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March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Beacon of Light

Lord God.

you who conquered the darkness of evil, also vanquish the fear in our hearts. We rejoice that your resurrection, frees us from the slavery of sin and leads us to eternal life. Grant that we may follow the path. that your light shines for us and share with others the love that you have given us. You live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

He Has Risen!



Today's readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4; John 20:1–9. The Lord has risen! Alleluia! Our rejoicing at Easter Time acknowledges that Christ's light has conquered darkness. Jesus came to do God's will; he paid the ultimate price, and now we proclaim with joy his resurrection. Our Lord prepared his disciples for his death and resurrection, telling them, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me" (John 16:16). Jesus' rising from the dead should have come as no surprise to the disciples, yet they were surprised. As today's Gospel proclaims, "They did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even though we understand, we still need to be open

to seeing with the eyes of our hearts so that we can embrace the resurrected Christ.

After the forty days of penitence of Lent, we celebrate the light defeating the darkness for fifty days. During Easter Time, we are invited to meditate on how our actions allow us to be light for others. How do you aid others to dispel the darkness surrounding them? Do you carry the message that Jesus is alive? Are you willing to shout it? When we share the light of Christ that permeates our lives, we show appreciation for the faith that we have been given. Through Jesus Christ, God has fulfilled his promise and given us eternal life. Let us not be afraid to rejoice in the new life we have been given.

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: After the 8 a.m. Mass



St. Barbara Worship Site

Sunday, March 31st | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

6:00 a.m. Health Blessing, Josephine Laco by Laco Family

- + Theresa Ryndak by Pulaski Savings Bank
- + Ronald Kopke, Jr., Bernadette Noonan, "James Boodie"
 Bertucci, Louis Phillips, Sam Scalise, Deceased Members of the Ropke/Bertucci, Noonan/Sinople, Bertucci/
 Versetto, Phillips/ Pacente, Scalise/ Frierie Families,
 Frances Sabbia & all Deceased Members of the
 Sabbia & Tadin Families by Janet Ropke, Ciro
 Grassano and the Deceased Members of the Grassano
 Family by Janet Ropke
- + James (JJ) Bertucci, Sr. by Jim & Christine Bertucci

9:30 a.m. God's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven by Kisielente Family

- + Patricia Sokolowski by Dolores Becatti
- + Teresita Holcomb by King Family
- + Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family
- + Rose & Wally Furmanek by Sonny
- + Furmanek Family by Sonny
- + Rizzo Family by Sonny
- + Constantine Salinas by Sue & Jesus Salinas

Tuesday, April 2nd | Wthin the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Jessica Groark by Family

- + Bernie Chwalisz by B. Glabicki
- + Carmen (Cita) Orendain by Nicole Orendain

Thursday, April 4th | Within the Octave of Easter

8:00a.m. + Laura Bocian by B. Glabicki

+ Carmen (Cita) Orendain by Nicole Orendain

Saturday, April 6th | Within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima by Dominic Barbaro

+ Bernard Lech by B. Glabicki

Saturday, April 6th | Vigil Second Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. God's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven by Kisielente Family Birthday Blessings for Cheri Groark by Silverson

- + Mitchell Pienta by Dolores Becatti
- + Stephen Oleszkiewicz by Chester Jendrycka
- + Ed Glabicki by B. Glabicki

Family

+ Carmen (Cita) Orendain by Nicole Orendain

Sunday, April 7th | Second Sunday of Easter

6:00 a.m. Health Blessing, Josephine Laco by Laco Families

- + Theresa Ryndak by Ted Kochowicz Family
- + Antoinette "Cutie" Galati and Jackie, John, Joseph Galati by Mark
- + Gloria Freeman by Mark Freeman
- + Gary Silverson by Jim & Christine Bertucci
- + Bernadette Noonan by George Tadin
- + Gladys Kaminiski by B. Glabick
- 9:30 a.m. + Teresita Holcomb by King Family
 - + Delores Kawalerski by Family of Dorothy
 - + 20th Year Anny: Helen J. Kulikowski by Delores
 - + Deacon Andy Bronsiel by B. Glabicki

St. Therese Worship Site

Holy Saturday, March 30th—Easter Vigil

7:30p.m. + Frank Scuito by Friend

+ Karl Schroeder by Friend

Sunday, March 31st | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 8:00 a.m. + All the Dearly Departed of the Zito & D'Amico Families by Joe & Rena
 - + All Deceased Family Members of Marion Roti by Marion
 - + Cookie & David Jarzyna by Marion
 - + Farlen Lee by Gene and Teresa Lee
 - + Frank Scuito by Marion
 - + Carmen Prescia by Marion Roti

10:30 a.m. Health Blessings for Jian GuoXin by Jean Wu Easter Blessing for All Living and + Deceased Families by A. Briglio

- + Cita Orendain by Marian Woo Torrez
- + June Moy by Ricky Yong
- + Richard Young by Darlene & Chris
- + Dewi Chandra by Darlene & Chris
- + Debbie Annoreno by Michele & Linda
- + Markus Hardjanto Subroto by Budi & Katharina Kusnoto
- + Karl Schroeder by Linda Leong Family

Monday, April 1st | Within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. + In Memory of Lauren Mandel by Joe & Rena

+ Carmen Orendain by Nicole & Simone Orendain

Wednesday, April 3rd | Within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. + Stephen Oleszkiewicz by Oleszkiewicz Family

+ Carmen Orendain by Nicole & Simone Orendain

Friday, April 5th | Within the Octave of Easter

8:00a.m. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Dominic Barbaro

- + Debbie Annoreno by B.Glabicki
- + Carmen Orendain by Nicole & Simone Orendain

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara—Saturday, April 6th:

5p.m. Lectors: M. Tse, J. Chau

Eucharistic Minister: C. Sokolowski

Sunday, April 7th:

6a.m. Lector: J. Bertucci

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

St. Therese -

Sunday, April 7th:

8:00a.m Greeters: N. Lowe, J. Lowe

Lectors: Aireen
St. Michael Ministry:

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

Cantonese Mass

Lectors: Raymond, Miranda

Eucharistic Ministers: Jean (Altar) (Choir)

St. Michael Ministry: Earl

Congratulations and Thanks

Congratulations to all of our students who celebrated their 1st Reconciliation last Saturday. We rejoice with them and assure them of our continued prayers!

Livia Bertozzi Maximus Cheng Kenmond Eng Noemi Gallegos Blaise Gunawan Abrahm Gutierrez Robina Maria Jaqman

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Thanks to all who attended our Living Well Speaker Series last Saturday and special thanks to members of the Living-Well Committee for their leadership and hard work.



Thanks to Jane Kryzanski, Cheryl Sokolowski, Cheryl Merrithey and Jane Fockler for cleaning St. Barbara Church for Easter and to Sheila Wiseman for cleaning the Servers' white surplus. They did a great job and we appreciate their dedication.

Wish you and your loved ones a joyful and blessed Easter. May the Risen Lord bring you much peace and love.

Happy Easter! Alleluia! Wesołego Alleluja! 復活節快樂!



Divine Mercy Chaplets on Divine Mercy Sunday



Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."

There are two special graces available on Divine Mercy Sunday: a Special Plenary Indulgence and the Extraor-

dinary Grace.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

We shall pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on this day immediately after the 8am mass at St. Therese Church and 9:30am mass at St. Barbara Church.

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Total as of 3/27/2024 \$10,205



THIS WEEK AT HOME Monday, April 1

Trust

This week the Gospel shows Jesus encountering his disciples in varied settings. As we pray with these readings, we might see ourselves reflected in the encounters. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were fearful yet overjoyed upon seeing the empty tomb. How many of us have been stopped by our fears? These women trusted what the angel told them about our Lord. When we allow fear to overcome and paralyze us, problems are created. When afraid, seek the help of God, who has given you new life. *Today's readings: Acts 2:14*, 4 22–33; *Psalm 16:1–2a*, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; *Matthew 28:8–15*.

Tuesday, April 2 Conversion

Many of Jesus' followers are like Mary of Magdala and do not recognize the risen Lord. They continue to seek the Jesus they had known before he fulfilled his mission. To recognize the resurrected Jesus, we ought to rely on the eyes of our hearts, which are filled with faith and trust in the Lord. Allow your heart to have a true conversion leading God to dwell within you. *Today's readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22; John 20:11–18.*



Wednesday, April 3 Bread of Life

Imagine that, as one of the apostles, you followed Jesus and broke bread with him just before his death. Then he was nowhere to be found, or so you think. After Jesus' death, the disciples began to feel alone and disillusioned. When have you had an encounter with someone and realized it had been Jesus? At Mass, Jesus becomes the Bread of Life for us. He has not abandoned us; he remains within us, offering spiritual sustenance. Today's readings: Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:13-35.

Thursday, April 4 **Agents of Peace**

While the disciples spoke of how Jesus had become known to them in the breaking of the bread, he appeared, saying, "Peace be with you." Rather than being overjoyed, the disciples were scared. Jesus had to show them his wounds for them to believe it was he who had returned. Reflecting on this scene, consider whether you are at peace. Do you bring peace to others? Is there someone with a restless heart who needs your offering of peace? Today's readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:35-48.

Friday, April 5 **Moving Forward**

Jesus' followers have gone back to their old lives. Many people do the same today. After we experience a genuine encounter with Christ, it can be easy to return to our former ways. The harder path is to continue to move forward in the faith journey. As easy and as comfortable as our old life might have been, Christ calls us to a new life in which we surrender ourselves to God. Today's readings: Acts 4:1-22; Psalm 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a; John 21:1-14.

Saturday, April 6 Is It Really He?

At the end of this first week of Easter, consider how you allowed yourself to be transformed. When have you recognized the presence of Jesus in your faith journey and opened yourself to change? Are there times that Jesus could rebuke you for your unbelief and hardness of heart, as he rebuked the apostles? As you read of the encounters Jesus had throughout his glorious day of resurrection, ponder how you have been the living Christ for others. Take to heart the message of light and hope brought about through the resurrection. Today's readings: Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118:24; Mark 16:9-15.





Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionary of Charity: 4pm-5pm Street Rosary and 5pm-6pm Adoration at St. Therese Church. All are welcome. *April 1st we will not have Rosary and Adoration since this is the day the Sisters will celebrate Easter with their community.

Good Shepherd Catechism for children 3 to 7 years takes place on Sundays at 10:30am at St. Therese.

Apr. 5---8am mass followed by Divine Mercy Chaplets & Benediction at St. Therese; Faith Formation meeting at 12:45pm

Apr. 6----8am mass with the Sacrament of Anointing at St. Barbara Chapel; Youth ministry at 6pm following the 5pm mass at St. Mother Teresa Hall **Apr. 7---**Divine Mercy Chaplets is prayed after the 8am mass at St. Therese and after the 9:30am mass at St. Barbara, 10:30am mass is Cantonese followed by faith sharing.

April 8---8am St. Therese Campus Mass & 6:30pm Liturgy Committee meeting at St. Mother Teresa Hall.

Apr. 9---SMTCP Accompanies You in Prayer at 3pm

Apr. 12---Holy Name Meeting

Apr. 13---Student Confirmation Retreat & 6pm "The Chosen" Movie Screening at St. Mother Teresa Hall

Apr. 14---9:30am Family Mass followed by Reception and Open Gym; 11:30am Indonesian Mass

Apr. 15----12:30pm Staff Meeting & 6:30pm Finance Council Meeting

Apr. 19---4pm Quinceanera at St. Barbara

Apr. 20---5pm mass followed by English Alpha at 6pm at St. Mother Teresa Hall

Apr. 21---10:30am Family Mass & Baby Ministry "Kick-Off" Sunday

Apr. 22---6:30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Apr. 23---8am St. Barbara Campus Mass in

Apr. 28---12:30pm Mandarin Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction

> If we pray, we will believe; If we believe, we will love; If we love, we will serve.

> > ~ St. Mother Teresa

WEEKLY COLLECTION—MARCH 24, 2024

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Sunday Envelopes		\$	1,670.00		\$	855.00	
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Give Central		\$	347.00	<u> </u>	\$	436.00	
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Actual	\$	80,0290.00 \$	2,629.00	\$	83,038.00 \$	1,589.00	
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before a baptism will be scheduled.

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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.

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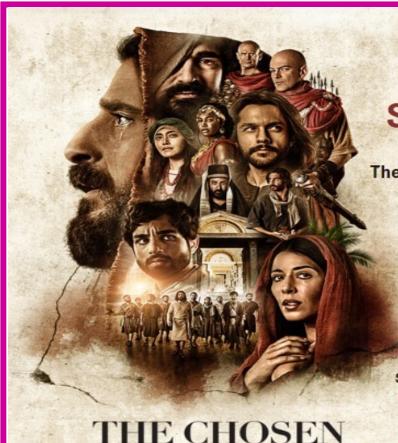
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Easter 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

The resurrection of Jesus stands at the center of our faith. We believe, as Saint Paul says, that Jesus "died for our sins and rose for our justification." He entered the very darkest corners of human existence, took our pain, suffering, and death upon himself, and then drew us into the fullness of risen life.

As we celebrate the Lord's resurrection this Easter 2024, we are clearly aware of those dark corners of human existence that Jesus took upon himself. With troubled hearts, we watch war and violence unfold in the Holy Land, in Ukraine, in parts of Africa, and in our own city of Chicago. We know the crippling effects of climate change and the natural disasters that have affected so many people throughout the world. We struggle with the social and political polarization that threatens our life together.

We step back from all of this, and we can surely affirm that we need the transforming and life-giving power of the Resurrection. We also stand together as a church, a synodal church, that journeys together and reclaim our faith and trust in the power of the Risen Lord who makes all things work for the good for those who love him. We stand together in our often broken and wounded world to witness hope to all humanity, to proclaim that God's life and not death will have the last word.

May this feast of Easter be a graced moment to rediscover and reclaim our great faith and hope in Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, who goes before us and leads us home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

HOLY NAME NEWS



Holy Name extends a great congratulations to John Brehm, our 6am altar server. John was awarded as a National Honor Society Member of St. Patrick H.S. This is the highest award given to students confer. John is a 10th grader, member of the Spanish club and honor roll student. John just produced and directed his first bilingual play that was presented to the community and very well received! Congratulations John, 6am altar server and member of St. Barbara. Holy Name's next meeting is April 12 at 7 pm. All men 18 and up come on out and join the com-

pany of like-minded members while enjoying delicious meal prepared by our own Chef Jeff in the north lot mobile unit at the St. Barbara's worship site!

Remember 100 Club tickets are available in the back of church at St. Barbara's worship site as well as from any of our members. Queen of Hearts is going strong at just a little over \$4000 now. You can get your cards from Roberto after 9:30am mass or contact him at 773-230-9285.