

 **St. Therese Chinese Catholic Parish**

PARISH PICNIC



Free

**Sunday, August 7, 2016
1:00 - 7:00pm**

**Location: 31st Street Beach
31st Street at Lake Shore Drive**

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 **BBQ**

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ALL in the Parish are invited!

*We especially welcome the visiting sisters from China
as well as other religious communities.*

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***REQUIREMENT: You MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND by signing up at the church entrance table, or by calling the church office (312-842-6777). This will ensure adequate planning. Thank you for your cooperation!**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2016**

**St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church and School
Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate**

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Mass Schedule 彌撒時間

English Mass 英語彌撒

Daily Mass 平日彌撒:

Monday - Saturday at 8:00am 每日 上午八時

Sunday Mass 主日彌撒:

Saturday: 5:00pm 星期六 下午五時正
Sunday: 8:00am & 9:30am (Except 1st Sunday of the Month) 主日上午8:00 & 9:30 (首主日除外)

Cantonese 粵語:

1st Sunday of each month at 9:30am

每月第一主日 上午九時三十分

Indonesian 印尼語:

2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00am

每月第二主日 上午十一時

Mandarin 國語:

4th Sunday of each month at 11:00am

Sacraments

Baptisms: Parents and Godparents must attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled.

Weddings: Church arrangements must be made at least six months in advance, before booking a reception hall.

Confessions: Saturdays, 4:30-5:00 pm or by appointment.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls are available to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Please contact the church office for additional information.

Mass Intentions

July 24, 2016 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 A.M.+ Nora Nikolich by Rose Marie & Phyllis
9:30 A.M. + Jenping J. Chan by Family
 + Larry Kirwan by Henry, Jennifer & Naomi Chan
 + Mee Chun Yong Moy by Henry, Jennifer & Naomi Chan
 + Lily Toy Lee by Chris & Darlene Lowe

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

MON. July 25th *Saint James, Apostle*

8:00 A.M.

TUE. July 26th *Saint Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 A.M. + Emma Barbara by Mary Ann Nudo
 + Rose Bertucci by Dominic Barbaro & Family

WED. July 27th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M.

THU. July 28th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. For the Briglio Children by Mom

FRI. July 29th *Saint Martha*

8:00 A.M.

SAT. July 30th *Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor*

8:00 A.M.



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**From the Desk of Fr. Francis**  
**Greetings of Christ's Peace and Joy! Hope you all had a blessed week.**  
**Congratulations and Thanks**

Congratulations to **Ellen Sidorski and Jason Mui!** They celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage last Sunday in our Church. As they begin their married life together, we assure them of our prayers and blessings.

Thanks to **Chris Lowe, Janice Lin, and Jennifer Sin** for their leadership and hard work for our booth at the Summer Fair. Beginning with days ahead of preparation, and ending with days after of cleaning up, this trio put in countless hours to make sure all things worked out smoothly. Thanks to **all volunteers**, who stepped up with staffing the food booth, ministry booth, lemonade stand, dunk tank, basketball shooting, games stands, grilling, church tours, and counting. Each of your involvement made the day a huge success! Our visitors were impressed with our hospitality and spirit. We were not only fundraising for our parish, more importantly, we were out evangelizing. We shared our joy and our faith with those who visited our booths. Personally I enjoyed meeting new people and being part of the dunk tank. It was a tiring day, but indeed, it was also an enjoyable, fun, and successful day.



“Never doubt that a small group can change the world. In- has,” wrote Margaret Mead. This beautiful quote at the Lincoln Park Zoo provokes me to think how individuals can make big difference on international, national, and community levels. A small group of our parish volunteers made our summer fair so successful. The 12 apostles made Jesus’ mission a lasting effect. We all can think of individuals and groups who have transformed lives.

This weekend, we welcome a group of Chinese Sisters at our Mandarin mass. They are here at DePaul University participating in leadership training. They have and will continue to make a difference for the Catholic Church in China. Please show your St. Therese hospitality to them and keep them and the Church in China in your prayers.

*Peace ~ Fr. Francis*

**Chinatown Summer Fair, July 17, 2016  
St. Therese Booth- Financial Result as of July 20, 2016**

|                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| BBQ Sale                     | \$ 5,584             |
| Voucher Pre-Sale             | 1,144                |
| 50/50 Raffles                | 3,650                |
| Water Dunk                   | 541                  |
| Basketball Game              | 121                  |
| Gold Fish                    | 104                  |
| Lemonade Stand               | 155                  |
| Ministry Booth               | 165                  |
| Rummage Sale                 | 126                  |
| Calligraphy                  | 91                   |
| Church Tours                 | <u>11</u>            |
| Total of All Booths Receipts | \$ 11,693            |
| Monetary Donations           | <u>3,828</u>         |
| <b>Total RECEIPTS</b>        | <b>\$ 15,521</b>     |
| <br><b>EXPENSES</b>          |                      |
| Cost of Food & Supplies      | 1,543                |
| 50/50 Raffle Payout - Gross  | 1,825                |
| <b>Total EXPENSES</b>        | <b>\$ 3,368</b>      |
| <br><b>NET PROFIT</b>        | <br><b>\$ 12,153</b> |

**\*NOTE:** Cost does not include Fried Rice donated by **Kalina Pon** and many local restaurants, and beverages donated by **Pepsi** and **Alderman Solis**.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to **Woodie Lee, Janice Lin, John Lin, Tony Lin, Sharon Wong, Bernie Wong** and **Jade Yee** for arranging these donations! A **BIG Thanks** to **Ricobene's** and **Connie's** who donated plates, napkins, and cutlery. THANKS with much appreciation for the lunch that was provided by Ricobene's (Pizzas), and **Lushia Tie**, who cooked delicious Korean cuisine for all our volunteers!

\*(Turn to next page for results of 50/50 Raffle Winners)

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♪♪ **Choir Corner** ♪♪

*July 24, 2016*

**PROCESSIONAL: #764 – Praise and Thanksgiving**

**OFFERTORY: #586 – O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

**COMMUNION: #832 – Let Us Break Bread To-**

**gether**



**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, hospitalized, and homebound...**

Phil Maraldi  
Jerry Ecklund  
Vincent Thome  
Barbara McElroy  
Ramona Zavala  
Michael Howley  
Baby Jessa Piotrowski  
Fr. Walter Johnson, MM  
Rose Perez  
Lan Ying Yee  
Bai Xue  
John Palenik  
Luz Whitehead  
Jade Yee  
Anthony Scuito  
Rev. Anthony Adducci

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Jimmy Annoreno  
Ruth Barone  
Betsy Young  
Richard Tobar  
John Galvin  
Phyllis Robinson  
David Leung  
Luke Williamson  
Richard Shew  
Brian Cook  
Roberta Cheong  
Angelo Iasillo

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Nathaniel Hicks  
Theresa Spalla  
Rosemary Moy  
Joseph Rubin  
Cecila Zastro  
Soledad Magay  
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If you wish to add a name or remove your name from this list, please call the parish office.

**"BE CARING WITH GOD"**

Sometimes we have friends or children come to us and ask for something. We answer them with a yes even though at the time we may not want to do it. We let the children "get by." We do what our friend wants us to do. The child comes back again and again with the same request yet nothing has changed. They could change the situation or need, but they do nothing. They keep bargaining. Our friend continues to presume on our good will and care for them. Our doctor tells us we must change our weight or exercise or stop eating salt, etc. We do not change.

Our First Reading today is like that. Abraham keeps asking God not to destroy the city because of the innocent people who live there. He continues to ask God. He starts with 50 innocent people and goes down as far as ten innocent people. God agrees. He will not destroy the city if He can find ten innocent people. Abraham is daring. He knows God is just. To destroy a number of innocent people along with the guilty is unjust. Abraham counts on God's patience with him. He begs for the safety of the innocent. God agrees. He counts on God because he knows God really wants to save all people from death and destruction. We see Abraham asking over and over again and God agrees.

The Gospel has the famous passage about asking and seeking and knocking. We are encouraged to ask for what we need. We are encouraged to seek what we want and to knock until the door is opened. Many times we pray and we think God does not answer our prayers. God tells us to be persistent. Jesus give us the example of a friend who comes at a bad time and gets what he wants not because he is a friend but because he will not stop asking. Our readings today tell us God wants us to continue to ask, seek and knock. He tells us that He is a loving Father who is eager to give us what we want and need. No matter how long it seems to take, we are called to continue in faith to ask, seek and knock. **God does hear us. God will give us what is good for us. God loves us more than we understand and God wants us to continue to come to Him.**

~Sister Caritas

## SUMMER FAIR JULY 17, 2016



## News and Events

### RECESSIONAL:

#### #658 – Bring Forth the Kingdom

**First Friday in August is on the 5<sup>th</sup>.** We will have Holy Hour at 7pm with Benediction.

All are welcome!

**Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:**

Pearlie, Timothy, Johnnie, Robert, July, Colmin, Awin, Kimberly, Angela, Stanley, Linda, Lawrence, Sheila, David, Carol, Robert, Joseph, John, Martha, Alexis, Paul E. William, James, Paul G. Delois

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Placing ads in our church bulletin is a very cost effective way for businesses to reach potential customers. The income generated from these ads support our parish. It is a great way to help St. Therese. The ads run 365 days a year at very low cost. If you know of any business that can benefit from this reach, please refer them to the church office (312-842-6777). Thanks for your help!

### Reading Laudato Si

Please do all possible to read and understand Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, prior to Sister Dawn Nothwehr's upcoming follow up presentation to Dr. Mark Potosnak's recent talk.

You can hear Sister Dawn's WBEZ Chicago Public Radio interview regarding the encyclical at <https://soundcloud.com/morningshiftwbez/poppe-encyclical-takes-on>

Sister Caritas will be working with us in *Laudato Si* reading groups in coming weeks.

The book is only 128 pages long and available free online :

[w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_eniclica-laudato-si.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_eniclica-laudato-si.html) OR 《願祢受讚頌》Laudato Si' | 論愛惜我們共同的家園 <http://laudato-si.catholic.org.hk/>

**Hospitality Schedule for July 31, 2016**

**GREETERS: Kim Casey, Regina Cheong,**

## Registration is open for St. Therese Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Classes begin on September 11, 2016



Forms are available at the church entrance table

## JUBILEE OF MERCY FORGIVE

Jesus reveals the mercy of God most powerfully when he forgives sins. He enables people to let go of their damaged past and reclaim their loving relationship with God, who has never ceased to love them. His forgiveness is real, powerful, and life-changing. *Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you; go in peace."* (Luke 7:48,50)



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## 2016 SUMMER FAIR RAFFLE WINNERS

|                                            | PRIZE      | Donation to Church | Payment to Winner |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Miranda Huang                           | \$1,277.50 | \$638.25           | \$ 638.25         |
| 2. Teresa Hendell                          | \$ 182.50  | ---                | \$ 182.50         |
| 3. Joey Lowe                               | \$ 91.25   | \$ 91.25           | ---               |
| 4. Emily Hurley                            | \$ 91.25   | \$ 91.25           | ---               |
| 5. Lauren May                              | \$ 91.25   | \$ 91.25           | ---               |
| 6. Gemma/Teresa/ Florence<br>(Top Sellers) | \$ 91.25   | \$ 91.25           | ---               |

We are so blessed by their generosity! Of the Total Payout of \$1,825, the amount of **\$1, 003.75 has been donated back** to church to support this fundraiser. **THANK YOU(!)**, and **thanks to everyone** who supported the 50/50 Raffles!

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## RCIA and Evangelization

How do you feel while inviting someone to join something you personally cherish? Does excitement and enthusiasm naturally flow into your personal invitation? Or are you hesitant, concerned that your invitation may be rejected, ignored or even ridiculed?

You may recall that I had asked for your prayers as I traveled to Venezuela last week to participate in a baptismal celebration. Thanks in advance for your continued prayers for the people of Venezuela who are suffering from a terrible economic crisis.

One evening there, I shared a concern I had with my wife about my sister-in-law (her sister) who had made the decision to explore the Jehovah Witness faith with home study.

My wife's reply not only surprised me but it invited me to reflect on the critical importance of actively inviting others into our faith: "Well, I guess someone else decided to invite her before we Catholics did. We reap what we sow."

Perhaps you have experienced a visit from someone from a different faith in your home in the past. While I consistently try to dodge such visits, I remain impressed by the tenacity of those visiting. It takes great courage and faith to witness one's faith door to door.

While door to door may not be that effective in our age of social media and safety concerns, the value of a personal invitation remains extraordinarily important. Ask any adult convert to the faith about their conversion, and the name of an individual is always attached.

Thanks to all of you who are personally reaching out to friends and family members with invitations to join the RCIA this fall. New postcards advertising parish life have been placed at the entrance area of the Church for your use.

**God Bless, Thomas Howard, Director of Religious Education**

## Respect Life Corner

*It is unfortunate that in spite of the seemingly big strides our country has made regarding racism, it still exists in many parts of the U.S. The following should give us pause and remind us that every person created by God is worthy of respect, dignity and love. We should always remember that man is created in God's image and likeness.*

**Racism and Progeny Violence** – In the wake of the current racial violence in our country, instead of focusing on political xenophobic outbursts and support for organizations which promote the killing of babies especially in black communities, let us consider the remarks by Ghanaian Cardinal Peter Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, at a conference on racism in Birmingham on March 3-4 ("Black and White in America"). The Cardinal acknowledged the sinful gravity of racism: "Almost 30 years ago, the American Catholic Bishops stated, 'Racism is not merely one sin among many; it is a **radical evil** that divides the human family and denies the new creation of a redeemed world. To struggle against it means an equally radical transformation, in our own minds and hearts as well as in the structure of our society'. Echoing and expanding this teaching, Pope Francis most emphatically condemns the evil of racism in the world today. 'The problem of intolerance must be confronted in all its forms: wherever any minority is persecuted and marginalized because of their religious convictions or ethnic identity, the wellbeing of society as a whole is endangered, and each one of us must feel affected'". Then, reminiscent of Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*, the Cardinal explored the meaning of "not seen": "When the Zulu people of South Africa greet someone, they say 'Sawubona,' which means 'I see you'. The one being greeted responds with 'Sikhona' which means 'I am here.' The greeter ends by affirming 'Ubuntu' which means, 'We are, and so I am'. Let me contrast this remarkable form of exchange with the experience of racism. Its effect is to **render people invisible**, and from that follows the denial of human dignity, then loss of identity, then personal despair, then social and political distrust - it unleashes a host of ills that have penetrated into every facet of life." He added: "The suffering is found on both sides of the barriers: among those who harbour hatred in their hearts and minds, and those who must endure its impact. And it does not dissipate quickly. You know better than I do what the legacy of slavery has meant for this country, and other countries are marked in similar tragic ways. All peoples must restore and preserve the fundamental bonds of mutuality - brotherhood and sisterhood - that God intends for us." [http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/03/03/cardinal\\_turkson\\_racism\\_divides\\_the\\_human\\_family/1212647](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/03/03/cardinal_turkson_racism_divides_the_human_family/1212647)).

### Weekly Offering:

Collection for July 17, 2016

|                         |                |                                      |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sunday Envelopes        | \$ 9,80        |                                      |
| GiveCentral             | 210            | July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$5,070  |
| Sunday Loose            | \$ 316         | July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$6,000 |
| <u>Total Collection</u> | <u>\$1,506</u> |                                      |

Weekly Budget: \$2,000 % of Budget Attained: 85%

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

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