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September 19, 2021 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FEAST OF ST. THERESE MASS OF THANKSGIVING



"Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love."

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A MASS OF THANKSGIVING & THE BLESSING OF THE ST. MOTHER TERESA SHRINE AFTER COMMUNION CELEBRATED BY BISHOP ROBERT LOMBARDO THE BLESSING OF THE NEW ORGAN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 AT 10:30 AM ST. THERESE CHURCH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM Novena to St. Therese beginning on Friday, September 24th.

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 5:30a.m. Before 6a.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: 4-5p.m. Rosary and 5-6 p.m. Holy Hour First Friday Holy Hour: 7 p.m.



St. Barbara Worship Site

Saturday, Sept. 18th Vigil |25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima by Dominic Barbaro
 - + James Fockler by Sister-in-law Jane
 - + Florence Jandrisitz by B. Glabicki

Sunday, Sept. 19th– 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:00 a.m. Robert & Shirley Synal by Rose Stronczek + Paul Skrip by Jim & Christine Bertucci & Family
- 9:30 a.m. + Lillian & James Christian by Family + Clifford Pienta by Patricia Kalete

Tuesday, Sept. 21st | Saint Matthew, Apostle 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 23rd– Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 25th— | Weekday

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

Saturday, Sept. 25th Vigil |26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family
 - + Lucille Helma by B. Glabicki
 - + Joan Barthowski by B. Glabicki

Sunday, Sept. 26th–26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Fred Stronczek by wife Rose

9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family

- + Andy Mostacchio & Carmella Soapes by Family
- + Clifford Pienta by Barbara Hudren

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, Sept. 19th | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. + Lillian & James Christian by Family

10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving to Eva Feng & Family by Lucy Wong + Florence Yu by Gertrude Chan

Monday, Sept. 20th | Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha–sang and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. + James Moy, Jr. by Lucy Moy & Family

- + Rosemary Vitacco by Dominic Barbaro
- + Joan Gifford by Friend

Wednesday, Sept. 22nd| Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Darlene Ray by Dominic Barbaro

Friday, Sept. 24th| Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Ted & Mary Novak by Family

+ All Deceased Members of the Bertucci-Barbaro Families by Dominic Barbaro

Prayer Intention:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Betsy Young**, a long time parishioner at St. Therese Church, who returned to the Lord last Thursday. Her funeral mass will be on Friday Sept. 24th at St. Therese Church. The time of the mass is TBD when the bulletin was printed.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara

Saturday, Sept. 25th: 5 p.m. Lector: W. Podrazik, G. Dumelle Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski Sunday, Sept. 26th: 6 a.m. Lector: J. Bertucci Eucharistic Minister: G. Vanderford 9:30 a.m. Lector: B. Pienta, B. Hudren Eucharistic Minister: J. Rodriguez St. Therese
Sunday, Sept. 26th:
8:00 a.m. Greeters: N. Lowe, J. Lowe
Lectors: A. Romallosa, Michael Costa
St. Michael Ministry: Chris
10:30 a.m. Greeters: C. Lee, J. Yee, D. Lowe
Lectors: J. Yee, C. Difranco
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Lin , E. Gunawan
St. Michael Ministry: Peter

Thanks

Thanks to all who attended our Leadership Retreat last Saturday. About 40 of our parish leaders enjoyed the day of recollection, recharge, and recommitment. Special thanks to Ms. Oi, our school for providing the lunch and to Tom for his help with the logistics. Your leadership is appreciated and needed in our parish.





Thanks to our 8th Graders for hosting the first family mass last Sunday at St. Barbara Site since the interruption of the COVID 19 in 2020. I heard many good comments about our 8th graders. Their enthusiasm and participation were felt and appreciated.

Thanks to SMI officers and all who helped and attended our Annual SMI Feast last Sunday. God blessed us with wonderful weather and all participants had a very spiritual and fun day.

More photos can be found at our parish's website: 2021 - St Mother Teresa of Calcutta (stmotherteresaparish.org)









Holy Name Update, Gethsemane Shrine, and Catechetical Sunday

Our Holy Name Society resumed their monthly meeting and gathering on Friday, Sept. 10th. They were blessed to have a couple of new members. **Phil Whitehouse** has graciously offered to stay as its president until Jan. 2022, when new leadership will be elected. They had a wonderful discussion about leadership and their hopes for the future. The Holy Name is welcoming new members. They meet on the second Friday of the month at 7pm in the Senior Mobile at St. Barbara Site.

We have received a new design for painting our Gethsemane Shrine at St. Barbara Church. The cost is about \$6300.00. If you wish to make a donation to cover part or the entire cost, we would appreciate your help.

Our parish has been blessed with so many dedicated leaders. This weekend we honor all of our teachers and catechists at the 10:30am mass at St. Therese. We thank them and keep them in our prayers.

Peace, Fr. Francis

ALPHA



Luke 11:2 teaches us to pray 'Your Kingdom come.'

We encourage SMTCP to pray in preparation for our fall Alpha courses In-Person:

- English beginning Oct, 12th at 6:30pm at St. Barbara Worship Site
- Cantonese beginning Oct. 10th at 12pm at St. Therese Worship Site
- Mandarin beginning Oct, 24th at 1:30pm at St. Therese Worship Site

We invite you to pray for Bridgeport and Chinatown. Also, pray for three people you know that you would like to explore their faith. ALPHA may be the way for that to happen! To register, email <u>thow-</u> <u>ard@sttheresechicago.org</u> (English) and <u>JzStTherese@gmail.com</u> (Mandarin & Cantonese).

Thank you and God bless!

Tom and Jing

LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN - Sr. Caritas

Young children have qualities I admire and appreciate. I have been around young children and watched them for many years. Young children look at things and are filled with wonder and awe as they look at, smell, finger all parts of something, and ask penetratingly, simple questions. These question often are unanswerable by adults. I remember watching a younger brother sitting on the sidewalk in our small backyard, watching ants for a long time. I have also watched young children, hardly able to walk, eagerly reaching out their arms to their parents, to be picked up, with great trust, love, and joy.

The disciples and Jesus were talking as they walked to Capernaum. Jesus was again teaching them. He was going to be condemned and be put to death. The disciples were also dis-

SCHOOL NEWS

This week we began our campus masses at the St. Barbara Worship Site. Our elementary school students will gather together once per month at the St. Therese Worship Site and our junior high school students will meet once per month at the St. Barbara Worship Site for morning mass. Our students are excited to come together in prayer, and to actively participate and help lead mass.

Satisfy us in the morning with your loyal love! Then we will shout for joy and be happy all our days! - Psalm 90:14



cussing things among themselves. Jesus asked them what they were talking about. They did not want to say what they were discussing. They were talking about who would be the greatest among them. "Whomever wants to be first will be last and serve all." Jesus took a child in His arms and said, "whomever receives one of these children in my name, receives not just me, but receives the one who sent me."

Today we begin our religious education program and blest those among us who teach children and other people. They receive others and serve those others. Perhaps these next weeks when an opportunity presents itself to serve, we will eagerly do so. When you have the opportunity to do so, watch young children and study who they are among us. What are their admirable qualities? Young children are eager to help and serve. How can we be like little children?



Annual Second Collection to Support Our Seminari-

ans takes place this weekend, Sept. 18-19 at all the masses. Please be generous.

Religious Education Program starts this Sunday Sept. 19th at 9am at St. Therese Worship Site. All classes will be in person only.

RCIA will be offered in English, Cantonese and Mandarin at St. Therese Worship Site. Classes in English and Cantonese will start on Sunday Oct. 3rd after the 10:30am mass. Mandarin RCIA will start on Sunday Oct. 24th.

St. Vincent De Paul Clothing Drive will take place on Saturday Sept. 25th from 8:30am to 5:30pm and Sunday Sept. 26th from 7:30am to 1:30pm at St. Barbara Church parking lot.

Last Fiscal Year's Financial Report will be available next weekend.

Oct. Cantonese Mass is moved to Sunday Oct. 10th at the 10:30am Mass.

Parish Pilgrimage will be on Sat. Oct. 16th. We will spend a day at the Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. More information to come.

Mondays with the Sisters of Charity: 4pm-5pm: Rosary in our neighborhood 5pm-6pm: Holy Hour at St. Therese Church ALL are Welcome!



ST. JAMES ON FAITH & WORKS (2) - Fr. John Cuff

Today's second reading is again taken from the Epistle of St. James. Last week he continued his theme that true faith is shown in deeds; otherwise it is dead and powerless to save one. To anyone who would deny the need for works, maintaining that faith alone suffices, James says, "Show me your faith without works, and I'll show you the faith that underlies my works!" What then are these "works" he speaks of? This is the second point that needs clarification.

Indeed, one source of confusion on this issue of "faith and works" is that there are two kinds of works mentioned in the New Testament letters that are attributed to St. Paul. There are the "works of the law," mentioned in Romans and Galatians, letters which are believed to have been written by Paul himself during his lifetime, and there are "good works," mentioned only in Ephesians, which is believed to have been written by his disciple after Paul's death. What then is the difference between "works of the law" and "good works"?

"Works of the law" are actions that are neither morally good or bad in themselves, which one does simply to observe a law, in this case Mosaic law. Such actions include keeping the Sabbath, circumcision and avoiding certain meats. "Good works," on the other hand, are works that are good in themselves in that other people benefit from them, such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick. What St. Paul condemns as irrelevant to justification or eventual salvation are works of the law, not good works. Good works are necessary for authentic Christian living since, as James tells us, "Faith that does nothing in practice is thoroughly lifeless." (James 2:17).

The final question, namely, what does the Bible on the whole say on the issue of faith and good works determining a person's salvation? The entire Bible, from the Old Testament to John the Baptist, from the Gospels to Paul's letters, and from Hebrews to Revelation, all support James' emphasis on the necessity of good works for salvation. The Biblical account of the Last Judgment given us in Matthew 25 clearly shows that one's salvation is based upon good works:

"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me to eat, thirsty and you gave me to drink, a stranger and you welcomed me.....Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me." (Matthew 25).

Thus James is reminding us of the necessity of good works, that faith without good works is dead. Let us pray for the conviction, courage, and the means to translate our faith into deeds, as our patroness St. Mother Teresa did, since, as Christ warns us in Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven."

WEEKLY COLLECTION - Sept. 12, 2021

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Sunday Envelopes		\$	1,381.00		\$	78	0.00
Sunday Loose		\$	433.00		\$	7	9.00
Give Central		\$	520.00		\$	47	5.00
Total Collection		\$	2,334.00		\$	1,33	4.00
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Actual	\$ 23,695.00	\$	2,334.00	\$	29,510.0 \$	1,33	4.00
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Please pray for those who are ill, homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers.

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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.

Weddings: Weddings need to be scheduled at least six months in advance. Couples are reminded to secure the Church date before the reception hall.

Masks Policy Update:

The City of Chicago announced on Aug. 17th that face coverings are required in all indoor public spaces for all people over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status. Therefore **masks are now** <u>required</u> indoors for all clergy, staff, volunteers and parishioners inside archdiocesan facilities in the City of Chicago, including Masses, liturgies and all activities/events within our parishes.





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September 19, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We take time this weekend to recognize, celebrate and support the thirty-three seminarians who are preparing for lives of service to the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Church needs pastoral, compassionate and well-trained priests now more than ever, especially in light of the last year that saw not only the global pandemic we've endured, but also so much social unrest and suffering. Our young priests will face these issues and more as they walk with us through the most important moments of our lives, lending their wisdom and support. It is our responsibility to train them well.

At Masses throughout the Archdiocese this weekend, we are asking for both your encouragement and prayers for our seminarians as well as your financial support to help defray our Archdiocesan cost of their educational expenses, which includes tuition and fees, room and board and health insurance.

Your generosity to this annual Seminarian Education second collection funds the formation of our seminarians at both the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary and at Saint John Vianney College Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Your contributions to this collection will make a significant impact on the formation of Chicago seminarians as they prepare for ordination and service as parish priests. They will be the shepherds leading you toward a deeper relationship with Christ by celebrating the sacraments and teaching the Catholic faith.

A remittance envelope will be placed at the back of the church during the weekend of September 19-20. You are also invited to send your donation to your parish, noting that it is for "Seminarian Education," or make a gift online at <u>www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund</u>.

Another way to support vocations in the archdiocese is by encouraging young men to consider discerning the priesthood. Many current priests credit their vocation to personal invitations and conversations with loved ones and friends who recognized the potential in them.

On behalf of current and future archdiocesan seminarians, thank you.

May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago