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April 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter



SUN MAY 21, NOON TO 10PM SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE DRAWING 9:45PM

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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 First Friday Holy Hour: After the 8 a.m. Mass



## St. Barbara Worship Site

### Saturday, April 29th Vigil | Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. + Ted & Jean Fornek by Luetger & Forneck Family

## Sunday, April 30th | Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 6:00 a.m. Blessings for Jim & Christine Bertucci
  - + Anne Kaminski by Payton Family
    - + Viola Vera-Mezi by Efi
- 9:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Diane Rzasa by Sister + Teresita Holcomb by King Family

### Tuesday, May 2nd | Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings: Teresa He by Godmother + Robert Lukwinski by Family

#### 1:00 p.m. All School May Crowning Mass

### Thursday, May 4th | Easter Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. 80th Birthday Blessing for Kartika Wangsarahardja by Budi & Katharina
  - + Allan Campione by Pat Campione

## Saturday, May 6th | Easter Weekday

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

## Saturday, May 7th Vigil | Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Health Blessings: Diane Rzasa by Sister + Ed Glabicki by B. Glabicki

## Sunday, May 7th | Fifth Sunday of Easter

6:00 a.m. + Anne Kaminski by Payton Family 9:30 a.m. + Janice Kutanski by Judy Marshma

## St. Therese Worship Site

## Sunday, April 30th | Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. + Estelle Yakutis by Family Friend

- 10:30 a.m. 80th Birthday Blessing for Kartika Wangsarahardja by Budi & Katharina
  - + Frank Wong by Marian Woo Torrez & Family
  - + Adan Barajas's 60th Birthday Remembrance by mom Martha Barajas & sister Lillian Barajas
  - + Fernando S. Galang Jr. by Kusnoto Family

## Monday, May 1st | Saint Joseph the Worker

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

## Wednesday, May 3rd | Saint Philip and James, Apostles

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

## Friday, May 5th | Easter Weekday

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



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.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

#### St. Barbara

Saturday, May 6th:
5p.m. Lectors: B. Pienta, L. Saletta Eucharistic Minister: C. Sokolowski
Sunday, April 30th:
6a.m. Lectors: J. Bertucci Eucharistic Minister: G. Vanderford
9:30 a.m. Lectors: L. Szczepanski, Sr. K. McNulty Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski

#### St. Therese

Sunday, May 7th: 8:00a.m. Greeters: N. Lowe, J. Lowe Lectors: A. Romallosa St. Michael Ministry: 10:30a.m. Greeters: C. Lee, J. Yee, D. Lowe Lectors: R. Lee, C. Liu CANTONESE MASS Eucharistic Ministers: Jean (Altar) (Choir) St. Michael Ministry: Peter

#### **CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS**



Congratulations to our newly confirmed children both from our school and Religious Educ



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gram. It was a wonderful and memorable celebration. Special thanks to **Christine and Joe Delfin** and **Kim Casey** for their dedication and leadership in forming our confirmandi as disciples of the Lord and to **Judy Lukwinski** for her help with the reception. There were many others who helped with the logistics and I am not able to name them all here. Thank you!

In his homily, **Bishop Kevin Birmingham** reminded our chil-

dren to always stay connected with the Lord, a message that's important to all of us. We thank God for our young people and keep them in our prayers as they continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord.



#### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

#### "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

We all know that our Church needs more good priests to serve. Each year, the Church dedicates the "Good Shepherd Sunday" as a day for all Catholics to especially pray for vocations. Jesus as our Good Shepherd says, "I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." How comforting to know that Jesus knows each of us by name and he laid down his life in order to save us. The mystery of the celebration of the death and resurrection of the Lord in this Easter season continues to remind us of Jesus' unconditional love for us.

How do we experience the Risen Lord's love in our everyday lives?

How do we hear God's voices in our lives?

How do we follow the Lord's lead in our lives?

Through Baptism, we all are called to be priestly, prophetic and kingly people. As priests, we are called to act in the person of Christ and to feed God's people through celebration of all the Sacraments and imitating the Lord's example of service, washing the feet of others. We need more priests and good priests. So let's pray for young men and women to hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

# EASTER DONATIONS at ST. THERESE as of 04/24/2023

#### Thank YOU to all who contributed!

Laurence & Theresa Wong	150
Sophie M. Nardi	150
Lucille Salerno	100
Mary & Michael Capecci	25

# Total at St. Therese as of 04/24/23: \$25,951

## EASTER DONATIONS at ST. BARBARA as of 04/24/2023

#### Thank YOU to all who contributed!

Gina Ciaccia	75
Jolenna Chan	50
Jo Ann Balasa	50
Carl DiFranco	50
George & Christine Vanderford	10
Susan Wisniewski	20
Anonymous	200
Cliff & Arlene Whitehouse	75
Total at St. Barbara as	of 04/24/23

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#### JESUS' PATHWAY by Sr. Caritas

Many places in our city, in certain buildings, at the front of the buildings there is a doorman who opens and closes doors. They also often keep track of who enters and leaves the building. The doorman usually knows who lives in the building and who should not enter the building. This is an important safety job. It keeps those who live in the building safe.

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls himself the gate. Those who enter through the gate will be saved. Jesus tells us that "He is the gate through which, if we enter, we can have life and have it more abundantly." Baptism, in the Catholic Christian tradition is the way we enter into this life. "By following and acting as Jesus did in His life, we participate fully in Jesus. We become more like Jesus.

We are called to pray as Jesus prayed. We are called to be kind and caring as Jesus did throughout His life. Even when it means to make sacrifices and called to do hard things, if we do it in imitation of Jesus, we are entering more fully into the life of Jesus. Studying the life of Jesus helps us to know how to act and what to do. We are called to walk on the path of Jesus as He did. Being people of love and care are ways to be like Jesus. Will you follow the call? Will you accept the challenge of the path.? He walked. God will give the graces and help us. We walk the road of saying yes.

#### THE PRIESTLY VOCATION by Fr. Cuff

Here's a story for Vocation Sunday: Four priests, close friends, met regularly for their day off. One day after golf one of them said, "You know, brothers, since we're all good friends, we should be able to share our personal problems with each other." They all agreed. "Well, I'd like to share with you the fact that I drink to excess," said one. There was a gasp from the other three. Then another spoke up. "Since we're being honest, I must admit that my big problem is gambling. It's terrible, I know, but I can't quit. I've even been tempted to take money from the collection plate!" Another gasp was heard. The third priest spoke up. "I must confess, brothers, that I've been growing very fond of a woman in my church—a married woman." More gasps. The fourth remained silent. After a while the others coaxed him to open up. "Well," he said, "I don't guite know how to tell you this." "Oh, it's all right, brother, your secret is safe with us," said the others. "Well, it's like this," he said, "I'm an incurable gossip. I can't keep a secret to save my life."

Jokes like this suggest priests are human like just like anyone else, and that there's little difference between the life and work of priests and other Catholics. But that's true only up to a point. We see another dimension to the life and work of priests when we consider it from the aspect of vocation or the call from God, which the Church wants us to dwell on today, as she invites us to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for an increase in priestly vocations.

When Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd," his Jewish listeners must have gasped in shock, since for Jews, the Shepherd of the flock of Israel is none other than the Lord God Himself. Jesus went on to make explicit this identification when he said, "The Father and I are one." However, the fact that the Father sent Jesus and delegated him with full authority to act in His name is only half of the story. The other half is that Jesus in turn delegated his chosen apostles to act with full authority in his name with the words "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Just as God Himself took the initiative to send Jesus, giving him "all authority in heaven and on earth," so Jesus takes the initiative to send those he chooses: "You did not choose me, but I chose you," equipping them with the same power the Father gave him. That's why he can say, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

Jesus invites others to share in his own priestly vocation. Let's pray that more young men will hear that call and generously respond.



### **April 23-May Special Schedule:**

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.

Apr. 30---12pm Evangelization Meeting at St. Therese

- May 2---1pm All School May Crowning Mass at St. Barbara Church
- May 3---6pm School Board Meeting
- **May 6**---1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat

May 7----Cantonese mass at 10:30am followed by Canton-

ese Alpha & 12pm SMI Mass

May 8---10am Staff Meeting & 6:30pm Liturgy Meeting

May 10----8:00am St Therese Campus Mass

May 12---6pm St. Therese School Talent Show

May14---Mother's Day & 9:30am mass with May

Crowning and Presentation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants &

- 11:30am Indonesian Mass at St. Barbara
- May 15---No School Day

May 16-----8am St. Barbara Campus Mass

May 17 --- 1pm Baccalaureate Mass at St. Barbara Church

May 18-21---Parish Carnival at St. Barbara Church

May 20—-English Alpha after the 5pm mass at St. Mother Teresa Hall

**May 21**---10:30am Mass with 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and May Crowning at St. Therese & 1pm Graduation at St. Therese

#### **MUSIC / CHOIR NEWS**

Choir rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, May 2, at 7pm at

St. Barbara Church. All parish musicians are warmly invited!



#### HOLY NAME NEWS

Holy Name wishes to invite all men aged 18 & up to our next meeting, May 12th at 7pm in the mo-

bile unit at St. Barbara. Come out and enjoy a great meal prepared by Chef Jeff and talk about what is going on & plans for our Parish activities.

Tickets for May drawings (Split the Pot & 100 Club Winners) are in the back of St. Barbara church or can be obtained from Holy Name members.

*"Elvis Night" is Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>* after the 5pm Mass in the lower hall and gym at St. Barbara.

Ticket prices are: \$15 each.

#### \$25 for a couple.

#### \$10 if you do not want dinner.

Dinner will be mostaccioli, garlic bread & salad. Dinner tickets include one drink, water, or soda.No dinner tickets include one drink as well. Cash bar will be open the rest of the night. Elvis will perform at 7 pm. Tickets will be available very soon from Holy Name Members and in the back of church at St. Barbara. *Thank You, George Vanderford* 

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

Our 7th graders joined *Pinwheels for Prevention*. They participated in a prayer service for child abuse prevention, which was officiated by Bishop Lombardo. They also planted a pinwheel (a symbol of child abuse prevention efforts).



#### **Carnival Corner**

We will be hosting our first Carnival as a unified Parish on May 18th-21st. It is the only Carnival in our area. It also takes a lot of volunteers to help make it a huge success. Feel free to join St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish's annual Carnival Page on Facebook (St. Barbara Church Carnival 2023). Thank you! ~Wendy Kaput

## Pray for the candidates of the diaconate and of the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Chicago:

Twenty-five candidates to the diaconate will be ordained on Saturday, May 13th at 10:00am at Holy Name Cathedral.

Five candidates to the priesthood will be ordained on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 10:00am, at Holy Name Cathedral.

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## World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday, April 30

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Please pray for an increase in vocations in the Archdiocese of Chicago!

#### Mass and Adoration with Cardinal Blase Cupich Friday, May 12, 5:30–7 p.m. Holy Name Cathedral

All are invited to pray for vocations and all those who will be ordained.

If you have questions regarding your vocation, please contact Fr. Tim Monahan at 847.531.0148 or **tmonahan@archchicago.org**.

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION—APRIL 23, 2023

			St	. Barbara			S	St. Therese
Sunday Envelopes			\$	1,078			\$	695.00
Sunday Loose			\$	586	_		\$	165.00
Give Central			\$	477	_		\$	708.00
Total Collection			\$	2,141			\$	1,568.00
		YTD		Weekly		YTD		Weekly
Actual	\$	86,369.00	\$	2,141	( )	\$ 95,824.000	\$	1,568.00
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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, , 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, Karen Zovko, Darlene Smith

#### \*\*\*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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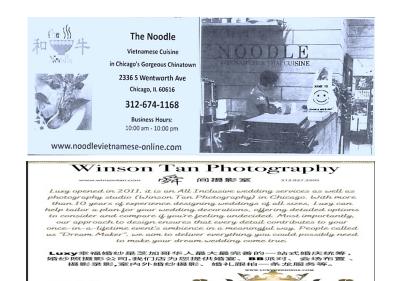
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Confessions: Saturdays, 4:15-4:45 p.m. at St. Barbara Church or by appointment.

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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## 10: 30 am Mass followed by Luncheon prepared by fathers in the parish. All mothers are invited!

## St. Therese worship-site We need fathers to help cook for mothers.

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## *I am Han Fen Chan, and I am so excited to have the opportunity to join the Evangelization Team.*

I am a converted Catholic, and after many years since my baptism in high school, I gradually realized that the Lord I believe in is the center of my life and the savior. This has been a long process, and it has been a journey full of joy and grace.

I grew up in Taiwan and attended a Catholic school in junior high. To this day, I still remember the gentle and kind smiles of the nuns in their white habits and veils, and their quiet service and loving care for the students in the lush campus surrounded by green hills. In the highly competitive school environment in Taiwan at the time, teachers focused on academic performance and school achievements. However, the nuns brought a fresh message to me. Their love, care, acceptance, and help for us were not based on our academic performance, but rather on the fact that they truly reflected God's love, acceptance, and appreciation for each one of us. This is my earliest experience of encountering God's love, and it eventually led to my conversion. Since then, my life has started a new journey full of God's graces.

Just as my life was once changed by the message of the Gospel, I also desire to bring this good news to more people in need. As we come to know Jesus' love more deeply, we become more aware of His love and calling for everyone. This love and calling require our response. We are His hands and feet, eyes and mouth. Although we are weak, as long as we are willing to work with Him, we will witness His amazing grace in every person. This is a true experience I have had while serving in the Mandarin-speaking group at St. Therese's. As St. Therese of Lisieux said, "Our Lord's love shines out just as much through a little soul who yields completely to His Grace as it does through the greatest."