Second Sunday of Lent March 8, 2020

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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 8, 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Betty Fung by So Family

+ Joseph Spina by Briglio Family

+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family

+ Phyllis Centofanti by Jing & Mimi

+ Dominic Barbaro by Debbie Annoreno

10:30 A.M. + Henry Yong by Gertrude Chan

+ Helen Moy by Gertrude Chan

+ Albert Wong by Bernie, Shun, Tiana & Matthew

+ Dominic Barbaro by Lily May

11:00 A.M. Indonesian Mass at St. Barbara Chapel

MON. March 9th Lenten Weekday

*(Mass at St. Therese Church)

8:00 A.M. + Rosemarie Howard Thome by Briglio Family

+ Helen Moy by Marian Cook

TUE. March 10th Lenten Weekday

*(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)

8:00 A.M.

WED. March 11th Lenten Weekday

*(Mass at St. Therese Church)

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

THU. March 12th Lenten Weekday

*(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)

8:00 A.M.

FRI. March 13th Lenten Weekday (Abstinence)

*(Mass at St. Therese Church)

8:00 A.M. + Michael Phillips by Family

SAT. March 14th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M.

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

+ Fred Cermak Roti, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion Roti



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks

Thanks to **Jimmy Bertucci** and our Thursday Bingo Team for donating \$8000.00 to our parish for helping with the operational expenses. We appreciate your hard work and commitment.

Thanks to our School children for joining and helping with the Stations of the Cross on Friday March 5th at St. Barbara. Members of our Student Council did a wonderful job with the prayers. We hope they would join us more frequently, and their parents would encourage and support them to do so.

Listen to Jesus

Last Sunday, we heard the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. The devil tempted Jesus by saying if you are the Son of God, which implies that even the devil knows Jesus' true identity.

Today's Gospel story is the familiar and inspiring transfiguration story, in which Jesus' true identity is revealed to us through a voice from the cloud, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." This revelation tells us clearly who Jesus is and our call to listen to him. Isn't this what Lent calls us to do? It invites us to take time to know Jesus and to listen to Jesus. This process of knowing Jesus helps us to know ourselves better first: Who are we? Where are we from? Where are we going?

The current concern for Coronavirus is a great reminder of both on the vulnerability and preciousness of life. It is a great awakening that we must stay healthy physically and spiritually.

Speaking of physical wellness, based on the guidelines of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and of the Archdiocese of Chicago, I ask you to observe the following preventive actions during our liturgical celebrations:

- *Refrain from physical contact during the Sign of Peace (note: the Sign of Peace can be exchanged without physical contact)
- *We will stop distributing Holy Communion via the chalice this weekend.
- *Given the frequency of direct contact with saliva in the distribution of Holy Communion on the tongue, you should consider receiving Holy Communion reverently in open hands for the time being.
- *Refrain from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- *Holy Water fonts will be emptied of Holy Water for now.

If you are sick or are experiencing symptoms of sickness, you are not obliged to attend Mass, and even that out of charity you ought not to attend.

How about our spiritual wellbeing?

Our Church calls us to practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our parish offers many opportunities for doing good actions and practicing spiritual renewal. These events are listed in our bulletins. I encourage you to take advantage of them for we want to do these things not only for ourselves, but more importantly for Jesus. As St. Mother Teresa beautifully says, "All we do-our prayer, our work, our suffering-is for Jesus. Our life has no other reason or motivation. This is a point many people do not understand. I serve Jesus twenty-four hours a day."

~ Peace, Fr. Francis

Let's all commit to best health practices for our physical and spiritual wellness. May the Lord keep you safe and healthy!

Peace ~ Fr. Francis



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

Outreach:

CRS Rice Bowl - Return 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

Bethlehem Arts Display and Sale: March 15th at St. Barb. And March 22nd at St. Therese after all the masses

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---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 followed by Food and Bible Sharing and on Sunday March 22nd at 12:30pm followed by Lunch and a Talk

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

Cantonese Lenten Talk---April 5th after the 10:30am mass

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.

News and Events

<u>ATTENTION:</u> Offering to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish

As we continue to work on the unification of Parish operations, we now ask you to please **start making your offering checks payable to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish**. If you are using online giving <u>Give Central</u>, you don't need to make any changes.

Next Mandarin Mass will be on Sat. March 14th at 4pm followed by food and Bible Sharing at St. Therese Church and Community Room.

Next Youth Event will be on Saturday, March 14th, beginning with the 5pm mass followed by food and sharing and games in the St. Barb Gym and pick up time is 7:30pm.

Cantonese Lenten Sharing:

Cantonese Bible Sharing Group will have a sharing on Saturday March 21st, 2020, at 4:30 pm at Furama Restaurant. Dinner will follow. Fr. Kwok will lead the sharing. Topic will be: 夏志诚主教 主讲的"建立宽恕文化,延续天父慈悲."

All Cantonese speakers are welcome!

粤语分享圣德力粤语圣经分享组本月分享将会在3/21,星期六下午4点30分,富丽华饭店举行,晚餐随后。希望各位参加。

Prayer Intention: Please pray for the repose of the soul of our long-time parishioner **Dominic**Barbaro, whose funeral mass was Saturday.

May he rest in heavenly peace.

Please Pray for the following Mercy
Hospital Patients: Deborah, Michael,
Yvette, Kenita, James, Joann, Robert,
Julian, James, Marcos, Maryann, Virginia,
Lucy, Yu, Melissa, Mary, Elaine, Timothy, Jennifer,

Kathleen, Debra, Jeffrey, Johnny, Florida, Alma, Joanna, Janice, Carmen, James Bethlehem Arts Display and

Sale Representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem

and Bethlehem in the Holy Land will be displaying beautiful handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles on March 15th at St. Barbara, and on March 22nd at St. Therese after all the Masses.

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:

2nd Sunday of each month at St. Barbara Chapel at 11:00am

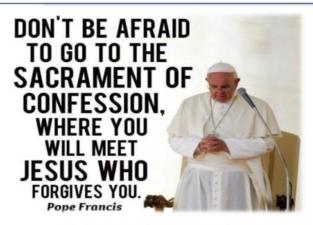
Mandarin Mass 國語:

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





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



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 Lenten Reconciliation Service Help us organize parish-wide confessions as we

(St. Barbara)

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!

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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 5th

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

Hospitality Schedule for March 15, 2020

GREETERS: Marian Torrez & STS Students RECEPTION: Eva, Jean Ng

Today's Liturgy—March 8, 2020
Gather 1019 - 2nd Sunday of Lent /A

PROCESSIONAL: #487 – Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

OFFERTORY: #659 – I Lift My Soul to You COMMUNION: #486 – Deep Within

RECESSIONAL: #644 - There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

St. Michael Schedule

March 8th: 10:30am: George, Peter, Miguel March 15th: 10:30am: Cameron, Tony, Tim

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Senate's Rejection of Pro-Life Bills – Recently, the U.S. Senate failed to advance the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (S. 3275) and the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (S. 311). In the Senate, 60 votes are needed to overcome a filibuster and advance a bill to a vote on passage. The Pain-Capable bill would protect unborn children from late-term abortions. It failed to advance by a vote of 53 to 44. The Born-Alive bill would prohibit infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve the child's life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. It failed to advance by a vote of 56 to 41. In response, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, promptly issued a statement on 2/25/2020: "It is appalling that even one senator, let alone more than 40, voted to continue the brutal dismemberment of nearly full-grown infants, and voted against protecting babies who survive abortion. Our nation is better than this, and the majority of Americans who support these bills must make their voices heard." Let us pray for God's grace for all so that those who had voted against these bills will eventually have a conversion of heart, and those who have worked hard on these bills can continue to offer their undaunted effort to advance pro-life causes.

Catholic Teaching on PAS – Proponents of legalized physician assisted suicide (PAS) are now working hard in many state legislatures and city councils. In fact, the "death culture" is knocking at the door of our community, and we should know what we're called to do – defend life. Each of these attacks on life rests on a radical misconception of Christian anthropology. They proclaim we, not God, decide who lives and who dies. Vatican II voices the Church's treasured understanding that God did not create man as a solitary but rather as a social being. Our dignity is realized and developed in our relationships with others, exemplified in Christ's self-sacrificial relationship with us. The question is exactly what we *will* do. The following are some useful resources for Catholic teaching on PAS: *Evangelium Vitae* (Gospel of Life) (St. John Paul the Great) (1995), ¶¶65-70; *Message To Members of the Italian Association of Medical Oncology* (2 September 2019) (Pope Francis); http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/end-of-life/index.cfm.

Good News from St. Therese School

11 students from St. Therese will travel to Wyoming this summer to Brush Creek Ranch for a once and a lifetime opportunity to learn lifelong character building skills. In preparation, students participated in a teambuilding activity.

Congratulations to our St. Therese alumni for continuing academic success! Rose McGowan, '20 was named to the honor roll for the second block of the 2019-2020 academic year at Trinity Prep for Young Women!



Weekly Offering Collection for March 1, 2020

Sunday Envelopes \$1,208

GiveCentral 210 July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$65,946 Sunday Loose 1,310 July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$77,000

Total Collection \$2,728

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 85%

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

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

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

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Transformation by Sister Caritas

As we go through life we can meet experiences which can be fearful and challenging. When I went to Arizona to minister on a reservation, I left everything I knew. In Arizona I did not know anyone, none of the Sisters I would live with in community, the kind of ministry we would be doing, or the kinds of housing or food we would have. I did not know the people of the Native American tribe or their traditions nor did I know the climate or the desert or the Church situation there. I knew the people were poor, Native American and lived in the desert. I was 2000 miles away from family, friends and known community.

In the First reading today we have God calling Abraham away from his family and into a new land that God would give him. He had no children yet God promised him he would be the Father of a family as numerous "as the stars of the sky." He followed God and believed. The Apostles went up the mountain with Jesus. Jesus went to pray and was transfigured before them. Moses and Elijah appeared with Him. A voice came out of the cloud. The voice said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." The apostles fell on their faces frightened and filled with awe. They knew it was good to be there but they were awed by the sense of God. They looked up and saw only Jesus. Jesus told them to keep it a secret until he was raised from the dead. They did not understand that either.

Some of you have done what the Apostles, Abraham and I did. You left everything including family to come here. Perhaps you knew people or you did not. For Abraham, for me and perhaps for you there was a common freeing experience that made it possible to act. We believed in God, in Jesus, and what He said and did. We know from these readings that show us that knowing Jesus, meeting Jesus, and believing in who he really was helps us be transformed, fear free and totally followers of Jesus.

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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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Register by March 23, 2020 at forms.gle/xo6PEdFDH2rApHT86 or email above

Lunch will be provided

Donation: \$10