

**ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA
PARISH**

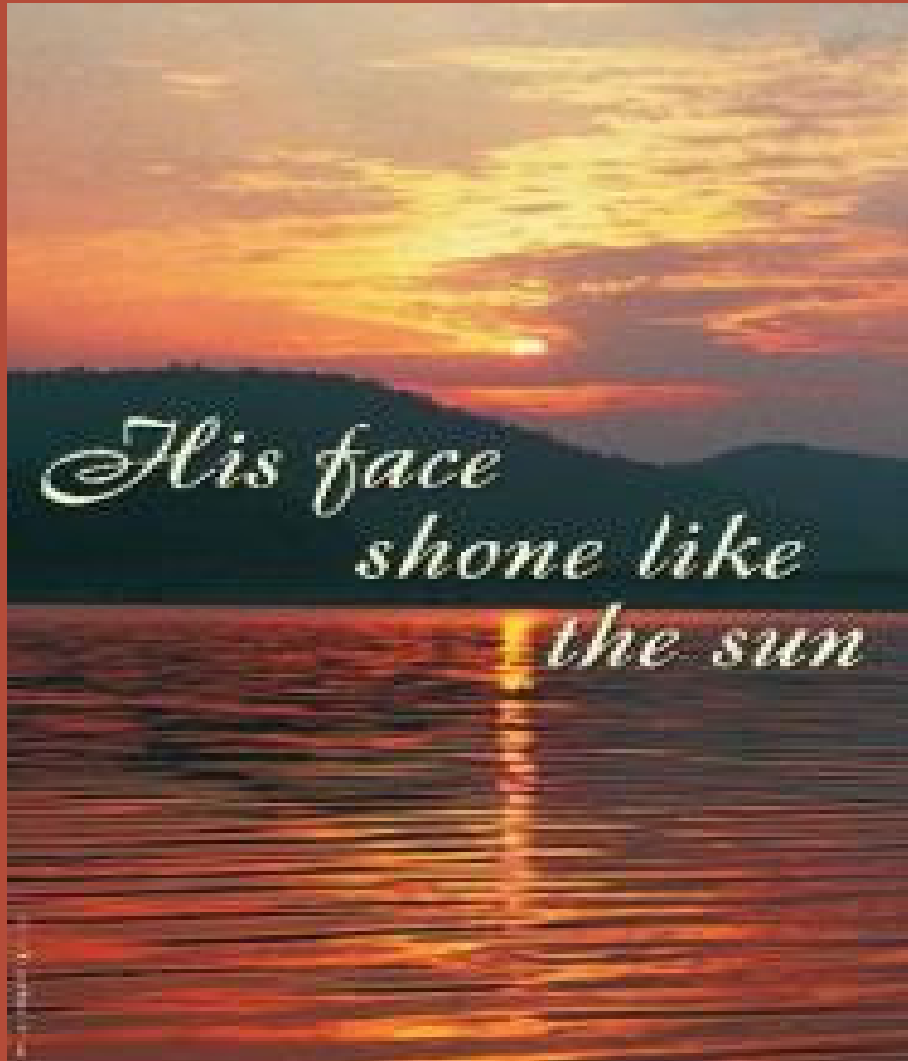


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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**March
08,
2020**



**Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death
and brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel.**

— 2 Timothy 1:10b



Activities This Week

- Sunday, Mar. 8 - 3rd Grade Family Mass; 9:30 am
- Indonesian Mass in the Chapel; 11:00 a.m.
- Friday, Mar. 13 - Stations of the Cross at St. Barbara; 6:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross at St. Therese; 7:00 pm
- Holy Name Mtg.; 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Mar. 14 - Youth Ministry Mass followed by games in the gym; 5:00 pm
- Bethlehem Arts in church after 5:00 pm Mass
- Sunday, Mar. 15 - Bethlehem Arts in church after all Masses

OFFERING TO ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

As we continue to work on the unification of Parish operations, we ask you to 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.

HOLY NAME THANKS

The Holy Name Society would like to thank all those who purchased our St. Patrick's Day lottery tickets. Even though everyone can't be a winner, we wish you all good luck!



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Thursday, February 27, 2020
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Shamrocks for Kids Pins: The St. Barbara Knights of Columbus will be selling Shamrock pins this weekend to benefit Mercy Home for Boys and Girls.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be held on all Fridays during Lent. Stations will be said at St. Barbara Church at 6:00 pm. Stations at St. Therese Church will be at 7:00 pm.

Indonesian Mass: Beginning on Sunday, March 8th, an Indonesian Mass will be held in the St. Barbara Chapel at 11:00 am on the second Sunday of the month. This Mass will be said in our chapel for the next six months.

St. Mary of Perpetual Help Penny Social: Today, March 8th, St. Mary's will hold their annual Penny Social in the school building at 1042 W. 32nd Place, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Win a Flat Screen TV plus many other prizes. Auction calling begins at 12:30 pm sharp! Lunch and refreshments will be available for sale.

Bethlehem Arts: Representatives from Bethlehem Arts will be in Chicago to sell hand-made olivewood religious articles to help the religious sisters and brothers in the Holy Land. They will be at St. Barbara Church following all Masses on March 14th and 15th and at St. Therese Church on Sunday, March 22.

Reconciliation Service: There will be a Lenten Reconciliation Service on Monday, March 23rd, at 7:00 pm.

Lenten Season Retreat: On Saturday, March 28th, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish welcomes Rev. Donald Senior for a Lenten Retreat titled "From Death to Life: Biblical Reflections on the Lenten Season". The cost is \$10.00 and lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending, there are flyers and a sign-up sheet on the usher's table.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm in St. Barbara Church followed by adoration in church until midnight.

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at St. Barbara Church at 3:00 pm. The Passion of the Lord at 7:00 pm at St. Barbara Church.

Holy Saturday: Blessing of Easter Baskets at St. Barbara Church at 12:00 pm. Easter Vigil Mass with RCIA Baptism at 7:30 pm at St. Therese Church.

Easter Sunday: Masses at St. Barbara will be at 6:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am. Masses at St. Therese will be at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

Liturgical Gathering: There will be a gathering for all those involved in liturgical ministries on Saturday, April 18th, from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. This includes Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Ushers, Choir Members, and anyone involved in church activities. The meeting will involve practical training to prepare for commissioning of service and conclude with lunch.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THANKS

Thanks to Jimmy Bertucci and our Thursday Bingo Team for donating \$8,000.00 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 the vulnerability and preciousness of life. It is a great awakening that we must stay healthy physically and spiritually.

Speaking of physically 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."**

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

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.

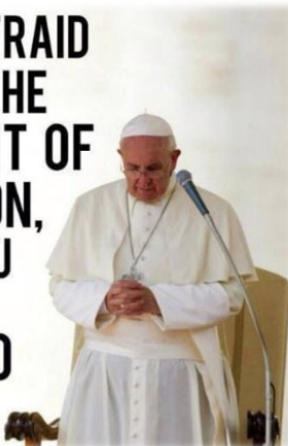
In the First Reading today, we have God calling Abraham away from his family and into a new land that God would give him. He had no children, yet God promised him he would be the Father of a family as numerous “as the stars of the sky”. He followed God and believed. The Apostles went up the mountain 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.



LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**DON'T BE AFRAID
TO GO TO THE
SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION,
WHERE YOU
WILL MEET
JESUS WHO
FORGIVES YOU.**
Pope Francis



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

Good News From St. Therese!

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



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

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 5th

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 7 - Vigil of The Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Alumni of St. Barbara High School
 + 60th Birth. Rem.: Joseph Wojcik (Elizabeth Wojcik)
 + Joseph Spina (Joe & Rena Zito)
 + Rosemary Thome (Joe & Rena Zito)
 + Eileen Kaput (Nancy Tarka)
 Health Blessings: Ed Schmit (Adeline Skokal)
 Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, March 8 - The Second Sunday of Lent

6:00 a.m. + Fred Stronczek (Wife, Rose)
 Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
 9:30 a.m. 3rd Grade Family Mass
 + Dot Lech (B. Glabicki)
 + Virginia Pienta (Rose Kisielowski)
 + Ed & Lucille Helma (B. Glabicki)
 + Ted and Stan Piorecki

Monday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday; St. Frances of Rome

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

Tuesday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + The Mezydlo Family: John, Genevieve, Genevieve (Jean), Aloysius and Eleanor

Wednesday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

Thursday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Deceased Members of Demma Family (Spalla Family)
 + Edward and Rose Ciz

Friday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church
 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Barbara Church

Saturday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Mother's Day Remembrance
 + Ann. Rem.: Vetina Lotta (John & Sisan Adomaitis)

Healing Mass

Saturday, March 14 - Vigil of The Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Birth. Blessings: Rev. W. A. Marat (Barbara Hudren)

+ Josephine Kavalauskas (Jan)
 + Virginia Pienta (Diann Bak)
 + Fred Cermak Rota (Marion Roti)
 Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, March 15 - The Third Sunday of Lent

6:00 a.m. + Ed Glabicki (Ruth and David Czarnecki)
 Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
 9:30 a.m. + Jean Lech (B. Glabicki)
 + Virginia Pienta (B. Glabicki)
 + Birth. Rem.: Martin Becatti (Dolores)
 + Birth. Rem.: Rose Furmanek (Sonny)
 + Brother Conrad (Rosemary Bauer)
 + Ted and Stanley Piorecki

Weekly Collection - February 29th - March 1st

Sunday Envelopes (71)	\$	1,178.25
Sunday Loose	\$	540.00
Maintenance Fund Collection (34)	\$	464.00
Total Collection	\$	2,182.25

	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$ 85,901.57	\$ 2,182.25
Goal	\$211,200.00	\$ 6,400.00
% of Goal	41%	34%
Votives & Vigil Lights:		\$ 203.46
January Give Central:	1st	\$ 1,739.00
	2nd	\$ 320.00

Ash Wednesday Collection - February 26th

Envelopes (30)	\$	315.00
Loose	\$	570.22
Total Collection	\$	885.22

Electronic giving through **GiveCentral.org** is the safe and secure way to make your weekly donations to St. Barbara. Donate via credit card or electronic check (ACH). Sign up by visiting St. Barbara's home WEB page and follow the prompts.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: A. Chan
 Eucharistic Ministers: R. Carden, J. Lukwinski, A. Skokal

Lectors: W. Podrazik, P. Saletta
 Greeters: J. Lukwinski, R. Davidson

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

6:00 a.m.

Altar Server: G. Vanderford
 Eucharistic Ministers: J. Balasa, J. Bertucci, G. Vanderford

Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: G. Parcon, C. Parcon, Q. Do
 Eucharistic Ministers: C. Whitehouse, P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez

Lectors: Sr. K. McNulty, L. Szczepanski
 Greeters: R. Yan, J. Yan

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND LITURGIES

St. Barbara: Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 6:00am, 9:30 am

St. Therese: Mandarin Mass on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 4:00 pm followed by Bible sharing and food.

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am; and Mandarin

Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

St. Barbara: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: 8:00 am

St. Therese: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

St. Barbara: Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm; Holy Day Masses: 6:00 am, 8:00 am

St. Therese: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: St. Therese - 7:00 pm

FIRST SATURDAY HEALING MASS: St. Barbara Chapel - 8:00 am

CONFESSION

St. Barbara: Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm or by appointment

St. Therese: By appointment

THE ROSARY

St. Barbara: The Rosary is prayed on Sunday at 5:30 a.m. before 6:00 am Mass.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. The office is closed on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Baptisms: Parents must be registered practicing parishioners and attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled. Call the rectory office for further information.

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.

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. Notify the Parish Office when this service is needed.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith.

Weddings: Weddings need to be scheduled at least six months in advance. Couples are reminded to secure the Church date before the reception hall.

Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers:

Amalia Agins, Austin Agins, Bernadette Agins, Joyce Agins, Stephen Agins, Mary Aguirre, Debbie Annerino, Walter Annerino, Amy Averet, Kimberly Babe, Geraldine Baldwin, Tony Baressi, Judith Beaudry, Christine Bertucci, Joseph 'Joey' Bertucci, Lonnie & Theresa Bertucci-Falls, Jennifer Bond, Fr. Michael Bowler, Jeff Bowman, Andrea Brongiel, David Brost, Mary Camarda, Anthony Capone Sr., Adele Castro, Laverne Connolly, Tim Consola, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGrazia, Henry Diaz DeLeon, Jacqueline Dybas, Kathy Egle, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Harold Frost, Paul Gadomski, Ray Gadomski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Cheryl Lynn Gilhooly, Bernadette Glabicki, Ed Glos, Pat Grieco, Koen Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Kellar Harris, Lynette Heidemann, Jasmine Henson, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Jennifer Janson, Chester Jendryczka, Dr. Joe, John Kaput, Dorothy Kawalerski, Rose Kisielowski, Stanley Kiwala, Anna Kolendo, Janice Kutansky, Craig Labudda, Ken Labudda, Sunny Labudda, Baby Kinsley Paige Leschinsky, Kiera Litwin, Lenny Loretto, Richard Lyznicki, Nancy Mallory, John Mangan, Kayle Marth, Paul Martinez, Bill Marczuk, Zena Masi, Maria Mawgwi, Lil' Joe Michalak, Cindy Moore, Dr. Mike, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Theresa Oleszkiewicz, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petruck, Dolores Pienta, Mitchell Pienta, Ellen Pietrzak, Beverly Pirelli, Ray Polakowski, Robert Potter, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Ellen Ryan, Therese Ryndak, Maria Saludo, Edward John Schmit, Jr., Laverne Scianna, Kennedy Shepski, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sharon Solverson, Rosalie Spalla, Diane Spata, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stronczek, Rose Stronczek, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dolores Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, George Vanderford Sr., George Vanderford Jr., Juan Vargas, Ava Walczak, Sadie Walker, Barbara Webb, Bill Webb, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, Virginia Zawacki, Irene Zima



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