Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 22, 2019

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

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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

Sept. 22, 2019 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. + Dominic Roti by Theresa Scopascasa

+ Sr. Marie Corinne Rost by Katherine Moy

10:30 A.M. + Loraine Pon by Florence & Shu Man Yu

+ George, Charles, Fillis, Bill by sister Bernie

MON. Sept. 23rd Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

*(Mass at St. Therese Church)

8:00 A.M.

TUE. Sept. 24th Weekday

*(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)

8:00 A.M.

WED. Sept. 25th Weekday

*(Mass at St. Therese Church)

8:00 A.M + Birthday Remembrance for Joyce Mahoney by Barbara DeGrazia

THU. Sept. 26th Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

*(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)

8:00 A.M. + Fred Barbara, Jr. by Mary Ann Nudo

FRI. Sept. 27th Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

*(Mass at St. Therese Church)

8:00 A.M.

SAT. Sept. 28th Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and

Companions, Marytrs

8:00 A.M.

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



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks

Thanks to Allen, Adam, Larry and Henry, pro-life members from both St. Barbara and St. Therese Worship Sites of the St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish, for attending the Prayer Service last Saturday at St. Mary's Cemetery in Evergreen Park.

Thanks to all who generously helped with the St. Barbara Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive last weekend.

Thanks to all who attended our first Youth Ministry event last Saturday at St. Barbara, and special thanks to all adults who helped. We had almost 30 young people who joined. Their next event will be on Saturday, Oct. 12th. All youth are welcome to attend.

Thanks to members of the Young Adults for painting the kitchen areas in the Community Room of St. Therese Worship Site. Your service is making a difference for our faith community.







St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

There have been questions regarding the name of our newly formed parish. With the release of the official Decree from the Archdiocese this past week, which is included in this weekend's bulletin and website, I am able to address questions we all had. I invite you to take some time to read the most recent decree and the original decree. Together they thoroughly clarify the following questions. I am also going to be establishing channels in the coming weeks for questions you might have that can be addressed via appropriate formats. New information will be shared as Renew My Church continues to unfold.

- 1. What is the official name of the unified Parish? The answer is *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*. It is my understanding that we will be the only Parish in the Archdiocese to have this name, and we are very blessed to have this highly coveted name of a modern-day Saint, most of us are old enough to remember.
- 2. Why did we get a name that was not on our list of suggested names? It is the Cardinal's divine privilege to decide. In good faith, I truly believe that St. Mother Teresa chooses our unique community to be named after her. She wants to watch over us and protect us and intercede for us. Our community has already received blessings through St. Mother Teresa and the Missionary Sisters of Charity, there will be many more to come.
- 3. What do we call the two churches of the new parish? St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish consists of *St. Barbara Catholic Church* and *St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church*.



Both churches are open and retain their names in perpetuity. Using the Renew My Church language, these two churches are known as two *Worship Sites*. The word church has many meanings. It can mean the physical building, in which case it literarily means worship site. It can also mean "the called out ones," the people of God, the kingdom of God, the temple of God, the bride of Christ, and the body of Christ.

4. How is the School related to our parish? *St. Therese Chinese Catholic School* is a parish school of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish. *It has two campuses: St. Barbara Campus and St. Therese Campus*.

It takes time for us to get used to our new name, as special and beautiful as it is. It is very important to know that the physical buildings of these two historic churches will always be known as St. Barbara and St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church (formerly Santa Maria Incoronata). Together we as missionary disciples are called to **Renew My Church** as St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish.

Finally, today's readings speak about stewardship. I thank you for all the ways you have supported our parish. Moving forward, we continue to rely on your participation and generosity to "build up the new reality" in our parish.

Peace, Fr. Francis

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IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

By my decree of April 8, 2019, St. Barbara Parish and St. Therese Chinese Catholic Parish, both on the Southside of the City of Chicago, were united to establish a single new parish named, ad interim, SS. Barbara and Therese Parish.

After consultation with parishioners, my Episcopal Council, and others, I, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Chicago on September 10, 2019, at St. Cletus Parish, La Grange, Illinois. Having heard the council at the same meeting and invoking the Holy Spirit, I,

decree the following:

Henceforth, and effective immediately, the new parish will be called St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish, the churches of the parish retaining their own titles.

Given this 10th day of September, A.D. 2019.

From the Archbishop Quigley Center, Chicago, Illinois

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Rev. Ronald P. Stake

Rev. Ronald P. Stake Ecclesiastical Notary

News and Events

The Feast of the Saint Therese of the Child Jesus will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 6th at the 10:30am mass at St. Therese Worship Site. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE: October 12, 2019

Parish Pilgrimage St. Therese is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the Carmelite Shrine in Munster, IN. We begin with Mass at St. Barbara Church at 8:00 A.M. Depart at 8:45 A.M.

Bus Cost \$10 Lunch \$10.

Further information & registration forthcoming.



Weddina Banns:

Janice Lin and Brian Chow will celebrate their matrimony on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Please keep them in your prayers.

2020 Pilgrimage

Fr. Francis Li will be hosting a 12-day Marian Shrine Pilgrimage in June 2020. The itinerary includes Fatima, St. Teresa of Avila, Lourdes, Saint Therese of Lisieux (our Patron Saint) and Cathedrals in Paris. There are fliers at the church entrance table with more details.



Are you interested in becoming an altar server?

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MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019:

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 the 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00PM

Cantonese Mass 粵語:

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:

4th Sunday of each month at 12:00noon 每月第四 主日 中午十二時

Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

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



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Special September Masses



Date	Time	Worship Site	Description
Thursday 9-5-10	10:00AM	St. Barbara	Feast of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Bishop John Manz, Celebrant
Sunday 9-8-19	9:30AM	St. Barbara	Family Mass and Back to School Bash
Tuesday 9-10-19	8:00AM	St. Barbara	School Mass for St. Barbara Campus
Sunday 9-15-19	10:30AM	St. Therese	Family Mass, Catechetical Sunday, Blessing of Teachers Catechists for BOTH campuses
Monday 9-16-19	8:00AM	St. Therese	School Mass for St. Therese Campus
Tuesday 9-24-19	8:00AM.	St. Barbara	School Mass for St. Barbara Campus
Wednesday 9-25-19	8:00AM	St. Therese	Class Mass for 7 th Graders of BOTH Campuses
Monday 9-30-19	8:00AM	St. Therese	Feast of St. Therese, Little Flower

Protecting God's Children for Adults - Virtus Training

Date: Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

Place: St. Therese School, 247 W. 23rd Street, Chicago, IL

Facilitator: Thomas Howard

Registration: Go to Virtus.org, create a user name and password, and register

Hospitality Schedule for Sept. 29, 2019:

GREETERS: Darlene, Rose / **RECEPTION**: Emma, Teresa

Today's Liturgy - Sept. 22, 2019

Gather 1166, - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/C

PROCESSIONAL: #850 - All Are Welcome

OFFERTORY: #816 – What You Have Done for Me

COMMUNION: #936 – Gather in Your Name

RECESSIONAL: #807 – We Are Called

Michael Schedule:

Sept. 22: 8am: Chris; 10:30am: George, Peter, Robert Sept. 29: 8am: Chris; 10:30am: Earl, Tim

Respect Life Corner

Mom and unborn baby saved through Cardinal Newman's intercession - Melissa Villalobos first heard of Blessed John Henry Newman from an EWTN show, but her relationship with him began more than a decade afterwards, when her husband brought home two holy cards with his image. "I put them up in our house—in our family room and in our bedroom—and I would pass by his image and just talk to him ... and he seemed either happy when I expressed joy or like he was sharing in my sorrow when I was sorrowful and I just felt like we grew really close," said Villalobos. Because she had grown in such devotion to Cardinal Newman, Melissa called upon his intercession in a terrifying, desperate moment.

"I was pregnant and I was in my first trimester and I was losing blood. What had happened was, for some reason and we still don't know why, but my placenta had become partially detached from the uterine wall. So blood was escaping from that hole which was essentially an open wound. And I also developed a sub chorionic hematoma, which was a blood clot in there and it was two and a half times the size of my baby, Gemma. And I was ordered to strict bed rest because the hole could get even worse and I could bleed to death; also I could lose my unborn baby," explained Villalobos.

She tried to maintain as limited movement as possible, but it was extremely difficult as the mother of four young children and no one to help when her husband was at work. Just days later, she lost so much blood that she had to go to the ER. Soon after, her husband left early in the morning for a mandatory business trip. "I was asleep when he left, so when I woke up that morning I was in a pool of blood, already starting that way," Villalobos recalled.

She got the kids downstairs to eat breakfast, and asked them to stay where they were. "They sat in their seats and I said, please stay in your seats no matter what. I wanted to go upstairs and I wanted to try to manage the situation and I didn't want them to see the trauma. ... I closed the bathroom door and then I collapsed on the floor because I had now started bleeding even more than when I was in the emergency room the previous Friday. As I was lying on the floor I thought, I definitely need to call 9-1-1 now, I don't want to die here in the bathroom. But I didn't have my cell phone."

"I had no way to call for help and I thought, I need to scream; I need the phone now. But I couldn't exert the abdominal force necessary to scream through two closed doors without causing maybe the last scream of my life. The placenta was very delicate ... even an exhale of air would cause a gush of blood during those weeks so I was in no position to scream," explained Melissa.

"It was a very desperate situation and all of a sudden I said, while laying on the floor, 'Please Cardinal Newman, make the bleeding stop.' And just then, the blood stopped immediately. It was flowing rapidly and it came to a sudden, hard stop. And I said, 'Thank you, Cardinal Newman. Did you just make the bleeding stop?' I mean, I knew he did, but that's what I said. And just then, this burst of roses filled the air in the bathroom and it was amazing. And I inhaled it and it was stronger than any rose I've ever smelled on the earth."

Baby Gemma was born on December 27, 2013, a healthy, full-term baby. "If she had survived the pregnancy, I was told she would be very small and she would have medical problems. But she has no medical problems at all. In fact, right now at five, she's reading, telling time, she rides her bicycle, so she's very healthy and thanks be to God for that, and of course to Cardinal Newman."

This miracle healing was investigated and accepted by the Vatican as the final miracle needed for Blessed John Henry Newman's canonization. He will be canonized on October 13, 2019. https://relevantradio.com/2019/08/mom-and-unborn-baby-saved-through-cardinal-newmans-intercession/

Weekly Offering Collection for Sept. 15, 2019

Sunday Envelopes \$1,816

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Total Collection \$2,647

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(St. Therese)

Sat., Oct 12 5:00 PM (St. Barbara)

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