

**ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA
PARISH**



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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Feb.
09,
2020**

**Light shines through the darkness
for the upright.**

— Psalm 112:4



Activities This Week

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
Tues., Feb. 11 - Men's Choir Rehearsal; 7:00 pm
Fri., Feb. 14 - Holy Name Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Sat., Feb. 15 - St. Barbara KC's Sandwich Ministry; 9:00 am
Sat. & Sun., Feb. 15-16: Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend at all Masses

OFFERING TO ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

As we continue to work on the unification of Parish operations, we now have a bank account under the name of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The change will help with daily parish operations, simplifying accounting and, ultimately, save us some costs. In order to help us with this process, 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.

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.

Coronavirus, the Flu and Good Health Practices:

Given the concerns and media attention surrounding Coronavirus and the seasonal spike in flu-related illnesses, it is important that we follow good health and everyday prevention practices such as washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, covering a cough or sneeze with a tissue, etc. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Chicago Department of Public Health (CHPH) both maintain webpages for information about the evolving situation with Coronavirus, smart preventive measures and more. Per guidance issued by the CDPH, **"there is no need for business, community, faith-based or other organizations in Chicago to take any special precautions**, including organizations that may have members or employees who have travelled to China. A person who has traveled overseas to China and is well is NOT restricted from work, school or any public activities." Furthermore, the CDPH does not recommend the use of masks or gloves, any change in daily travel routines, social distancing, cancelling or avoiding mass gatherings, missing work, classes or other public events. The IDPH and CDPH, working with the Centers for Disease Control, will keep us informed of any new or additional guidance that is issued.

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.

Young Adult Ministry: On Saturday, February 15th, all young adults are invited to help at the St. Malachy Food Pantry from 8:45 - 11:30 am. If you are interested in helping, please call parish offices to let us know.

St. Therese School New Year Benefit: The annual Lunar New Year Gala will take place on Saturday, February 22nd, from 5:30 - 10:30 pm at the New Furama Restaurant, 2828 S. Wentworth.

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. Ashes will be distributed at the St. Barbara Worship Site at 6:00 am, 1 pm and 7:00 pm Masses. Ashes at the St. Therese Worship Site will be distributed at the 8:00 am Mass.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be held on all Fridays during Lent. Stations will be said at the St. Barbara Worship site at 6:00 pm. Stations at the St. Therese Worship Site will be at 7:00 pm.

Lenten Reflection: A Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THANKS

Thanks to Sharon Wang for chairing this year's lunar New Year celebration again, to Frances Xu for being our MC and to Connie Liu for being our floor manager and to all who helped with decorations, music, hospitality, greeting, and other liturgical ministries and, particularly, to all children who sang and performed for us after mass too. So many of you worked very hard for this life-giving and joyful celebration and our parishioners and visitors truly enjoyed the celebration.

Thanks to George Lee for taking the lead again for this year's Super Duper Bowl Fundraiser. Special thanks to Joe Delfin for taking care of the screens and sounds and to Nicole Lee, Teresa Moy, Gemma Wong, Linda Leong and Pat Culen for taking care of the food and drinks. Thanks to all who bought squares and congratulations to all winners.



PRAYER, LOVE AND SERVICE

Today's readings remind us that we are "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world" and the lord calls us to "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own."

Those beautiful words help us to call to mind the Corporal works of mercy that we are called to undertake. These works are:

1. To feed the hungry.
2. To give water to the thirsty.
3. To clothe the naked.
4. To shelter the homeless.
5. To visit the sick.
6. To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive.
7. To bury the dead.

We also know that there are seven spiritual works of mercy:

1. To instruct the ignorant.
2. To counsel the doubtful.
3. To admonish the sinners.
4. To bear patiently those who wrong us.
5. To forgive offenses.
6. To comfort the afflicted.
7. To pray for the living and the dead.

Our faith calls forth for concrete and good actions. This year, our liturgical committees from both Worship Sites decided a theme for our entire community to focus our time and energy on, which are words of wisdom from St. Mother Teresa: "**Prayer in action is love; and love in action is service.**" Banners with these words are hanging in our Churches and School to remind us to pray, to love and to serve. I hope that, throughout the year, we will offer many different opportunities for all of us to do so.

Peace

Fr. Francis

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Catholic Social Teaching is a very important part of our tradition. It calls us to work on solidarity, the common good, and the promotion of all human dignity and be good stewards for God's creation.

Below is an excerpt from Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si*, which reminds us of some of these major themes and which calls us to be more aware of our connectedness and our commitment to work for peace and justice:

91. A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted. This compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment. It is no coincidence that, in the canticle in which Saint Francis praises God for his creatures, he goes on to say: "Praised be you my Lord, through those who give pardon for your love". Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.

92. Moreover, when our hearts are authentically open to universal communion, this sense of fraternity excludes nothing and no one. It follows that our indifference or cruelty towards fellow creatures of this world sooner or later affects the treatment we mete out to other human beings. We have only one heart, and the same wretchedness which leads us to mistreat an animal will not be long in showing itself in our relationships with other people. Every act of cruelty towards any creature is "contrary to human dignity". We can hardly consider ourselves to be fully loving if we disregard any aspect of reality: "Peace, justice and the preservation of creation are three absolutely interconnected themes, which cannot be separated and treated individually without once again falling into reductionism". Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.

SALT AND LIGHT

By Sister Caritas

Sometimes our doctors tell us "Do not eat so much salt", or "Do not eat any salt". To me, a hardboiled egg does not taste the same without salt. Unsalted popcorn does not taste the same either. We are then challenged to find a substitute to make something taste good. We try other kinds of seasonings. They are good, but nothing is quite like salt.

Our Gospel today calls us to be "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world". Jesus tells us WE ARE salt and light. To live this out in our daily lives is our calling. One thing is true. You cannot give what you do not have. This means we must also have the light that is Jesus in us if we are to be light for others, for the world. We must have the salt, which is the life of Jesus in us, if we are to be the salt of the earth. Participating in Mass, receiving the sacraments, and praying are ways God is able to transform us more completely into light for the world and salt for the earth.

The first reading makes some suggestions for us. "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless, cloth the naked", and "be loving toward your own family members". Sometimes being kind to those we live with is the hardest thing. We can reach out beyond our own front door with more ease than we can listen to, care for, or appreciate those of our own family. *We may say, "I will shop around", and say, "I will go to this church or that other parish; it will be better". Eventually we return to our original parish since there we find light and can be "salt".* We can think we choose where we are but, more often, God "puts" us there. The gifts we are, the light and salt, are needed in those places, with these people, for this time. God knows. We are where He needs us and where we need to be. "Be the salt of the earth and the light for the world." There and then we will find joy.

SCHOOL NEWS

Chinese New Year Parade

The celebration continues!

On Sunday, February 2nd, our students lined the streets of Chinatown for the annual Chinese New Year Parade. With over 18,000 spectators present, St. Therese made our parish proud with drum features, dragon dances, and warm smiles.



Chinese New Year Benefit Advertisement Opportunities

Our annual Chinese New Year Benefit is less than two weeks away! There's still time to place an advertisement in the Program Book, which will be viewed by all attendees at the event. It's a great way to advertise a business, congratulate your child's graduating class, or make a touching tribute to a school team or club. For additional information, please contact Julia James at jjames@sttheresechicago.org or at 312-326-2837 ext. 204.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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)
 + Rose Furmanek (Sonny)

Monday, February 10 - St. Scholastica

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

Tuesday, February 11 - Weekday; Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 a.m. + Matthew Rekar (Wife)

Wednesday, February 12 - Weekday

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

Thursday, February 13 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + 1st Ann.: Ed Lenicky (Dee)
 + Alma Guzman (Cisneroz Family)

Friday, February 14 - Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius

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

Saturday, February 15 - Weekday

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

Saturday, February 15 - Vigil of The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Ed Glabicki (Karen and Adrian Goetz)
 + Dora Vanvalkenburgh (Joe & Rena Zito)
 + Virginia Pienta (Rose Kisielowski)
 Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, February 16 - The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
 9:30 a.m. + Hil & Alice Gerlach (B. Glabicki)
 + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
 + Virginia Pienta (Cathy & Phil Whitehouse)
 + Rizzo Family (Sonny)
 Health Blessings: Barbara Rekar (B. Glabicki)

Weekly Collection - February 1st - 2nd

Sunday Envelopes (69)		\$ 1,130.25
Sunday Loose		\$ 585.00
Maintenance Fund Collection (35)		\$ 452.00
Total Collection		\$ 2,167.25
	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$ 76,640.26	\$ 2,167.25
Goal	\$185,600.00	\$ 6,400.00
% of Goal	41%	34%
Votives & Vigil Lights:		\$ 171.93
November Give Central: 1st		\$ 1,524.00
2nd		\$ 300.00

Electronic giving through **GiveCentral.org** is the safe and secure way to make your weekly donations to St. Barbara. Donate via credit card or electronic check (ACH). Sign up by visiting St. Barbara's home WEB page and follow the prompts.



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).

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

5:00 p.m.
 Altar Servers: Andrew Moon, Autumn Moon, W. Chen
 Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, J. Lukwinski, R. Carden
 Lectors: Edward Raya, Eljay Raya
 Greeters: Y. Bobadilla, J. Lukwinski

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

6:00 a.m.
 Altar Server: G. Vanderford
 Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa, G. Vanderford
 Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.
 Altar Servers: G. Parcon, Q. Do
 Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez, D. Ramos
 Lectors: H. Alonzo, M. Worth
 Greeters: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND LITURGIES

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

St. Therese: Mandarin Mass on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 4:00 pm followed by Bible sharing and food.

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am; and Mandarin

Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12:30 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

CONFESSION

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.

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.

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 Gadomski, Ray Gadomski, 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 Petruck, 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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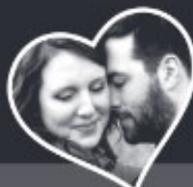
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