I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.
— Jeremiah 33:15
**School Mission Statement**

We are …..a Catholic elementary school, a diverse community of students and staff, rooted in faith and nurtured through prayer, sacrament, and liturgy.

We believe …..in the uniqueness of each student, provide quality education and skills necessary to ensure success, encourage individual leadership, and promote a family spirit.

We prepare …..our students for the future through global awareness, involvement in the local community, and service to St. Barbara parish.

We aspire …..to have our students remain faith-filled followers of Jesus Christ.
As you know, the Renew My Church meeting was held in our church on Wednesday evening. As a result, some decisions about St. Barbara were made and others were not. Enclosed in this bulletin is a draft of the information which was handed out at the Wednesday meeting.

As you can see, there was news media presence around the area for two days prior to the meeting.

A meeting was held, led by Bishop Casey, for members of the RMC groupings before the main meeting.

The church was filled to capacity with the crowd anxious to hear the results of the meetings.

The news media estimated that approximately 1,000 people attended these meetings, led by Bishop Robert Casey and Fr. Jason Malave.

Following the meeting, Fr. Jason Malave held a press conference for the media in the lower hall.

After the meeting, Bishop Casey took time to speak to parishioners who voiced their concerns.
SATURDAY MICHAEL KORS PURSE BINGO
November 24, 2018

Annette  Arlene  Pam

Lupe  Stacey  Lois

Cheryl  Shannon  Name Unknown
Dear People of St. Barbara,

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is the time when all of us, the whole Church, are trying to remember that Jesus is coming again. We don’t know when it will happen, but Jesus tells us that it really will happen. Many people think that it applies to other people. They say, “I have time. It will not happen to me.” But, we have to realize that, sooner or later, every one of us will have to stand before God. It is hard to believe.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us in many ways that the time will come. St. Paul encourages us to increase in love because only love can save us. As a priest, I remind people very often, especially during Advent, that they should be ready. But I don’t know if people take me seriously.

It reminds me of one story which tells about a traveling circus. The circus arrived and stayed close to one village. When the actors were practicing, suddenly the circus started on fire. So, the director of the circus sent the fastest runner to the village for help, warning them about danger. But it happened that the fastest runner was a clown wearing a clown’s costume. When he arrived at the village and cried, “the circus is burning”, people gathered around him and started to laugh. They thought that he was kidding.

He shouted louder, “take the baskets with water and come to extinguish the fire”. People were laughing even more. The clown cried again, “the fire can quickly spread through the grass and the village can burn down”. People were laughing hysterically and applauded him for a beautiful performance. But, suddenly, someone screamed at the top of his voice, “fire in the village”, but it was too late. The circus burned down and the same happened to the village.

The same is true in our life. Somebody warns us that what we do may be dangerous – that we may get hurt – but we don’t believe it. This is like with children. They always want to check that if what their parents said will be dangerous really is. When a mother says “don’t touch the oven – it is hot”, a little boy touches it anyway and learns that the mother was right.

When Jesus said today that the day is coming, we should listen to Him. I don’t want to scare anyone, but I want to remind you of a simple truth. Advent is a beautiful time when we are waiting for Jesus’ birthday. And every year we celebrate His birthday very beautifully.

But you know what is the most important part of Jesus’ birthday? We remember that Jesus was born in the manger. We will have a beautiful scene of the manger by our altar, but someone said, “you remember that Jesus was born in a manger, but it is most important for you that Jesus will be born in your heart”.

We also want to prepare ourselves to meet Jesus one day, and it can be very beautiful when we prepare ourselves for this meeting.

Fr. Andrzej
**Weekly Collection - November 24th – 25th**

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YTD $63,415.71 Weekly $2,478.50

Actual $6,400.00

% of Goal 45% 38%

Votives & Vigil Lights: $226.40

October Give Central: 1st $1,585.00

2nd $320.00

Electronic giving through [GiveCentral.org](http://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, DECEMBER 8TH**

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Q. Do, M. Lemke, N. Garland,
A. Gorz, G. Godinez

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden

Lectors: G. Dumelle, P. Saletta

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**

6:00 a.m.

Altar Server: G. Vanderford

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa

Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: M. Dunagan, E. Davis, D. Prieto,
M. Arteaga, G. Salinas

Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski

Lectors: Kindergarten/1st Grade Family Mass

11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: A. Moon, A. Torres, N. Bunda,
L. Calderon, A. Calderon

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ramos, B. Pienta

Lectors: E. Pollock, L. Szczepanski
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.

Moving/New Cell #: Please contact the rectory with address change or telephone change.

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


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MASS SCHEDULE
SUNDAY LITURGIES
Saturday………………………………….. 5:00 p.m.
Sunday……..6:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
WEEKDAY LITURGIES
8:30 a.m.: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 p.m.: Tuesday
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
6:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted
CONFESSION
Saturday 3:45-4:30 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS
Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a short period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Evening Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Exposition and Adoration, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.
THE ROSARY
Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. before the 6:00 p.m. Mass, and on Sunday at 5:30 a.m. before the 6:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.
OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 1:30-4:00 p.m. The office is closed on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.