

**ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA  
PARISH**



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**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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perfect,  
just as  
your  
heavenly  
Father  
is perfect**

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**Feb.  
23,  
2020**

**Be holy, for I, the LORD,  
your God, am holy.**

**— *Leviticus 19:2b***



### Activities This Week

Wednesday, Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday; Masses at 6:00 am, 1:15 pm and 7:00 pm  
 Friday, Feb. 28 - Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm  
 Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 29-Mar. 1 - Rice Bowl Distribution; St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Food Drive begins  
 Sunday, Mar. 1 - Altar & Rosary Mtg; 11:00 am

### 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.

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL FOLLOW-UP

**A. Keep praying for the Annual Catholic Appeal:** That you may spread the Gospel message "Come, follow me...and heal our world through our good deeds as we generously support the Annual Catholic Appeal as faithful stewards of the gifts God has entrusted us with.

**B. Make a pledge if you haven't done so already:** Thanks to all who have made a pledge to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Your participation is important. If you missed last weekend's commitment pledge, you may still do so by filling out the pledge form found on the Church entrance tables and return it to the ushers or to one of the priests. **Thank You.**



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Thursday,  
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**Ash Wednesday:** Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. Ashes will be distributed at the St. Barbara Worship Site at 6:00 am, 1:15 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.

**6th Annual Parish Carnival:** It's hard to believe that our Parish Carnival is less than 4 months away. This is our 6th Annual Carnival, but our first as our newly-formed parish. We will be holding our first committee meeting on Friday, February 28th, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. We are looking for some new faces to help make this event a huge success for our parish. All are welcome.

**Holy Name Lottery Tickets:** This is your last chance to purchase tickets for the St. Patrick's Day Lottery. Tickets must be purchased by Saturday, February 29th and stubs need to be returned to Phil Whitehouse by that date. Remember, you can win at least \$100 every day during March.

**St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Food Drive:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be holding a Lenten Food Drive to benefit Benton House beginning on Saturday, February 29th.

**St. Barbara High School Reunion:** St. Barbara High School will hold an all-year reunion on Saturday, March 7th, beginning with 5:00 pm Mass, followed by the reunion at 6:00 pm. For more information, please call the rectory (312) 842-7979.

**St. Mary of Perpetual Help Penny Social:** On Sunday, March 8th, St. Mary's will hold their annual Penny Social in the school building at 1042 W. 32nd Place, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Win a Flat Screen TV plus many other prizes. Auction calling begins at 12:30 pm sharp! Lunch and refreshments will be available for sale.

**Lenten Season Retreat:** On Saturday, March 28th, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish welcomes Rev. Donald Senior for a Lenten Retreat titled "From Death to Life: Biblical Reflections on the Lenten Season". The cost is \$10.00 and lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending, there is a sign-up sheet on the usher's table.

**Marian Shrines Pilgrimage:** Join us on a Catholic Pilgrimage led by Fr. Francis Li to the Marian Shrines of Portugal, Spain & France. We will visit Fatima, Lourdes, Loyola, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese of Lisieux and Cathedrals in Paris. Dates are June 8-19, 2020. For more information, call St. Therese rectory (312-842-6777) or George Lee (312-719-0233).



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## THANKS

Thanks to our Young Adults who served at the Missionary of Charity's Soup Kitchen last Saturday. "It was a powerful experience and I will go back," one of them commented. They plan to volunteer there on a monthly basis. All young adults are invited to join our Young Adult Ministry.

Thanks to our children for singing so beautifully at the Family Mass last Sunday. Their participation is appreciated and important for them to grow in love with God and our community. Mass is one of the most important ways through which we teach our children about our faith. Thanks to all adults and parents who make it possible. We hope to see more children getting involved in our parish.

Thank you to our 4th grade students who took a moment to share warm smiles after Class Mass with Fr. Li, Joe Delfin, and Tom Howard. They also had the opportunity to share a tasty, savory breakfast and chat on a personal level with each other as a Christian family.



## LENT

Lent is a season of penitential practices and spiritual discipline. It begins this Wednesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, a day of fast and abstinence. Marked with ashes on our foreheads, Catholics are reminded of our mortality and our call to quest for immortality. For forty days, we pray, fast and give alms. These acts of spiritual exercise help us to humbly acknowledge our sins and seek God's forgiveness and reconciliation. They also empower us to depend more on God in our relationships and discipleship. We are not the master of our lives, but God.

I find the following quotes on prayer and service from St. Mother Teresa very helpful for me to refocus my life in God and I hope they can enlighten you too.

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts."

"Prayer in action is love, love in action is service."

"I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things."

May you find time to pray, fast and give alms this Lent and may your Lent be a time of renewal and of transformative preparation for Easter!

Peace

Fr. Francis



## Godparents

**EVERYONE BAPTIZED** into the church receives a godparent. Godparents assist the baptized “to lead a Christian life in harmony with Baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it” (*Code of Canon Law*, 872). That means we ask very little or very much, depending on how you look at it.

To be a godparent you must be sixteen, baptized, confirmed in the Catholic Church, taking communion with us, leading a life in harmony with faith, and not a parent of the one to be baptized. Godparents may be chosen by the one to be baptized, by the parents or guardians, or even by the pastor or parish minister. A baptized non-Catholic may serve as a witness to the Baptism if a Catholic godparent also takes part. Only one godparent is needed, although two may serve. The Baptismal godparent becomes the preferred sponsor for Confirmation.

Very often people will ask a family member to be a godparent. This has the advantage of binding families together. However, a godparent from the parish community may make a better choice. A parishioner can set a good example for the child from week to week and can represent the role of the

entire parish community bringing Christ to each new member.

Some families have further expectations of godparents of young children. They may expect a gift at the child’s birthday or further assistance throughout life. Some godparents devote a lot of time with their godchildren; others do not. The church does not specify these extended responsibilities; families may discuss them with their godparents.

Godparents for adults play an important role during Lent. They support the catechumen at the Rite of Election and the scrutinies in addition to the rites of initiation. They usually are the sponsors who have accompanied the catechumens throughout their preparation. If the adult joining the Church has already been baptized, his or her sponsor remains a “sponsor” since a godparent already exists.

During infant Baptism, we ask godparents if they will help the parents in their duty as Christian parents. We invite them to renew their Baptismal vows together with the parents, and they may assist in lighting the child’s candle. However, parents preferably hold the child for the Baptism.

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## LOVING OUR ENEMIES by Sister Caritas

Often I have seen situations where people take very good care of others, but do not care as well for themselves, their own health and wellbeing. We work very hard at a job, but we do not save time for our own rest, or our own family. There are two sayings that “often the shoemaker is the one with the poorest shoes” or “the doctor is the one who does not always care for his health”.

One of the things God tells us in today’s readings is to “love your neighbor as you love yourself”. If we truly love ourselves, we make sure we eat good food in the right amounts. We make sure we are healthy and we do things which are good for us. People who are not well may do things to themselves which are not good.

God tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. God tells us to love our enemies. We feed ourselves. We make sure we have shelter and clothing. We try to have enough money so that we can do what we need to do, such as have a car or pay transportation. God knows that we know how to love ourselves. He uses that experience to tell us how to love our neighbor. He also tells us to love our enemies. St. Francis De Sales says, “You can catch more flies with a spoonful of honey than with a whole barrel of vinegar”. We can win over our enemies by being kind, caring, and loving rather than by being mean, angry, or hurtful. Each person is to be treated with care and concern. We can pray for our enemies. Maybe, eventually, they will not be our enemies.



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## **From Death to Life: Biblical Reflections on the Lenten Season a retreat with Fr. Donald Senior**



**Rev. Donald Senior, C.P.**, is President Emeritus and Chancellor of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he served as president for 23 years and is now a member of the faculty as Professor of New Testament. Fr. Don was ordained a priest in 1967 and received his doctorate in New Testament studies from the University of Louvain in Belgium in 1972, with advanced studies at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and Harvard University. He is a frequent lecturer and speaker throughout the United States and abroad, serves on numerous boards and commissions, and is actively involved in the inter-religious dialogue, particularly with the Jewish and Muslim communities. Fr. Don has published extensively on biblical topics, and he has received countless awards locally and nationally. In 2001, Pope John Paul II appointed him as a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, and he was reappointed in 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI and by Pope Francis in 2013.

The death and resurrection of Jesus stands at the heart of the New Testament and gives meaning to our Lenten observance. This retreat day will reflect on how the movement from death to life is a fundamental pattern of the Scriptures and is the basis for our hope as Christians.

**Saturday, March 28, 2020  
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**St. Barbara Campus Gym  
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**Register by March 23, 2020 at  
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**Lunch will be provided**

**Donation: \$10**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, February 22 - Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Socorro Velazquez (Family)  
 + Ruben Velazquez III (Family)  
 + Bernadette Zito (Joe & Rena Zito)  
 + 29th Ann.: Paul Jachim (Dan & Anita  
 Isacson & Family)  
 Health Bless.: Julia Nurbhai (Adeline Skokal)  
 Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

### Sunday, February 23 - The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Celine "Cis" Krok (St. Barbara Thursday Bingo)  
 + Birth. Rem.: Loretta Keslinke  
 Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)  
 9:30 a.m. + Bill Beyer (B. Glabicki)  
 + Ralph Musial (B. Glabicki)  
 + Lorraine Slotarski (Maryann DeParis & Frank)  
 + Virginia Pienta (Cliff & Arlene Whitehouse)  
 + Birth. Rem.: Matthew Slotarski (Maryann  
 DeParis)  
 + Joseph Weindorfer (Rosemary Bauer)  
 + 9th Ann.: Grace Ann Alonzo (Hazel &  
 Angeleo Alonzo & Family)  
 + 1st Ann.: Melvin Alonzo (Hazel & Angeleo  
 Alonzo & Family)

### Monday, February 24 - Weekday

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

### Tuesday, February 25 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Chuck Oi (Mrs. Dalcamo & 8th Grade  
 Class: St. Barbara Campus)  
 + Alan Campione (Family)

### Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday

6:00 p.m. + Rev. Anthony Adducci  
 1:15 p.m. St. Therese All-School Mass  
 7:00 p.m. + Theodore & Stanley Piorecki

### Thursday, February 27 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. + Birth. Rem.: Kathy Frenzel (Spalla Family)

### Friday, February 28 - Friday after Ash Wednesday

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

### Saturday, February 29 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. + All Souls' Remembrance

### Saturday, February 29 - Vigil of The First Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. + Ed Glabicki (Adrian & Karen Goetz)  
 + Josephine Majewski (Majewski Family)  
 + Catherine Spina (Joe & Rena Zito)  
 + Health Blessings: Chuck Goyer (Adeline  
 Skokal)

### Sunday, March 1 - The First Sunday of Lent

6:00 a.m. + Ed Glabicki (St. Barbara Thursday Bingo)  
 Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)  
 9:30 a.m. + Birth. Rem.: Albina Adomaitis (John &  
 Susan Adomaitis)  
 + Jean Dimitri (B. Glabicki)  
 + Barbara Czerniak (B. Glabicki)  
 + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)  
 + Virginia Pienta (St. Barbara Altar & Rosary  
 Sodality)

## Weekly Collection - February 15th - 16th

Sunday Envelopes (64)	\$ 1,294.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 439.00
School Support Collection (29)	\$ 412.25
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,145.25</b>

	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$ 81,814.51	\$ 2,145.25
Goal	\$198,400.00	\$ 6,400.00
% of Goal	41%	34%
Votives & Vigil Lights:	\$ 135.51	
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2nd	\$ 390.00	



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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

#### 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: S. Garland, A. Chan  
 Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, J. Lukwinski,  
 B. Pienta  
 Lectors: P. Saletta, G. Dumelle  
 Greeters: R. Davidson, J. Lukwinski

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

#### 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: Andrew Moon, Autumn Moon,  
 G. Parcon  
 Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez,  
 D. Ramos  
 Lectors: B. Curry, H. Alonzo  
 Greeters: A. Parcon, C. Parcon



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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: 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.

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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