

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 26, 2017

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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

每月第四主日 上午十一時

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

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8:00 A.M. +

9:30 A.M. Special Prayers to Blessed Mother Mary for a successful project beginning by Bernie & Nicole

11:00 A.M. Mandarin Mass

MON. Feb. 27th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. +

TUE. Feb. 28th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Birthday remembrance for Catherin Spina & Bernadette Zito by Briglio family

WED. March 1st *Ash Wednesday*

8:00 A.M. + David Jarzyna by Marion

6:30 P.M. Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes

THU. March 2nd *Weekday*

8:00 A.M.

FRI. March 3rd *Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

8:00 A.M. +

6:30 P.M. Mass / Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7pm

SAT. March 4th *Saint Casimir*

8:00 A.M. +

5:00 P.M. For Family & Friends of St. Therese Parish

+ Bernadette Zito by Joe & Rena Zito
+ Lauren Mandel by Joe & Rena Zito



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

JESUS - - - The Teacher

In the last few Sundays, we have heard Jesus' teaching about the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew the evangelist, depicts Jesus as the new Moses, who is here to perfect the Law. The centrality of the Mosaic law for Jesus is love---love God with all and love our neighbors as ourselves. This love is also concretely expressed in the teachings of the Beatitudes, which offers us moral guidance in our daily living as disciples.

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus in the role of a wisdom teacher emphasizing how life in the world really works, and what this implies for being a faithful disciple. There is also an eschatological tone to Jesus' teaching. Everything is ultimately pointing to the kingdom of God and God's righteousness. Real meaning in life comes from this perspective. According to Fr. Eugene Hensell, the essential meaning of Today's Gospel calls us to reflect on the following points:

- 1) A divided heart. Experience shows that a person cannot serve two masters. The example used is God and mammon (money or wealth). Tension quickly emerges, allegiances are formed, and divisions result. The real point here is that God is the supreme master, who allows for no other master. Sometimes the attempt to serve other masters is subtle and deceptive. It seems not only possible, but beneficial. Wisdom's reflected experience says, "Don't even think about it."
- 2) Life's preoccupations. Jesus' words seem to be aimed at people who have ready access to life's necessities. They are not destitute and living in abject poverty. Nevertheless, these people seem to be strongly preoccupied about food, water, and shelter. God cares for all of God's creatures and humans are held in high esteem. What is the value in worrying about all these things that God seems to adequately supply? Jesus refers to his disciples as people "of little faith." This seems to be the real issue. Faith is what fosters confidence in God's ongoing care. Where faith is weak, anxiety is strong. Faith will also reveal that the true values in life are not merely food, clothing, and shelter, important though they be.
- 3) Seek the kingdom of God. The real value of life is first and foremost seeking the kingdom of God. Concretely, the kingdom of God is manifested in justice or righteousness. Earlier, Jesus declared that the righteousness of the disciples must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees (Mt 5:20). This means that for a disciple, the highest value must be seeking God's kingdom and God's righteousness. This is far more important than being anxious and preoccupied with food, clothing, and shelter. That form of worry produces nothing but more worry. Seek first the kingdom of God and all other things will be given to you besides.

We are not only called to learn from Jesus, but to teach others about Jesus. This year, our parish literally adopts the Archdiocesan Campaign *To Teach Who Christ Is* as our mission theme. We are learners and at the same time we all are teachers. So do not be afraid to share the Good News with others.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

Reflections from the Holy Land

Dear Friends,

As you know, I am currently in the Holy Land on a pilgrimage with my 3rd year Theology class. This wonderful opportunity to visit the Holy sites and to walk and pray where Jesus lived is such an incredible blessing. We are beginning our fifth week (out of nine) here, and to date I have been to the Nativity Church in Bethlehem (the basilica that marks the site of Jesus's birth), the River Jordan (where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist), and the Annunciation Church in Nazareth (the basilica that marks the site of the angel Gabriel's visit to Mary) – just to name a few. Currently, we are in the region of Galilee, and it was awesome to have Mass on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. In addition, we were able to take a boat ride on the very lake where Jesus, Peter, and the disciples crossed over 2,000 years ago. Recently, I spent some time in prayer on Mount Arbel (the site of the Great Commission). That has been one of my favorite places so far: to be where Jesus sent forth his disciples to proclaim the Good News to all people certainly inspires my call to the priesthood. This week, I will be on my canonical retreat in preparation for diaconate ordination in May. Our retreat will take place on the Mount of Beatitudes! As I move closer to the Diaconate, please know of how grateful I am for your prayers, support, and encouragement. You all have certainly helped to form me; you have taught me what it means to serve, and you continue to inspire me with your example of faith, compassion, and generosity. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families, and I ask that you please keep me in yours.



May God bless you and all those you love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Christian Shiu



Hospitality Schedule for March 5, 2017:

GREETERS: Alison Chan, Teresa Moy, Jennifer Sin

RECEPTION: Jean Ng, Pat, Steve

Today's Liturgy – February 26, 2017

Readings: GATHER 1113 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year A

PROCESSIONAL: #658 – Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

OFFERTORY: #585 – Come to the Feast

COMMUNION: #920 – Pan de Vida

***Meditation Song:* He Knows My Name**

RECESSIONAL: #689– Though the Mountains May Fall

News and Events

FIRST FRIDAY OF LENT - MARCH 3rd- MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mass begins at 6:30pm, with the Stations & Benediction at 7pm. All are invited to participate.

Sunday Mass Schedule Change

Beginning next **Sunday, March 5th**, our 9:30am mass on Sunday will be changed to 10:30am.

SPOTLIGHT CORNER

St. Therese Parish would like to thank **EVERGREEN RESTAURANT, located at 2411 S. Wentworth Avenue**, for their support of our Winter Wonderland Dinner Dance on 1/7/17. Their generosity helped us raise money to rebuild the Church in HeBei, China that was recently destroyed by fire. Please patronize our Spotlight Donors! Thank YOU!

CRS Rice Bowl

Our parish will be participating again in the CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Rice Bowl this Lent. **Please pick up a bowl at the church entrance table** after mass and return it on the weekends of April 1 & 2, and 8 & 9. *This is a great and simple way to give alms during Lent!*



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Judge, Mesha, James, Karla, Jennifer, Edward, Vivian, Reginald, Frank, Carole, Alice, Gregory, Deborah, Mary, Krausetta, Earlise, John, Gladys, Emma, Charles, Lettie, Gloria, Sharon, Denise, Clarence, Antonio, Beatriz, Jessie, Charnettia, Marlene

CHINESE PAPER CUTTING DEMONSTRATION

Today after the 9:30 am English mass and the 11am Mandarin Mass, Chinese Paper cutting artist, Ping Liu will demonstrate Chinese paper cutting. She will also sign her new paper cutting published book and offer free gifts to participants in our Community Room. All are welcome.

请关注：2月26日，中文和英文弥撒后，有“中华剪纸艺术家”刘萍”，做剪纸展示和现场签书的活动，有小型的剪纸作品展及礼品发放。

ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 8:30 – 11:00am. If you can lend a helping hand, please sign up at the church entrance table. Cantonese & Mandarin speaking volunteers are especially needed.

2016 Tax Letter for Church Donations

Parishioners with assigned offering envelopes, if needed, please contact the parish office for your 2016 tax letter.



St. Therese 15-Day China Pilgrimage and Tour Led by Fr. Francis Li

Early June, 2017

See Fr. Li's home town of Hong Dong in Shan Xi province, the largest Catholic province in China, Hebei province, Taiyuan, Shijiazhuang, Beijing, Xian, and Shanghai.

Visit Cathedrals, Churches and Holy sites and tour The Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, and see the Terra-Cotta Warriors.



Land cost: \$1800

Airfare: \$900 to \$1300 expected

Four star hotels, double occupancy, three meals per day plus all tour fees, transportation within China, English speaking tour guides.

Maximum of 26 People

Registration and Deposit required by April 1, 2017.



Contact George Lee at 312-719-0233 for more information

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us!

St. Therese Young Adult Mass and



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH 9:30AM
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- *Meet other young adults (18-40 years)
- *Light refreshments in the community room following mass
- * Sign up and join us for WhirlyBall at 1pm!
- *Please contact Deacon Daniel at siwook83@yahoo.com or visit our Facebook group for more information



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StThereseYAM>

Weekly Offering:

Collection for February 19, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,485	
GiveCentral	190	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$67,234.02
<u>Sunday Loose</u>	<u>\$ 529</u>	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$68,000
Total Collection	\$2,204	

Weekly Budget: \$2,000 % of Budget Attained: 98%

Please consider giving one hour of **your weekly salary as your contribution.**
May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church and School

Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate



Parish Description

We are a vibrant, multi-cultural Catholic Church and the Center for Chinese Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Chicago. We promote Catholic values and serve Chinatown and the surrounding neighborhoods in welcoming all to share the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and perform charitable works.

Parish Vision

To be Jesus Christ in Chinatown and Beyond

Parish Mission

- to faithfully reflect the love and joy of Christ by welcoming all to the Catholic community;
- to joyfully celebrate our ethnic cultures as devoted disciples of Christ;
- to compassionately serve as a home in particular to Chinese Catholics and immigrants; and
- to actively empower all to practice the Catholic faith and become a part of the universal Church.

Please support our **St. Therese Chinese Catholic School's Chinese New Year Gala** celebrating the Year of the Rooster on **Saturday, March 4, 2017, 5:30-10:30pm**, at Furama Restaurant, 2828 S. Wentworth Avenue. This annual event is a wonderful occasion to come together as a greater community and celebrate the New Year, reflect on all that our students and staff have accomplished, and look forward to all the promise the future holds. The delicious food, exciting auction items, and wonderful performances by our students are just some of the highlights. For more info call school office: 312-326-2837.

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Lenten Regulations

(from March 1st, 2017, Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.



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
Phyllis Robinson
Bai Xue
John Palenik
Luz Whitehead
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Cecila Zastro
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Dorothy Pascente
Joey Nardi
Mark Donato
Joyce Eng
Lan Ying Yee
Ching Shiu Yau
Henry F. Wong
Matthew Mantia
Phyllis Centofanti
Susan Zibricky
Barbara Metzinger
James Rak

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

'O You of Little Faith'

As the weather changes and we have more sunshine, we will begin to see the Robins return and various Spring plants and flowers will start to come through the earth. Despite the cold temperatures and sometimes even though they may be covered by snow, the seasons' flowers appear. Everything has its season.

In our everyday lives we often have things we are concerned about. Things happen and we worry, we are anxious about the outcome of things. Our readings today teach us that worry does make us any taller. God feeds the birds and clothes the flowers with great beauty even amid the snow. Not a bird falls to the earth without God knowing about it. We are of great value to God. Just as God cares for the creation He made, so God cares for each one of us.

Jesus tells us, "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be given you besides." God knows we need housing, food, and clothing. If we seek God and put God first in our lives, everything we need will be given. We need not worry about the future. God holds the future. Jesus tells us, "Do not worry about tomorrow (or next week); tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil." Seek God and trust God. Our loving Father will provide for us just as He does for all of His creation. We need to believe and trust His love for us. In God's eyes, we are worth more than many sparrows.

~Sister Caritas



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To Teach Who Christ Is

RCIA---the Rite of Election

*Sending Rite for Election will take place at the 9:30am mass on Feb. 26th.

*The Rite of Election will be on Feb. 26th, 2:30pm at Holy Name Cathedral.

Ash Wednesday March 1st (Fast and Abstinence)

Distribution of ashes at 8:00A.M mass and 6:30P.M. mass in Church

First Sunday of March

Beginning on March 5th, our 9:30am mass will be changed to 10:30am.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00P.M. in Church preceded by **Mass at 6:30 P.M. NO FISH FRY this year!**

Holy Hour and Benediction

Takes place on 1st Fridays of March (3) and of April (7) immediately following the Stations of the Cross

CRS Rice Bowl

Distribution on March 4th and 5th and Returning on April 1st and 2nd, 8th and 10th

Service

We will help out at St. James Food Pantry on Saturday March 11th.

RCIA---Scrutiny Rites

will be celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent.

First Reconciliation

For School and R. E. students will take place on March 11th at 10:00am.

Parish Religious Program

Students will lead the 10:30am mass on Sunday March 12th.

Students will sponsor their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday March 19th.

Reconciliation will take place on Sunday, April 2nd after the 10:30A.M. mass.

Indonesian Mass

March 12th and April 9th at noon

Parish Lenten Retreat

On March 26th following the 10:30am mass

March Mandarin Mass

On March 26th at 12:00 noon followed by a Lenten Recollection

Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School

Sunday April 9th at 1:30pm in Church

“Day after day, both in and around the temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach Jesus Christ.”

-Acts 5:42