

EVANGELIZING LORI: PRAYER

I have a new roommate at the nursing home named Lori. On the first day she moved in, I asked her how often she prayed. She replied, "Not often. Only when I need something." She said she wasn't religious and hardly knew anything about her Lutheran faith. In my heart, I prayed, "God, do you have a word for her? Is there something you want me to say to her?" No response from God. God speaks to us at the perfect time, not always when we want Him to. The next day, right after Lori and I had both received our lunches, I suddenly heard God tell me to pray the "Prayer Before Meals" with Lori. My initial response was, "I don't want to," but I've matured enough by now and made enough mistakes in my spiritual life to know not to say "No" or "I don't want to" to God. I've learned by now not to question what the Holy Spirit tells me to do or ask "Why?" I mean, I **did** ask God the day before what He wanted me to say to Lori, and now that He has answered me, I need to just do it! So without any more hesitation, I asked Lori if she would like to pray with me before we eat. She said yes, but asked me to lead. After I said the prayer, she responded with a loud and confident "Amen!" Ever since then, we've been praying together before every meal—three meals a day—and she would always add "And thank you for the people who cooked it for us!" before we both said, "Amen!"



That was more than 6 months ago and to this day, we still do the "Prayer Before Meals" together, but now, we've asked our neighbor Joseph across from us to join us, and the three of us pray together before eating. When the CNA hears us saying the prayer, she would say "Amen!" in unison with us. When Lori's dad Mike comes to visit at lunchtime once a week, I would exclaim joyfully, "Let's pray!" and together we would pray.

I often encouraged Lori to talk to God like a close friend—sharing with Him her inmost thoughts, feelings, how her day was going, and asking Him for help every time she needed it. Sometimes when there are things going on in Lori's life, I would add to our meal prayer, "Please help everything to go well at Lori's appointment today" or "Please take away Lori's pain" or "We pray for Lori's dad to feel better." This way, I could show her intercessory prayer and other reasons to pray.

God taught me that the way to grow Lori's prayer life is through small steps, starting with something easy and short, like praying before meals every day. Our relationship with God grows when our prayer life grows. The goal is to pray always—remaining in constant conversation with God as we go about our day.

~Roberta Cheong-- Parish Evangelization Team Member

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Barbara Worship Site

Saturday, March 25th Vigil | Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family
+ In Loving Memory of Frank Nardi by Sophie
+ Sister Michaeline by B. Glabicki
+ Bill Beyer by B. Glabicki

Sunday, March 26th | Fifth Sunday of Lent

6:00 a.m. + Anne Kaminski by Payton Family
+ Ron Freeman by Janet Ropke
+ Deceased Members of the Ropke & Bertucci Families by Janet Ropke
+ Czeslaw Garbien by Janet Ropke
+ Tom Snooks by Janet Ropke
+ Gina Battaglia by Janet Ropke
9:30 a.m. Health Blessing for Raymond Wawrzniak by Knights of Columbus
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family
+ Wally Furmanek by Sonny

Tuesday, March 28th | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + In Loving Memory of Frank Nardi by Sophie

Thursday, March 30th | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Chester Tobinski by B. Glabicki

Saturday, April 1st | The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Parishioners & Benefactors

Saturday, April 1st Vigil | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family
+ Anne Parulskii by Stan Nawracaj & Family
+ Ed Glabicki by wife
+ Lauren Mandel by Joe & Rena

Sunday, April 2nd | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

6:00 a.m. + Anne Kaminski by Payton Family
+ Ron Freeman by Janet Ropke
+ Deceased Members of the Ropke & Bertucci Families by Janet Ropke
+ Rosemary Gleeson Naponiello by Janet Ropke
+ Czeslaw Garbien by Janet Ropke
+ Tom Snooks by Janet Ropke
+ Gina Battaglia by Janet Ropke
9:30 a.m. + Teresita Holcomb by King Family
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon by 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 peace-makers, so that violence and war can end.

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, March 26th | Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. + Antoinette O'Connor & Rose Urani by Family
10:30 a.m. + Barry Yong, Birthday Remembrance by Ricky Yong
+ Henry Lee, Birthday Remembrance by Patti Lee

12:30 p.m. **MANDARIN MASS**

Monday, March 27th | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Parishioners & Benefactors

Wednesday, March 29th | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro
+ Camille Damico Lawrenty, Birthday Remembrance by Damico Family

Friday, March 31st | Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Parishioners & Benefactors

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara

Saturday, April 1st:

5p.m. Lectors: P. Saletta, B. Hudren

Eucharistic Minister: C. Sokolowski

Sunday, April 2nd:

6a.m. Lectors: J. Bertucci

Eucharistic Minister: G. Vanderford

9:30 a.m. Lectors: Sr. K. McNulty, L. Szczepanski

Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski

***HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE will be in next week-**

St. Therese

Sunday, April 2nd::

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

Lectors: B. Fung, J. Fung

St. Michael Ministry:

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

Lectors: Cantonese; John, Connie

Eucharistic Ministers: Jean (Altar) (Choir)

St. Michael Ministry: Peter

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS



Our parish has been blessed with so many dedicated volunteers who are always ready to assist. This week, we're very grateful to **Cheryl Sokolowski** and **Jane Fockler** for a deep cleaning of St. Barbara Church and also to **Barbara Hudren** for her assistance in cleaning out the balconies of the sanctuary, and to all who helped with Easter Mailing: **John and Sheila Lin, Eleanor He, Kim Chiu, Elizabeth Masangcay and Jing Zhang**.



Our Mandarin Retreat was very fruitful on Saturday, March 18th. Thanks to **Fr. Zhou** for leading the retreat and to all participants. Thanks to **Jing Zhang and HanFen Gong** for their collaborative leadership and for taking care of all the necessary arrangements.

Congratulations to our **RCIA catechumens and candidates** who celebrated their second Scrutiny last Sunday. This Sunday is the last Scrutiny rite before their Baptism on Easter Vigil. We assure them of our prayers.



Do We Like Complaining?

We are already in the fifth week of Lent. How are we doing with our Lenten penance and preparation? Are there any virtues that you are working on? Pope Francis writes that Lent is a time to sow the seed of goodness, a time to stop gossip and to reap a harvest of salvation for others and ourselves.

On my Lenten meditation this week, I came across a beautiful story below about St. Francis on stop complaining, which can burden our joyful spirits.

One of the legends associated with St. Francis tells of a vineyard near a church in the Rieti valley. Francis was staying there while being treated for eye problems. So many people came to visit him that the vineyard was trampled. The priest complained that he would not get the small yield of grapes on which he relied for his household wine each year. Francis assured him that he would harvest at least twenty loads of grapes that year instead of the usual thirteen.

What's more interesting than the miracle that Francis promised (and which did in fact occur) is what Francis said to the priest: "Cease despairing. Don't trouble anyone any more with your complaints. Have confidence in the Lord and in my words."

Hope this story can help us to be more reflective on our own life and our trust in the Lord. May your Lenten journey be fruitful!

Peace, Fr. Francis

OBEDIENT FAITH VS. EXPECTANT FAITH by Fr. Cuff

Of all Jesus' miracles, surely, the raising of Lazarus, a rotting corpse four days dead, is the most astonishing. When Martha objects to the opening of the tomb and says, "**Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days,**" she has given up all hope. No one in the story, not even Mary or Martha, imagined in their wildest dreams that Jesus could bring their brother Lazarus back to life after being four days dead. So expectant faith that's often found in Christ's other miracle stories is not found here; but rather a different kind of faith, the faith of obedience.

To work the miracle, Jesus issues three commands and all of them are obeyed to the letter. That's how miracles often happen even today, through faith that obeys. Firstly, He says, "**Roll away the stone. So they rolled away the stone.**" Did they understand why in the world they had to do this heavy work of moving the stone to expose a stinking corpse? No way. Rather it was their faith in Jesus showing itself not through understanding but through obedience. Why didn't He command the stone to roll back by itself? Perhaps, as C.S. Lewis said, "God seems to do nothing of Himself which He can possibly delegate to His creatures." In other words God doesn't do by a miracle what we can do by obedience; He asks our co-operation. His second command is directed to the dead man: "**Lazarus, come out!**" and the dead man came out," and it's followed by immediate obedience. As Lazarus stumbles his way out of the tomb with hands and feet tied, his face wrapped in bandages, he must have been a frightful sight as he burst forth! Jesus' third command is addressed to the people, "**Unbind him and let him go.**" There's no way Lazarus can unbind himself; he needs the community to do that for him. By unbinding him and setting him free from the death bands, they accept him back as one of them.

Today many of us Christians have also fallen victim to the death of sin. Many are already in the tomb of hopelessness and decay, in bondage to sinful habits and attitudes. Only a miracle can bring us back to life in God. Jesus wants to work this miracle for us this Lent. He calls out to each one of us: "Come out! Come out from the darkness of sin!" And to the Church, "Unbind him!" Are we ready to obey? To co-operate with him for the miracle? To roll away the stone that stands between ourselves and Christ? To leave our sinful lives behind and take the first step to come out of the place of death? Let us obey His call and come alive this Lent, alive to Christ!

Would you like to grow closer to Jesus this Lent?

The Society of the Little Flower is having a "WALK WITH JESUS" event on **Friday, March 31, 2023!** It's free! Parking is at the Carmelite Spiritual Center. No need to register. Just show up! Here's the schedule:

10:30 AM | Stations of the Cross at the Carmelite Meditation Garden 8419 Bailey Rd. | Darien, IL, 60561

11:30 AM | Mass at the National Shrine of St. Thérèse 8433 Bailey Rd. | Darien, IL, 60561

12:45 PM | Holy Week Talk at the National Shrine Museum of St. Thérèse 8501 Bailey Rd. | Darien, IL 60561

Complimentary coffee at the Gift Shop from 9 AM-4 PM



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, 3/26/2023, 10:30 am @ St. Therese

YAM Mass

YAM will be leading Mass at 10:30 am at St. Therese on Sunday 3/26/2023. We invite all Young Adults to be involved! Please also join us for lunch afterwards in the St. Therese Community Room.



The Mass will be presided by Rev. Jacques Beltran, the Vice-rector and Director of Admissions at Mundelein Seminary. Fr. Jake's home country is the Philippines, where he grew up in a devout Catholic family with five brothers and two sisters. He served in active duty as a U.S. Navy Chaplain for three years and is currently serving as U.S. Navy chaplain-reserve. He is also the former pastor of Most Blessed Trinity in Waukegan, IL.

Taize, Adoration & Reconciliation will take place on Monday March 27th at 7pm at St. Barbara Church. It will be a fruitful time of praising the Lord, adoring the Lord, and experiencing the Mercy of the Lord. All are welcome.

Due to Fr. Tony's emergency hospitalization, our parish mission is cancelled, but Taize prayer and Reconciliation will continue on Monday March 27th at 7pm.

Thanks for your understanding!

Please keep Fr. Tony in your prayers!



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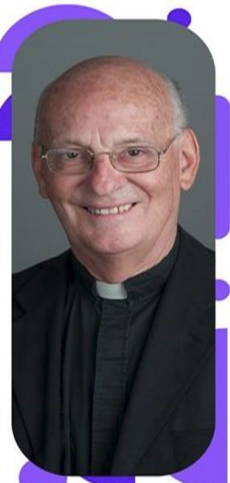
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Fr. Tony Gittins was born in Manchester, England and was ordained in 1967. He has M.A.s in Theoretical Linguistics and Social Anthropology and a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology. He has taught Theology & Anthropology at the Theological Union in Chicago since 1981. From 1999 to 2008, he held the Bishop Ford Chair in 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' 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.



Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionary of Charity: 4pm-5pm Street Rosary and 5pm-6pm Adoration at St. Therese Church. All are welcome.

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

Need A Tax Letter?

Tax letters can be obtained by contacting our parish offices at 312-842-7979 or 312-842-6777.

MUSIC / CHOIR NEWS



Parish Choir rehearsals for Lent, Triduum, and Easter are Tuesday, March 28th, and Tuesday, April 4th, 7pm, at St. Barbara. **Easter Vigil Rehearsal** is Saturday, April 8th, 1pm to 3pm at St. Therese.

Contact Sabina for more information, and to receive your music packet!

A **children's choir** will sing a song at the 10:30am Easter Mass at St. Therese! Singers from first grade through high school are invited to participate. A **rehearsal** will take place on Sunday, March 26, from 11:35am to 12pm.

Carnival Corner

Soon be hosting our first Carnival as a unified Parish. This is a huge event, and the only Carnival in our area. It is exciting to see Throop Street and the Parking lot transformed into an amusement park. It also takes a lot of volunteers to help make it a huge success. We will be hosting a meeting in which all are invited. Please watch here for more details. Mark your calendar for May 18-21, 2023. Feel free to join our Carnival Page on Facebook (St. Barbara Church Carnival 2023). Thank you! ~Wendy (St. Barbara)



Your Opinion Matters! Help St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish by Sharing Your Input via The Disciple Maker Index Survey

Please help by completing a short, 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

- Go to <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/gbpy5g>
- You can also obtain a paper copy at the entrance of the church. There are copies available in Chinese. The survey is only available from Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We will receive the results this spring/summer and will then share what we have learned with the entire parish. **Thank you for helping our parish!**



HOLY NAME NEWS

Dinner of shrimp fettuccine, salad, garlic bread and Henry Diaz DeLeon's homemade cheese cake! That was dinner at our last meeting.

Men age 18 and up come out and join the Holy Name Society. We meet the second Friday of each month. Our next is April 14th at 7pm in the mobile unit at St. Barbara. We welcomed two new members: Rogelio Navarro and Mike Hui at our March meeting.

100 Club winners for March were: 1st Jeff Spaargaren, 2nd Joycyleen Hernandez, 3rd Christine Krupa, 4th Jimmy Bertucci, 5th Bea Glabicki

March Split winners were: 1st C. Yerkes, 2nd Chris Nelson, 3rd Monique Cruz. Tickets for next month's games are available from members and in the back on the greeters table at St. Barbara.

Upcoming Events: We look forward to starting the Queen of Hearts Game. Members will be helping out at the Parish Carnival and September 9th mark your calendar for an evening with ELVIS PRESLEY! Dinner and a night of music. Stay tuned for details and ticket info in April.

The Society supports our Parish and school in many ways; helping hand and financially. Fr. Li received \$250 from our split the pot proceeds in March and members will be lending a hand at the carnival this year. Come on out men and join us!

PALM WEAVING INSTRUCTIONS

Palm weaving instructions will again be offered at SMTC at the St. Barbara Parish Center.

When: **Saturday, April 1st**

Time: **10:00 – 12:00 pm**

Learn various palm weaving designs to share with family and friends. Come when you can; leave when you must.

Sign up on Registration Form at the church entrance table.



WEEKLY COLLECTION—MARCH 19, 2023

	St. Barbara		St. Therese	
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,161.00		\$ 1640.00	
Sunday Loose	\$ 199.00		\$ 310.00	
Give Central	\$ 412.00		\$ 593.00	
Total Collection	\$ 1,772.00		\$ 2,543.00	
	YTD	Weekly	YTD	Weekly
Actual	\$ 76,497.00	\$ 1,772.00	\$ 87,788.00	\$ 2,543.00
Goal	\$ 102,600.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 102,600.0	\$ 2,700.00
% of Goal	75%	66%	86%	94%
	\$		\$	
Mandarin Retreat	\$		\$ 575.00	

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.

Amalia Agins, Austin Agins, Bernadette Agins, Joyce Agins, Stephen Agins, Mary Aguirre, Angeleo Alonzo,, Debbie Annoreno, Amy Aver-et, 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, , Jasmine Henson, Barbara Herr, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline 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, 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, 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, Christine Vanderford, 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, Xue Ying Mou, Lucy Moy, Mina Preysler Munoz, Cita Orendain, John Paleoik, Anne Pataka, 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, Bai Xue, Ching Shiu Yau, Lan Ying Yee, Ramona Zavala, Susan Zibricky, Sonny Furmanek , Juliana, 蔡宏恩, Jimmy Distasio, Kate Lynch, Josephine Laco, Dolores Becatti, Michele Young, Charles Corbett, Rick Deleon, Shirley Mendoza, Judy Lukwinski, Gary Leverence , Diane Rzasa, MingYing Liu, FanYa Zhang, Diana Cardinal,

*****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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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.

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Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7pm - March 31 at St. Barbara.

CRS Rice Bowl--- Returning on March 25-26 and April 1-2

RCIA--- *Last Scrutiny Rite will be celebrated on March 26th, 5th Sunday of Lent.

Parish Lenten Mission--- 7pm on March 25, 26, & 27 at St. Barbara Church

Young Adults' Led Mass--- Sunday March 26th at 10:30am

1st Reconciliation ---April 1st at 10am at St. Therese

Lenten Reconciliation: School Students----March 28th after “Campus Mass”

Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School Students

a. March 31st 7pm at St. Barbara Church

b. After 10:30am mass on Sunday April 2nd at St. Therese

Palm Sunday, April 2nd ---Blessing & Distribution of Palms at all masses. 10:30am mass will be bilingual (Cantonese & English).

Holy Thursday, April 6th ---Mass at 7pm at St. Barbara followed by Visitation of the Churches

Good Friday, April 7th-----Stations of the Cross at 3pm at St. Barbara
Holy Communion & Veneration of the Cross at 7pm at St. Barbara

Holy Saturday, April 8th---Blessing of the Easter Baskets at 11:30am at St. Barbara
7:30pm Mass with Sacraments of Initiation at St. Therese

Easter, April 9th---- 6am & 9:30am masses at St. Barbara
8am & 10:30am masses at St. Therese
Breakfast with Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt will take place immediately after the 10:30am mass at St. Therese.

Lenten Regulations (from Feb. 22nd, 2023, Ash Wednesday--- 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.

A few simple Lenten Prayers (Hallow)

- “God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen.”
- “God, may my sacrifice of today of (*state your Lenten sacrifice*) remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen.”
- “May I stand in solidarity today with all my brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering. May we be united in your love, and may I work to build your kingdom here on earth.” Amen