

# Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019

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## Sacraments

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

**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

*December 8, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent*

**8:00 A.M.** + Sau Fong Yuan by Margaret & William Moy  
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family

**10:30 A.M.** + James Distasio by Cathy & Dennis Gurgone  
+ Robert Chan by Linda Myers

**MON. Dec. 9th** *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
*\*(Mass at St. Therese Church)*

**8:00 A.M.** + Bernadette Zito by Mary Ann Nudo  
+ David & Cookie Jarzyna by Marion Roti

**7:00 P.M.** **Mass at St. Barbara Church**

**TUE. Dec. 10th** *Advent Weekday*  
**8:00 A.M.** *\*(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)*

**WED. Dec. 11th** *Advent Weekday*  
**8:00 A.M.** *\*(Mass at St. Therese Church)*  
Birthday Blessings for Isabella Freimuth by Sr. Caritas

**THU. Dec. 12th** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
*\*(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)*

**8:00 A.M.**+

**FRI. Dec. 13th** *Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*  
*\*(Mass at St. Therese Church)*

**8:00 A.M.**

**SAT. Dec. 14th** *Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
**8:00 A.M.**

**5:00 P.M.** *\*(Mass at St. Barbara Church)*  
+ Cookie Jarzyna by Margaret Moy & Teresa Lee  
+ Lauren Mandel by Joe & Rena Zito



## *From the Desk of Fr. Francis*

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

### **Honoring and Celebrating Saint Barbara**



As the season of Advent continues to unfold, in this busiest time of the year, we make special efforts to renew our spirit by becoming more aware of our past, living well our present and having firm hope for our future. This week is particularly important to our community as we also honor the patroness of our Church, St. Barbara. She was a virgin and a martyr, whose feast day is on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. As I have asked for her intercessions for our community and our Church, I was once again impressed by the history of our Church, which is named after this powerful Saint and is beautifully narrated by Walter J. Podrazik and Grace DuMelle. Both are longtime faithful parishioners. I took the following excerpt from their writings which I think will help us as honor and celebrate our Church's patron.

St. Barbara parish began more than a century ago, as great steamship lines were docking at Ellis Island, unloading wave after wave of Polish immigrants. At the beginning of the twentieth century, these new arrivals were looking for a better way of life, looking for freedom from Russian army conscription and from restrictions on their language and religion. Thousands headed for Chicago and Bridgeport, where the mills, factories and packing houses provided plenty of employment.

The nearest Polish parish, St. Mary of Perpetual Help, bulged at the seams. Pastor Rev. Stanislaus Nawrocki obtained approval to buy land for a new parish along Throop Street. In 1910, his younger brother, Rev. Anthony Nawrocki, became the first pastor of the new St. Barbara parish.

His first priorities were an elementary school, convent, and rectory. Mass and the sacraments were celebrated in the basement hall of the school while construction went forward on the church.

The domed, Renaissance-style church took two years and \$175,000 to build. No pillars were used in the interior so sight-lines would be clear for the 1,200 worshippers that could be accommodated. A solemn dedication and consecration took place July 5, 1914.

An \$82,000 school addition was completed in 1924, adding an auditorium, six-lane bowling alley, billiard room, and kitchen. Six new classrooms also accommodated a two-year commercial high school, which upgraded to a four-year institution in 1947, changing its admission policy to young women only.

St. Barbara successfully marked its centennial in 2010 as a time of spiritual and physical renewal. That included the painting and restoration of the interior of the church by the Oosterbaan & Sons Company in 2012, which revitalized and showcased the artistic treasure that is St. Barbara. It is a stunning home to a dedicated Catholic community whose heritage encompasses Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The welcoming spirit of St. Barbara continues today to all who step through the church door, into the school classrooms, or enter any parish event. We invite you to visit St. Barbara and to experience for yourself the joy, excitement, and spiritual renewal of this place.



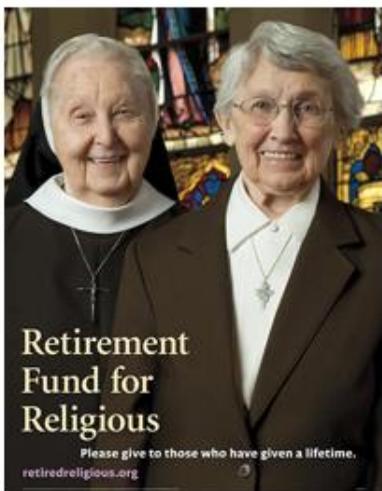
For the full story, please visit our Church's website at <https://stbarbarachicago.org/history/>.

With Renew My Church, St. Barbara Catholic Parish was officially united with St. Therese Chinese Catholic Parish on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. With two beautiful Churches, we are St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish.

With deep gratitude to our past, full faith to our present and strong hope to our future, I wholeheartedly thank God for all the people who have been part of our history and who are part of our present life today! Our community needs each one of you and together we can create a brighter future. Remember the words of St. Mother Teresa, **“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”**

St. Barbara, Pray for Us and our Parish!  
St. Therese, Pray for Us and our Parish!  
St. Mother Teresa, Pray for us and our Parish!

*Peace, Fr. Francis*



Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend our parishes will hold the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits some 30,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

As Christians, we are called to “serve the Lord with gladness” (Ps 100:2). Our elderly religious offer a shining example of what it means to answer this call. During their days of active ministry, they worked tirelessly to build Catholic schools and hospitals, promote social justice, and embrace the neediest among us. In retirement, many continue in volunteer ministry, and all pray for the needs of our Church and world. Inspired by love, their service—past and present—is marked by joy and a deep desire to do the will of God.

As you may know, many religious communities find it increasingly difficult to provide for aging members. Most older religious worked for little or no pay. Today, their communities do not have enough retirement savings. At the same time, health-care costs continue to rise, and fewer members are able to serve in compensated ministry.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations plan for future retirement needs, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured, they are praying for you.

Yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blaze Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago

# News and Events

## RESPECT IN CHURCH

As a sign of respect, please turn your cell phones to silent upon entering church. Also, please remove your hats during Mass and consider to dress appropriately for Mass.

**Second Collection** this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please be generous.

### Faith Formation for children, ages 3-7, Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.



**At St. Therese Worship Site** From 9:30 to 11 a.m., the Sisters of Charity offers the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program for children between

the ages of 3 to 7 in our community room. Story-telling, art projects, and hands on activities will highlight this dynamic, faith-filled program. Parents are welcome to accompany their children or simply drop them off and return. This program will run through May, 2020. Please call parish office to register.

### St. Mother Teresa Parish Advent BABY BOTTLE PROJECT "Spare Change Saves Babies"

Baby Bottle Project enables the whole family to participate in helping The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland's pro-life mission. This project is a wonderful way for the community to show its support for life and for children to learn the beauty of giving to help others. **Please pick up a baby bottle at the church entrance area, fill it with your spare change and return it by the weekends of Dec. 14-15 and 21-22.**



### Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

James, Yolanda, Anna, Nicole, Dolores, Destiny, Emma, Teresa, Denise, Cheryl, Ken, Pamela, Jennifer, Derrick, Clark, Sherice, Dorothy, James, Deborah, Rachel

## 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 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 until it is announced otherwise.



## Coffee with Fr. Francis Li



Do you have questions about the life of our new parish? Would you like to be involved with our ministries and organizations? What are your concerns and hopes for our new parish?

As we continue work on *"Make Disciples, Build Communities and Inspire Witness,"* I am grateful to share that I had the opportunity to meet with quite a few of our parish leaders in the last several weeks over coffee to hear their concerns and vision for our new parish. It has been very helpful to me as I strive to lead our faith community under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I would like to offer this opportunity to all parishioners and friends of St. Mother Teresa Parish, if you want to share your hopes and suggestions for our parish with me, please email me at [flisttherese@gmail.com](mailto:flisttherese@gmail.com), call our parish offices at 312-842-7979 or 312-842-6777 to schedule a coffee time, I want to listen to you and to hear from you.

### Hospitality Schedule for December 15, 2019

**Sat., Dec. 7**  
9:30 AM  
(St. Therese)

#### **Church Cleaning**

Help us declutter and organize for the Advent season!

**Sat., Jan. 11**  
5:00 PM  
(St. Barbara)

#### **YAM Mass + An Evening In with YAM**

Join us for dinner, sports, and games!

**Sat., Feb. 15**  
Time TBD

#### **Service Project - TBD**

Give back to our community with us!



## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Sign up at the church entrance or at:

[young.adult.ministry@sttheresechinatown.org](mailto:young.adult.ministry@sttheresechinatown.org) | [facebook.com/groups/StThereseYAM](https://www.facebook.com/groups/StThereseYAM)

**GREETERS:** Marian Torrez & STS Students **/RECEPTION:** Elisa, Kathryn, Renee, Rita

### Today's Liturgy—December 8, 2019 Gather 994, Second Sunday of Advent/A -

**PROCESSIONAL:** #395 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**OFFERTORY:** #396 – Comfort, My People

**COMMUNION:** #415 – My Soul in Stillness Waits

**RECESSIONAL:** #401 – O Come, Divine Messiah!

#### St. Michael Schedule:

**Dec. 15: 8am: 10:30am:** Cameron, Joseph, Tony

**Dec. 8: 8am: 10:30am:** Edy, Pat, George





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

Cita Orendain  
Lois Payton  
Helen Moy  
Benjamin N. Lucas  
Amelia Lorraine Schroeder  
Karl Schroeder  
Phil Maraldi  
Nicholas Tobar  
Sister Noel Devine  
Barbara McElroy  
Ramona Zavala  
Michael Howley  
Mina Preysler Munoz  
Richard Tobar  
Rose Perez  
Phyllis Robinson  
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John Palenik

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Gerard Phillips  
Shiu Wah Leung  
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Anthony Scuito  
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Levi Kirkland  
Ted Sin  
Susan Zibricky  
Henry F. Wong  
Joseph Caruso  
MAD & Rose Marie Donato  
David Leung  
Luz Whitehead  
Phyllis Centofanti

Brian Cook  
Hu Bin  
Barbara Metzinger  
Debbie Annoreno  
Ali Powers

### The Voice of Preparation by Sister Caritas

Do you remember being told that your birthday was coming when you were very young? Because very young children have no real understanding of time, maybe you woke up the next day and asked if it was your birthday even though it was really several weeks or months away. Then began the wait. The days, even if they were a few, seemed like forever and the anticipation grew as time passed until it was your birthday. What joy when you were told this was the day.

From the time of the promise of God to the first humans, that they would receive redemption through the Messiah, a savior, until the time when Jesus came, the Jewish people waited for the fulfillment of the promise. They looked for the signs that Isaiah told. Sometimes they thought the years, the time of the coming was near. Other times I'm sure they wondered if the promised Messiah would ever come. God is always faithful to His promises.

Our first reading today describes the peace and justice that the Messiah would bring and exist in His Kingdom. All the needed virtues of knowledge, understanding counsel, strength, wisdom and justice, would be found in the Messiah. The Messiah was to be born of a virgin. The kingdom when established, would have all natural enemies at peace with each other. Even the poor and afflicted, the outcast and the hopeless would find justice and fair judgement. God's kingdom, His holy mountain, would be free from harm or ruin. The earth would be filled "with the knowledge of the Lord." John the Baptist tells us he is the one who is to prepare for THE Messiah. The kingdom of God is at hand.

If John came personally to you, explained what could be and what was to come and told you to repent, would you? So he is speaking today. John cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His path." This is the goal of this week of Advent. Will you respond?



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## Upcoming Special Events and Schedule---2019 & 2020

Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> -Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Baby Bottle Project to benefit The Women's Center
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of St. Barbara 8:00A.M. Mass at St. Therese and 7:00 P.M. mass at St. Barbara
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Hour with Divine Mercy Chaplets and Benediction at 7 P.M. at St. Therese
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. Healing Mass at St. Barbara Chapel <b>9:30 A.M.---3:30P.M. Advent Retreat at St. Barbara</b>
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Religious Education Students Reconciliation at 9:15am Celebrating the Feast of St. Barbara at the 9:30am family mass followed by "Breakfast with Santa" in the lower hall
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 8:00 A.M Mass at St. Therese and 7:00 P.M. mass at St. Barbara
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. St. Barbara Campus Mass followed by Reconciliation
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Friday for School Students from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. at St. Barbara
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 P.M. Simbang Gabi Mass followed by a reception in the Lower Hall
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Family Mass at 10:30 A.M. Mandarin Mass at 11:00 A.M. Followed by Luncheon and Christmas Cantata at St. Barbara
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. St. Therese Campus Mass followed by Reconciliation <b>7:00 P.M. Parish Advent Reconciliation at St. Barbara Church</b>
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Therese School Christmas Concert in St. Barbara Church at 6 P.M.
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Event- 5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass followed by Sharing, Food and Games
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve Mass with Children's Christmas Pageant at 5 P.M. at St. Therese Christmas Carols at 11:30 P.M.
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Mass at 12 A.M. (Midnight Mass) at St. Barbara Church</b> <b>Christmas Day Masses:</b> 6:00 A.M and 9:30 A.M. at St. Barbara Church 8:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. at St. Therese Church
December 28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> Masses: 5:00 P.M. Vigil, 6:00 A.M., and 9:30 A.M at St. Barbara Church 8:00 A. M. and 10:30 A. M. at St. Therese Church
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>New Year's Eve Mass at 5 P.M.</b> , followed by <b>BENEDICTION</b> and the traditional Hot Pot dinner at St. Therese Church
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January 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Day Masses: <b>6:00 A.M and 9:30 A.M at St. Barbara Church</b> <b>10:00 A.M. at St. Therese Church</b>