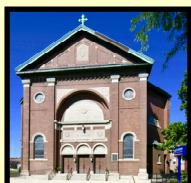


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**THE SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**



**Dec.
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2019**

**The earth shall be filled
with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.**

— Isaiah 11:9



St. Therese School's 50/50 Raffle is underway! Stop by our main offices to purchase tickets, or you may purchase tickets online at www.sttheresechicago.org/5050raffle

GRAND PRIZE: \$38,888

1st Place:	\$ 6,000
2nd Place	\$ 3,000
3rd Place	\$ 112 (Gift Cards)

The exciting Grand Raffle drawing will take place on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at the School Christmas Program. A limited number of tickets will be sold, so get them while you can! The lucky winner could be YOU!

COFFEE WITH FR. FRANCIS

Do you have questions about the life of our new parish? Would you like to be involved with our ministries and organizations? What are your concerns and hopes for our new parish?



As we continue to work on "Make Disciples, Build Communities and Inspire Witness", I am grateful to share that I had the opportunity to meet with quite a few of our parish leaders in the last several weeks over coffee to hear their concerns and vision for our new parish. It has been very helpful to me as I strive to lead our faith community under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I would like to offer this opportunity to all parishioners and friends of St Mother Teresa Parish. If you would like to share your hopes and suggestions for our parish with me, please email me at flisttherese@gmail.com, call our parish offices at 312-842-7979 or 312-842-6777 to schedule a coffee time. I want to listen to you and to hear from you.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Since the feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on the Second Sunday of Advent this year, it will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th. We will have Mass at St. Barbara at 7:00 pm. However, this year the feast is not considered a Holy Day of Obligation; therefore, it is not obligatory to attend Mass on that day.



Communion & Confession for Shut-Ins

If you or someone you know is homebound, even temporarily, and would like to receive Communion, have their Confession heard, or receive the Anointing of the Sick, Fr. Francis and Fr. Lukas are available to visit you. Please contact the rectory (312-842-7979) to request a visit.

THE FEAST OF ST. BARBARA

Today at the 9:30 am Mass, we will celebrate the feast of St. Barbara. Although her official feast day is December 4th, we felt it appropriate to hold her feast day at a Sunday Family Mass when everyone, including students, could celebrate it.



Please be sure to read Fr. Francis' article on the next page regarding St. Barbara.

HOLY NAME NEWS



The Holy Name Society is having their annual toy drive from now through Sunday, December 15th. Catholic Charities needs help in collecting toys for some needy boys and girls who might not get a Christmas present.

Some ideas: puzzles, books, dolls, trucks and games. Unwrapped toys can be placed in the bins in the rear of the church.

Once again, the Holy Name Society will be selling their St. Patrick's Day Lotto tickets. Prizes will be given out every day during March. Your ticket number must match the Illinois Lottery Pick 3 evening game number. Daily winners will receive \$100 each, Saturday winners will receive \$250 and the grand prize of \$500 will be awarded on St. Patrick's Day. Tickets are \$10.00 each. These tickets make wonderful Christmas presents. Tickets can be purchased from any Holy Name member, in the back or church, or at the rectory.

RESPECT IN CHURCH

As a sign of respect, please turn your cell phones to silent upon entering church. Also, please remove your hats during Mass and consider to dress appropriately for Mass.



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Thursday Night Bingo is always looking for volunteers. If you would like to help us, we have openings for sellers and kitchen help. Please give Jim Bertucci a call (312) 835-5411. This is a great way to help support our combined parish.

Remember, Bingo is played every Thursday evening at 6:35 pm. "You can't win if you don't play!" Help support our parish!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



As the season of Advent continues to unfold, in this busiest time of the year, we make special efforts to renew our spirit by becoming more aware of our past, living well our present and having firm hope for our future. This week is particularly important to our community as we also honor the patroness of our Church, St. Barbara. She was a virgin and a martyr, whose feast day is on Dec. 4th. As I have asked for her intercessions for our community and our Church, I was once again impressed by the history of our Church, which is named after this powerful Saint and is beautifully narrated by Walter J. Podrazik and Grace Dumelle. Both are longtime faithful parishioners. I took the following excerpt from their writings which I think will help us as honor and celebrate our Church's patron.

St. Barbara parish began more than a century ago, as great steamship lines were docking at Ellis Island, unloading wave after wave of Polish immigrants. At the beginning of the twentieth century, these new arrivals were looking for a better way of life, looking for freedom from Russian army conscription and from restrictions on their language and religion. Thousands headed for Chicago and Bridgeport, where the mills, factories and packing houses provided plenty of employment.

The nearest Polish parish, St. Mary of Perpetual Help, bulged at the seams. Pastor Rev. Stanislaus Nawrocki obtained approval to buy land for a new parish along Throop Street. In 1910, his younger brother, Rev. Anthony Nawrocki, became the first pastor of the new St. Barbara parish.

His first priorities were an elementary school, convent, and rectory. Mass and the sacraments were celebrated in the basement hall of the school while construction went forward on the church.

The domed, Renaissance-style church took two years and \$175,000 to build. No pillars were used in the interior so sight-lines would be clear for the 1,200 worshippers that could be accommodated. A solemn dedication and consecration took place July 5, 1914.

An \$82,000 school addition was completed in 1924, adding an auditorium, six-lane bowling alley, billiard room, and kitchen. Six new classrooms also accommodated a two-year commercial high school, which upgraded to a four-year institution in 1947, changing its admission policy to young women only.

St. Barbara successfully marked its centennial in 2010 as a time of spiritual and physical renewal. That included the painting and restoration of the interior of the church by the Oosterbaan & Sons Company in 2012, which revitalized and showcased the artistic treasure that is St. Barbara. It is a stunning home to a dedicated Catholic community whose heritage encompasses Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The welcoming spirit of St. Barbara continues today to all who step through the church doors, into the school classrooms, or enter any parish event. We invite you to visit St. Barbara and to experience for yourself the joy, excitement, and spiritual renewal of this place.

For the full story, please visit our Church's website at <https://stbarbarachicago.org/history/>.

With Renew My Church, St. Barbara Catholic Parish was officially united with St. Therese Chinese Catholic Parish in July 1st, 2019. With two beautiful Churches, we are St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish.

With deep gratitude to our past, full faith to our present and strong hope to our future, I wholeheartedly thank God for all the people who have been part of our history and who are part of our present life today! Our community needs each one of you and together we can create a brighter future. Remember the words of St. Mother Teresa, “**We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.**”

St. Barbara, Pray for Us and our Parish!

St. Therese, Pray for Us and our Parish!

St. Mother Teresa, Pray for us and our Parish!

Peace

Fr. Francis

THE VOICE OF PREPARATION By Sister Caritas

Do you remember being told that your birthday was coming when you were very young? Because very young children have no real understanding of time, maybe you woke up the next day and asked again if it was your birthday, even though it was really several weeks or months away. Then the wait began. The days, even if they were a few, seemed like forever and the anticipation grew as time passed until it was your birthday. What joy when you were told this was the day.

From the time of the promise of God to the first humans that they would receive redemption through the Messiah, a savior, until the time when Jesus came, the Jewish people waited for the fulfillment of the promise. They looked for the signs that Isaiah told them. Sometimes they thought, the years – the time of the coming – was near. Other times I’m sure they wondered if the promised Messiah would ever come. God is always faithful to His promises.

Our first reading today describes the peace and justice that the Messiah would bring and which would exist in His Kingdom. All the needed virtues of knowledge, understanding, counsel, strength, wisdom and justice would be found in the Messiah. The Messiah was to be born of a virgin. The kingdom, when established, would have all natural enemies at peace with each other. Even the poor and afflicted, the outcast and the hopeless would find justice and fair judgement. God’s kingdom, His holy mountain, would be free from harm or from ruin. The earth would be filled “with the knowledge of the Lord.” John the Baptist tells us he is the one who is to prepare for THE Messiah. The kingdom of God is at hand.

If John came personally to you, explained what could be and what was to come and told you to repent, would you? So he is speaking today. John cries out, “Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight His path.” This is the goal of this week of Advent. Will you respond?

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th: Christmas Eve Mass at St. Therese with the Children's Christmas Pageant at 5:00 P.M.

December 25th: Christmas Mass at 12 A.M. (Midnight Mass) at St. Barbara Church preceded by Christmas Carols at 11:30 P.M.

Christmas Day Masses:

6:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. at St. Barbara Church

8:00 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. at St. Therese Church



For those unable to attend Mass due to illness, please be sure to watch the Mass on television:

**Mercy Home - Sunday Mass
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Faith Formation for Children, ages 3-7, on Saturdays at 9:30 am at the St. Therese Worship Site: The Sisters of Charity are offering the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program for children between the ages of 3 to 7 in our community room on Saturdays from 9:30 - 11:00 am. Storytelling, interactive games, art projects, and hands-on activities will highlight the dynamic, faith-filled program. Parents are welcome to accompany their children or simply drop them off and return. The program will run through May, 2020. You can still enroll your children in these classes. Please call either of our parish offices to register.

Baby Bottle Project: St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish (both worship sites) will participate in the Baby Bottle Project for Advent. Bottles are available in the back of church. Please take a bottle from the students, fill it, and return it to church by the weekend of December 21 -22.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Because this year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday, the feast will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th. There will be a 7:00 pm Mass on that Monday at the St. Barbara Worship Site. The Immaculate Conception is not considered a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Young Adult Ministry: The YAM Group is having a special Mass on Saturday, December 14th, at 6:00 am followed by a reception in the lower hall.

Simbang Gabi Mass: The annual Simbang Gabi Mass will be celebrated at the St. Barbara Worship Site on Saturday, December 14th at the 5:00 pm Mass. Hospitality will be held in the Lower Hall following that Mass. There is a sign-up sheet on the ushers' table in back of church. Please sign up so we will know how much food to prepare.

Advent Reconciliation: Advent Reconciliation at the St. Barbara Worship Site will be held on Monday, December 16th at 7:00 pm.

St. Therese All-School Christmas Concert: The annual school Christmas concert will take place on Wednesday, December 18th in St. Barbara Church from 6:00-7:30 pm.

English as a Second Language: If you know of any young children who need instruction in English conversation, Sr. Caritas may be available to help (depending on your schedule). For further information, please call either the St. Therese or St. Barbara rectory for more information. They will forward a message to Sr. Caritas as to your schedule.

Date	Time	Worship Site	Description
Monday 12-2-19	8:00AM	St. Therese	School Mass for St. Therese Campus
Sunday 12-8-19	9:30AM	St. Barbara	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast of St. Barbara, Family Mass for St. Barbara Campus (led by 6th Graders)
Tuesday 12-10-19	8:00AM	St. Barbara	School Mass for St. Barbara Campus (Confessions afterward)
Sunday 12-15-19	10:30AM	St. Therese	Family Mass for St. Therese Campus (led by 6th Graders)
Monday 12-16-19	8:00AM	St. Therese	School Mass for St. Therese Campus (Confessions afterward)

Due to the early publication of last week's bulletin, the weekly collection of November 23rd –24th, was not available. The collection results are below:

Weekly Collection - November 23rd - 24th

Sunday Envelopes (71)	\$ 1,162.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 567.00
Debt Reduction Collection (32)	\$ 514.00
Total Collection	\$ 2,243.00

	YTD	Weekly
Actual	\$ 53,063.28	\$ 2,243.00
Goal	\$134,400.00	\$ 6,400.00
% of Goal	39%	35%
Votives & Vigil Lights:	\$ 119.55	
October Give Central: 1st	\$ 1,564.00	
2nd	\$ 330.00	

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

November 19, 2019 Report

Donor Count	56
2019 Goal	\$10,851.78
Amount Pledged	\$12,023.00
Amount Paid	\$ 9,748.00
Balance Due	\$ 2,275.00

When we reach our goal, any additional funds will be returned to our parish for our use. Thank you for your support.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 7 - Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. + Joy Swulius (Family)
 + Mary Domagala (Mike Domagala)
 + Nick, Jennie and Pasquale Salerno (Family)
 + James, Catherine, Michael, James, Jr., and Jimmy Gurgone (Family)
 + Geraldine and James Distasio, Sr. (Family)
 + Cookie Jarzyna (Margaret Moy & Theresa Lee)
 + Bernadette Zito (Joe & Rena Zito)
 Patricia and John O'Connell (Family)
 Frances and Tony Fratto (Family)
 Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, December 8 - The Second Sunday of Advent

6:00 a.m. + Cecile (Cis) Krok (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)
 + Ed Glabicki (Sharon Guest)
 + Tom Potthoff (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)
 Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
 9:30 a.m. + Anna Domagala (Mike Domagala)
 + Alice Gerlach (Ed & B. Glabicki)
 + Andrew & Catherine Lech (Ed & B. Glabicki)
 + Dorothy Lech (Ed & B. Glabicki)
 + Ed Glabicki (Irene Zima)
 + Birthday Rem.: Ruth Wojcik (Elizabeth Wojcik)
 + Joseph & Bernice Nawracaj (Steve Kaput)
 + Matt & Evelyn Pyznarski (Steve Kaput)
 + Joseph & Sue Michalak (Steve Kaput)
 + Stanley & Verne Kaput (Steve Kaput)
 + Joseph & Victoria Kaput (Steve Kaput)
 + Dave & Geri Kaput (Steve Kaput)

Monday, December 9 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church
 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Barbara Church
 + Mike & Mary Domagala (Family)

Tuesday, December 10 - Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Birth. Rem.: Tony Demma (Tom Spalla)

Wednesday, December 11 - Advent Weekday; St. Damasus

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

Thursday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. + Ed Glabicki (Allen Nowak)

Friday, December 13 - St. Lucy

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

Saturday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

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

Saturday, December 14 - Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent; Simbang Gabi Mass

5:00 p.m. + Ed Glabicki (Dolores Lenicky)
 + Cookie Jarzyna (Margaret Moy & Theresa Lee)
 + Lauren Mandel (Joe & Rena Zito)
 Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Weekly Collection - November 30th - December 1st

Sunday Envelopes (74)	\$	1,633.00
Sunday Loose	\$	523.12
Maintenance Fund Collection (38)	\$	448.54
Total Collection	\$	2,604.66

	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$ 55,667.94	\$ 2,604.66
Goal	\$140,800.00	\$ 6,400.00
% of Goal	40%	41%
Votives & Vigil Lights:	\$ 149.01	
October Give Central: 1st	\$ 1,564.00	
2nd	\$ 330.00	

Attention: For those who make your offering in the form of a check, **please continue to make checks payable to your respective Worship Site Churches** until it is announced otherwise.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: E. Andriacchi
 Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, A. Skokal,
 A. Alonzo

Lectors: H. Alonzo, Eljay Raya

Greeters: G. Parcon, A. Alonzo, Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

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: TBD
 Eucharistic Ministers: B. Pienta, F. Cabrera,
 D. Ramos

Lectors: M. Worth, L. Szczepanski

Greeters: D. Becatti, R. Davidson

Sunday, December 15 - The Second Sunday of Advent

6:00 a.m. + Cecile (Cis) Krok (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)	
+ Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)	
9:30 a.m. + Frances Beyer (Ed & B. Glabicki)	
+ Herman Jandrisitz (Ed & B. Glabicki)	
+ Ed Glabicki (St. Barbara Seniors Club)	
+ Jesus Elizonda, Sr. (Rita Munoz & Family)	
+ Joseph & Bernice Nawracaj (Steve Kaput)	
+ Matt & Evelyn Pyznarski (Steve Kaput)	
+ Joseph & Sue Michalak (Steve Kaput)	
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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.

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 Petrucci, Dolores Pienta, Mitchell Pienta, Virginia 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, Dorothy Rzasa, Maria Saludo, Laverne Sciana, Kennedy Shepski, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sharon Solverson, Jeff Spaargaren, Jr., 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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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.



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