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June 30, 2024 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



July 2024 Outreach
Join us in prayer!
週二祈禱會

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish

All are welcomed. 歡迎大家參與。
Bring your prayer intentions.
請提供你的祈禱意向。

Scriptural Rosary

Tuesdays
July 2 & 16 at 5 PM
7月2日下午5點
6th floor Community Room
六樓社區活動室
(Catholic Prayers)
玫瑰經(天主教)

Accompanies You in Prayer

Tuesday
July 9 at 3 PM
7月9日下午3點
1st floor Dining Room
一樓餐廳
(All Faiths)
陪伴你祈禱(任何信仰)

**Location 地點: Senior Suites Bridgeport
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**Any questions? 任何疑問, 請聯絡
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Hosted by the Evangelization Team of
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish**

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Barbara Chapel

Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday: 8 a.m.

St. Barbara Church

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 6 a.m./9:30 a.m.

Indonesian: 2nd Sunday: 11:30 a.m.

DEVOTIONS

First Saturday Healing Mass

St. Barbara Chapel: 8 a.m.

The Rosary

Sunday 5:30 a.m. Before 6 a.m. Mass

St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8 a.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Cantonese: 1st Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Mandarin: 2nd Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (TBA)

4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

Mondays with Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:

4-5 p.m. Rosary and 5-6 p.m. Holy Hour

First Friday Holy Hour: After the 8 a.m. Mass



Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Barbara Worship Site

Saturday, June 29th | Vigil Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. God's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven by Kisielente Family
+ Josephine Soltysiak by St. Barbara Holy Name

Sunday, June 30th | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Josephine Laco by Family
+ Katherine Mesa Ramberg by Sisters Margaret Mesa Cortez & Lisa Marie Steinberg
+ Lisa Marie Steinberg by Family
+ Etta Bailey by Christine Krum
+ Joanne Creamer by Christine Krupa
+ Stephen Ligda by son John
+ Jimmy Pienta by Christine Krupa
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family
+ Teresita Holcomb by King Family
+ Benny Fuentes by St. Barbara Community

Tuesday, July 2nd | Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Shing Cheung Lau by Rose & Perry Lau

Thursday, July 4th | Weekday (Mass in Church)

8:00 a.m. + George Ocasic by Rose & Perry Lau

Saturday, July 6th | Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. All Parishioners
In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima by Dominic Barbaro

“Poverty was not created by God. It is we who have caused it, you and I through our egotism.”

~St. Mother Teresa

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara—Saturday, July 6th:

5p.m. Lectors: M. Tse, J. Chau
Eucharistic Minister: E. Raya

Sunday, July 7th:

6a.m. Lector: J. Bertucci
Eucharistic Minister: G. Vanderford
9:30a.m. Lectors: L. Szczepanski, L. Saletta
Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH, 8:00AM

Lectors: Laura & Patrick Saletta; **EM:** Judy Lukwinski

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, June 30th | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors and Parishioners
10:30 a.m. + Richard Young by Steve & Kim Ko

Monday, July 1st | Weekday

8:00 a.m. Special Intention by Darlene
Health Blessing for Marge Keapplinger by Masangcay Family
+ Happy Heavenly 90th Birthday, Charles Palumbo by Wife & Children
+ Frank Scuito by Rose & Perry Lau

Wednesday, July 3rd | Saint Thomas, Apostle

8:00 a.m. + Frankie Bertucci by Dominic Barbaro
+ Angelita Ho & Jesita Ho by Rose & Perry Lau

Friday, July 5th | Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

8:00a.m. Wedding Anniversary, Katie & Cheech Barbaro by Dominic Barbaro
In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Dominic Barbaro
Blessings for Cheng YuXi by Friend
+ Jack Lee by Darlene
+ Peter Ho & James Ho by Rose & Perry Lau



HOLY NAME NEWS

The next Holy Name meeting is July 12th at 7 pm in the mobile unit at St. Barbara's. All men 18 yrs. Old and up are welcome.

For tickets to our raffles contact a Holy Name member or they are available on the table at the entrance at St. Barbara Church.

St. Therese – Sunday, July 7th:

8:00a.m Greeters: N. Lowe, J. Lowe
Lectors: Rose Marie, Nora
St. Michael Ministry: Chris
10:30a.m Greeters: C. Lee, J. Yee, D. Lowe
Lectors: **Cantonese Mass:** John, Miranda
Eucharistic Ministers: Jean (Altar) (Choir)
St. Michael Ministry: Peter

WHEN THE HARVEST IS RIPE:

Part 3 By Roberta Cheong

On May 19, I prayed silently during Mass that God would help Denise overcome her constant swearing and taking the Lord's name in vain. Immediately God responded and said to me, "Pray the 'Our Father' with her every day." I went home later that day, and told her, "Today I was at church and God told me to pray the 'Our Father' with you every day, so that is what I'm going to do now." She responded, "What?!" I went ahead and prayed it, while she remained silent throughout. I think she didn't know what to think of it or why God would tell me that. I said, "You don't have to be silent, you can say the prayer with me." She responded, "OK." Every day after that, she prayed softly along as I prayed the "Lord's Prayer," then I would read to her the daily Mass readings, and we would discuss it.

That day, in response to the readings, she said, "That is how the world is. That's how we are." I replied, "Yes! The Bible was written so long ago, yet it's so relevant today. Don't you feel like it's God speaking directly to us?" She exclaimed, "Yes!"

5 days later, I couldn't help but be amused by God's sense of humor. When I read the Mass readings to Denise, it was as if God the Father was directly reprimanding Denise about her swearing. It read: "But above all... **do not swear**, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath, but let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No,' that you may not incur condemnation" (James 5:12). In less than a month, she had nearly completely quit swearing and taking the Lord's name in vain.

On May 26, I said to her before leaving for church, "Last Sunday was the Feast of Pentecost. Today is the Feast of the Holy Trinity. You believe in that too, right?" She responded immediately, "Yup!" That evening when I got home, I gave her the church bulletin, prayed the "Our Father" with her, and read to her the three Mass readings. Then I explained some background knowledge about the Gospel reading to her. She said, "Oh wow, I didn't even notice that." The very next morning, the first thing she did was ask me to read the day's Mass readings to her. She was so excited to hear it! We started by praying the "Our Father" together, and after I had read aloud all the Mass readings, she asked, "You got another one?" She was hungry to hear more of God's Word, and she loved our discussions on it. She said, "There's something about hearing the Bible read out loud by someone who knows the Bible. You know where to make the right (vocal) expressions." Now Denise was looking forward to hearing the Bible read to her every day.

"Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).



Eventually, I realized that, because Denise was unable to physically leave the nursing home to go to church, God was using me to bring the church *to her*. More specifically, the Catholic Church. Just as we listen to the Word of God read to us during Mass at church, God was using my voice to read the Mass readings to her so that she could hear it as if she was at Mass. Each one of us baptized Catholics make up "the Catholic Church"—the body of Christ, so when Mass ends, and we are sent to go forth into the world to make disciples of all nations, we are essentially bringing God's Catholic Church into the world. So for this temporary period of recovery and healing that Denise was going through, I was her "church."

Is there someone whom God has deliberately placed in your life that God has called you to "be the Catholic Church to them," to be a voice for God's Word, or to "be" Jesus to them?

After I told Denise that I would be leaving the nursing home soon, and we wished each other well, I told her, "I really hope you continue to look into becoming Catholic after you leave here and find a Catholic Church near you to go to." She replied, "Yes, definitely."

An Independence Day Prayer for America



Almighty Father in Heaven, we praise You and Your holy name each day of our humble lives. We would not be here without You, Lord, and for that we are eternally grateful.

You made all this a reality; the bright smiles and joyful laughter around us were made possible through Your hand. Thank You for allowing us to live our truths and come out victorious in our fight for freedom as one united nation. We pray for America, that this nation may never forget that it was You who granted us true independence. Your will granted us such grand blessings, and so today, on our day of independence, we honor You. As we honor America today, we lift up this prayer for our nation in Your honor as well. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen. (See link: [10 Edifying Fourth of July Prayers for America | Christian.net](https://www.christian.net/prayers-for-america))

THE COST OF A MIRACLE

By Fr. John Cuff

Mark's Gospel records many of Christ's miracles. So here's a true story of a modern-day miracle: Tess was just six when she heard Mom and Dad talking about her little brother Andrew. All she knew was that he was very sick and Daddy didn't have the money for doctor's bills and the rent. Only a costly surgery could save Andrew now and there was no one to loan them the money. She heard Daddy whisper to her tearful Mom, "Only a miracle can save him now."

Tess went to her room, poured out the contents of her piggy bank and counted it three times. She put it into her pocket, slipped out the back door and made her way to Rexall's Pharmacy on the corner. There she waited patiently to get the pharmacist's attention but he was busy at the moment. She kicked her feet to make a scuffling noise. Nothing. She cleared her throat. No good. Finally she banged a quarter on the glass counter. That did it. "And what do you want?" the pharmacist asked in a gruff tone of voice. "Can't you see I'm talking with my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen in ages?" he said, not waiting for her reply. "Well, I want to talk about *my* brother," Tess answered back in the same annoyed tone. "He's really, really sick....and I want to buy a miracle." "I beg your pardon?" said the pharmacist. "His name is Andrew and he has something bad growing inside his head and Daddy says only a miracle can save him now. So how much does a miracle cost?" "Well, I'm afraid we don't sell miracles here, little girl. Sorry, but I can't help you," he said, softening a little.

"Listen, I've got money to pay for it. If it's not enough I'll get more. Just tell me how much it costs." The pharmacist's brother, a well-dressed man, turned and asked the little girl, "What kind of miracle does your brother need?" "I don't know," Tess said, with tears welling up in her eyes. "I just know he's real sick and Mom says he needs an operation. But Daddy can't pay for it, so I want to use my money." "How much do you have?" asked the man from Chicago. "Two dollars and eleven cents," she answered, barely audibly, "it's all I have but I can get more if I need to." "Well, what a coincidence" smiled the man, "the exact price of a miracle for little brothers." He took her money in one hand, and with the other grasped her mitten and said, "Take me to your home. I want to meet your brother and your parents. Let's see if we have the kind of miracle you need." The well-dressed man was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a surgeon, specializing in neurosurgery. The operation was completed without charge and it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well. Later Mom and Dad were talking of the chain of events that had occurred. "That surgery," her Mom whispered, "was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost?" Tess smiled. She knew exactly: two dollars and eleven cents.

WITNESSING THE GIFT OF FAITH



The letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews 11:11, underscores faith as the "assurance of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen." It is stated that the central component of faith is confidence or trust in God coupled with good and charitable deeds.

Abraham is best known for the depth of his faith. In the book of Genesis, Abraham's obedience to God's command and his readiness to follow God's order to sacrifice his son Isaac, a test of faith, a ram substituted for his son to be an offering.

Throughout the Bible, we can find men and women that have demonstrated supernatural confidence in God's promises, power, and presence. The unwavering faith has resulted in various miracles that help in the magnificent work of God in the Church.

I would like to share some powerful insights on faith which I read from the story "The Elephant Rope". The story goes, which I like to quote, the man was walking through an elephant camp. While he was walking, he noticed that the elephants were not being caged or chained. They cannot escape. The only thing stopping them from escaping the camp was a piece of rope tied to one of their legs.

The man was completely confused as to why the elephants did not act courageously and use their strength to break the rope and escape the camp. The elephants did not try to escape, which they could have trickily done. He asked a nearby trainer why these elephants never tried to escape and just stood there.

The trainer replied: "When the elephants were very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's not enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they can't break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free". The only reason that the elephants weren't breaking free and escaping from the camp was that over time they were conditioned to believe that it was impossible.

Within the Church, in this digital age, many believers struggle with the idea of evangelizing and of Catholic faith. They may feel that they lack sufficient knowledge. They believe that evangelism is solely the responsibility of clergy and members of religious orders. Additionally, some worry that sharing their faith with others could be seen as proselytizing. However, as followers of Jesus, we are called to make disciples, to be able to proclaim Jesus as the son of God and our Savior. It is vital to boldly proclaim Jesus' love. It is time to break free and recognize that sharing our faith is an act of love that can transform and spread positive change to the lives of our neighbors and the people around us.

Sharing our faith can be done by our good deeds to those around us. Additionally, sharing our faith is giving witness and testimony of how Jesus touched and transformed people's hearts into His image.



Special Schedule

Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionary of Charity: 4pm-5pm Street Rosary and 5pm-6pm Adoration at St. Therese Church. All are welcome.

July 4---Independence Day 8am mass at St. Barbara Church

July 5--- 8am mass followed by Divine Mercy Chaplets & Benediction at St. Therese

July 6--8am mass with the Sacrament of Anointing at St. Barbara Chapel

July 7—10:30am Cantonese Mass

July 13-14: 11:30am Indonesian Mass; 2nd Collection for Summer-Mission Co-op at all masses.

July 17-21: National Eucharistic Congress @ Indianapolis

July 27-28: Chinatown Summer Fair; No Mandarin Mass this Sunday; "Little Lambs" with Grandparents and the Elderly Gathering at the 10:30am mass



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I am Called



1. I will rise up, let my voice ring out
2. Where - ev - er I am, com - pass - ion will grow,

to ev - ry - one I'll let God's love re - sound.
In my ev - 'ry ac - tion, God's love will show.

I'll use ev - 'ry ta - lent and my ev - 'ry breath,
I'll share a kind word and I'll bridge the di - vide,

REFRAIN

I will bring new life where there's been death. I am
I will walk with you side by side.

called to love, to give and to share, to lift some - one
in their des - pair. With my arms o - pen wide and a smile on my
face, I'll touch ev - 'ry - heart in ev - 'ry place.

WEEKLY COLLECTION—JUNE 23, 2024

St. Barbara

St. Therese

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 939.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 518.00
Give Central	\$ 533.00
Total Collection	\$ 1,990.00

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 874.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 197.00
Give Central	\$ 841.00
Total Collection	\$ 1,912.00

	YTD	Weekly
Actual	\$ 110,942.00	\$ 1,990.00
Goal	\$ 140,400.00	\$ 2,700.00
% of Goal	79%	74%
	\$	
Mandarin Mass	\$	

	YTD	Weekly
Actual	\$ 113,217.00	\$ 1,912.00
Goal	\$ 140,400.00	\$ 2,700.00
% of Goal	81%	71%
	\$	
Mandarin Mass	\$	342

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

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.

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

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.

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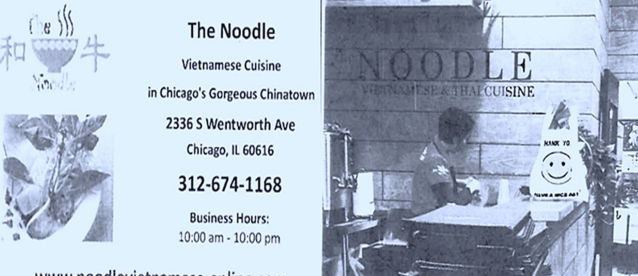
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Saturday 7/27/2024 and Sunday 7/28/2024

8:00 AM to 11:30 AM - Set up, food prep, grillers

11:00 AM to 2:45 PM/2:15 PM to 6:00 PM shifts -
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Turkey and Syria are situated in a region that experiences frequent, major earthquakes. In early February 2023, central Turkey's most powerful earthquake since 1939 struck with a magnitude of 7.8. More than 10,000 aftershocks continued for weeks afterward, including a powerful magnitude 6.4 aftershock that struck the biblical city of Antioch, known as Antakya. More than 50,000 people in Turkey and neighboring Syria were killed by the initial earthquake, followed by more deaths and the destruction of structures damaged by the first earthquake. UN officials estimated that more than 1.5 million people were left homeless in what is believed to be the largest natural disaster in Turkey's history.

In a mid-February meeting with Turkey's new ambassador to the Holy See, Pope Francis asked what sort of aid Turkey most needed. Within 24 hours, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the papal almoner and prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for the Service of Charity, organized a shipment of canned food, diapers, thermal garments, and other necessities, to be sent from Rome to a warehouse in Turkey for distribution to those in need. At the same time, economic aid to Syrian victims was entrusted to the apostolic nunciature in Syria. In addition to this material relief, the Vatican's prefect for the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, visited Syria and Turkey to provide a ministry of presence to victims.

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