***April 27, 2014 Second Sunday of Easter– Divine Mercy***

 **8:00A.M.** + Birthday Remembrance of Josephine Nudo by son Tony<br>

 + Josephine Nudo by Mary Ann Nudo

 **9:30A.M.** + Jorge Lau by Daughter Agnes Lee<br>

 + Moses Yun by Lushia &amp; Tie<br>

 + Sr. Ida by Bernie Wong<br>

 + Sr. Elizabeth by Bernie Wong<br>

 For the Speedy Recovery of Sr. Barbara by Bernie Wong

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

***MON. April 28th Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis***

 ***Grignon De Montfort, Priest***

**8:00A.M.** + Luis Cortez by Linda &amp; Michele Young

 ***TUE. April 29th Saint Catherine of Sienna, Virgin and Doctor of the Church***

**8:00A.M.** + Vince Briglio by Bernadette &amp; Joe Zito

 ***WED. April 30th Saint Pius V, Pope***

**8:00A.M.**+ Pasquale Salerno by Lucille<br>

 + Joseph Pacella by Lucille<br>

 + Forsaken &amp; Unknown Souls in Purgatory<br>

 Birthday Blessings for Nicole by Mom Cita

 ***THU. May 1st Saint Joseph, the Worker***

 **8:00A.M** In Honor of the Blessed Mother by Caponigri Family

 ***FRI. May 2nd Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church***

 **8:00A.M.**  In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

 ***SAT. May 3rd Saints Philip and James, Apostles***

 **8:00A.M.** In Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

 **5:00P.M.**  Parishioners &amp; Friends of St. Therese

 + Sr. Agnes Christine by Marie Chan &amp; Family

**Thanks and Congratulations**

What a fruitful Lent, Triduum and Easter! Many of you remarked to me positively on the different spiritual opportunities and celebrations we offered at St. Therese. Of course, a lot of our parishioners worked hard to make them successful. Thanks to our hospitality ministers and to all of our liturgical ministers, particularly to our decoration volunteers and choir members. Thanks to Joe and Christine Delfin for organizing the visitation of Churches on Holy Thursday. Thanks to our school children for leading the Living Stations of the Cross for us on Good Friday. Thanks to all who worked with our RCIA for a powerful Easter Vigil celebration. Thanks to our catechists and R.E. parents for an enjoyable Easter Party for our children. <br><br>

Thanks to all who have made a generous Easter offering to our parish. Your continued support is needed and is greatly appreciated. <br><br>

Besides all the festivities, what gives me great joy is the celebration of the Easter Vigil Mass, when I baptized seven new Catholics and celebrated the Rite of Reception into Full Communion for one person and confirmed nine of them. Their baptisms not only changed their relationship with God, but add more life to our Church and community. We sincerely welcome and congratulate all of our newly baptized and confirmed.

**Two More Saints on Divine Mercy Sunday**

This is truly a memorable Sunday for our faith community. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, as we pray, “*Jesus, I Trust in You*,” we celebrate First Communion of our School and R. E. students, and our Church celebrates the canonization of the Blesseds Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II.

  **(Saints John XXIII and John Paul II, Pray for Us!)**

Speaking on the canonization of blessed Popes John XXIII and John Paul II, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. states that it “will be a joyful moment. The history of the Church is the story of holiness. It is a century’s long saga of disciples growing ever closer to the Lord. Both Popes now join the great chorus of those recognized publicly as friends of the Lord, witnesses to the transforming power of God’s grace active in human lives. This canonization will encourage everyone to stay on the path of discipleship.” <br><br>

We rejoice and celebrate with the whole Church. We implore the intercessions of our new Saints for our parish, our church and World. ***~Peace, Fr. Francis***

***Hospitality Schedule for May 4, 2014***

**GREETERS: Samantha Ng, Marian Torrez, Lauren Yee**

 **RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS: Earl and Christine**

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 **♪♫ Choir Corner ♪♫**

 ***April 27, 2014—Divine Mercy Sunday***

 ***First Holy Communion—Family Mass***

 **(See Worship Aid for Music)**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be prayed in Church today at 1pm. All are welcome.

**First Holy Communion celebrated today**

Congratulations to: **Ephraim Balogun, Carlos Banks, Ryan Daly, Jacqueline Del Raso, Alma Gyabin, Lucinda Harley, Ivan Hokens, Nathan Lau, Caitlyn Lee, Alexander Moy, Ethan Mui, Matthew Schiml, Samantha Woo, and Justin Woo.** Please continue to pray for them.

**SCHOOL MAY CROWNING** will take place on Thursday, May 1st at 1pm in Church.

**HOLY HOUR WITH BENEDICTION** at 7pm on Friday, May 2nd in Church.

**MARRIAGE CON-VALIDATION:** George Chen and Cindy Zou will have their marriage blessed on Saturday, May 3rd. Please include them in your prayers.

**SANTA MARIA INCORONATA MAY CROWNING** at 11am on Sunday, May 4th. All are welcome.

**VIRTUS TRAINING** for adults ("Protecting God's Children") will be conducted by Mr. Tom Howard on **April 30th at 6:30pm** in the school auditorium. All parishioners are strongly encouraged to become trained, but those who work/are in contact with children are REQUIRED to be trained. Please sign up at [http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18958&amp;theme=0](http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18958&theme=0). Scroll down to the April 30th date for the St. Therese session, or choose another one as is convenient.

**You may email Tom with any questions about Virtus:** obadiah60623@gmail.com.

**A REFLECTION BY James Erler,Jr.**, **SJ**

**Happy Easter!** During the Easter Vigil I had the privilege of reading at our Mass and was struck by the youthful presence of the newly baptized, Christian Shiu, the religious sisters, and the three priests at the altar. Seeing all of the young faces helped me to feel consoled that the Holy Spirit still stirs the hearts of the young to live courageous lives of witness, especially here at St. Therese!

All of us as Christian Catholics have been called by the Risen Christ to share his mission on earth. Whether married or single, religious or diocesan, young or old, we must **all** proclaim Christ’s empty tomb with joy.

And lest we only be moved by the young, the Lord, through Pope Francis’ homily on Holy Saturday, has encouraged us to reflect on “our Galilee’s,” that is, the place we originally encountered and found Jesus. Pope Francis (himself, like our Sr. Caritas, very young at heart!) wants us to re-see our *whole* faith lives with the Cross and the Empty Tomb in mind. **It doesn’t matter whether you’ve had a long life or a short life, in this Easter season God wants you to savor the fact that, every step of the way, the LORD is with you.**

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SENIOR UNITY MASS** - Thursday, June 5th, 10am at

HOLY FAMILY Church, 1080 W. Roosevelt, Chicago. Catholic Charities invites all Senior Citizens to the 41st Annual Senior Unity Mass. This FREE event includes Social gathering and box luncheon immediately following the Mass in the basement of Holy Family Church. Parking is available in the large lot across from church. RSVP for lunch ASAP to

Christine Natarelli 312-655-7010 or cnatreli@catholiccharities.net

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, July 20, 2014 CHINATOWN SUMMER FAIR!**

It’s our biggest fundraising event, so please mark your calendars! The 2014 Fair is fast approaching and St. Therese Church is in need of volunteers to prepare for the BIG event! In addition to our annual food booth, we will have other booths this year, including an all **NEW Chicago Sports Booth! DONATIONS NEEDED**: Sporting event tickets and/or sports memorabilia; Sox/Cubs/Bulls/Blackhawks/Bears tickets and other sports items will be used as prizes in our Sports Booth. If possible, please consider donating any of these items. You can also support our other booths with a cash donation to help us secure event needs. Stay tuned for more info. **PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO MAKE YOUR DONATION(s) AT 312-842-6777. Thank YOU!**

**Believing and Trusting God’s Mercy**

**2014 EASTER CELEBRATION PHOTOS**