

March 20, 2022 Third Sunday of Lent

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PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

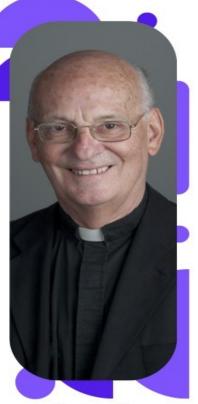
Missionary Discipleship: All Are Called

Led by Fr. Tony Gittins, CSSp

> SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM ST. BARBARA GYM COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH

Fr. Tony Gittins was born in Manchester, England and was ordained in 1967. He has M.A.s in Theoretical Linguistics and Social Anthropology and a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology. He has taught Theology & Anthropology at the Theological Union in Chicago since 1984. From 1999 to 2008, he held the Bishop Ford Chair of Mission Theology. He is currently Professor of Theology and Culture. Fr. Gittins is the author of 18 books on theological and anthropological topics, as well as on mission and spirituality.

Fr. Gittins's ministry focuses on the intersection of social sciences and theological disciplines. He works with and among marginalized communities and has done missionary and anthropological work in many countries, including in Africa.



Registration Required by calling parish offices or via email by Tuesday, April 5

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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 19th Vigil |3rd Sunday of Lent

- 5:00 p.m. Birthday Blessing for sister-in-law Janet Guinsatao by Elizabeth Masangcay For the Return of Jesus
 - + Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family
 - + Joseph D'Amico by Joe & Rena
 - + Charles Palumbo by Wife Rosetta Palumbo

Sunday, March 20th– 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 6:00 a.m. + Gertrude Coulter by Christine Krupa
- 9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family
 - + 100th Birthday Remembrance for Rose Furmanek by Sonny

Tuesday, March 22nd | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Gertrude Coulter by Christine Krupa

Thursday, March 24th | Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. + Carole Meyers by Family

Saturday, March 26th— | Lenten Weekday

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

Saturday, March 26th Vigil |4th Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. + Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family For the Return of Jesus by Anonymous

Sunday, March 27th– 4th Sunday of Lent

6:00 a.m. + Donna Roberts by Christine Krupa

- 9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family
 - + 25th Anniversary for Wally Furmanek by Sonny
 - + Ted Napierkowski by Sue Napierkowski

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, March 20th | Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 a.m. + Jimmy Annoreno by Debbie Annoreno + Darlene Ray by Rosetta Palumbo
- 10:30 a.m. Healing Blessing for Sigita Guedratitis by Daughter Vesta & Bill
 - + June Moy by Linda Myers
 - + George Lee by Patti Lee
 - + Henry Lee, Birthday Remembrance by Wife, Children & Grandchild

Monday, March 21st | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Forgotten Poor Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro

Wednesday, March 23rd |Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

- 8:00 a.m. + Birthday Remembrance for Cookie Jarzyna By Marion
 - + Vetina Lotta by John & Sue Adomaitis

Friday, March 25th| The Annunciation of the Lord

- 8:00 a.m. + Delfin Masangcay by Elizabeth & Mary
 - + Deceased Members of the Bertucci & Barbaro Families by Dominic Barbaro



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, dwell-

ing 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 end.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara

Saturday, March 26th:

5 p.m. Lectors: G. Dumelle, E. Kroner Eucharistic Minister: L. Raya

Sunday, March 27th:

6 a.m. Lectors: J. Bertucci
Eucharistic Minister: C. Whitehouse
9:30 a.m. Lectors: L. Szczepanski, W. Podrazik
Eucharistic Minister: J. Rodriguez

St. Therese

Sunday, March 27th:

8 a.m. Greeters: N. Lowe, J. Lowe Lectors: B. Fung, J. Fung

St. Michael Ministry:

10:30 a.m. Greeters: C. Lee, J. Yee, D. Lowe Lectors: RE Led Mass Eucharistic Ministers: Edy(Altar), Wing(Choir Loft) St. Michael Ministry: Cam

Thanks

Thanks to all who participated in our Mandarin Lent Retreat on Saturday, March 12 and to those who helped to organize it. We had over 30



people and all of them appreciated the time to be together in prayer, reconciliation and worship.

Thanks to all catechists and sponsors who journey closely with our RCIA catechumens. We are blessed to have 6 Baptisms at Easter Vigil this year. Please keep all of them in your prayers.



Journeying with the Universal Church:



Communion, Participation and Mission

Last September, Pope Francis called for a synod which is for everyone and includes everyone. The theme of the synod is "**For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.**" The Holy Father invites all Catholics throughout the World to share our thoughts on this very important theme. I invited you to participate a while ago and here is the link for you to do so if you haven't done it yet: <u>Synod 2021 - 2023</u> <u>- Archdiocese of Chicago (archchicago.org)</u> The deadline for your feedback is April 1st, 2022. Then the Archdiocese will gather all comments and send a summary to the Holy See.

In solidarity with the universal Church, our parish Liturgy Committee agreed to a similar theme for our parish this year, namely, "**Journeying with the Universal Church, Communion, Participation and Mission.**" Please take some time to reflect on the meaning and implication of this important theme: for me COMMUNION means... PARTICIPATION means... and MISSION means...together as a parish, how can we express our communion in the Lord, participate in the life of our community and in the mission of the Lord more?

Lent is a great time for us to renew and recommit. We have two new lectern banners in each of our beautiful churches. Thanks to **Wendy Sin** for her talented design. I hope they are reminders to us of our shared mission in the Lord.

Peace, Fr. Francis

SCHOOL NEWS

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!

Change and Repent by Sr. Caritas

When I was teaching Kindergarten and First Grade, I was often in the situation of dealing with two children who were fighting or doing things that hurt each other. I would stop what was happening and then say to them, "Say you're sorry". They would look at the other child and say, "Sorry." It was obvious they only said it because I told them to do so. The real sorrow did not always seem to be present. Maybe some were sorry because I caught them, not because they were hurting or not being good to the other child.

In the Gospel commonly known situations where there were examples of people in the known past of the Jews who were treated badly and held as an example of people who were killed or punished because of what they did and did not change. Jesus tells the people that they too would be punished not just for the bad action but because they were not sorry and did not change. It was not just the bad deed that was bad. The fact that they did not realize the seriousness of the actions and were not willing to be sorry and change, was the bigger problem. Jesus said, "I tell you, if you don't repent you will all perish as they did."

As we go through this Lent and discover the things we do wrong and which actions and attitudes need changing, we need also to develop a deepening sense of sorrow. We need to really be sorry, not pretend. We believe Jesus did because of our sins. All that He suffered in carrying the cross and on the cross was al because of sin. We have a few more weeks to deepen and develop this deep sorrow Jesus is thinking of. We need to repent and change. Now is the important time to make the changes necessary. We need to be sorry not pretend. Change now in this time, in this moment. Each of us need to change some things.

SPIRITUAL OVER-CONFIDENCE by Fr. John Cuff

The story is told of a Union general in the Civil War, General John Sedgwick, who was inspecting his troops during the Battle of the Wilderness. As he made his way head high along the bulwark facing the enemy lines, his officers cautioned him to keep his head low to avoid possible enemy fire. "Nonsense," snapped the general, "Why, they couldn't hit an elephant at this distance..." Before he could finish his sentence, the general fell to the ground, fatally wounded by an enemy bullet. This sad story shows us the tragedy of over -confidence in military matters. Over-confidence in spiritual matters is even more tragic.

Among the Christians of Corinth whom Paul is writing to today were those who regarded themselves as strong in the faith. At times their behavior scandalized the weaker members of the community. For example, they joined pagan friends and ate meat sacrificed to idols. They argued that idols don't exist, and theologically they were right. But in exercising their liberty, they were giving scandal to others in their community and so hurting them spiritually. That is why St. Paul warns them to **"take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak."** And again: **"All things are lawful but not all things are beneficial."**

Like those super-Christians of Corinth, some Christians today who may be over-confident of their salvation can become a source of scandal to their less advanced brothers and sisters. Such over-confidence may even be found in some who are close to the sacraments. They might say, "I'm a fully baptized and confirmed Christian," or "I'm born again and have received the Holy Spirit," or "I'm saved," or "I attend church regularly and am a member in good standing and belong to this or that committee in my parish." Paul warns them that, even having attained high position in the Church, they still need to be cautious because they could still lose it. He cites the case of their Hebrew ancestors who had their Baptism by passing through the waters of the Red Sea, and their Eucharist by eating the "spiritual food" of the manna: "Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness."

Even after becoming members of God's covenant people, we can still lose that relationship. That's what happened to some of the Israelites in the desert. Paul doesn't want that to happen to the Christians in Corinth. This should make us add some humility to our faith. It's this humility that makes us aware of the concerns of our brothers and sisters in the faith who may not enjoy the same strong faith or deep knowledge that we do. In the end, what commends us to God is not our deep knowledge or strong faith, but our loving care for the least of our brothers and sisters.

Forgiveness

"People are often unreasonable and selfcentered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives."

-- St. Mother Teresa



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.

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 al-



ready 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.

St. Vincent DePaul will host a bicycle drive from March 2nd thru April 10th -Collecting old & new bicycles and parts of all kinds. Also accepting hand tools such as wrenches, screw drivers, etc.. You can drop off donations at St. Barbara rectory or text George at 773-592-7036 to arrange for pickup. Bicycles benefit Catholic missions third world countries overseas.

The **40 Days 40 Cans of Food Drive** will benefit the Benton House Food Pantry. Please donate what you can during these trying times. Boxes are at the rear of both worship sites for the drive.



Mondays with the Sisters of the <u>Missionaries of Charity:</u> <u>4pm-5pm:</u> Rosary on the Streets

5pm-6pm: Holy Hour—All are welcome!

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish establishes a **Peace Corner** for everyone to visit. Welcome to our new *Live Peace, Teach Peace* Corner!



We want to provide a place where you can recollect your spirit, breathe in and relax. Here you can experience peace that your heart desires and your body and soul are seeking. Your spirit can learn to come to rest in the presence of God. Some trained parishioners-volunteers will provide some very practical exercises to help you experience inner peace that comes from God.

Wedding Banns: Morgan & Spencer Trefliek

RESPECT LIFE

Quote – "To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ." (*The Gospel of Life* 84)

Our Prayer – * May all who suffer from the wounds of abortion be filled with the hope that does not disappoint, and be healed by Christ; We pray to the Lord: * Inspired by the example of the Blessed Mother, may we, like Mary, have the courage to say "yes" to life from conception to natural death; *We pray to the Lord*:

"Life is a journey. When we stop, things don't go right." —-Pope Francis

WEEKLY COLLECTION - March 13, 2022

			St	t. Barbara			St. Therese	
Sunday Envelopes			\$	893.00			\$ 1,315.00	
Sunday Loose			\$	259.00			\$ 269.00	
Give Central			\$	455.00			\$ 64100	
Total Collection			\$	1,607.00			\$ 2,225.00	
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Actual	\$	81,120.00	\$	1,607.00	\$	86,652.00	\$ 2,225.00	
Goal	\$	95,000.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	95,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	
% of Goal		85%		64%		91%	89%	
Votives and Vigil Lights			\$				\$	
Mandairn Mass	_		\$		_		\$ 650.00	

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

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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.

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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, 4^{th,} 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.