“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.”

— Revelation 5:12
Activities This Week

Sun., May 5 - First Holy Communion at 9:30 am
Mass
- Altar & Rosary Ladies’ Mtg.; 1:00 pm

Tues., May 7 - St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am
- Healing Mass; 6:00 pm

Wed., May 8 - Men’s Choir Rehearsal; 7:00 pm

Fri., May 10 - Holy Name Mtg.; 7:00 pm

Sat., May 11 - Alice Nolan Memorial Mass; 11:00 am

Sun., May 12 - Happy Mother’s Day!!!
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

I must say that Easter this year was very pretty – a beautiful, sunny weekend. The weekend before and the weekend after were cold and snowy. But the Resurrection was very joyful, which was also joyful for me as a priest. There were a lot of people in Church. But what happened on the Second Sunday of Easter? The Church was almost empty.

It is very sad that many people said, “Goodbye Jesus, see you next year or eventually on Christmas”. I know people are busy and have a lot of things to do but, once you are a Christian, you shouldn’t forget about Jesus. But probably this is nothing new. The same happened to the Apostles in today’s Gospel.

They were sitting, it was evening, and they felt sad and lonely. They didn’t feel the presence of Jesus. So what did they do? They came back to their usual routine – fishing. Probably they said, “Forget about Jesus; he’s not here anyway. Let’s do something useful.” But a funny thing happened. They were dragging their nets all night and they caught nothing. And when they came back to the shore, Jesus was there.

I think Jesus was always with them, but they couldn’t see Him because they were too busy with their usual daily lives. The same is in our life. Jesus is always with us, but we have too many things to do and we don’t see Him. It’s a temptation to do things our way, but the best way to do good things is the way connected with Jesus.

If someone comes to Church once a year and for the next 364 days he is by himself, the person shouldn’t be surprised that, sooner or later, she or he will feel lonely, hopeless and overwhelmed by daily tasks. Jesus is always with you; you have to raise your eyes and you will see Him.

Fr. Andrzej

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is said before all 6:00 pm Tuesday evening Masses, after the 6:00 pm First Friday Mass during the Holy Hour and after the 11:30 am Sunday Mass. If you attend the 11:30 am Mass and decide not to stay for the chaplet, please exit church quietly. Thank you.

May, The Month of Mary

Because May is the month of Mary, all weekday Masses will be held at 6:00 p.m. in Church. After Mass, we will pray the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The only exceptions will be the Friday morning school children’s Mass at 8:30 a.m. and the Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 a.m.

FIRST EUCHARIST MASS

This weekend at the 9:30 am Mass, our third grade students will receive their First Holy Communion. If you see any of these students, please congratulate them on this very important day in their lives.

Altar & Rosary
May Crowning
Today, May 5, after the 11:30 am Mass

The Altar & Rosary Sodality will celebrate Our Blessed Mother with a May Crowning in church before our May meeting this afternoon. Following the 11:30 a.m. Mass, Benediction will be offered, along with praying of the Rosary and crowning of Our Lady. Join us for prayer and devotion, followed by a delicious meal and the usual playing of Bingo and our Raffle game. All are welcome to stay and pray!!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES’ MOTHER’S DAY COLLECTION

In the impoverished and violent neighborhoods that need us most, Catholic Charities is often the only place where people can go for help. Our doors are open to all. Families in crisis find new strength and the courage to build a better future. Your Mother’s Day gift will feed, comfort, shelter, and care for the poor and vulnerable. Catholic Charities has provided hope for 100 years. Please give to Catholic Charities on Mother’s Day to help seniors stay healthy. Extra envelopes are in back of church.

“... We are all a little fragile, the elderly. Some, however, are particularly weak, many are alone, and affected by illness. Some depend on the indispensable care and attention of others which as Catholics we must provide.” – Pope Francis
First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Sunday Mass this weekend.

St. Barbara 8th Grade Graduation will be held on Sunday, June 2nd, at the 9:30 am Mass.

St. Barbara Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 5th, at 6:30 pm.

Our 5th annual Carnival will be held June 13th-16th. Please plan to come out, have some fun and help support our parish.

Fr. Arthur’s Farewell Party will be held on Sunday, June 30th, following the 11:30 am Mass. More information will be forthcoming within the next two weeks.

The Holy Name Society’s 6th Annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 17th, from 1:00 - 7:00 pm. Due to the contract with the band, the 5:00 pm Mass will be changed to 4:00 pm for that day only.

The Holy Name Society will also be holding a Car Show on Saturday, August 31st, to benefit the veterans. This car show will be held at the Bridgeport VFW Post, 3202 S. May Street.

Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance
Mother - Grandmother - Godmother - Aunt - Sister

Mother’s Day is fast approaching. Remembrance envelopes are available in back of church. Please return them with the names of all mothers to be remembered. Your intentions will be remembered in special Masses offered up throughout the year. You are asked to include a donation that is suitable to your intentions. Envelopes can also be brought to the rectory office.

Wendy Kaput & Denise Holland
Carnival Co-Chairpersons

THE CARNIVAL CORNER

It’s hard to believe that in 6 weeks our Parish Carnival will be here. Our parish grounds will be loaded with rides and games.

We hope that you have marked your calendar for June 13-June 16 to join in this fun event. We will have delicious food, spirits, jar booths, raffles, pull tabs and split the pot bingo, along with FREE entertainment all weekend long. Again this year, we will be offering the outdoor Polka Mass on Sunday for the 11:30 am mass.

In the back of church, in case you haven’t noticed, are posters with all the items we need to make this carnival a success; please stop by and see what you can donate. There are also slips and envelopes if you would just like to donate towards items instead of going shopping.

I hope by now you have all received your raffle tickets. I am happy to see that we have received $1,450 in raffle returns already. Please sell your tickets, as we would like to hit our goal of $15,000 in raffle sales. Just think -- we are almost a tenth there. The winner of the 1st Early Bird is: Mr. Stephen Kaput

Our donations/sponsors seem to need a little help. Maybe you would like to donate in memory of a loved one or possibly you can ask your business if they would like to donate; there are forms in the back of church. As of today, we have $3,352 of the $10,000 we have received in the past. Thank you to St. Barbara THURSDAY Bingo, John G. Ligda, Funeral Director, Modern Image Construction, Archbishop Quigley KC Council #2428, Tony’s Auto Collision Center, Inc., Mr. & Mrs. Ed Glabicki, Eugenia Krzyzanski, and the St. Barbara Holy Name Society for their generous donations.

We are still looking for prizes for our booths, if you have any items, please drop them off at the rectory. If you can spare a few hours that weekend to work in a variety of areas, please fill out the sheet in the back of church and deposit it in the box. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Brost at (312) 310-5654 (cell) or Suzbrost@yahoo.com.

Thank you all for your support for this major fundraiser. I know we can make this the best carnival ever for St. Barbara Parish.

Wendy Kaput & Denise Holland
Carnival Co-Chairpersons
Dear Parishioners of St. Barbara and St. Therese,

Easter Season blessings and unity greetings to you and your loved ones!

We are writing to offer you a brief update on Renew My Church. As you probably know, St. Therese and St. Barbara have had some grace-filled exchanges and encounters through our Meet & Greets, Open Houses, and joint Retreat. This week our newly formed Unification Team met for the first time. We want to ask you to join us in expressing our heartfelt appreciation to this advisory group of Parishioners for answering this call on behalf of our communities: Hazel Alonzo, Ellen Andriacchi, George Lee, Lily May, Elisa Moy, Lisa D. Oi, Luz Kwiatkowski-Perez, Ken Ricci, Wendy Sin, Sharon Wong, Michele Worth, and Jackie Yan. Some of the significant things that these ministers will be working on are: Parish Name, Mass Schedule, and Parish Council, along with many other countless details that are important to the combined Parish reality between now and October. As time goes on, they will help us to get your input on some of the matters too.

At the introductory meeting, Mass schedules were examined for both parishes. Currently there are 8 Masses each weekend between the two parishes, which is a challenge for a single Pastor. In addition, there are 2 daily Masses between the two parishes on Monday through Saturday. The thoughtful discussion around the table concerning each of the Masses focused on critical points including, traditions, special needs of the faith communities being addressed by that Mass, along with current numbers of the faithful attending each of the Masses.

Helpful ideas were shared that we all felt would get us to the goal of having Masses with full pews in the near future while at the same time would be manageable now in a new parish reality. As we all experienced on Easter Sunday, a Mass where the church is full of people attending brings an energy to the liturgy which really makes Mass come alive for all of the faithful. We also acknowledged that this is a great opportunity for all members of the two communities to reflect on the importance of the Eucharist for Catholics and our responsibilities to invite more people to our worships. New Mass times at each worship site are scheduled to take effect following the unification on July 1st. A final decision on the Mass schedule will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Please keep this intention in your prayers.

We know changes are difficult and we thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to journey on our calling together as pilgrims to build the exciting new reality the grace of our Lord offers each of us through Renew My Church. We will keep you updated as time goes on. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to write to us:

Fr. Li--- fli@sttheresechinatown.org and
Fr. Marat--- amarat@archchicago.org

You and your families are in our daily prayers. Please continue to pray for us and for our communities.

Peace

Fr. Francis Li and Fr. Arthur Marat
Saturday, May 4 - Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter
5:00 p.m. + Akiye Nakayama (Cliff and Arlene Whitehouse)
+ 3rd Ann.: David Kaput (Children and Grandchildren)
+ Ed Lenicky (Ruth and Dave Czarnecki)
Health Blessings & Safe Trip: Edward Sraga (Family)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, May 5 - Third Sunday of Easter
6:00 a.m. + Dorothy Smolinski (Ray Smolinski)
+ Kathleen Marie Sullivan (Bertucci Family)
+ Pam Ricci (Eva and Ken)
9:30 a.m. First Eucharist Mass - Grade 3
+ Minnie Blameuser (Sonny Furmanek)
11:30 a.m. + Hil Gerlach (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Pearl Bartkowski (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ JoAnn Piemonte (Irene Zima)
+ Stanley & Catherine Pyznarski (Rose Stronczek)

Monday, May 6 - Easter Weekday
6:00 p.m. Health Blessings: Denise Holland (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)

Tuesday, May 7 - Easter Weekday
6:00 p.m. + Mary Domagala (Mike Domagala)

Wednesday, May 8 - Easter Weekday
6:00 p.m. + 2nd Ann.: Evelyn Pyznarski (Family)

Thursday, May 9 - Easter Weekday
6:00 p.m. Health Blessings: Sr. Mary Therese Freymann (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)
Health & Birthday Blessings: María Salvacion Saludo (Family)

Friday, May 10 - St. Damien deVeuster
8:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Marilyn Rzasa)
6:00 p.m. Health Blessings: Ed Glabicki (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)

Saturday, May 11 - Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. + All Souls’ Remembrance

Saturday, May 11 - Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter
5:00 p.m. + Josephine Kavalauskas (Jan)
+ Joy Swulius (Family)
+ Vincent & Catherine Stronczek (Rose Stronczek)
+ Eugene Cook (Diann Bak)
+ 28th Ann.: Frank Bortoli (Geri Urbanczyk)
+ Ann Pacanowski (Gail)
Birthday Blessings: Denise Keating (Geri Urbanczyk)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, May 12 - Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day
6:00 a.m. All Mothers, Living and Deceased
9:30 a.m. All Mothers, Living and Deceased
11:30 a.m. All Mothers, Living and Deceased

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Weekly Collection - April 27th - 28th

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: A. Gorz, N. Garland,
A. Torres, L. Thomas
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, R. Carden
Lectors: J. Lukwinski, P. Saletta

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: K. Guzman, M. Arteaga, C. Kelly,
D. Prieto, M. Dunagan
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
Lectors: K. Ricci, B. Curry

11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: N. Bunda, A. Moon, L. Calderon,
A. Alonzo, G. Parcon
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.
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