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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 28, 2016

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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

August 28, 2016 *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 A.M. For Santa Lucia & St. Rocco in Thanksgiving
 + August Centofanti by Rose Marie & Phyllis
 + Vincent Scopacasa by Marion Roti
 + Birthday Remembrance for Mabel Chan by Mike Chan & Linda Myers

9:30 A.M. + Jenping J. Chan by Family
 + Diane Marie Chan by Family
 + Larry Kirwan by Florence Yu
 + Cristina Salinas by Bernie & Lo Family

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

MON. August 29th *The Passion of Saint John the Baptist*

8:00 A.M. **Start of School Mass**
 + James Ho by Ho Family

TUE. August 30th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. Blessed Recovery for Patty Ann Formusa by Maria Vinci

WED. August 31st *Weekday*

8:00 A.M.

THU. Sept. 1st *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Bruno Roti - Anniversary Remembrance by Marion

FRI. Sept. 2nd *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Dominic Barbaro

SAT. Sept. 3rd *Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 A.M. In Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Dominic Barbaro

5:00 P.M.



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**Parish Financial and Ministerial Report for Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2016**

First of all, I would like to thank all of our Finance Council members: Nick Andriacchi, George Lee, Lily May, Paul Lau, Rose Lau and Wendy Sin, for their expertise and commitment. We meet monthly to review and plan for our parish financial matters. Our bookkeeper, Rosaura Lopez, from the Archdiocesan office comes twice a month to keep our financials accurate. Transparency and accountability are our goals. Included in this bulletin are some highlights of the parish financial and ministerial report from last fiscal year. Nick is offering an oral report at all masses this weekend.

**Highlights of FY 2016 financial result:**

- \$27,482 Net Ordinary Operating Surplus for this period vs. \$25,556 a year ago.
- Collection of \$64,271 for Lift Project Fund.
- Collection of \$29,857 for works of charity

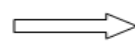
**Highlights of this period's ministerial work:**

- We welcomed 4 new families into our parish and had 5 children and 7 adults baptized.
- Increasing emphasis was placed on Evangelization work:
  - RCIA program welcomed 6 candidates to learn Catholic faith.
  - Mandarin Bible Sharing group met regularly.
  - Outreach and Community Service programs provided volunteer service at St. James Food Pantry, Sister House and Warren Barr Senior Home.
  - Caring for the sick was emphasized – e.g. Anointing of the Sick was celebrated at Mass on October 25, 2015.
- Educational and spiritual formation programs were offered:
  - Parish Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe Marytown and to Mundelein on October 17, 2015.
  - Ministry Fair was held on October 18, 2015 with good response. A few new ministers joined our ministry.
  - Special presentation and discussion led by Dr. Carol Walters on "Go: the Call to Intentional Discipleship" at the Liturgical Minister groups sharing on Nov. 14, 2015.
  - Formation sessions for parents were offered.
  - Evangelization Training sessions on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> were conducted by Deacon Keith Strohm, director of the Office for the New Evangelization in the Archdiocese.
  - Parish Mission held on March 13 – 15.

Your financial sacrifice and support helped our parish become financially more viable. Your dedication and commitment enabled our parish to continue its work in evangelization. I truly appreciate all you do for our parish.

Looking forward, we will continue to intentionally work on The New Evangelization. With your active participation, together, we can make our parish a truly welcoming and nourishing community of faith.

**Thank YOU! May God bless you abundantly. ~Fr. Francis Li**



**Annual Financial Report - July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016**

**Ordinary Operating Revenue:**

|                                               |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Sunday and Holy Day Collections               | \$103,541 |
| Christmas Collection                          | 31,246    |
| Easter Collection                             | 21,740    |
| Mandarin Mass Collection                      | 6,645     |
| Thanksgiving Day Mass Collection              | 1,970     |
| Fundraising Net income                        | 42,312    |
| Other Collections for Parish                  | 1,328     |
| CCD Fees & Sacramental Fees                   | 4,277     |
| Auxiliary Groups (St. Rocco, SMI, Indonesian) | 8,434     |
| Stole Fees                                    | 4,800     |
| Stipend for Masses                            | 6,537     |
| Donations                                     | 3,608     |
| Candles & Misc Income                         | 2,880     |

**Ordinary Operating Expenses:**

|                                             |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Salaries                                    | \$ 57,534 |
| Employees Benefits                          | 18,428    |
| Administrative Expenses                     | 19,841    |
| Property/Casualty/Auto insurance            | 28,068    |
| Archdiocesan Assessment                     | 21,492    |
| Utilities (electricity, heating, telephone) | 14,216    |
| Maintenance & Building Repairs              | 9,892     |
| Altar & Liturgical Supplies                 | 11,909    |
| Ministry Formation & Education              | 6,762     |
| Hospitality – Food etc,                     | 15,190    |
| Gifts and Donations                         | 2,551     |
| Furniture & Equipment                       | 3,013     |
| Misc Expenses                               | 2,940     |

**Total Ordinary Operating Revenue    \$239,318            Total Ordinary Operating Expense    \$211,836**

**Net Ordinary Operating Income                  \$ 27,482**

**Parish Building Fund Collections & Expenditures during FY 2016**

|                                                          |                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>LIFT Project and General Building Fund collection</b> | <b><u>\$75,287</u></b>  |
| <b>Capital Spending (Plumbing &amp; LIFT)</b>            | <b><u>\$57,618</u></b>  |
| <br>                                                     |                         |
| <b>Net Capital Activity</b>                              | <b><u>\$ 17,669</u></b> |

**Extraordinary Revenue & Expenses:**

|                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Estates, Bequests, and Memorials | \$28,816                |
| Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate    | \$643                   |
| Sharings collected               | \$19,269                |
| Sharings paid                    | <u>(20,085)</u>         |
| <b>Net Extraordinary Revenue</b> | <b><u>\$ 28,643</u></b> |

***Hospitality Schedule for September 4, 2016***

**GREETERS: Alison Chan, Joseph Lowe, Jean Ng  
RECEPTION: Elisa, Renee, Rita**

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♪♪ **Choir Corner** ♪♪

**August 28, 2016**

**PROCESSIONAL: #753 - All Are Welcome**  
**OFFERTORY: #726 – Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**  
**COMMUNION: # 814 – Taste and See**  
**RECESSIONAL: #718 – We Are Called**



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

- |                        |                     |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Phil Maraldi           | Cita Orendain       | Amelia Lorraine Schroeder |
| Jerry Ecklund          | Karl Schroeder      | Nathaniel Hicks           |
| Vincent Thome          | Sr. Barbara Walenty | Theresa Spalla            |
| Barbara McElroy        | Nicholas Tobar      | Rosemary Moy              |
| Ramona Zavala          | Sister Noel Devine  | Joseph Rubin              |
| Michael Howley         | Ken Barber          | Cecila Zastro             |
| Baby Jessa Piotrowski  | Jimmy Annoreno      | Soledad Magay             |
| Fr. Walter Johnson, MM | Ruth Barone         | Dorothy Pascente          |
| Rose Perez             | Betsy Young         | Joey Nardi                |
| Lan Ying Yee           | Richard Tobar       | Mark Donato               |
| Bai Xue                | John Galvin         | Joyce Eng                 |
| John Palenik           | Phyllis Robinson    | James Longo III           |
| Luz Whitehead          | David Leung         | Ching Shiu Yau            |
| Jade Yee               | Luke Williamson     | Henry F. Wong             |
| Anthony Scuito         | Richard Shew        | Matthew Mantia            |
| Rev. Anthony Adducci   | Brian Cook          | Phyllis Centofanti        |
|                        | Roberta Cheong      | Susan Zibricky            |
|                        | Angelo Iasillo      | Barbara Metzinger         |

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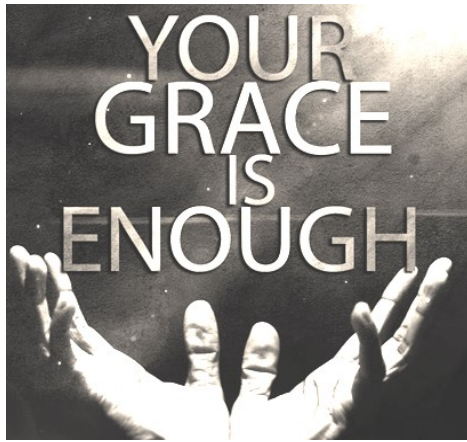
***"Blest Will YOU Be"***

Whenever I go to the entrance of the Eisenhower, I see people at the exit with signs, begging for money. Monday when I went, I saw, for the second time, a young woman who could not be more than twenty-five years old in age. She reminded me of many of the women I see at Sister House. Last year I was returning from a meeting of our Sisters... We had extra food which we were able to take home. I had a plastic bag with bread and meat. When I got to the exit at Ashland and the Eisenhower, there was a man begging. I asked him if he wanted a sandwich. I gave him bread and some of the meat. He was happy for the makeshift sandwich. I was very grateful I had something to feed him. Sometimes I come to Church in the morning driving near Providence of God Church. To the left of the Church and closer to Cermak, is an area of cement under the expressway. I have seen people with all they have in carts. They are sleeping wrapped in what they could find for themselves, on the concrete or ground. There is more than one or two people sleeping there.

These last years the number of people begging at various places seems to be increasing. Many people have lost jobs, homes, cars and their previous way of living. Families are going to food pantries for survival. We see the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. It is easy to judge these people when we see them. We do not know their stories or why they are on the corners. Maybe we judge ourselves better than they are. In reality we are blest. We might not be able to face all that they face each day.

What can we do for the poor? The Gospel tells us to invite not our friends and realties to the party or dinner but to invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. They are in need. They cannot repay us for our care of them. What can we do as a parish? We need more volunteers for St. James Food Pantry (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:30am-11am). They are people around us in need. We are called to reach out. We will be judged by Jesus in the end by what we did for the "least of our brothers and sisters." What are we going to do?

*~Sister Caritas*



## **St. Therese Chinese Catholic Parish Pastoral Parish Council & Ministry Heads Retreat**

OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016  
9:30AM TO 4PM**

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**\*Where is the Holy Spirit guiding our evangelization efforts in Chinatown?**

**\*How does the Year of Mercy bridge us into the Year of Grace as a community of faith at St. Therese?**

**Please join St. Therese Parish on Saturday, Sept. 17th to discern these questions and more with nationally-acclaimed retreat master Julie Welborn. Registration is required, sign up at the church entrance table by Sept. 10th.**

Julie Welborn, by the power of the Holy Spirit, creates atmospheres where the Holy Spirit has liberty to enter the space and authentic encounters with Christ. In addition to her vast retreat experience within diverse cultures and contexts, Julie is a skilled teacher, preacher, and workshop and conference presenter.



## *News and Events*

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR is on September 2nd.** It will begin at 7pm with Benediction. All are welcome!

**SUNDAY VIGIL MASS at 5pm** has resumed.

### **Laudato Si**

Just a reminder that this Sunday we will meet again after the 9:30 Mass to discuss Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*. We will be discussing Chapters three & four. Please invite members of your family or friends to join us.

### **GREAT NEWS!**

St. Therese Church has a **new Website!** It is more user friendly, and can be read in Chinese as well! Check it out at: [www.sttheresechinatown.org](http://www.sttheresechinatown.org)

Our **new CHURCH LIFT** is now a reality and is accessible to those who are physically challenged and have difficulty using the stairs. Thanks to everyone who supported this *up-lifting* project!!!

### **St. James Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**

Help is needed on Saturday, Sept. 10th from 8:30am-11am. Please consider helping out, especially if you speak Cantonese or Mandarin. Please sign up at the church entrance table.

**FREE Books and religious materials** in plenty are available on a table set up at the church entrance! Please help yourself to some good reading!

From the Archdiocese Department of Vitality and Mission: The **Annual GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** Mass for over 500 couples this year from throughout the Archdiocese will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept, 18th at 2:45pm. This special Mass will take place at Holy Name Cathedral. Please keep all these blessed couples in your prayers!

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

New Year's Eve Hot Pot, December 31, 2016  
Parish Winter Wonderland Dance, January 7, 2017

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

**North America Chinese Catholic Apostolate** (NACCA) will hold its Annual Convention on October 7-9, 2016 at Vallombosa Center, 250 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, CA. "Mercy & Evangelization" Mercy the bridge that connects God and man. This year's convention is organized by SF Bay Chinese Catholic Communities. The speaker will be Most Reverend Archbishop Savio Han—Tai-Fai, S.D.B. For more info and to register go to: [nacca.sfchinesecatholic.org](http://nacca.sfchinesecatholic.org) or call: 415-614-5575. All Are Welcome!



**Please pray for the following  
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## RCIA and Evangelization

### Breaking Routines for Jesus

I love my morning bike commute to work. The evening before, I always make preparations (packing my bike bag, lunch and checking the weather) so that my bike ride to work goes as planned.. Needless to say, interruptions to my morning routine (a family member mistakenly eats or takes my lunch or I forget to bring my cell phone) are quite bothersome.

Recruiting for the RCIA reminds me to not get too attached to a "perfect little world," where everything is ordered and predictable. My experience of missionary discipleship, rather, is characterized by the word "surprise." Thankfully these "divine" surprises are almost always pleasant and reassuring. Even the discomfiting ones seem to be uniquely designed to encourage growth in friendship with Jesus.

Every time I choose to cooperate with the Holy Spirit, I am not left disappointed. Inviting a friend or community member to join me at mass or think about the RCIA, for instance, is not an easy task, for it challenges others to break out of their routines to consider something greater.

There is nothing more important in life than knowing, loving and serving God. Please consider reaching out your loved ones to join the RCIA. Classes will start soon. Postcards and flyers are available on the entrance table of the Church.

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



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

Thank you to everyone who helped



the construction of our new elevator was overwhelming. I thought only a handful of people would show up to clean, but the Holy Spirit brought an army of volunteers who were eager to get the job done! With the help of many we were able to get rid of a lot of debris, do some badly-needed cleaning, and sort through items we no longer needed. We recognized areas that need more organization, and we took in some great ideas toward efficiency in our parish. We also made some new friends! We still have more to go before the area is totally ready for the Parish Religious Ed Program (PREP) kids and catechists, but, thankfully, it doesn't seem so overwhelming anymore.

Thank you to Fr. Francis, Tianai, Joey, Ronel, Phillip, Naomi, Brian, Janice, Jade, Wendy, Teresa, Connie, Joe, Roberto, John, Sheila, Greg, Jacob, Zach, Michael, and (last but not least) Geraldine. Without you we wouldn't have gotten nearly as much done.

Also, Thank you to Chris Lowe, Charlie, Stephen and Joe for transporting the new tables and chairs during the week.

*~ Christine Delfin*



## NOTICE: ISSUANCE OF NEW PARKING PERMITS FOR CHURCH LOT

We are in the process of issuing new parking permits for the St. Therese Church Parking Lot, effective September 1, 2016. **Permits are issued only to registered parishioners and school staff, and are non-transferable.** The new permit is green and the fee is \$30, renewable every 2 years.

If you have not received a letter of renewal notice, and the Parking License Permit application agreement in the mail, please see Darlene Chan-Lowe.

For your convenience, a table will be set up in the community room to obtain the new permit on **Saturday, August 27th, after the 5:00pm Mass, and Sunday, August 28th, after the 8am and 9:30am Masses, until 2pm.** If you cannot make it on these dates, please stop by the church office with your completed application and the \$30 fee to obtain the new permit.

**Beginning on September 1, 2016,** your yellow permit will no longer be valid. Any vehicle failing to display the **new GREEN** permit after this date will be towed at the owner's expense.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions or concerns.

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7. Repeat step 6 for any other events if desired.
8. When all events have been added, click on Checkout and review your entries, then click Continue.
9. Either log in, sign up for an account, or continue as a guest.
10. Proceed through the next screen with the requested Donor and Payment information, then click on Confirm Gift.

### **Weekly Offering:**

Collection for August 21, 2016

|                         |                |                                       |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sunday Envelopes        | \$1,573        |                                       |
| GiveCentral             | 241            | July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$14,360  |
| Sunday Loose            | \$ 291         | July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$16,000 |
| <b>Total Collection</b> | <b>\$2,105</b> |                                       |

Weekly Budget: \$2,000                      % of Budget Attained: 90%

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

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