

First Sunday of Lent March 10, 2019

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MEET & GREET



“AS A BODY IS ONE THOUGH IT HAS MANY PARTS, AND ALL THE PARTS OF THE BODY, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY, SO ALSO CHRIST.”

1 Corinthians 12:12



St. Therese Parish thanks all who helped with and who came to our first Meet & Greet on Feb. 26th.

“It was joyful and inspiring,” says a participant.

Fr. Francis Li and Fr. Artur Marat would like to invite all staff, leaders, and parishioners, and school families of the faith community of St. Therese to the next gathering:

**St. Barbara Parish | 2859 S. Throop, Chicago, IL
Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m.**

St. Barbara will host an evening of fellowship for St. Therese’s people. The evening includes a light dinner, learning about St. Barbara Church ministries and School life, and a tour of the facilities. Please contact the St. Therese parish office (StTherese@archchicago.org or 312-842-6777) to let us know by Sunday March 24 if you plan to attend this event at St. Barbara.



These gatherings will be opportunities to begin the journey of knowing each other and building up relationships and planning for our bright future together.

Mass Intentions

March 10, 2019 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 A.M. + Sau Fong Yuan by Margaret & William Moy

10:30 A.M. Blessings for Joseph Yang by Lin Bi Jiang
+ Kam Xiao Ming by Regina Cheong
+ Charles Tun by Gerri, Woody & TJ Moy
+ Sau Fong Yuan by Jennifer Sin

12:00 P.M. **Indonesian Mass**

MON. March 11th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Carole Louie Schumm by Marilyn Leung

TUE. March 12th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Charles Tun by Marilyn Leung
+ Boon Man Lee by Rose Lee & Family
+ Sr. Mary Bruce Wright, SSND by Sr. Caritas

WED. March 13th Lenten Weekday

+ Charles Tun by Gertrude Chan

THU. March 14th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Fred Cermack Roti, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion Roti

FRI. March 15th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Sr. Rose Mary Dougherty, SSND by Sr. Caritas

SAT. March 16th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. +

5:00 P.M. **Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese and St. Barbara**

+ Jenping J. Chan, Birthday Remembrance by Family
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks

Thanks to all who participated in our Leadership Inspiration Day on March 2nd and special thanks to **Sharon Wong** and **Joe Delfin** and all Parish Pastoral Council members for making this day possible; and to **Kim Casey** and **Tom Howard** for introducing Peace Circle to our leaders; and to **Debbe Oi**, our principal, and our school for providing lunch.

It was a very inspirational day to renew our commitment to our faith community as leaders. We listened and shared on the importance of grounding our lives in the Holy Spirit, who is the driving engine of our life. As our parish is moving forward to unite with St. Barbara, we need the gifts of the Holy Spirit to empower us, and we need our leaders to step up for the mission that Jesus entrusted to us all.



Leadership is about influence and how our words and actions can inspire others to work for a common goal and to successfully carry out our mission. As I shared last Sunday in my homily, discipleship is also about leadership. Through our baptisms, we are called to be priests, prophets and kings and we are called to lead others closer to Jesus. In this sense each and every one of us is a leader. Let's not be afraid to exercise this leadership in our families, Churches, and societies.

The Value of Fasting

Lent is a special time that all Christians are called to pray, fast and give alms. Most Catholics make special efforts to do so. One of the questions I hear a lot is: *“Does an old-fashioned fast still have values?”* I came across the following ten reasons for fasting, which might be helpful to your spiritual growth. Unfortunately, I forgot where I got these ten reasons.

- 1. Jesus did it.**
- 2. Fasting is a traditional sign of sorrow.**
- 3. Fasting helps us empty ourselves and focus on God and others.**
- 4. Fasting gives us that familiar ‘yearning’ feeling.**
- 5. Fasting helps us develop self-discipline.**
- 6. Fasting reminds us that our bodies are part of our prayer.**
- 7. Fasting helps us be more mindful of others.**
- 8. Fasting builds our sense of community as Church.**
- 9. Fasting makes Easter more joyful.**
- 10. Fasting helps us imitate Jesus.**

Our parish has a lot of Lenten opportunities for you to grow your faith. Please take a look at the *“Lent 2019”* flyer in today's bulletin, and join us as your time permits.

May you have a holy and blessed lent.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis



Come Join Us!



TCS Scholarship Celebration

Monday, March 11

**St. Agnes of Bohemia Gymnasium
2643 S. Central Park**

Doors open at 6pm - Puertas abren a las 6pm

Participating Schools Including:

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The State of Illinois provides scholarships for families in need to attend Catholic schools. More than 6500 students in Illinois have received tax credit scholarships this year. Over 40,000 have already applied for scholarships for next school year. Nearly \$ 2 million of scholarships were awarded in our schools of Pilsen, Little Village, Back of the Yards and Brighton Park.

We need your help to show support for the program. It is in danger of being cut.

Hospitality Schedule for March 17, 2019

GREETERS: Marion Torrez & STS Students

HOSPITALITY: Elisa, Kathryn, Renee, Rita

Today's Liturgy - March 10, 2019

READINGS: GATHER 1018 - First Sunday of Lent/C

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

News and Events

Indonesian Yellow Rice Fundraiser

Your rice box orders can be picked up today at 11:30am in the Community Room. Thank you for helping us support the Serbian children Summer Camp program in Hungary.

Annual Second Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe today!

This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/cee.



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Sylvia, Walter, Akee, Louis, Gertrude, James, Melisa, Jerald, Theodore, Lance, Stephanie, Doris, Ike, Wes, Greta, Leroy, Cathy, Donna, Voncile, Pamela, Joan, McKinsey

Prayer Intention

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sr. Frances Horan**, Maryknoll Sister, who ministered in our parish in the 1970's and died recently. May she rest in peace.

2018 Donation Letter

If you would like to have a 2018 Donation letter to St. Therese for tax purposes, please contact the parish office.



Come and Follow me-----share the Word Annual Catholic Appeal Follow-Up

Thanks to all who have made a pledge to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal last weekend. For those who didn't get a chance to do so, please fill out a pledge envelope this weekend and give it to our ushers or office. Envelopes can be found at the Church entrance table.

Our parish assigned goal is \$9311.00 and all additional funds contributed will be returned to us for use in our parish. Your participation is needed and appreciated.

Lenten Regulations

(from March 6, 2019, 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.




SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

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In Eastern Europe, in the Caucasus region, the small country of Georgia nestles between Armenia and Russia. In 1921 Georgia was taken over by the Red Army and became one of the first countries to be incorporated into the Soviet Union. After 70 years of oppression under the Soviet regime, the Georgian people declared independence in 1991, and the Church entered a new era of freedom.

No longer ruled by a repressive regime, the Georgian people are rebuilding the Church and society after decades of persecution. They have made strides to heal their wounds, but work remains to be done. Catholics in Georgia live primarily in rural villages, where it is all but impossible to find medical care. Vulnerable populations like the elderly, disabled, children, and expectant mothers suffer the most.

But because of you, this suffering is being alleviated by the love of Christ. With your support for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE), the Church in Georgia has worked through the network of parishes to expand medical services to respond to the needs of these remote villages. Many of our brothers and sisters who live in these villages now have access to qualified nursing services, doctors, and medication. Your generosity is balm for the wounds of an abandoned people. You are bringing the light of Christ and strength of his healing so they know that they are not forgotten.

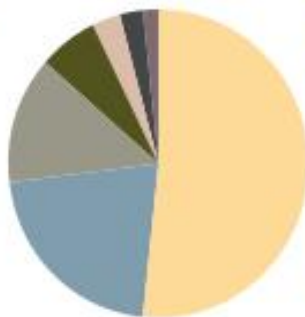


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RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Migration Stories Increase Awareness at Snohomish Parish

SNOHOMISH – Four decades ago, members of St. Michael Parish helped the Pham family — refugees who escaped Vietnam by boat and were rescued by the U.S. Navy — get settled in their new home here.

Nhi Pham, a Mukilteo dentist who has volunteered in refugee camps, recently shared her family’s migration story with a gathering at St. Michael’s. It was one of many stories told at an event organized by Teresa Kuntz, a Catholic Relief Services parish ambassador.

“I wanted to do this because I had the feeling that a lot of people had not heard the stories of refugees and immigrants,” Kuntz said. “Because of that, maybe they don’t have empathy for the situation, or [they have] a fear of them, because they had not heard their stories.”

Kuntz said she was inspired by [Share the Journey](#), Pope Francis’ campaign to raise awareness of the global migration crisis. The campaign is cosponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, CRS, Catholics Charities USA and Caritas Internationalis.

“Pope Francis has encouraged us to enter into dialogue with refugees, so we can learn more about their experience,” said Deacon Gene Vanderzanden of St. Michael’s. The parish’s event helped participants “have a better understanding of how our helping refugees helps fulfill Christ’s commandment that we love one another,” he said.

Families helping families - Attendees included parishioner Catherine Parks, who said her parents, Lawrence and Dorothy Rowe, were among the St. Michael’s families who helped the Pham family find a place to live and welcomed them into the parish community.

Parks, who was in her 20s then and teaching kindergarten, remembers seeing the Phams at church and having potlucks at each other’s homes. “They got introduced to our food, and we got introduced to theirs,” she said.

“Growing up, I loved church potlucks,” Nhi Pham said. “They’re all about fellowship and community and celebrating the most precious gifts we have to share.”

Pham recalled how Bob and Anne Oman (former parishioners who attended the event) donated a blue Chevy Nova so her parents could take ESL classes at the local college. The Omans, godparents to Pham’s younger brother Peter, surprised the family one year by leaving a Christmas tree on their porch.

“We thrived because it was community-based support through faith,” said Pham, who attends St. John Mission in Mukilteo. “It was families helping families. That they donated out of love meant so much to us.”

Your blessing can multiply - Parishioner Patricia Franklin-Therrell, who has coordinated the ESL program at St. Michael’s for 12 years, said she remembers when the parish began seeing a large influx of Spanish-speaking parishioners more than a decade ago. “I could see it was difficult for both [old and new parishioners] to embrace each other,” Franklin-Therrell said. “Events like this draw us closer together and make us more aware [and] more enlightened.”

In addition to running her dental practice in Mukilteo, Pham volunteers with Medical Relief International, a Renton-based nonprofit. She has traveled to Haiti, Central America, Tanzania and Lesvos, Greece, where she cared for Afghan and Syrian refugees. Locally, she also volunteers with Medical Teams International, a faith-based organization headquartered in Oregon, serving on a mobile dental van throughout Washington State. Pham said it’s a way to express her faith and pay forward the generosity her family experienced when they arrived in the U.S.

“Your investment in another human being may be the seed of change for many,” Pham said. “Your blessing can multiply into multiple blessings.”

<http://nwecatholic.org/news/local/migration-stories-increase-awareness-at-snohomish-parish.html>

Weekly Offering

Collection for March 3, 2019

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,353		
GiveCentral	180	July 1-To-Present (Actual):	\$72,705
Sunday Loose	801	July 1-To -Present (Budget):	\$79,800
<hr/> Total Collection	<hr/> \$2,334		

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 91%

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

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!



**St. Therese Church's
2019 Faith Formation Series**

March 10, 2019

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

**Presented by Fr. Francis Li
Community Room**



**CHINESE SAINTS:
EXAMPLES OF COURAGE & CONSISTENCY FOR US ALL**

CATHOLICISM 301

SAVE THE DATE! The next lessons are on May 5, 2019, and June 9, 2019.



Sun., March 10

4:00 PM

Note Date Change!!

Sun., April 7

10:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Sat., May 18

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"The Word with Us" by Sister Caritas

Our world is filled with words. We have books, newspapers, magazines, internet, e-mails, You-tube, lectures, TV, Radio and the creativity of writers. All and each, fills our senses and especially our eyes and ears, with sounds and sights of words. Our mothers also gave us words to live by. No doubt at certain times your mother's words come back to you. In our own way, we treasure these words and they are with us and within us. When my brother and I would go to school, go somewhere, or go to play, she would remind us, "Don't come home without each other." In doing this she built a strong caring for each other in the two of us and eventually in us, a care for our other sister and brothers. We learned a love and responsibility for each other.

In the second reading, St. Paul quotes scripture saying, "The word is near you, in your mouth, and in your heart". In the Gospel, we see and hear Jesus quote scripture as a response to the devil and his temptations. Jesus not only knew scripture, live it out, but in theological writings, is spoken of as The Word of God, God incarnate, and the expression of the Father. He speaks the word to the people, to the Disciples and apostles. His actions are compatible with the words He speaks. There is no dissonance between Jesus' words and actions.

We hear the scriptural word each Sunday and perhaps we "turn it off" and say, "Oh Jesus, I heard this store before." We then go on with our distraction, with our latest worry, or concern or project. Many times I have found that when I read the Word of God, I find some new meaning. I find something I did not see or hear before and the meaning becomes new, different, maybe even exciting. Maybe being more open to the Words of God in scripture would be a good thing to do this Lent. Take a passage, a short piece, a sentence, and write it on a piece of paper and put it in your pocket or put it on your phone. Several times or as frequently as possible, read it, think about it, and pray about it. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you. Let the word sink into your very being, like the rain seeps into the dry waiting earth. Treasure this gift. Let it penetrate your heart and mind. Perhaps take the same one for a couple of days, or try a new piece of Scripture daily. Then scripture will be what St. Paul says, "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." If at the end of Lent, forty different words or forty times the same word, had been part of you daily, what a great gift the Holy Spirit would have given you and what a gift you would be to others.

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Saints: Examples of Courage and Consistency to Us All!

Ash Wednesday March 6th (Fast and Abstinence)

Distribution of ashes at 8:00am mass and 7:00pm mass in Church

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00pm in Church

Student Fun Fridays

March 8th and April 12th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at School

Youth Events

March 9th and April 6th beginning with the 5pm Mass

Young Adult Ministry

Serving at Sisterhouse on Sunday, March 10th at 4pm

Lenten Retreat on Sunday, April 7th from 10:30am to 3pm

CRS Rice Bowl

Distribution on March 9th & 10th and Returning on April 6th & 7th, 13th & 14th

Catholicism 301: Chinese Saints

First session will be on Sunday, March 10th from 11:45am to 12:45pm.

Indonesian Mass---March 10th at noon

First Reconciliation

For School and R. E. students will take place on Saturday, March 16th at 10:00am.

RCIA--- Sunday, March 17th

*Sending Rite for Election will take place at the 10:30am Mass.

*The Rite of Election will be at 2:30pm at Holy Name Cathedral.

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

March Mandarin Mass and Lenten Faith Sharing

On Sunday, March 24th at 12:00noon followed by luncheon and faith sharing

Meet & Greet at St. Barbara---Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30pm

Holy Hour and Benediction

1st Friday of April (5) immediately following the Stations of the Cross

Service---We will help out at St. James Food Pantry on Saturday, March 9th and April 13th.

Parish Religious Program

Students will lead the 10:30am mass on Sunday, March 31st.

Reconciliation TBA

US China Catholic Association Mission Appeal---weekend of March 30th and 31st

Cantonese Lenten Retreat---April 6th and 7th

Parish English Lenten Retreat---Saturday, April 13th

Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School Students

Sunday, April 14th at 9:15am in Church