

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

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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 1, 2019 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. + Cookie Jarzyna by Theresa Scopacasa
+ Sau Fong Yuan by Teresa & Gene Lee

10:30 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Gertrude Chan by Darlene
Special Intention for Tiana's Studies by Bernie
+ Joanna Wai Nin Law Wan by Law Family
+ Robert Chan by Lonnie & Phil Lee
+ Yuke Sang Chan Cheng, Birthday Remembrance by Daughter Lucy Wong

MON. Dec. 2nd

Advent Weekday
**(Mass at St. Therese Church)*

8:00 A.M.

TUE. Dec. 3rd

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
**(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)*

8:00 A.M.

WED. Dec. 4th

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
**(Mass at St. Therese Church)*

8:00 A.M.

+ Cookie Jarzyna by Darlene & Chris Lowe

THU. Dec. 5th

Advent Weekday
**(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)*

8:00 A.M.+

FRI. Dec. 6th

Saint Nicholas, Bishop
**(Mass at St. Therese Church)*

8:00 A.M.

+ In Thanksgiving and Special Blessings for Fr. Francis Li by Therese Spalla Degnan
+ Vito Barbara by Mary Ann Nudo

SAT. Dec. 7th

Saint Ambrose, Bishop 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
+ Bernadette Zito by Joe & Rena Zito



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks

Thanks to all St. Therese students from both campuses who came for Fun Friday on Nov. 22nd and to their parents who supported them, and their teachers for accompanying them. Our Community Room was packed and they had a lot of fun praying together, sharing food, playing games and interacting with one another.

Awakening to the Presence of the Lord Al-



ways

I joined our St. Rocco members after their annual memorial mass last Sunday for a wonderful reception at Connie's Pizza, and I was surprised to see that the restaurant is already beautifully decorated for Christmas with all enjoyable and delightful lights. What a reminder on what's coming up for us! Also with the celebration of Thanksgiving and the craziness of Black Friday, people have already begun to prepare for Christmas.

This weekend, our Church starts a new liturgical year, Advent Season. It calls us not to get ahead of ourselves, but spend the next

four weeks to prepare ourselves. Advent calls us to "stay awake." Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote beautifully:



Advent, this powerful liturgical season that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence. It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us, signs of the attention he has for each one of us.

This is the time to prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming celebration of the mystery of the wonders of God's incarnation, "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Advent literally is one of the busiest times of the year when we have to buy gifts, decorate our houses, and host and attend many parties in the spirit of the season. With all the hustle and bustle of the secular Christmas season, it's easy for us to be pre-occupied with all these things.



In the midst of all this, the Church calls us to be awakened to the presence of the Lord among us and in our World. The question is how are we going to prepare ourselves for Christmas? I would like to suggest the following spiritual exercises for your consideration:

1. **Prayer:** make a few minutes to pray every day. If it's possible, pray together as a family. Make attending mass a priority and consider inviting a neighbor or family member or a friend to join you for Mass.
2. **Adoration:** spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist through silent adoration and strive to receive Jesus as though he is coming to you the first time.
3. **Service:** do something good for the needy and the poor. Charity is an expression of our faith in action.
4. **Scripture:** read a passage every day as a source of your spiritual nourishment.
5. **Witness:** action speaks louder than words so express your faith whenever you can.
6. **Reconciliation:** take time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a powerful opportunity of experiencing God's forgiveness and grace.

You may already be doing the above mentioned corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which are wonderful. Or you may have your personal forms and styles of prayers. Whatever the case might be, Advent calls us all to re-examine our lives and renew our relationships with God and others. Let's make the effort to allow God to work wonders in our lives.

Peace, Fr. Francis

Greetings from Sister Noel Devine from Maryknoll, Ossining, New York!

On Tuesday, November 20th, Rose Marie Centofanti and Raymond Wong (former St. Therese student of Sister Noel), went to visit Sister Noel. Sister Noel always asks about St. Therese School and Parish and always is excited to hear the latest news. It was our pleasure to be able to spend time with her reminiscing, laughing and praying!!



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. Empty baby bottles are dispersed at local parishes and schools for families and students to bring home and collect their spare change to help fund the work that we do. At the same time, participants pray for women and children who are vulnerable to abortion. 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.

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.

First Friday Holy Hour—December 6th

Our First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus takes place at 7pm with prayer of the Divine Chaplets and time for silent meditation and benediction. All are welcome!

Second Collection next 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.

Please pray for the following

Mercy Hospital Patients: Clara, Wanda, Patricia, Dorian, Dolores, John, James, Nancy, John, Katie, Kelvin, Debra, Robin, Milton, Carolyn, James, Annie, Mira, Leon, Artis, Melvin, Kathy



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, 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 8, 2019

GREETERS: Daniel Rak & Tim Tie **/RECEPTION:** Kim Casey & Steve Lee

Today's Liturgy—December 1, 2019

**Gather 991; (Chinese 151) First Sunday of Advent/A - Cantonese Mass
Chinese Hymnal**

PROCESSIONAL: #500 - 醒吧, 醒吧 Awake! Awake!

OFFERTORY: #216 - 甘將一生交給主 Of My Hands I Give to You

COMMUNION: #501 - 主任爾為傳信者 God Appoints You Messenger

RECESSIONAL: #498 - 來啊, 至聖默西亞 O Come, Divine Messiah

St. Michael Schedule:

Dec. 1: 8am: Chris **10:30am:** Earl, Eugene, Robert

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

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 | facebook.com/groups/StThereseYAM



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

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Mia Rose Faciana
Angelo Iasillo
Anthony Valentino
Anthony Scuito
James Gemkow
Frank Karagianes
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

Let Us Prepare by Sister Caritas

A few days ago, before Thanksgiving, many people were very involved in preparation. Food had to be purchased and cooked, homes had to be cleaned to prepare for family to attend the dinner. Invitations were sent and many other things had to be done to prepare our families and homes for the feast of Thanksgiving. Hopefully we also prepared our spirit by giving thanks to God for our many blessings.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us to stay awake, be ready, PREPARE. He reminds us that we are to prepare for the coming of the Son of Man who will come at the end of time to take us to the "highest mountain to the house of God." We must be prepared now, every moment, for "at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." WE are called to pay attention.

We begin this sacred Season of Advent today. How are we to prepare? What are we to do? Will you recognize The Son of Man, when He comes? If we pray, if we listen to the voice of God speaking to us in the Gospel, in our everyday lives, we will start to be ready. This is the season of preparation. We become very busy and concerned with gifts for family and friends, parties and celebrations. In the midst of all this, the words of Jesus need to be considered. Time needs to be taken. A time prepared for reflection, focused attention to God. We need to pay attention each day, in the tiny periods of silence in our lives, that Jesus is coming and at the same time is already with us. Pay Attention, Listen. We do not know the day or the hour.



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**“Awakening to a New Meaning of the Mystery
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Saturday, December 7, 2019

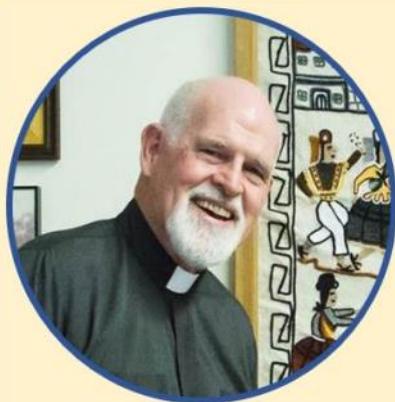
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and Guatemala; he has also
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