**Mass Intentions**

 ***April 14, 2013 Third Sunday of Easter***

 **8:00A.M.**  + Mrs. May D. Eng by Rosemarie and Phyllis Centofanti

 **9:30A.M.** + Carolyn Fields by Darlene and Family

 + Eric Yun by Lushia and Tim

 + Yuk Seng Chan Cheng by Lucy Wong

 + Guilma Rendor Bathan by Yvette Rendor Lee and Family

 **11:00A.M. Indonesian Mass**

 ***MON. April 15th Easter Weekday***

**8:00A.M.** + Mitchell Humpa by Farlen Lee and Family

 ***TUE. April 16th Easter Weekday***

**8:00A.M.**

 ***WED. April 17th Easter Weekday***

 **8:00A.M. *+*** Deceased Family Members of Dominic Barbaro

 ***THU. April 18th Easter Weekday***

 **8:00A.M.**

 ***FRI. April 19th Easter Weekday***

**8:00A.M.**

 ***SAT. April 20th Easter Weekday***

**8:00A.M.**

 **5:00P.M.** Friends and Parishioners of St. Therese

***From the Desk of Fr. Francis***

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

 **Thank You**

Thanks to Cita Orendain for volunteering to help out at the parish office for the last four months on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. She has worked hard. Her generosity and dedication is very much appreciated. This week, we welcome Darlene Chan-Lowe back to the office. After four months of enjoying her new home in warm Arizona, Darlene is ready to continue her volunteer work in the office.



 *(Photo courtesy of Sr. Fan)*

Thanks to Geraldine Kwan for bringing her sewing machine to Church last Sunday to fix up our Altar linens and a few vestments. We are grateful to Geraldine for sharing her talent and taking care of our altar linens.

**Having Breakfast with Jesus!**

During this Easter season, the readings tell us a lot of the Risen Lord’s appearance stories. Today’s Gospel story shares with us how the risen Lord encountered his disciples at the seashore of Tiberias. The disciples were fishing and caught nothing the whole night. At the invitation and instructions of Jesus, they experienced abundance. With that, they still didn’t recognize that it was the risen Lord. Then Jesus asked them to share a “Eucharistic meal.” In giving thanks, breaking the bread, and sharing the fish, they realized that it was the Lord. Recall or imagine an enjoyable cookout in front of Lake Michigan that you had with friends and families. How happy for the disciples to share the breakfast with the risen Lord.

Next Sunday, twelve of our School and CCD children will receive their First Communion. They have been preparing for this moment in the last few months. Speaking with some of them, I know that they are a little concerned, yet very excited to “eat the Body of Christ and drink the blood of Christ” for the first time in their life. How awesome to be able to share more fully at the banquet of the Lord with the rest of the community! It is in breaking the bread together that our children experience more deeply on the meaning of Communion and realize more consciously on the presence of the Lord in the “bread.”

Their First Communion is a reminder of our daily Communion and weekly Communion with the Lord. How does our Communion help us to realize the presence and work of the risen Lord in us and among us?

May the Risen Lord deepen our faith!

  ***~Peace, Fr. Francis***

 ***Hospitality Schedule for April 21, 2013***

 **GREETERS: Samantha Ng, Tim Tie, Gemma Wong**

 **RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS: Anne, Gemma, Teresa**

 **♪♫ Choir Corner ♪♫**

 **April 14, 2013—Third Sunday of Easter**

 **PROCESSIONAL: #537—SING A NEW SONG**

 **OFFERTORY: #696– LORD, WHEN YOU CAME**

 **COMMUNION: #830– ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

 **RECESSIONAL: #443-ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS**

***Year of Sunday Mass***

***News and Events***

**Planning Masses*—****Today’s 9:30am Mass has been prepared by the families of Richard Co and Gordon Yee. Members of both families will actively participate in the celebration. If you want your family to participate in the June planning mass please contact Sr. Caritas.*

**Parrish Pastoral Council Meeting***—on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00pm.*

**MINISTRY OF CARE***—We need Ministers of Care to bring the Eucharist to hospitalized and homebound parishioners. If you are trained or would like to be trained in this Ministry, please contact Fr. Li or Sr. Caritas.*

**Landings Spring Session***—will start on Thursday, May 17th at 6:30pm in the St. Francis Assisi room in church. If you know of any inactive Catholics who may benefit from this, please contact Sr. Anji or Cita Orendain through the parish office at 312-842-6777 or by email at: landingsatsttherese@gmail.com*

**Conversational English***—We still offer conversational English classes four times a week and are now accepting new students for the Spring sessions. If interested, please sign up at the church entrance table.*

**St. Pedro Calungsod, Filipino Saint***—The inaugural liturgy and rite of blessing of the San Pedro Calungson Shrine will be held on Saturday, April 20th at Old St. Mary’s Church at 1500 S. Michigan Ave. Youth and Young Adults are invited to register at 3:00pm for the 4:00pm gathering . The Eucharist will be concelebrated by Bishops Rojas & Kane with Asian & order priests with missions in the Philippines. If you would like to attend, please contact our parish office.*

**First Holy Communion**

**Please pray for the following students as they prepare to receive the *Sacrament of Holy Eucharist* on Sunday, April 21, 2013:**

**Zachary Chen Jason McGrath**

**Campbell Culen Cameran Moy**

**Jacob Fong Robert Novak**

**Wyatt Harley John Plebanski**

**Anya Haynes Soleil Reyes**

**Olivia McDonald Katelyn Schumacher**

**St. Therese College Scholarship Fund Application**

 Through the generosity of an Alumnus of St. Therese School, we have been able to award scholarship grants since year 2001 to help young people advance their studies. The donor of this scholarship fund, who wants to remain anonymous, grew up in Chinatown during the 1950s and was helped by the Catholic Church. After achieving professional and financial success in his life, in year 2000, he made a significant donation to set up this scholarship fund to help others at St. Therese, especially those who have demonstrated a spirit of sharing and service.

 The Scholarship Application Form with further criteria is available at the church entrance table. Service at St. Therese Church is a requirement. ***Deadline for submission of the application and supporting documents: June 10, 2013.***

**ST. THERESE CHURCH WANTS TO HELP!**



 Do you come to church only on Easter and Christmas? Or not at all? Are you facing a life altering event: getting married, having a baby, having lost or in the process of losing a loved one, or dealing with a health diagnosis that is frightening? These are situations that need to be faced, either enjoyed and cherished or met with strength and action. Maybe it is time to go back to your roots as a Catholic to help you deal with these life altering situations.

 St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church is a Landings parish. Landings was started by Paulist Fathers to help non-practicing Catholics explore their faith and return to the Church in a nonthreatening way. It is a way to share, to be heard and to listen to faith journeys of a group of inactive and active Catholics. All this is conducted with compassionate listening and utmost confidentiality. If you are ready to consider returning to the Church, we are here to give you a helping hand and ensure your safe landing!

 Our spring sessions of 1½ hours a week for 8 to 10 weeks will start on Thursday, May 17th at 6:30pm in the St. Francis Assisi room at our church, located at 218 W. Alexander St., Chicago IL 60616. We offer sessions in English, Cantonese and Mandarin. For more information please contact either Sr. Anji Fan or Cita Orendain at our parish office: 312-842-6777 or email us at: landingsatsttherese@gmail.com.

*If you know of inactive Catholics, please pass this on to them.*

***St. Therese wants to help them!***



 **Landings** was created more than 20 years ago by the late Fr. Jac Campbell, a Paulist priest. He designed it for lay active Catholics to welcome, or “love back” inactive Catholics to the church. It was founded on the belief that we do not have to be trained theologians to share what we believe and to speak honestly about our faith, trusting in the Holy Spirit (from Landings International website). Since it started, over 1.5 million Catholics have returned to the Church through **Landings**.

 **Landings** is the time for someone who has been away from the Church to explore his/her faith and future within the Church. It is a gentle way to connect with lay people who are steadfast in their faith and who practice it. Questions from the inactive Catholic are welcome and will be answered in light of an active Catholic’s faith experience with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Questions that require deeper theological knowledge will be referred to the pastor.

 Meetings are about an hour and a half long, once a week over a period of 8 to 10 weeks. There are 7 to 10 inactive and active Catholics combined in each group. Every active Catholic participant has been trained to be a “welcomer” in **Landings**.

 There is a facilitator, a time keeper, a prayer leader and someone to bring the refreshments. A Participant’s Journal is given to each participant in the first **Landings** session. Each participant is asked to read it carefully, a few days before each session. The Journal gives the full schedule of a Landings meeting. It also has 8 to 10 Catholic themes, 1 for each meeting, with references, to help participants understand and reflect on Church teachings and on how the faith is practiced.

 Please bear in mind that Landings is not a counseling session or group therapy. It is simply a way for inactive Catholics to discern if coming back to the church is for him/her by listening, sharing and asking questions of active Catholics who are committed to loving them back to the Church.

**Weekly Offering:**

Collection for April 7, 2013

 Sunday Envelopes $1,979

 Sunday Loose $ 276 July 1-To-Present (Actual): $80,942

 Total Collection $2,255 July1-To -Present (Budget): $80,000

 Weekly Budget: $2,000 % of Budget Attained: 101%

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

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

***Good News! / dear Padre***

**Please remember in your prayers those who are**

**ill, hospitalized, and homebound...**

Sarah Phillips Marie Balestri Carmella Scanlon

Natasha Chang Lucille Iasillo Carmen (Rails) Balestri

Dominic Barbaro Winnie So Vincent Thome

Barbara McElroy Ken Barber Rose Perez

Ramona Zavala Lauren Mandel Nicholas Tobar

Michael Howley YoYo Damico Ruth Barone

Bernie Presto Baby Jessa Piotrowski Dolly Roti

Lina Andriacchi Fr. Walter Johnson, MM Sister Noel Devine

Su Zhen Liao John Galvin Michele Young

Sister Elizabeth Lee Barbara Maung Wu Wai Hing

Shirley A. Bills Roseann Gurgone Lan Ying Yee

John Palenik Alice Young Frank Nardi

David Leung John Piegari Leonard Louie

Bai Xue *Sister Agnes Christina* James Longo III

*Richard Tobar* Joseph LeungJane Lee

Betsy Young Mary Balestri Pam Ecklund

If you wish to add a name or remove your name from this list, please call the parish office.

**“It is the Lord”**

 Have you ever had the experience of seeing someone you know and yet you do not recognize them at first? Sometimes the lack of recognition is because you do not expect to see that person in that place. It is not the usual place where you meet. Perhaps you have not seen them for a long time and you both have changed. Maybe they have a new hair style or now they have no hair or have lost weight. Maybe they are wearing clothing they never wear. As you look at the person, something is familiar but recognition does not come immediately.

 The followers of Jesus after the Resurrection, did not recognize Jesus immediately. Perhaps it was because they saw and knew Jesus was dead and they had no experience of someone being alive after death. Perhaps Jesus looked different in His risen body. Maybe He appeared in places they did not expect Him to be.

What was it that made them recognize Him? For some they knew Him “in the breaking of the bread.” For some they knew Him when He said their name. For some they knew Him when they saw His wounded hands, feet and side. In today’s Gospel Peter and John knew Him when He told them to cast their nets to the other side of the boat even though they had fished all night. This event had significant familiarity. “The disciple whom Jesus loved” recognized Jesus. He told Peter, “It is the Lord.” They knew Him standing at a distance, on the shore. When they reached the shore and were sharing the bread and fish, the writer of the story tells us “none of them dared to ask Who are you?” They knew it was Jesus.

 What are the signs, circumstances, places, experiences or words, which make you recognize “It is the Lord?’ Where and when do you easily come to know He is there, He is with You? Do you know Jesus’ presence with you in some special place where you have known Him before? Does His presence come to you through the words of another or through their actions? Do situations such as sickness make you more aware? Do you usually recognize Jesus in Church, through the sacraments or through the quiet of your own spirit as you pray? Does the love Jesus has shown you help you to be the one who easily says “It is the Lord?” Are you ever like the women and Mary of Magdala who say “they have taken the Lord from the tomb and we do not know where they have put Him?” Which are you? How and when do you recognize Jesus. **~Sr. Caritas**

 Church Stained Glass Window Repair Update

The entire exterior work for our church window repair and broken stained glasses have completed. Unfortunately, this is not the end of the project. As with fixing up any old windows, there is a higher chance of surprise. It’s now been confirmed that we need to replace a few of the moon-shaped top window frames on the inside. With the additional work on the inside window frames, our estimated total cost of this project is now $55,000. We expect to begin the next phase of this work in April, 2013.**We need your support for this project.  If you would like to make any donations, please mark your contributions with “*Window Repairs*.”** *T****hank you to all who have already made a donation:***

***Paul &Cindy Lau: $2000* Francine Caruso: $100**

***James &Akina Moy: $1000* Bonnie Tse: $100**

***Dan & Pam Spano: $200* Kevin Wu (Sweet Station): $100**

***Shu Man & Florence Yu: $300* Frank S. Scuito: $100**

***Chris & Darlene Lowe: $500* Peter Blais: $50**

***N. N.: $200* Teresa Au: $50**

***N. N.: $100* Phyllis & Rose Marie Centofanti: $100**

***Sacred Heart Ladies Club: $1000* Wendy Fluder: $100**

***The May Family: $2105* Frank & Sophie Nardi: $500**

***Betsy Young & Woodie Lee: $50* Dominic Barbaro: $200**

***Wanda Stearns: $50* Richard & Rita Young: $200**

***Lucille Salerno: $100* Edy & Lisa Gunawan: $100**

***Santa Maria Incoronata : $ 1000* Annie Lowe: $100**

***Albert & Bernie Wong: $200* Menacita Chan: $100**

***Rose Cho: $2000* Gemma Wong: $200**

***Dominic Lai: $380* Jennifer Chan & Jorge Morales: $50**

***Robert Lee: $10* Tony Lin & Sharon Wong: $355**

***Larry A. Pusateri : $500* Wendy Sin: $500**

***Eugene & Geraldine Kwan: $100* The Tse Family : $53**

***Gene & Teresa Lee: $200* Renee & George Fong: $53**

***Gary & Linda Leong: $200* The Urso Family: $500**

***Wesley & Sharon Wong: $100* Gertrude Chan: $50**

***Sandra Moy: $100* Leonard & Elaine Louie: $1900**

***Sharon Yu: $1000* Joseph and Natia DiFazio: $100**

***Ray Lin (The Lin Family): $500* Lucille Salerno: $500**

**Mr. & Mrs. William Moy: $50 Joseph & Bernadette Zito: $100**

**Andrew & Eva Feng: $1900 Michael & Sevila Schiml: $150**

**Fr. Francis Li: $100 Mr. & Mrs. Francis Degnan: $75**

**Amy C. Floyd: $200 Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Briglio: $100**

**Karen L. Zewe: $50 Mr. & Mrs. John Lusak: $1000**

**Peter Tse: $100 Agustin & Donna Gonzalez: $200**

**Joe & Margaret Cabello: $100 Josie Lia Kawazoye: $50**

**Tony & Mary Ann Nudo: $100 Sonny Spalla: $200**

**Janet & Albert Moy: $300 Dorothy Albanese: $100**

**Janet Fecteau & Al DiFranco: $50 Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Oi: $1000**

**Marion B. Roti: $100 Theresa Scopacasa and Jane Pivac: $100**

**Monica Lam: $100 Antoinette Choate & John Tangren: $1000**

**Caecilia Payton: $60 Felicia Kristanto: $200**

**Teresa Au: $50 The Family of Michele Morelli: $1000**

**Nick & Ellen Andriacchi: $200 (Fred M. Morelli, Mary Morelli Lusak,**

**Jennifer M. DiFazio: $50 Madeleine Morelli Donnelly, Fred M. Morelli, N.N.: $30 Jr., Marilyn Morelli, Katherine Morelli, Agnes Lee: $50 Michael D. Morelli)**

 **BULLETIN TOTAL AS OF 04/08/13: $28,921**

**A plaque of remembrance will be placed in the church in gratitude to all the donors at the end of the project.**

 **\*If you would like to have your name listed differently as shown from above, please contact the parish office at 312-842-6777.**