## First Sunday of Lent March 1, 2020

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**Baptisms:** Parents and Godparents must attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled.

**Weddings:** Church arrangements must be made at least six months in advance, before booking a reception hall.

**Confessions:** Saturdays, 4:15-4:45 pm at St. Barbara Church or by appointment.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls are available to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Please contact the church office for additional information.

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### March 1, 2020 First Sunday of Lent

**8:00 A.M.** + Sau Fong Yuan by Margaret & Teresa

+ Scarlata & Philips by Family

+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family

+ Dr. Li Wen Liang by Anonymous

+ Phyllis Centofanti by Jing & Mimi

**10:30 A.M.** Special Healing Prayers for Roberta Cheong by Jing & Mimi

+ Joanna Wai Nin Wan by Law Family

+ Henry Yong by Marilyn Leung

+ Helen Moy by Florence Yu & Family

MON. March 2nd

Lenten Weekday
\*(Mass at St. Therese Church)

**8:00 A.M.** + Phyllis Centofanti by Marilyn Leung

+ Helen Moy by Lilly Subunnanone

+ Bessie Fong by Marian Cook

TUE. March 3rd

Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin \*(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)

8:00 A.M.

WED. March 4th

Saint Casimir
\*(Mass at St. Therese Church)

**8:00 A.M.** + Helen Moy by Lilly Subunnanone + Bessie Fong by Marilyn Leung

THU. March 5th

Lenten Weekday
\*(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)

8:00 A.M.

FRI. March 6th

Lenten Weekday (Abstinence)
\*(Mass at St. Therese Church)

**8:00 A.M.** + Bessie Fong by Lilly Subunnanone

SAT. March 7th

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M. \*(Mass at St. Barbara Church)

+ Joseph Spina by Joe & Rena Zito

+ Rosemarie Thome by Joe & Rena Zito



## From the Desk of Fr. Francis

#### Greetings of Christ's Peace and Joy! Hope you all had a blessed week.

#### **Thanks and Congratulations**

Thanks to the Parent Association, students and faculty, families and benefactors of St. Therese School for another successful Lunar New Year Benefit Dinner. All of you worked hard for this largest fundraiser for our school. Our students were amazing in their performances. We appreciate your dedication, commitment, and your love for our school and parish.

Congratulations to **George Lee**, recipient of this year's Lifetime Service Award from St. Therese School. George is a long time faithful parishioner. He is very much involved in our school, parish, and community. We thank him and congratulate him for this prestigious recognition.



#### Rite of Sending and Rite of Election

We are so blessed to have 9 adults in our RCIA programs and 5 school children being prepared for Baptism this year. Lent is a special time for all catechumens and candidates. As they continue their journey toward the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil, we accompany them and pray for them as a community of faith. Their desire to be disciples of Jesus reminds us of our discipleship. We too are called to have a closer look at our lives, to get rid all sins and to love our God and neighbors with all we are and we have, particularly in this Lenten Season.

Next Sunday at the 10:30am mass at St. Therese, we will celebrate the *Rite of Sending* with them and for them. The Rite of Sending is an optional parish celebration of sending the Catechumens and candidates to the *Rite of Election*. It is a rite that a faith community makes sure that they are ready to be baptized at Easter Vigil. After homily, the catechist calls them forward with their Godparents and then the priest asks if the catechumens are ready. Have they taken their formation seriously? Have they given evidence of their conversion? Do the godparents judge them ready for the Rite of Election? Then they are invited to write their names in the book of Elect. The ritual concludes with prayers for the catechumens and candidates.

The *Rite of Election* will be celebrated also on next Sunday at 2:30pm at Holy Name Cathedral with one of our Bishops. Paul Turner describes this rite as follows:

"Election" refers to the idea of "the chosen people." In Israel's early history, God chose a people and established a covenant with them. Christians believe that God continues to choose people, now through the covenant of Baptism. The Rite of Election thus establishes the names of those who will enter the new covenant through the Sacraments of Initiation.

The key moments of the rite are the Affirmation by the Godparents and the Act of Admission or Election. In the affirmation, the godparents testify that the catechumens are worthy to be initiated. Their testimony reveals the church's positive judgment about the catechumens' desire and behavior. The entire assembly may also join the affirmation.

Let's keep our catechumens and candidates in our prayers and let's journey with them toward Easter.  $Peace \sim Fr$ . Francis



#### "Prayer in action is love; and love in action is service." --- St. Mother Teresa

#### Outreach:

CRS Rice Bowl -distribution on Feb. 29th & Mar. 1st and Returning on Mar. 28th & 29th and Apr. 4th & 5th.

St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive from Feb. 29th to April 5th

St. James Food Pantry Service on Saturday March 14th

St. Barbara Knights for Mercy Home March 8th at St. Barbara and March 15th at St. Therese

#### Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 6pm at St. Barbara and 7:00pm at St. Therese

Benediction on the First Fridays after the 7pm Stations.

#### Youth Events

March 14th and April 4th beginning with the 5pm mass

#### First Reconciliation

For School and R. E. students will take place on March 7th at 10:00am at St. Therese.

#### School Reconciliation

Monday March 2nd and Tuesday March 24th

#### Parish Lenten Reconciliation

Monday March 23rd at 7pm at St. Barbara led by Young Adults

#### RCIA--- March 18th

\*Sending Rite for Election on Sunday March 8th at 10:30am mass at St. Therese

\*The Rite of Election at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday March 8th at 2:30pm

\*Scrutiny Rites will be celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent.

#### March Mandarin Mass

On Saturday March 14th at 4:00pm and on Sunday March 22nd at 12:30pm.

#### Parish Religious Program

Students will lead the 10:30am mass on Sunday March 29th.

Reconciliation from 9:15am to 10:15am on Sunday March 29th.

Parish English Lenten Retreat---Saturday March 28th from 9:30am to 3:30pm at St. Barbara

Mandarin Lenten Retreat---April 4th at St. Therese

Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School Students

Sunday April 5th at 9:15am at St. Therese

#### Lenten Regulations (from Feb. 26th, 2020, Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

CANTONESE LENTEN REFLECTION

There will be a reflection and talk on "Forgiveness" facilitated by Fr. Sean Cuff on Sunday, April 5th after the Cantonese Mass in the community room. All are welcome!

#### News and Events

# **ATTENTION:** 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.

# Collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe:

The second collection this weekend is to help the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. The collected funds will help the Church to focus on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media. Please be generous.

#### **First Reconciliation**

Our School and Religious Education Program students will have their First Reconciliation on Sat., March 7th at 10am at St. Therese. Please keep our children in your prayers:

Ximon Bristol, Sergio Cerritos, Melany Dunagan, Adrian Estrada, Anthony Guzman, Xavien Keating, Vincent Kusnoto, Cyrus Lin Luca Gonzalez, Miranda Medellin, RoccoMunoz, Dean Ruff, Isabel Ruiz, Riley Tuider, Jordon Zhang

Prayer Intentions: Please pray for the repose of the souls of our long-time parishioners Elizabeth Fong and Phyllis Centofanti. Elizabeth was buried last Friday, and Phyllis' funeral mass will be on Thursday March 5th at 10am at St. Therese. May they rest in heavenly peace.

**First Friday will be on March 6th.** We will not have our regular Divine Mercy Chaplets on this Friday but will have the Stations of the Cross at 7pm, followed by Benediction at St. Therese Church. The Stations will also be prayed at St. Barbara Church at 6pm.

**2019 Tax Letter** If you would like to receive a tax letter for 2019, please call or email the parish office.

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### St. Barbara Church:

#### Weekends:

Saturday: Anticipated Mass: 5:00PM Sunday: 6:00AM & 9:30AM

#### Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

#### St. Therese Church:

#### Weekends:

Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM, and Mandarin Mass on 2nd Saturday at 4pm; and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30PM

#### Cantonese Mass 粤語:

1st Sunday of each month at 10:30am 每月第一主日 上午十時三十分

#### Indonesian Mass 印尼語:

Mass from August 2019 – January 2020 at Divine Word Mission in Techny, IL

#### Mandarin Mass 國語:

2nd Saturday of each month at 4pm 4th Sunday of each month at 12:30pm 每月第二周六下午四点和第四 主日中午十二 点半

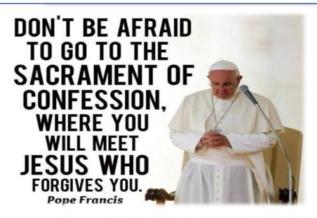
#### Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays





#### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE



Carve out some time in your busy schedule this Lent and join us for an evening of reflection on God's Word, individual confession, and songs of God's mercy and love!

Monday, March 23 St. Barbara Worship Site 2859 S. Throop St. 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm All ages welcome!

For more information, please contact the Parish at Office@StMotherTeresaParish.org

St. Michael Schedule

March 1st: 10:30am: Edy, Eric, Pat / March 8th: 10:30am: George, Peter, Miguel

Hospitality Schedule for March 8, 2020

GREETERS: Kim, Joel, Michael RECEPTION: Adrienne, Daron, Nicole

Today's Liturgy—March 1, 2020

Gather 1016 - (Chinese 184)1st Sunday of Lent /A - Cantonese Mass

PROCESSIONAL: #575 - 耶穌基督品位尊 Jesus Christ, Sovereign King

OFFERTORY: #210 - 上主萬有的天主 God Almighty

COMMUNION: #572 - 因你聖血身上流 By the Blood Flow from Thee

RECESSIONAL: #569 - 耶穌救世無窮愛 Jesus Infinite Love

#### **Soup Kitchen Service**

On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, we will serve at the Soup Kitchen of the Missionaries of Charity from 8:45-11:30. Please sign up at the church entrance table.

#### **Meetings**

Finance Council will meet on Monday March 2 at 5:45pm followed by Liturgy Committee meeting at 7pm.

#### **CANTONESE LENTEN REFLECTION**

There will be a reflection and talk on "Forgiveness" facilitated by Fr. Sean Cuff on Sunday, April 5th after the Cantonese Mass in the community room. All are welcome!

#### Good News From St. Therese! Chinese New Year 2020

Thank you to all our families and friends who joined us last weekend for our Annual CNY Benefit. It was so great to see so many enjoying this special night. We were treated to wonderful student performances and paid tribute to George Lee!













# ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Fri., March 6 7:30 PM Taizé Prayer Service

Ascension Catholic Church 808 S. East St., Oak Park, IL (carpools available)

Mon., March 23 7:00 PM (St. Barbara)

**Lenten Reconciliation Service** 

Help us organize parish-wide confessions as we prepare for Easter!

Sun., April 12

Time TBD

Easter Egg Hunt

Help hide Easter Eggs for our annual hunt for kids up to age 11!

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

#### ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE St. Vincent de Paul Society



Our generosity will support Benton House our local food pantry to help feed the struggling in our area.

Donations will be accepted through the Lenten season March 1st – April 5<sup>th</sup>

Boxes will be at the back of the church for any donations.

#### **Weekly Offering**

#### Collection for February 23, 2020

Sunday Envelopes \$1,031

GiveCentral 228 July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$63,218 Sunday Loose 316 July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$74,800

Total Collection \$1,575

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 84%

Please consider giving one hour of your weekly salary as your contribution.

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

Collection for JinDe Charity (Anti—-Coronavirus): \$ 5,588.00 Thank YOU!

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, hospitalized, and homebound...

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Matthew Mantia
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Brian Cook

#### **LENT** by Sister Caritas

Whenever we are invited to something we have the chance to choose if we will participate or if we will not participate. Temptation is an invitation. I have also found that when I am trying to stay on my diabetic diet, the things I should not eat, at times, are the things I want to eat. It can be very hard to say no to the food. I have to make a special effort to choose my health and not eat the food. It can be difficult to stay on a diet.

We are beginning the season of Lent. Many people take on trying to make serious changes in situations in their daily lives or spiritual lives. We are encouraged to pray more, including go to Mass on Sundays as well as other days. We are also encouraged to fast. Every Friday is a meatless day. When you try not to eat meat on Friday, a hot dog always seems like something you might like to eat more than usual. We are also encouraged to give up excessive eating. We are also encouraged to be more generous with our money. If that is not so possible it may be good to make efforts at doing more charitable actions. Be especially kind. Stay off of social media or being a part of bullying. Be generous in changing your actions toward others.

At times we look as Lent as a time to "give up" something. Perhaps it would be more positive if we think of giving something to God during Lent. Give God more pray time. Give our neighbored more care. Give ours bodies more heath by eating healthy and carefully. Forty days of working to create changes in our lives creates a new habit.

This is the time to prepare for Easter. It is the time to deepen our Spiritual life. It is a time to become closer to our friends and families as well as better friends to ourselves. Be loving in all levels of your life. We have stations every Friday. We have daily Mass. We have the Lenten Retreat day on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Come and pray. Participate with us. All are welcome. All are invited. How about you?

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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 interreligious 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.

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Lunch will be provided

Donation: \$10