



Dismantled and Reassembled

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It is the time of year when seasons turn and the rhythm of life changes as days become dismantled and reassembled in new and varied ways. All of this is not unlike the much deeper process continually at play within our hearts. Indeed, the seasons of our individual lives can be dismantled and reassembled—and often more than once in a lifetime. That white-robed prophet of doom who proclaims that the end is near is right. Our lives do collapse in such cosmic ways that not one stone is left upon another. The end may come with a life-robbing illness or the premature death of someone we love. It may take the shape of an unwanted move to a new city or a life collapsed by addiction. It may happen slowly, as life forces us to surrender passion or enthusiasm or the dreams of our youth, like colors faded by sunlight yet never noticed until suddenly we realize the color has all but disappeared. Such transitions can feel as violent as the end of our lives in this world. Indeed, at such times, we may feel that a part of us has died. Yet, if we pay attention, we may discover that we have been refashioned, recreated into something new. It is the story of the divine phoenix rising from the ashes, lived by every human being and understood by every person who lives with faith in the resurrection. ●

Reflect

***Have I known the experience of life
being dismantled and reassembled
into something new?***



[Jesus said,] "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

LUKE 21:6

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Holy Trinity Site

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Adoration Room at STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

Confession Info

Saturday morning, alternating
between STM Site & HT Site
in the Confessional between
10:30 am-11:15am

Church Office Info

Pastor: Father Thaddeus Tran

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CCD Classes

Sunday, November 16th - K-5th grade(10:00am-11:00am)

Sunday, November 23rd – 6th-8th grade class(10:00am-11:30am)

St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of November 17, 2025

Monday	11/17			† No Mass
Tuesday	11/18	9:00 am	STM Site	† Joe Allen Kurtz
Wednesday	11/19	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Wayne Pinter
Thursday	11/20	9:00 am	HT Site	† Daisy Kopek
Friday	11/21	9:00 am	STM Site	† Phil Maggio

St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of November 22-23, 2025

Saturday	11/22	4:00 pm	ST. Thomas More Site	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	11/23	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† Gordon & Ellen Enerson

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast Day: November 21st

Tradition believes that Joachim and Anne were barren, and for that reason people of the biblical era would have viewed the couple with suspicion and looked down on them. Like any other couple hoping to conceive, Joachim and Anne prayed to God, asking for the blessing of a child. God heard their prayer, and they were grateful to Him. The story of Joachim and Anne like the Old Testament account of the barren Hannah, who begged God for a child and later gave birth to Samuel. Maximus the Confessor, draws out the similarity in his *"The Life of the Virgin"*, comparing the name Hannah and Anna. The Presentation of Mary reminds us of Hannah's willingness to offer Samuel back to God because Joachim and Anne bring the child Mary to the temple in a similar fashion at the age of 3.



The Presentation of Mary also highlights the fact Mary chooses God at this point in her life, even if at such a young age. On Dec. 8 the Church celebrates Mary's preservation from Original Sin, called her Immaculate Conception. We could say that God chose Mary, as He foresaw the merits of Christ's death and applied them to Mary. But the Presentation allows Mary to exercise her free will and choose to live her life devoted to God. Mary's choice lends us an example to follow. Each day is an opportunity for us to renew and recommit ourselves to the Lord's service, just as she did in the temple.

Catholics can look back and see Mary's time in the temple, from the age of 3 to 12, as a time of Advent and preparation. God called her to be there, and, in turn, she chose God. Because of this, God prepared her to receive the Savior of the World. The celebration of Mary's presentation in the temple is an anticipation of the Advent we commence around the time of this feast. Throughout the holy season of Advent, with Mary we can listen to the prophecies, watch and pray for the coming of the Dawn From On High.

(Excerpted from www.simplycatholic.com)

Announcements

Thanksgiving Day Mass

As we get ready for this year's Thanksgiving celebration, please be informed there will be a morning Mass at Holy Trinity Site at 9am. Come to this Mass so together we can thank God for all the blessings we have received throughout the year.

Toy Drive

Hall TWP Food Pantry is having their annual toy drive. Please join them in spreading some Holiday Season spirit by donating new, unwrapped, age appropriate gifts for children ages 1 through 12. Suggested items are toys, games, building kits, dolls, winter hats, mittens/gloves, scarves and books. Deadline to donate is Monday, December 8.

Latest Offering's

November 9th Weekend

St. Barbara Parish

Total Collections:

\$2,386.00

Next Confessions

Confession will be

Sat. November 22th

HT site in the

Confessional

Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to swear if I'm not taking the Lord's name in vain?

As hard as it might be to comprehend, not every bad habit is a sin. Human weakness is sometimes nothing more than human weakness. An exclamation of anger or frustration is often nothing more than an expression of how you feel. When we assign "sin" to every human action or imperfection, we trivialize sin. When we see sin around every corner and in every possible human interaction, we might very well become numb to the presence of real sin when it occurs. The possibility of sin is a wonderful motivator to help us adjust our choices and change our behaviors, but it need not be the only option.

Monitor your speech because you want to be a good person, a mature person, a caring person. That is a virtuous reason and worth the effort. At the same time, remain vigilant, as any good person who desires to be in relationship with the Lord, and choose behaviors that model a good Christian life. Examine your choices and decisions, and when you recognize the presence of sin, be willing to acknowledge that it is sinful, confess it, and then graciously accept the forgiveness and mercy of the Lord. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 17	November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21	November 22	November 23
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63	2 Mc 6:18-31	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31	1 Mc 2:15-29	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59	1 Mc 6:1-13	2 Sm 5:1-3
Lk 18:35-43	Lk 19:1-10	Lk 19:11-28	Lk 19:41-44	Lk 19:45-48	Lk 20:27-40	Col 1:12-20
						Lk 23:35-43

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Relations between the Catholic Church and Muslims have been marked by a growing commitment to dialogue and fraternity, fostered by esteem for these our brothers and sisters.... This approach, based on mutual respect and freedom of conscience, is a solid foundation for building bridges between our communities.

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