

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2017

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

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Year of the Rooster



Lunar New Year Celebration
新春彌撒及祭祖慶典

Sunday, February 5, 2017
二零一七年二月五日 (星期日)

9:30 am Celebration Mass

上午9時半彌撒慶典

12:00 pm Luncheon

中午12時午宴聯歡會

Luncheon Suggested Donation: \$5 per person

午宴費用: 每位 \$5

(Children free-will 兒童自由奉獻)

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Mass Intentions

February 5, 2017 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. + Benny and Mabel Chan by Family

9:30 A.M. Special Prayers to Blessed Mother Mary for a successful project
beginning by Bernie & Nicole
+ Jenping J. Chan by Family
+ Benny & Mabel Chan by Darlene

MON. Feb. 6th Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 A.M. +

TUE. Feb. 7th Weekday

8:00 A.M. +

WED. Feb. 8th Saint Jerome Emiliani, Priest; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:00 A.M. + David Jarzyna - Birthday Remembrance by wife Cookie

THU. Feb. 9th Weekday

8:00 A.M.

FRI. Feb. 10th Saint Scholastica, Virgin

8:00 A.M. + Manuel Lopez by Cita Orendain

SAT. Feb. 11th Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Harry Tong - Birthday Remembrance by Mary Tong

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



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

Celebrating Lunar New Year 2017

For countries and people who celebrate Lunar New Year, we know well that New Year is a time for family gathering and for exchanging well-wishes among families, relatives, and friends. The gatherings and wishes are expressed through different forms, such as sharing an extraordinarily well-prepared meal, paying a special visit to one's relatives, or giving a red envelope.

Another important expression is hanging up Chinese couplets at the doors of and inside one's house. This year our parish made two new couplets: one for the Church main entrance doors and one for the walls beside the altar.

The couplet beside the main door of the Church reads and can be translated as follows:

天程有路年年进。主宠无涯日日新。

**On the journey to heaven there is a way on which we must advance every year;
the grace of the Lord is boundless and new every day.**

The couplet beside the altar reads and can be translated as follows:

万物逢春更蓄象。群伦德救荷新恩。

**All things meeting spring alter their old appearance; and all natural relationships
finding salvation say thanks for the new favors.**

These two couplets are reminders that new things are happening in our relationships and faith journey and God's abundant grace can help us advance every day and every year.

The theme for this year's celebration is *To Teach Who Christ Is*, adopted from the Archdiocese capital campaign, which reminds each of us individually and as a parish collectively of our mission in discipleship and in building up the Kingdom of God in Chinatown and beyond. Through *To Teach Who Christ Is*, our parish identified that we will continue to focus on the works of Evangelization, Chinese Apostolate, formation, and finding ways to increase our resources.

So in this New Year I invite each of you to learn more *Who Christ Is* and to *Teach* others more *Who Christ Is*. As the couplets remind us that God's grace will help us to advance in our relationships and our journey to salvation.

Happy the Year of the Rooster to you and your loved ones!

金鸡一唱传佳讯。玉犬三呼报福音。

鸡年祝愿大家：工作舒心，朋友知心，夫妻同心，一切都顺心，永远都开心，事事称主心！

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

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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.

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New Parish Office Hours

**Mon. Tues. Wed., Fri., and Sat.: 9:30am to 4:30pm
Thursday and Sunday---Closed**

Hospitality Schedule for February 12, 2017:

**GREETERS: Rose Lau, Agnes Lee, Tim Tie
RECEPTION: Ellen, Emily, Kim**

Today's Liturgy – February 5, 2017

Lunar New Year

Worship Aid

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year A

News and Events

Blessing of the Throat will take place on Sat. Feb. 4 at the 5pm mass and Sunday Feb. 5th at the 8:00am mass.

SUPER DUPER BOWL PARTY TODAY!

In the community room from 4-9pm. ALL you can eat buffet for \$20. FREE entry for those who purchased a Square. See George Lee for information.

Sunday Mass Schedule Change

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

2016 Tax Letter for Church Donations

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

SPOTLIGHT CORNER

St. Therese Parish would like to thank **Wing Yip Chop Suey Restaurant** located at 537 W. 26th Street 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!



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Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Brady, William, Beverly, Roosevelt, Javier, Kelly, Ethel, Michael, William, Michael, Margaret, Deborah, Jessie, Lynn, Joanna

ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, February 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.

PRAYER/ Faith Sharing Group

will meet on Friday, February 17, 2017 at 7pm in a designated RE Room. Draw closer to Jesus by praying with Scripture. All are welcome!

PARENT FORMATION SESSION

On Sunday, Feb. 19th immediately following the 9:30am Mass, All parents are invited to attend the parent formation session sponsored by the St. Therese Religious Education Program. Two topics will be offered for parents who are concerned about their children's faith formation: *Why do we have to Go to Mass* and *Virtue and Discipline*.

All parents with children preparing for a sacrament this year are required to attend.

The Most Powerful Prayer: Offering up the Eucharist for Someone Else

BY PAM SPANO



In all my years as a convert, I've learned many prayers. It was during a most difficult time in my life that I learned to offer up the Eucharist for someone else.

Our parish was going through a consolidation and my husband and I were struggling not only with the changes, but with some of the people involved. I was pregnant with our daughter and my emotions were raw.

I felt unworthy to receive the Eucharist because of my feelings towards the people we were working with, but I had a concern for our baby's health so I offered up my Communion for her.

We eventually left the parish. It was never a question of leaving the Catholic Church, but of finding one where we could practice our faith again without distraction. We wanted to heal from the lies and disrespect. It took a while, but we were able to move on.

What was the result of offering up the Eucharist for our daughter? She is an adult now who attends Mass, practices and defends her faith.

When another family member experienced a crisis recently, I remembered the most powerful prayer and I offered up my Communion for them also. That person is now in the process of healing.

On the Feast day of St. Alphonsus Liguori (August 1), I read these words of this great saint in the [Magnificat](#):

"If you desire to find him immediately, see – he is quite close to you. Tell him what you desire, for it is to console you and grant your prayer that he remains in the tabernacle."

And this:

... hear Mass every day; practice mental prayer and the visitation of the most Holy Sacrament; go to Communion at least once a week; fly from evil conversations; walk always with God; and you shall see that, by such a life, you will enjoy that sweetness and peace which the world, with all its delights, has not hitherto been able to give you.

Since I've had the opportunity to attend daily Mass, I've been offering up my communion for various people. One day, as I approached the altar, I asked the Lord to save a small piece just for me.

Have you ever offered up your communion for anyone else? Were you able to witness the results?

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



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

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Jerry Ecklund
Vincent Thome
Barbara McElroy
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Michael Howley
Baby Jessa Piotrowski
Fr. Walter Johnson, MM
Rose Perez
Phyllis Robinson
Bai Xue
John Palenik
Luz Whitehead
Jade Yee
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Rev. Anthony Adducci
James Gemkow

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Mark Donato
Joyce Eng
Lan Ying Yee
Ching Shiu Yau
Henry F. Wong
Matthew Mantia
Phyllis Centofanti
Susan Zibricky
Barbara Metzinger

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

“A Dark Moment in U.S. History”

Last week Cardinal Blase Cupich said President Donald Trump’s refugee ban is “a dark moment in U.S. history.”

As quoted in the Jesuit review **America Magazine** by **Michael O’Loughlin** **January 29, 2017**, the Cardinal said “This weekend proved to be a dark moment in U.S. history.”

“The executive order to turn away refugees and to close our nation to those, particularly Muslims, fleeing violence, oppression and persecution is contrary to both Catholic and American values,” he said.

“We are told this is not the ‘Muslim ban’ that had been proposed during the presidential campaign, but these actions focus on Muslim-majority countries,” the Cardinal said.

“They make an exception for Christians and non-Muslim minorities, but not for Muslims refugees fleeing for their lives,” he said.

“The world is watching as we abandon our commitments to American values,” he said.

“These actions give aid and comfort to those who would destroy our way of life. They lower our estimation in the eyes of the many peoples who want to know America as a defender of human rights and religious liberty, not a nation that targets religious populations and then shuts its doors on them,” he said.

“It is time to put aside fear and join together to recover who we are and what we represent to a world badly in need of hope and solidarity,” the Cardinal said.

Read the full story at

www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2017/01/29/cardinal-cupich-trumps-refugee-ban-dark-moment-us-history



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