

**ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA
PARISH**



**2859 South Throop Street
Chicago, Illinois 60608**



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**



**Dec.
22,
2019**

**They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means “God is with
us.”**

— Matthew 1:23

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.

HOLY NAME NEWS



Once again, the Holy Name Society is 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 of church, or at the rectory.

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.

Due to the early publication of the bulletin, the collection for the weekend of December 14th-15th will be published in next week’s bulletin.

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.



Prayer for the Holy Father on his Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood



Father of mercy, we come before you with gratitude for the fifty years of priesthood of Pope Francis, whom you have made Peter’s successor. Support him with the Spirit’s gifts, so that he can continue to preach the Gospel with priestly zeal and lead the Church with wisdom and strength and courage.

Altar & Liturgical Sponsor



In memory of Matthew Rekar

Requested by: Family



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CHRISTMAS BINGO

This Thursday is Christmas Bingo! Come and play. Not only can you win some cash, but Santa may pay us a special visit and bring presents for everyone!



Thursday
December 12, 2019

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

His Name is Jesus!

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the Gospel reminds us that the angel of the Lord told Joseph to take Mary as his wife and to name their child Jesus. Clearly the coming together of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus is not a human project, but a divine plan. This mystery is celebrated every Christmas. It continues to bring us hope and joy as we know that Jesus comes to save us.

So with renewed faith and hope, I invite you, your families, and friends to please join us for the festive Christmas celebrations. Our masses are 5 P.M. Christmas Eve with Children's Christmas Pageant at St. Therese, Midnight Mass at 12 A.M. at St. Barbara Church preceded by Christmas Carols at 11:30 P.M and on Christmas Day 6:00 A.M and 9:30 A.M. at St. Barbara Church and 8:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. at St. Therese Church.

With all my whole heart, I wish you and your loved ones a JOYFUL and happy Christmas.

Peace

Fr. Francis

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.

OPLATKI, INCENSE AND ROSARIES

Oplátky (the Polish wafer), incense boxes and rosaries will be available this weekend at the Church entrance table. You may pick what you need and place your donation in the collection baskets.

JOSEPH, PROTECTOR AND EXAMPLE

By Sister Caritas

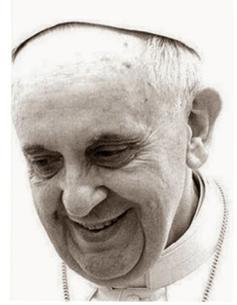
In our lives, there are people who do not say much but whose life sets a clear example of what we are to do and how we are to live. My grandfather, my Mother's father, was such a person for me. He was a faithful husband and a loving father. My Mother was very close to him when she was growing up. She was the oldest daughter. My grandfather was a Cubs fan. He taught my mother how to take a car apart and put it back together. I was the oldest granddaughter and, when we went to Wisconsin to visit, I would "trail" my grandfather. If he went to the farm, I did too and if he went to the garden I went also. I do not remember anything he said except teaching me about how food grew. But his love and faithful example were always with me. I would join him listening to Cubs games.

St. Joseph is a very important person in this story and in Jesus' early life. In the whole Gospel, we have nothing that Joseph said. We see many of his actions. No doubt much that Jesus learned, including being a carpenter, was taught to Jesus by Joseph. Joseph is the special patron and protector of the Church. He protected Mary, whom he obviously loved, and he protected Jesus leaving Israel for Egypt when Jesus' life was threatened. Tradition believes that Joseph died before Jesus' public life. He is the patron to pray to for a peaceful, happy death.

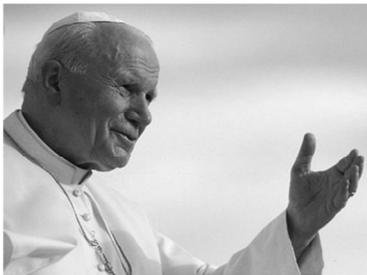
In your life, what speaks to you the most—what a person says or what a person does? Words can be like so much noise on the blowing breeze but actions can have a permanence in our memories and lives. Seeing our parents pray, work together, love each other, gives us a foundation and a pattern to follow. What about it? Do your actions speak profound and lasting examples for those around you and your family? Follow Joseph's example. Go to Joseph in time of need. He will help as he helped Jesus and Mary.

DO NOT BURY YOUR TALENTS, THE GIFTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU! DO NOT BE AFRAID TO DREAM OF GREAT THINGS!

-POPE FRANCIS



DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE



LET YOURSELVES BE TAKEN OVER BY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST, AND SPREAD THAT LIGHT WHEREVER YOU ARE!

-POPE JOHN PAUL II

Share those gifts and hopes with your fellow young adults at
AN EVENING IN WITH YAM



Saturday, January 11

**St. Barbara Worship Site
2859 S. Throop St.**

**5:00 PM Vigil Mass
Presided by Fr. Brad Zamora**



**Followed by Dinner & Drinks, hosted by Fr. Li
Sports and Games, Shenanigans to Follow
Please RSVP by January 5**

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Sign up at the church entrance or at:

young.adult.ministry@sttheresechinatown.org | facebook.com/groups/StThereseYAM

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.

Christmas Church Decoration will take place this Sunday, December 22nd, immediately after the 9:30 am Mass. Your help is needed and appreciated.

Save the Date: All parish volunteers, ministers, committee members and staff are invited to an "Appreciation Dinner" on Sunday, Jan. 12th. More details will follow soon.

Calling Parishioners and Friends to Ministries

In the *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity*, the Church tells us that all Christians have a vocation to "share in the mission of the whole people of God in the Church and in the world." (2)

"Our own times require of the laity no less zeal: in fact, modern conditions demand that their apostolate be broadened and intensified. With a constantly increasing population, continual progress in science and technology, and closer interpersonal relationships, the areas for the lay apostolate have been immensely widened particularly in fields that have been for the most part open to the laity alone."

Is the Spirit calling you to be part of the following ministries in our parish?

- Liturgical Ministry (Lector, Choir Member, Greeter, Server, Translator....)
- Educational Ministry (Catechist, Formation, Evangelizer....)
- Service Ministry (Outreach, Church Cleaning, Gardening, IT....)
- Parish Life Ministry (Youth, Young Adult, Senior Ministry, Holy Name, St. Vincent Society, St. Barbara Knights, Committee Members....)

If you are ready to be more involved with any Committees, and/or Ministries, please speak with or email Fr. Francis or Fr. Lukas.

A Joyful Welcome to All This Christmas

Welcome to our parishioners who have given so much of their time, talent, and treasure to make St. Barbara such a great church.

Welcome to those of you who may be visiting us from other parishes. We pray that your time with us is one of the highlights of your holiday season.

Welcome to those who have moved but have returned to celebrate this most holy season in the parish that had been your spiritual home for many years. It is good to have you back.

Welcome to those of you who may be new to the neighborhood and looking for a parish. Visit our church and introduce yourselves to our priests. We will try to make you feel at home.

Welcome to anyone who has been away from the Church and has Come Home to St. Barbara. If you would like to talk to one of our priests, please sign the Welcome Book.

Finally, welcome to all the faithful present. Fr. Li and Fr. Lukas will keep you in their prayers today and always, and they look forward to celebrating Mass with you in the weeks to come.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S 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

December 31st: Anticipated New Year's Mass at St. Therese at 5:00 PM followed by **Benediction** and Hot Pot Dinner.

New Year's Day Masses

6:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. at St. Barbara Church
10:00 A.M. at St. Therese Church





Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 21 - Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. + Matthew Rekar (Wife)
 + Dorothy & Joseph D'Amico (Joe & Rena Zito)
 + Ed Glabicki (Karen & Adrian Goetz)
 + Edward Krawczykowski (Angelo Pappadopoli)
 Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, December 22 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

6:00 a.m. + Cecile (Cis) Krok (Ken Ricci & Eva Mrgan)
 Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
 9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
 + Nick Paolino (Wife, Mary)
 + Stanley Hanson (Ed & B. Glabicki)
 + Ed Glabicki (Irene Zima)
 + 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)
 Birthday Blessings: Fr. Andrzej Beltowski
 (Barbara Hudren)

Monday, December 23 - Late Advent Weekday; St. John of Kanty

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

Tuesday, December 24 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara Church
 + Albina Adomaitis (John & Susan Adomaitis)

Tuesday, December 24 - The Nativity of the Lord

5:00 p.m. Anticipated Christmas Mass at St. Therese
 with Children's Pageant and Benediction
 11:30 p.m. Christmas Carols by the Choir at St. Barbara
 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass at St. Barbara
 All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

Wednesday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

Masses at St. Barbara:

6:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
 9:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

Masses at St. Therese

8:00 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 26 - St. Stephen

8:00 a.m. + 10th Ann.: Tom Foutris (M.Korso)

Friday, December 27 - St. John, Apostle

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

Saturday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents

8:00 a.m. + Ann.: Bruno Nardi (Dee Dee)
 Father's Day Remembrance

Saturday, December 28 - Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00 p.m. + Ed Glabicki (Dee Dee Nardi)
 + 1st Ann. Rem.: Aurora Barrera (Gabriella &
 Ruben)
 + Jesus Elizondo, Sr. (Rita Munoz & Family)
 Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Midnight

Altar Servers: N. Lee, M. Lee, L. Kwiatkowski,
 J. P. Kwiatkowski

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, A. Skokal

Lectors: E, Pollock, L. Saletta

6:00 a.m.

Altar Server: G. Vanderford

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Balasa, G. Vanderford,
 J. Bertucci

Lectors: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: TBD

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Rodriguez, P. Rodriguez,
 D. Ramos

Lectors: Sr. K. McNulty, B. Curry

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: L. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski,
 J. Kwiatkowski

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, A. Skokal,
 R. Carden

Lectors: Eljay Raya, Edward Raya

Greeters: D. Becatti, Y. Bobadilla

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

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: Ellie Cabrera, Emma Cabrera,
 R. Cabrera

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

Lectors: L. Szczepanski, P. Saletta

Greeters: J. Yan, R. Yan

Sunday, December 29 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

6:00 a.m. + Cecile (Cis) Krok (Diane Ramos)
 Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)

9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
 + Florence Brown (Ed & B. Glabicki)
 + Ed Glabicki (Sharon Guest)
 + 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)
 Health Blessings: Virginia Pienta (Diane
 Ramos)

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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

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 Franccone, 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, 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 Rzasza, Maria Saludo, Laverne Scianna, Kennedy Shepski, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sharon Solverson, Jeff Spaargaren, Jr., Rosalie Spalla, Diane Spata, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stroncsek, Rose Stroncsek, 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

