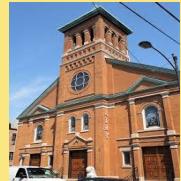


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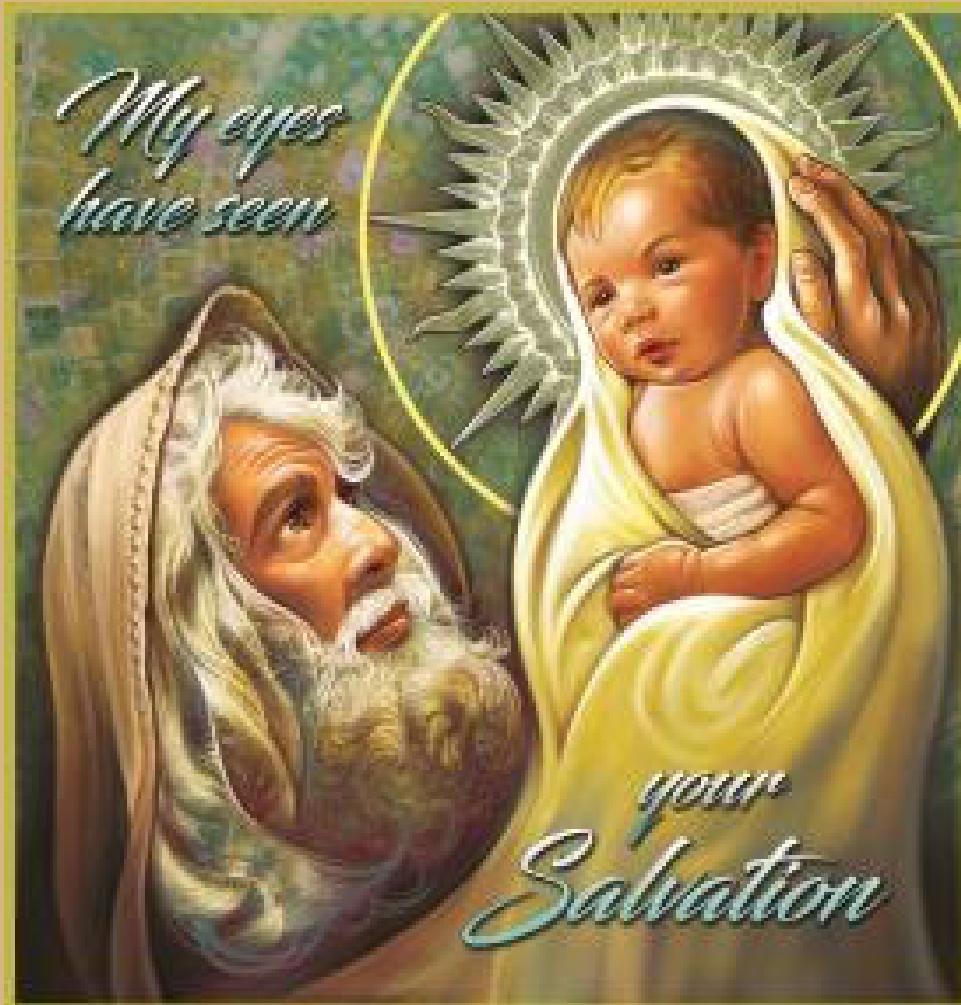


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**FEAST OF THE
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**Feb.
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**He had to become like his brothers
and sisters in every way.**

— Hebrews 2:17a



Activities This Week

- Sun., Feb. 2 ~ Chinese New Year Mass @ St. Therese Worship Site; 10:00 am
~ Super Duper Bowl Party @ St. Therese; 4:00 pm
- Mon., Feb. 3 ~ St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.; 7:00 pm
~ St. Barbara KC's Mtg.; 7:15 pm
- Tues., Feb. 4 ~ SS. Barbara and Therese Staff Mtg.; 9:30 am
~ St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am
- Sat., Feb. 8 ~ Youth Ministry Mass followed by games; 5:00 pm
~ St. Barbara KC's Rosary Service following 5:00 pm Mass
- Sun., Feb. 9 ~ 4th Grade Family Mass; 9:30 am
- Sat. & Sun., Feb. 8-9 ~ Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise at all Masses

news and events

First Friday: Our next First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place at 7:00 pm on Friday, February 7th, at the St. Therese Worship Site with the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and time for silent meditation and benediction. All are welcome.

Mandarin Mass: Beginning in February, a Mandarin Mass will be celebrated on the second Saturday of the month at 4:00 pm followed by food and Bible sharing at St. Therese. The 4th Sunday Mandarin Mass will be moved to 12:30 pm.

Lenten Reflection: The Lenten Reflection Retreat will be held on Saturday, February 28th in the St. Barbara Gym from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. The speaker for this year's retreat will be Fr. Donald Senior, C.P., S.T.D., Ph.D. Fr. Senior is the President Emeritus and Chancellor of the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago. He is also a Professor of New Testament Studies at CTU.

OFFERING TO ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

In order to help with daily parish operations, simplifying accounting and, ultimately, save us some costs, please **start making your offering checks payable to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish.** If you are using online giving (**Give Central**), you don't need to make any changes.

This past week, the St. Barbara family lost two very special ladies who were lifelong parishioners: Dorothy Rzasa and Virginia Pienta. Both ladies were 96 years old and passed away within two days of each other.



Dorothy was a long-time member of the St. Barbara Senior Citizens. She has spent the last several years in an assisted living facility due to Alzheimer's Disease.

Virginia was very active in the St. Barbara Seniors and was a lifelong member of the Rosary Sodality. She was a devout member of the Divine Mercy Prayer Service after Mass and was devoted to the Infant of Prague, who she called "the little guy".



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**DOROTHY RZASA
and
VIRGINIA PIENTA**

Please Make Your Gift to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

Come, follow me...and heal our world

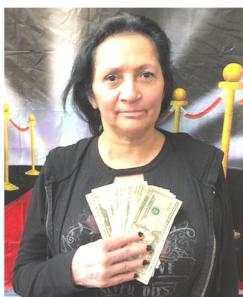
Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response directly or bring your pledge form to our Churches on the commitment weekend.

ACA announcement weekend is Feb. 8-9 and commitment weekend is Feb. 15-16.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me... and heal our world."

The 2020 goal for St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish is \$16,942. As you know, when contributions exceed the goal, our parish will receive a rebate from those donated funds.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THANKS

Thanks to all for a fruitful weekend in celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God and special gratitude to our presiders, lectors, and those who brought your Bible to our Churches for the special blessing. As we continue our journey, let's be mindful of our Holy Father's call to devote ourselves to "the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God" in our everyday lives. The Word of God is "a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119: 105) and it has power to change us and to help us to live a life of mercy,



SEEING GOD'S GLORY

Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which happens to fall on a Sunday. Because the feast of the Presentation is such an important mystery of Jesus' life, when this date falls on a Sunday, the readings and prayers for the corresponding Sunday in Ordinary Time are set aside. So we have the special ritual of blessing of candles and readings to remind us of the dedication of Jesus in the temple. The Character of Simeon challenges us to live in the Spirit and see the glory of God in our lives.

Simeon was grateful for he took Jesus in his arms and the words of the prophet were fulfilled and he was ready to return to the Lord. ***“...for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples....”***

In the <<Catechism of the Catholic Church>>, we are told that,

the presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord.

With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its *encounter* with the Savior—the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the “light to the nations” and the “glory of Israel,” but also “a sign that is spoken against.” The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ’s perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation God had “pre-pared in the presence of all peoples.”

Jesus is at the center of the encounter and once again we are told that he is the light for all nations and for all peoples. Let's pray that we have God's grace to see God's light in our lives and to bring greater glory to God in our discipleship.

Peace

Fr. Francis

Excerpt from *Formation for Liturgical Ministries* by Rev. Thomas B. Iwanowski

Those who offer their time and talent as liturgical ministers should be helped to understand that “the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; it is also the fount from which all her power flows” (Second Vatican Council, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium], no. 10, in Vatican Council II: Volume 1: The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents, ed. Austin Flannery [Northport, NY: Costello Publishing, 1996]). In other words, they need to realize that the Church is most fully alive when she celebrates the liturgy, and it is the liturgy that brings the Church most fully to life.

Liturgical ministers need to “understand that the Eucharist is the mystery in which Christ’s sacrifice on the cross is perpetuated; that it is a memorial of Christ’s passion, death and Resurrection; and that it is a sacred banquet in which the People of God share the benefits of the Paschal Mystery, renew the covenant that God has made through the blood of Christ, and anticipate the heavenly banquet” (National Directory for Catechesis [NDC] [Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005], no. 36. Those being formed to serve as liturgical ministers also need to understand the basic structure of the Mass. They need to see the Mass as the primary way the Church gives praise and thanks to God; to appreciate the importance of Sunday; to recognize the ways Christ is present in the Mass; and to realize that, in receiving Holy Communion, we become what we receive, namely, “a holy communion” sent forth to transform the world.

Those who desire to exercise a liturgical ministry must come to understand why they do what they do during the liturgy and how their actions relate to the assembly and their fellow ministers. Such understanding needs to be part of the formation of all liturgical ministers. For example, it is not enough for ushers, collectors, or ministers of hospitality to know they are responsible for “finding seats” and “passing the basket.” Such ministers must see themselves as those charged with the responsibility of recognizing their fellow Christians, not just as part of a crowd but as part of the living Body of Christ assembled to hear God’s Word and to share his life. Such ministers must see themselves as challenging others to greater generosity by their own example of giving and by the manner and attitude they show as they gather the financial offerings of the people.

Formation for liturgical ministry must also include an examination of motivation. Those who exercise special roles in the liturgy should be motivated above all by a love of God and a love of neighbor. As Jesus tells us, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the 4 prophets depend on these two commandments” (Mt 22:37-40). That such love entails service and sacrifice is clearly demonstrated by Jesus on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

CHILDREN OF GOD **By Sr. Caritas**

Many times, when I was ministering on the Native American Reservation outside of Tucson, I would meet a family with a newborn baby. I would ask the family, “What is the baby’s name?” They would respond “sister” or “brother”. At first, I was not used to this, but found out that, in many families, the child did not have a formal name until the Godparent gave the name at Baptism. The more I thought about this tradition, the more I thought it was very much about the importance of family and Godparents within the tribe’s traditions. Before that, the child was known by its relationship within the family.

Today we are celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. According to the Jewish law, each first born son was to be brought to the temple and a sacrifice was offered to God. Each first born son belonged to God. We meet two people who were at the temple frequently and, on the day Mary and Joseph came with Jesus, they were there. Simeon had been waiting for the coming of the redeemer promised by God. Simeon believed he would see the savior before he died. On this day, he identified Jesus, Mary and Joseph’s infant son. Also, there was Anna, a woman who was in the temple daily. She too recognized the specialness of the child. Mary and Joseph were participating as a Jewish family, thus fulfilling the Jewish law.

We have a little different way of naming children. We often name the child soon after the birth of the child. We also, at Baptism, give the child a Christian, Catholic saint’s name if their given name is not a saint’s name. We may not realize at times that our children are the gift of God. Even as children grow up, they and we are children of God. If we have been baptized, we have been presented to God and through Baptism we are, in a deep and personal way, children of God. That is who we are all of our lives. We are, therefore, blessed with God as our Father, Jesus is our brother and the Holy Spirit is always with us, dwelling in us. Do we live out this gift in our lives? Daily, do we act toward our children as if they are a gift from God? How will you act as a member of the “family of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit”?

SCHOOL NEWS

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS!

Happy Chinese New Year! Celebrations continue to help usher in the Year of the Rat at St. Therese School. Students had the opportunity to dress out of uniform — to wear red clothing and beautiful traditional Chinese attire. This Sunday, February 2nd, join our school at this year's Chinese New Year Parade as students line the streets of Chinatown to celebrate the New Year in style!



St. Therese School kicked off a busy Catholic Schools Week with all-school Mass at St. Therese Worship Site on Monday, January 27th as Fr. Li expressed to students to strive to be, “heroes to the world.” The week was filled with several special events for students and their families to enjoy such as the Scholastic Book Fair, St. Mother Teresa Curriculum Fair, School-Wide Spelling Bees, and a Movie Day!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 1 - Vigil of The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

5:00 p.m. + Ed Glabicki (Adrian and Karen Goetz)
 + Laverne Schipior
 + Lauren Mandel (Joe and Rena Zito)
 + Dorothy D'Amico (Joe and Rena Zito)
 Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, February 2 - The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

6:00 a.m. + Fred Stronczek (Wife, Rose)
 Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
 9:30 a.m. + Ed Glabicki (Gary Leverence)
 + Joyce Eneberg (B. Glabicki)
 + Alice Tobinski (B. Glabicki)
 + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
 + Ted and Ann Glowacki (Family)

Monday, February 3 - Weekday; St. Blaise

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

Tuesday, February 4 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Birth. Rem.: Sophie Lukwinski (Family)

Wednesday, February 5 - St. Agatha

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

Thursday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Ro Spalla (Spalla Family)

Friday, February 7 - Weekday; First Friday

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church
 7:00 p.m. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, February 8 - Weekday; St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

8:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

Saturday, February 8 - Vigil of The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Ed Glabicki (Dolores Lenicky)
 + Bernadette Zito (Joe and Rena Zito)
 Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, February 9 - The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
 9:30 a.m. **4th Grade Family Mass**
 + Dorothy Wheeler (B. Glabicki)
 + Delia Tellez Perez (B. Glabicki)
 + Virginia Pienta (Barbara Rekar)
 + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
 + Ted and Ann Glowacki (Family)

Weekly Collection - January 25th - 26th

Sunday Envelopes (65)	\$ 1,272.50
Sunday Loose	\$ 432.15
Debt Reduction Collection (39)	\$ 520.00
Total Collection	\$ 2,224.65

	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$ 74,473.01	\$ 2,224.65
Goal	\$179,200.00	\$ 6,400.00
% of Goal	42%	35%
Votives & Vigil Lights:		\$ 194.00
November Give Central:	1st	\$ 1,524.00
	2nd	\$ 300.00

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CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who made a special gift for Christmas to our church. Our total Christmas collection was **\$7,069.55**.

Sorry for the delay in reporting this information.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: JJ Pon
 Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, B. Pienta,
 J. Lukwinski

Lectors: G. Dumelle, E. Kroner
 Greeters: D. Becatti, R. Davidson

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

6:00 a.m.

Altar Server: G. Vanderford
 Eucharistic Ministers: J. Bertucci J. Balasa,
 G. Vanderford,
 Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: A. Alonso, N. Worth, J. Williams
 Eucharistic Ministers: D. Oi, K. Rojas, F. Cabrera
 Lectors: School Family Mass
 Greeters: R. Yan, J. Yan



END OF YEAR STATEMENT FOR CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to receive your year-end statement of church contributions, please contact the rectory during business hours: (312-842-7979).

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. The office is closed on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Baptisms: Parents must be registered practicing parishioners and attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled. Call the rectory office for further information.

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.

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. Notify the Parish Office when this service is needed.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND LITURGIES

St. Barbara: Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 6:00am, 9:30 am

St. Therese: Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am; and Mandarin

Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

St. Barbara: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: 8:00 am

St. Therese: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation

St. Barbara: Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm; Holy Day Masses: 6:00 am, 8:00 am

St. Therese: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: St. Therese - 7:00 pm

FIRST SATURDAY HEALING MASS: St. Barbara Chapel - 8:00 am

CONFESION

St. Barbara: Saturday 4:15–4:45 pm or by appointment

St. Therese: By appointment

THE ROSARY

St. Barbara: The Rosary is prayed on Sunday at 5:30 a.m. before 6:00 am Mass.

Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers:

Amalia Agins, Austin Agins, Bernadette Agins, Joyce Agins, Stephen Agins, Mary Aguirre, Debbie Annerino, Walter Annerino, Amy Averet, Kimberly Babe, Geraldine Baldwin, Tony Baressi, Judith Beaudry, Christine Bertucci, Joseph 'Joey' Bertucci, Lonnie & Theresa Bertucci-Falls, Jennifer Bond, Fr. Michael Bowler, Jeff Bowman, Andrea Brongiel, David Brost, Mary Camarda, Anthony Capone Sr., Adele Castro, Laverne Connolly, Tim Consola, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGrazia, Henry Diaz DeLeon, Jacqueline Dybas, Kathy Egle, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Harold Frost, Paul Gadowski, Ray Gadowski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Cheryl Lynn Gilhooly, Bernadette Glabicki, Ed Glos, Pat Grieco, Koen Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Kellar Harris, Lynette Heidemann, Jasmine Henson, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Jennifer Janson, Chester Jendryczka, Dr. Joe, John Kaput, Dorothy Kawalerski, Rose Kisielowski, Stanley Kiwala, Anna Kolendo, Janice Kutansky, Craig Labudda, Ken 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, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Theresa Oleszkiewicz, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petrucci, Dolores Pienta, Mitchell Pienta, Ellen Pietrzak, Beverly Pirelli, Ray Polakowski, Robert Potter, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Ellen Ryan, Therese Ryndak, Maria Saludo, Edward John Schmit, Jr., Laverne Scianna, Kennedy Shepski, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sharon Solverson, Rosalie Spalla, Diane Spata, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stronczek, Rose Stronczek, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dolores Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, George Vanderford Sr., George Vanderford Jr., Juan Vargas, Ava Walczak, Sadie Walker, Barbara Webb, Bill Webb, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, Virginia Zawacki, Irene Zima



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