

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 29, 2017

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

### **Thanks**

Thanks to **Sister Caritas, Jean Ng, Marian Torrez** and **George Lee** for visiting and teaching how to make a meal to the residents of the Sisterhouse last week.

Thanks to **Florence Yu** for helping with the *Overseas Chinese University Students Gathering* on Friday Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. We had over 20 participants. They made dumplings together and then shared on the theme, *Faith and I*. I am grateful to hear their views of faith and how significant faith is to our young people in various ways. It was an enjoyable and nourishing time had by all.



### **Annual Catholic Appeal 2017**

This year's theme is "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." It takes place three weekends in February. Since St. Therese is engaged in the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign at this time, the Archdiocese gave us an option of opting out of the in-pew portion of the appeal. So our parish will not fully participate in the 2017 ACA. However, you will still receive pledge mailing from the Archdiocese. When parishioner contributions exceed the parish goal of \$9,392, our parish will receive a rebate of 100% of the funds donated over the goal. Thank you in advance for your participation.

### ***To Teach Who Christ Is* Campaign Update**

Thanks to all who participated in this successful Archdiocesan campaign and to all individuals and families who have made payments already. Your generosity will help our community to continue our mission and to take new initiatives in our ministries. If at any time you have questions regarding your pledge payments, or if you need a letter of your payment for filing your taxes, you can always call the Campaign Office at 312- 534-8500.

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

*Peace ~ Fr. Francis*

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**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**

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***Hospitality Schedule for February 5, 2017:***

**GREETERS: Lunar New Year Greeters  
RECEPTION: Lunar New Year Luncheon**

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**Today's Liturgy – January 29, 2017**

**Readings: GATHER 1101 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year A**

**PROCESSIONAL: #625 – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness  
OFFERTORY: #735 – Blest are They  
COMMUNION: #932 – One Bread, One Body  
RECESSIONAL: #734 – Bring Forth the Kingdom**

## News and Events

**Today's Second Collection** is to support the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean.



Pope Francis commended this work, saying, *"Through your support, many lives have been touched by the Good News of Christ's merciful*

*love, especially for the poor."*  
Please be generous!

**Blessing of the Throat** will take place on Friday Feb. 3rd at the 8:00am mass, Sat. Feb. 4 at the 5pm mass and Sunday Feb. 5th at the 8:00am mass.

### Sunday Mass Schedule Change

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

**PARENT SACRAMENTAL MEETING** on Tuesday, Jan. 31st from 6:30-7:30pm in the community room.

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR** is Feb. 3rd at 7pm in church. All are welcome!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Saturday, Feb. 4th starting at 9:30am** to decorate for our Lunar New Year celebration. Please help us if you can!

**2017 Offering Envelopes**  
If you haven't picked up your offering box, please do so today.

### SPOTLIGHT CORNER

St. Therese Parish would like to thank **Ricobene's**, located at 252 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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**2016 Tax Letter for Church Donations**  
Parishioners with assigned offering envelopes, if needed, please contact the parish office for your 2016 tax letter.



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

Yvonne, America, Henry, Baltazar, Tecora, Elizabeth, Mary Ellen, Rosia, Clifton, Vivian, Virginia, Theresa, Johnnie, Elvira, Edith, Thomas, Patricia, Debora, June, Brittney, Catherine, Edward, Eddie, Reggie, Andre, Patricia

**Christmas 2016 Donations as of 01/25/17**  
**Thanks to ALL who contributed! If you haven't made a donation, you may still do so.**

Mary Ann & Tony Nudo	\$20
Nancy Longmire	\$250
Kimberly & Steve Casey	\$1,050
Ruth Williamson	\$25

**Grand Total as of 01/27/2017: \$33,366**

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January 21, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As a new year begins, I want to assure you of my prayers for you, your families, and your parish communities. I also want to share some important information about *Renew My Church*.


As you may already know, *Renew My Church* is an archdiocesan initiative that involves all the people of the archdiocese and their faith communities. The goal of *Renew My Church* is to make our parishes more vital and more sustainable. We do this not on our own initiative but in response to the call of Christ, which was first heard by those disciples recounted in today's gospel. The call is the same as it was in those early days of the Church: to be His disciples and take responsibility for carrying on His mission in our time. The place to start is by working together to make our parishes vibrant communities that form missionary disciples of Jesus. This will also mean being realistic about our limited human and material resources and evaluating how our present structures may need to be organized differently to keep pace with changing realities.

A very important part of the process of *Renew My Church* are the parish groupings that will work to plan for the future and discern where God is leading us. After receiving consultation and feedback from you, the priests of the diocese, and parish pastoral councils, we are announcing the groupings today. Your parish will be part of a grouping that will enable you to assess, plan, and discern how best to meet the needs of the future in a way that is both reasonable and in conformity with God's will for us.

Each grouping will have guidance for its process of reflection and discernment. Everything, however, begins with building relationships across parishes in a given grouping. That means getting to know each other and perhaps sharing some common projects or events, such as retreats, lectures, or community service for those in need. With future guidance and facilitation, this will develop in more specific planning and discernment directions. Today, your pastor will share a list of the parishes in your grouping.

*Renew My Church* will undoubtedly involve leaving behind familiar patterns and demand that we move outside our comfort zones. In a word, it will require sacrifice, but that has always been true for the Church whenever we have taken up new challenges. I am convinced that we are up to the task, and willing to do whatever it takes to build our capacity to pass on our faith to future generations. That is what is at stake in the *Renew My Church* process. I encourage you to become involved and pray for its success.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Cardinal Blase J. Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago

## **Renew My Church Update**

*The final grouping for St. Therese Church and School are as follows:*

Sub-grouping\*: · All-Saints- St. Anthony · **St. Therese (parish and school)**

Sub-grouping\*: · Nativity of Our Lord · St. Gabriel (parish and school) · Bridgeport Catholic Academy

Sub-grouping\*: · Santa Lucia-Santa Maria Incoronata (parish and school) · St. Jerome Croatian (parish and school)

Sub-grouping\*: · St. Barbara – Throop St. (parish and school) · St. Mary of Perpetual Help

The SPRED Ministry at St. John Nepomucene is also included in this grouping.

\*The facilitated discernment and planning process will include all parishes within the grouping, but be structured to allow each sub-grouping to have focused discussions. This is to recognize that parishes within a sub-grouping are in closer proximity or have a stronger affiliation with each other. Planning and collaboration, however, will occur in context of the entire grouping.

Please pray for the success of *Renew My Church!*

### **Weekly Offering:**

Collection for January 22, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,709	
GiveCentral	230	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$58,048.02
Sunday Loose	\$ 454	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$60,000
<u>Total Collection</u>	<u>\$2,393</u>	

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!***

***Mandarin Mass of January 22, 2017: \$911.00 Thank YOU!***



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**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**  
**January 29 – February 3**

## **-CALENDAR OF EVENTS-**

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup> - SPELLING BEE**

**School Wide Spelling Bee** (*Participants were this year's grade level winners in spelling bees held on January 13 or 18*)  
Primary Bee (1st-4th Grades) - 10:00 am - *Primary grade winners are recognized at St. Therese*  
Junior High Bee (5th-8th grades) - 8:15 am - *School-wide winner will advance to compete at the Chicago Collaborative Spelling Bee held on Friday, March 3*

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup> - GEOGRAPHY BEE**

**School Wide Geography Bee:** (*Participants qualified based on an in-class test on January 23*)  
Junior High Bee (5th-8th) - 8:15 am – *School-wide winner will advance to the Illinois State Geography Bee held on March 31, 2017*

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>th</sup> – ALL SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS**

**Mass with Bishop Rojas, K-8 - 8:00am**  
*Chi Alpha Mu Math Honor Society & National Junior Honor Society - Inductees and Full Members recognized*

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> – ZANER-BLOSER HANDWRITING CHAMPION CROWNED & PRIMARY CURRICULUM FAIR**

**Handwriting Winner Announcements** (*Top 3 participants selected on January 13; one winner is selected per grade level on January 16 and who then competes in state and national competitions*)

**Primary Curriculum Fair Presentations:** Students present their learning to their peers throughout the day

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup> – SCHOOL-WIDE CURRICULUM FAIR (MIDDLE & JUNIOR HIGH)**

**Open Classrooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades, 10:00am - PK-1<sup>st</sup> grade classrooms will be open during the week**  
**Scholastic Book Fair:** 9:00am - 7:00pm  
**Science Fair Winner Announcements:** *winners advance to City Fair at MSI on March 4th*

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> – MOVIE DAY**

**PK & JK** (in JK room, in the morning)

**Grades K-3<sup>rd</sup>** *Finding Dory* (9:00 am)

**Grades 4-8** *Pete's Dragon* (12:30 pm)





## 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  
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Phyllis Robinson  
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Joyce Eng  
Lan Ying Yee  
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Henry F. Wong  
Matthew Mantia  
Phyllis Centofanti  
Susan Zibricky  
Barbara Metzinger  
Mina Preysler Munoz

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

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### "The Kingdom of GOD"

As of last Friday, the Inauguration of President Trump, we are dealing with a different way of defining our lives as United States citizens. We are also being challenged with what is truth, what is reality. As Catholics we have a solid though radical idea of how to live our lives. It is presented in the Gospel today.

In the beatitudes, Jesus is defining and lifting up for us a path to the Kingdom of God. How are we to live if we want to be followers of Jesus? What are we to do if we want to be in the Kingdom of God? Jesus calls us "Blessed" if we live the principles He is holding up to us. What does Blessed mean? It can be mean Holy. It can also be looked at as "Happy." Most people in the time of Jesus and today, would not consider the statements to be descriptions of being happy or holy or honored. "Blessed are those who mourn, blessed are those who are persecuted.

Are those who suffer persecution, blessed? Are those who are merciful blessed? Are all the starting statements Jesus used to describe actions or ways of looking at roads to the "Kingdom of God" happy experiences? Yet in each of these statements is a powerful way of finding happiness and of finding the joy of the Kingdom of God.

I will share three of these beatitudes but all of them together give us a clear path to being true followers of Jesus and members of the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus calls those who are merciful blessed. To show mercy is to be a forgiving person. It is to be compassionate and open to giving someone another chance. It is not always how everyday people look at life. Jesus calls those "Blessed" who are peace makers. Peacemakers are those people who can see both sides of a situation and try to bring two opposing groups together. They gently try to convince or show how both sides could come together. They are good at the both, and ideas. They persevere despite the difficulty. They carry a peaceful spirit into the situation and reach out in that spirit. Jesus says, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness." We know there are people in our world who are standing up for the right things, who are being faithful to the teaching of Jesus, who are living a life of witness and suffer greatly because of this. They are not usually people we think of as happy but rather we see them as suffering and we do not think of suffering as a joy filled thing. Yet these are the ones who will be in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Beatitudes are a life path for the followers of Jesus. Theirs is the Kingdom of God.

~Sister Caritas



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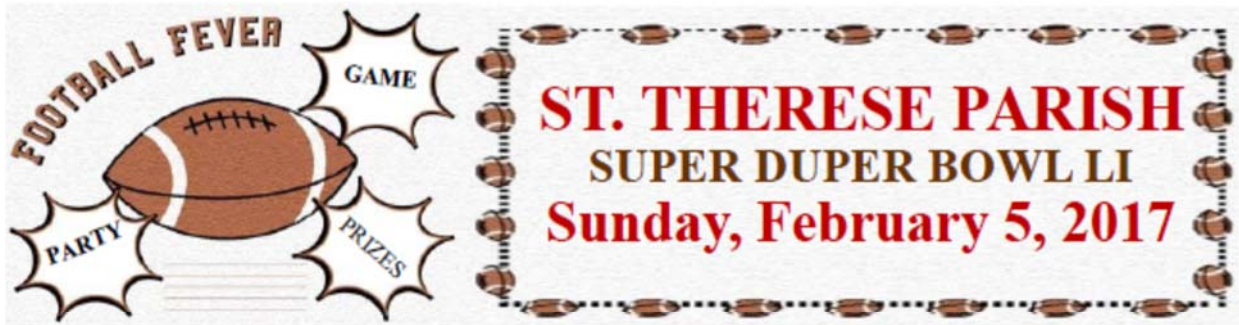
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