

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 9, 2020

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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

## *February 9, 2020 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8:00 A.M.** + Joe, Clara & Tom Capecci by Marie Panozzo

**10:30 A.M.** + Helen Moy by Lily & Richard May  
+ Angelito Natividad by Jon & Cheryl Chan & Family  
+ Sir Elidore Faypon KGCR by Sir Delfin KCR & Lady Elizabeth  
+ Henry & Gail Yong by Jerri, Woody & T. J Moy

**MON. Feb. 10th**

***Saint Scholastica, Virgin***  
***\*(Mass at St. Therese Church)***

**8:00 A.M.** + Angelito Natividad by Marie Chan

**TUE. Feb. 11th**

***Our Lady of Lourdes***  
***\*(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)***

**8:00 A.M.**

**WED. Feb. 12th**

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

**8:00 A.M.** + Ceil & Grace Scuito by Pam Scuito  
Birthday Blessing for Elizabeth Masandgcay by Masangcay Family and Friends

**THU. Feb. 13th**

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

**8:00 A.M.**

**FRI. Feb. 14th**

***Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop***  
***\*(Mass at St. Therese Church)***

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

**SAT. Feb. 15th**

***Weekday***

**8:00 A.M.**

**5:00 P.M.**

***\*(Mass at St. Barbara Church)***  
+ Dora Vanvalkenburgh 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 **Sharon Wong** for chairing this year's lunar New Year celebration again, to **Frances Xu** for being our MC and to **Connie Liu** for being our floor manager and to all who helped with decorations, music, hospitality, greeting, and other liturgical ministries and particularly to all children who sang and performed for us after mass too. So many of you worked very hard for this life-giving and joyful celebration and our parishioners and visitors truly enjoyed the celebration.

Thanks to **George Lee** for taking the lead again for this year's Super Duper Bowl Fundraiser. Special thanks to **Joe Delfin** for taking care of the screens and sound system, and to **Nicole Lee, Teresa Moy, Gemma Wong, Linda Leong and Pat Culen** for taking care of the food and drinks. Thanks to all who bought squares and congratulations to all winners!

### **Prayer, Love and Service**

Today's readings remind us that we are "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world" and the Lord calls us to, "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own."

*Those beautiful words help us to call to mind the Corporal works of Mercy that we are called to undertake. These works are:*

1. To feed the hungry.
2. To give water to the thirsty.
3. To clothe the naked.
4. To shelter the homeless.
5. To visit the sick.
6. To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive.
7. To bury the dead.

*We also know that there are seven spiritual works of mercy:*

1. To instruct the ignorant.
2. To counsel the doubtful.
3. To admonish the sinners.
4. To bear patiently those who wrong us.
5. To forgive offenses.
6. To comfort the afflicted.
7. To pray for the living and the dead.

Our faith calls forth for concrete and good actions. This year, our liturgical committees from both Worship Sites decided a theme for our entire community to focus our time and energy on, which are words of wisdom from St. Mother Teresa: "**Prayer in action is love; and love in action is service.**" Banners with these words are hanging in our Churches and School to remind us to pray, to love and to serve. I hope that throughout the year, we will offer many different opportunities for all of us to do so.



*Peace, Fr. Francis*

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## Please Make Your Gift to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

### Come, follow me... and heal our world

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response directly or bring your pledge form to our Churches on the commitment weekend.

ACA announcement weekend is Feb. 8-9 and commitment weekend is Feb. 15-16.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me... and heal our world."

**The 2020 goal for St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish is \$16,942.** As you know, when contributions exceed the goal, our parish will receive a rebate from those donated funds.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal.]

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## Coronavirus, the Flu and Good Health Practices

Given the concerns and media attention surrounding Coronavirus and the seasonal spike in flu-related illnesses, it is important that we follow good health and everyday prevention practices such as washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, covering a cough or sneeze with a tissue, etc. The [Illinois Department of Public Health](#) (IDPH) and [Chicago Department of Public Health](#) (CHPH) both maintain webpages for information about the evolving situation with Coronavirus, smart preventive measures and more. Per guidance issued by the CDPH, "**there is no need for business, community, faith-based or other organizations in Chicago to take any special precautions**, including organizations that may have members or employees who have travelled to China. A person who has traveled overseas to China and is well is NOT restricted from work, school or any public activities." Furthermore, the CDPH does not recommend the use of masks or gloves, any change in daily travel routines, social distancing, cancelling or avoiding mass gatherings, missing work, classes or other public events. The IDPH and CDPH, working with the Centers for Disease Control, will keep us informed of any new or additional guidance that is issued.

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### *Hospitality Schedule for February 16, 2020*

**GREETERS:** Marian Torrez & STS Students **RECEPTION:** Pat, Steve

### *Today's Liturgy—February 9, 2020*

**Gather 1104 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time/A**

**PROCESSIONAL:** #606— Glory and Praise to Our God

**OFFERTORY:** #592 – We Are the Light of the World

**COMMUNION:** #735 – Blest Are They

**RECESSIONAL:** #775 – Go Make a Difference

### *St. Michael Schedule*

**Feb. 9th: 8am: 10:30am:** Pat, Angelo, Robert

**Feb. 16th: 8am: 10:30am:** Edy, Enrique, Peter

## News and Events

### **ATTENTION: Offering to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish**

As we continue to work on the unification of Parish operations, we now have a bank account under the name of *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*. The change will help with daily parish operations, simplifying accounting, and ultimately save us some costs. In order to help us with this process, 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.

**Blessing of the Throat** in honor of the St. Blaise will take place on this weekend at all the masses.

**Parent Formation:** The next talk will be on Confirmation on Sunday Feb. 16th at 9am in the Community Room.

**St. Therese Chinese Catholic School's Annual Lunar New Year Benefit** will be on **Saturday, February 22, 2020 celebrating the Year of the Rat**. The event will be held at Furama Restaurant at 2828 S. Wentworth Ave., from 5:30pm-10:30pm. on Sat. Feb. 22nd. For more information, please visit St. Therese School's website.

**2019 Tax Letter** If you would like to receive a tax letter for 2019, please call or email the parish office.



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

Arline & Family, Geraldine & Family, Pamela & Family, Earl & Family, Kenneth Clyde & Family, Deanna

### **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 2nd Saturday at 4pm; and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30PM

#### **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:**

2nd Saturday of each month at 4pm  
4th Sunday of each month at 12:30pm  
每月第二周六下午四点和第四主日中午十二点半

#### **Weekdays:**

8:00AM Mass: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays



# St. Therese School News



## Chinese New Year Parade

The celebration continues! Sunday, February 2nd, our students lined the streets of Chinatown for the annual Chinese New Year Parade. With over 18,000 spectators present, St. Therese made our parish proud with drum features, dragon dances, and warm smiles. |

## Chinese New Year Benefit Advertisement Opportunities

Our annual Chinese New Year Benefit is less than two weeks away! There's still time to place an advertisement in the Program Book, which will be viewed by all attendees at the event. It's a great way to advertise a business, congratulate your child's graduating class, or make a touching tribute to a school team or club. For additional information, please contact Julia James at [jjames@sttheresechicago.org](mailto:jjames@sttheresechicago.org) or at 312-326-2837 ext. 204.





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### 2020年中文弥撒及活动

为了更好的福传和牧灵服务，2020年的中文弥撒及活动做出以下调整：

二月八日开始，每月的第二个星期六下午四点，增加一台中文弥撒。弥撒后有晚餐。六点开始圣经分享。分享的圣经章节与主题会提前通知大家。

第四个主日的中文弥撒改在12:30开始。希望可以解决大家停车难的问题。弥撒后午餐。之后会增加信仰分享或讲座。

两次活动都在中国城圣德力教堂举行。

欢迎大家积极参与

### Mandarin Mass Changes:

To respond to our call to the Chinese Apostolate and to the need of our Mandarin speaking parishioners and friends, please note the following changes, effective Feb. 2020:

1. Beginning on Sat. Feb. 8th, we will add a monthly Mandarin Mass on the second Saturday of the Month at 4pm followed by food and Bible Sharing.
2. Beginning on Sun. Feb. 23rd, 2020, the Mandarin Mass on the Fourth Sunday is moved to 12:30pm followed by luncheon and faith formation and sharing. We hope this change will ease parking challenge.

**Your involvement is most welcome!**

**Catholic Social Teaching** is a very important part of our tradition. It calls us to work on solidarity, the common good, and the promotion of all human dignity and be good steward for God’s creation.

Below is an excerpt from Pope Francis’ Encyclical **Laudato Si**, which reminds us of some of these major themes and which calls us to be more aware of our connectedness and our commitment to work for peace and justice:

91. A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted. This compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment. It is no coincidence that, in the canticle in which Saint Francis praises God for his creatures, he goes on to say: “Praised be you my Lord, through those who give pardon for your love”. Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.

92. Moreover, when our hearts are authentically open to universal communion, this sense of fraternity excludes nothing and no one. It follows that our indifference or cruelty towards fellow 68 creatures of this world sooner or later affects the treatment we mete out to other human beings. We have only one heart, and the same wretchedness which leads us to mistreat an animal will not be long in showing itself in our relationships with other people. Every act of cruelty towards any creature is “contrary to human dignity”.<sup>69</sup> We can hardly consider ourselves to be fully loving if we disregard any aspect of reality: “Peace, justice and the preservation of creation are three absolutely interconnected themes, which cannot be separated and treated individually without once again falling into reductionism”.<sup>70</sup> Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.

### Weekly Offering

#### Collection for February 2, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,244	
GiveCentral	210	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$57,979
Sunday Loose	483	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$68,200
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Total Collection	\$2,937	

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 85%

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

***May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!***



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

Cita Orendain  
Lois Payton  
Helen Moy  
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Phyllis Centofanti

Brian Cook  
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### Light and Salt by Sister Caritas

Sometimes our doctors tell us, "Do not eat so much salt, or do not eat any salt." To me, a hardboiled egg does not taste the same without salt. Unsalted popcorn does not taste the same either. We are then challenged to find a substitute to make something taste good. We try other kinds of seasonings. They are good but nothing is quite like salt.

Our Gospel today calls us to be the "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." Jesus tells us WE ARE salt and light. To live this out in our daily lives is our calling. One thing is true. You cannot give what you do not have. This means we must also have the light that is Jesus, in us, if we are to be light for others, for the world. We must have the salt, which is the life of Jesus in us, if we are to be the salt of the earth. Participating in Mass, receiving the sacraments, praying are ways God is able to transform us more completely into light for the world and salt for the earth.

The first reading makes some suggestions for us. "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless, cloth the naked, and be loving toward your own family members." Sometimes being kind to those we live with is the hardest thing. We can reach out beyond our own front door with more ease than we can listen to, care for or appreciate those of our own family. *We may say, "I will shop around, and say I will go to this church or that other parish, It will be better. Eventually we return to our original parish since there we find light and can be "salt ".* We can think we choose where we are but more often God "puts" us there. The gifts we are, the light and salt, we are needed in those places, with these people, for this time. God knows. We are where He needs us and where we need to be. Be the salt of the earth and the light for the world. There and then we will find joy.





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## From Death to Life: Biblical Reflections on the Lenten Season a retreat with Fr. Donald Senior

The death and resurrection of Jesus stands at the heart of the New Testament and gives meaning to our Lenten observance. This retreat day will reflect on how the movement from death to life is a fundamental pattern of the Scriptures and is the basis for our hope as Christians.

**Rev. Donald Senior, C.P.**, is President Emeritus and Chancellor of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he served as president for 23 years and is now a member of the faculty as Professor of New Testament. Fr. Don was ordained a priest in 1967 and received his doctorate in New Testament studies from the University of Louvain in Belgium in 1972, with advanced studies at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and Harvard University. He is a frequent lecturer and speaker throughout the United States and abroad, serves on numerous boards and commissions, and is actively involved in the interreligious dialogue, particularly with the Jewish and Muslim communities. Fr. Don has published extensively on biblical topics, and he has received countless awards locally and nationally. In 2001, Pope John Paul II appointed him as a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, and he was reappointed in 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI and by Pope Francis in 2013.

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**  
**9:30am to 3:30pm**



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**Easter Egg Hunt for Parish Kids**  
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