesus ascends to Heaven, He leaves us with a mission to make disciples of all nations. And on Pentecost, He sends us His Holy Spirit so that we have the power to go forth and carry out His mission for us.

The Responsorial Psalm on Pentecost at Mass was Psalm 104:30 "Send forth your spirit, they are created and you renew the face of the earth." The way I interpret this psalm is that God fills us with the Holy Spirit and then acts through us in the world to renew the Earth. We are in a team with the Holy Spirit to renew the Earth... by bringing people to follow Jesus.

On Pentecost Sunday, I learned this firsthand. When I woke up that morning, I was doing my daily morning prayers and remembering that it was Alpha Day, I prayed to God that He would send someone new to the Alpha session. Well God really answered my prayer and He sent Steve! What I didn't know when I said this prayer was that God was going to use ME to answer my own prayer!

Later on when I arrived to church, I saw Steve standing outside in front of the church. Steve has been my friend for over 10 years and we used to work together. He was here for Mass. I welcomed him and then after Mass, I personally invited him to join us for the lunch in the Community Room and for the Alpha session. He actually came and joined us!

We enjoyed pizza together while sitting with Sister Caritas

and other parishioners. I introduced Steve to everyone around us. Steve shared with our fellow parishioners his testimony of how he decided to return to the Catholic Church after being away for a long time. Everyone was blessed by Steve's presence and sharings.

At the end of the Alpha session, I silently prayed in my heart that Fr. Cuffe would exchange phone numbers with Steve, because I think that Steve could learn a lot directly from Fr. Cuffe. God answered my prayer again! Immediately after I prayed this, Fr. Cuffe asked for Steve's phone number.

What I learned that day is that many times I look outward and await God's answer to my prayers through other people, but sometimes God sends us to answer our own prayers. We are the answer to our prayers.

God used me to invite my friend Steve to Alpha and I was his only friend at St. Therese, so God used my friendship with Steve to make him feel welcomed to join us. I was chosen and sent for that moment, because no one else knew him here. Thus, Steve was the new person to Alpha that I had asked God for that very morning!

Who is God asking YOU to invite? Maybe that newcomer in the back of the church is waiting for YOU to invite them to be part of our parish and to join our activities. Maybe someone has been wanting to return to church and God is sending YOU to invite them back to Mass. You are chosen by God and He sends YOU to go forth and make disciples.

Sometimes you are the answer to your prayers.