Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 16, 2017

#### St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church and School Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate 聖德力華人天主教堂

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#### Mass Schedule 彌撒時間

English Mass 英語**彌撒** Daily Mass 平日弥撒:

Monday - Saturday at 8:00am 每 日 上午八時

#### Sunday Mass 主日弥撒:

**Saturday:** 5:00pm 星期六 下午五時正 **Sunday:** 8:00am & 10:30am (Except 1st Sunday of the Month) 主日上午8:00 & 10:30 (首主日除外)

#### Cantonese 粵 語:

1st Sunday of each month at 10:30am 每月第一主日 上午十時三十分

#### Indonesian 印尼 語:

2nd Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon 每月第二主日 中午十二時

#### Mandarin 國 語:

4th Sunday of each month at 12:00noon 每月第四 主日 中午十二時

#### St. Therese Chinese Catholic School 聖德力華人天主教學校

A 2010-2011 National Blue Ribbon School

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#### 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**

April 16, 2017	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:00 A.M. + + +	All Deceased Family Members of Marion Roti
10:30 A.M. + + + + + + + + + +	<ul> <li>Michael Ng by June Moy</li> <li>Jenping J. Chan by Family</li> <li>Diane Marie Chan by Family</li> <li>Benny &amp; Mabel Chan by Darlene Chan-Lowe</li> <li>Mac &amp; Steven Lowe by Chris &amp; Darlene</li> </ul>
MON. April 17th	Easter Monday
8:00 A.M. + +	·
TUE. April 18th	Easter Tuesday
8:00 A.M.	
WED. April 19th	Easter Wednesday
8:00 A.M. +	For Deceased Family Members by Briglio Family
<i>THU. April 20th</i> 8:00 A.M.	Easter Thursday
FRI. April 21st	Easter Friday
8:00 A.M. +	Boon Man Lee and Victor Lee by Rose Lee & Family
<i>SAT. April 22nd</i> 8:00 A.M.	Easter Saturday
<b>5:00 P.M.</b> +	For Family & Friends of St. Therese Parish 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.

#### Thanks

We had a beautiful Palm Sunday weekend. Thank God for the warm weather, which enabled us to have a meaningful procession at the 10:30am Mass. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders did an awesome job with the Living Stations on Palm Sunday. They helped us to relive Jesus' Passion through praying and visualizing the suffering Jesus endured for us on His way to the cross. I hope that these are unforgettable experiences for our students who participated in the Living Stations. We thank them and all those who rehearsed with them.



#### Easter

Today we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and we accompany the disciples to witness the empty tomb. The mystery of Jesus' resurrection is not a matter of science, but faith. We believe that Jesus is alive. As St. Paul reminds us, our faith in resurrection is the foundation of our discipleship. We believe in the truth of the story of Jesus' resurrection.

The Easter Gospels affirm us that Jesus was risen and the disciples encountered the risen Lord. We hear from the witnesses of the first followers of Jesus. Their testimonies gave new life to the early Church and continue to give life to us today.

Through our baptism, we become participants of the living story of the Lord's paschal mystery, to which we are now witnesses. Our brothers and sisters who are newly baptized on Easter Vigil now join us as part of the Body of Christ and witnesses of the truth of Jesus' Resurrection. They are commissioned to live a new way of life.

So the resurrection of the Lord is not only about a promise for our future life, but an affirmation that the new life Jesus has promised has already begun. Let's strive to live as Easter people, always witnessing and full of hope.

Wish you and your loved-ones a joyful and peaceful Easter!

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

#### St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church 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.

**Hospitality Schedule for April 23, 2017:** GREETERS: Jennifer Sin, Gemma Wong, Florence Yu

**RECEPTION:** Jean, Pat, Steve

## <u>Today's Liturgy – April 16, 2017</u>

#### <u>Readings</u>: GATHER 1065 - Easter Sunday Gather Hymnal

PROCESSIONAL: #540 – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today OFFERTORY: #520 – This is the Feast of Victory COMMUNION: 1. #527 – I Know That My Redeemer Lives! 2. Panis Angelicus (Heavenly Bread) *Meditation Song:* Alleluia Canon RECESSIONAL: #524 – Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

## News and Events

#### Divine Mercy Sunday: April 23rd, 2017

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at the 10:30am mass.



#### Congratulations and Welcome

into our church the following RCIA candidates who were Baptized, Confirmed, and received the Holy Eucharist at Easter Vigil: **Irene Catherine** 

Lee, Bryan Nicholas Lowe, Peggy Mary Lowe, Xueying Barbara Mou, Cici Cecilia Qi, Anthony Tong, Xiao Mei Irene Zhang, Zhi Qin Anne Zhong ...and to Brandon Christopher Lowe son of Bryan & Peggy Lowe, who was baptized. Please keep ALL of them in your prayers!

The **Prayer/Faith Sharing Group** will meet on Friday, April 21st at 7pm in the designated PREP room. Come pray with scripture and draw closer to Jesus. All are welcome--please join us!



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

Robert, Margaret, Gregory, Dallas, Rosalia, Jerome, Beatrice, Alice, Nathan, Tina, Jerry, Pearl, James, Helena, Eduarda, Helena, JoSolemn Vespers for the Octave of Easter



Saturday, April 22nd at 5:15 pm with Schola Laudis, conducted by Kevin Allen at Monastery of the Holy Cross, Benedictine Monks of Chi-

cago, 3111 S. Aberdeen, Chicago: www.chicagomonk.org

An Easter Prayer

At first Mary dídn't sense your presence, dídn't know it was you there in the Garden. When she realized, her heart was filled with joy.

> How often you are near to us and we don't realize! For you are never far From any of us.

Lord, help us to be aware you are close to us, so that your presence can bríng us joy, a joy That makes our heart síng.

Alleluía!

se, Tracy, Jerome, Carolyn



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Easter Sunday 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Lord,

This year's Easter gospel comes to us from Saint Matthew. He describes Easter morning. Women go to the tomb at dawn on the first day of the week. An angel appears and speaks to them: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples."

In these words, we find the essential Easter message directed to each one of us today in our uncertain world and amid the painful burdens we carry: **do not be afraid**, **come and see**, **go and tell**.

Easter eases our fear when we come to know God's triumph in the resurrection of Jesus. Easter invites us to come and see with fresh eyes what God has done in conquering sin and death. Easter summons us to go and share our faith and hope with others.

When we hear this message and recognize Jesus Christ as the Risen Lord of life, how can we not praise and thank God? How can we not walk together with new confidence and hope? In a time when violence and death-dealing forces seem rampant in the world and even in our own neighborhoods, we truly need new confidence and hope. And when we listen to the Lord, as we have been trying to do in the Archdiocese of Chicago, to seek directions for the renewal of our local Church, we surely need new confidence and hope.

Pray with me that we may all truly hear the words—do not be afraid, come and see, go and tell—and so draw new life from them for our loved ones, our world, our city and metropolitan area, our Church, and our very selves.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Cardinal Blase J. Cupich Archbishop of Chicago

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Collection for April 9, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,782				
GiveCentral	215	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$82,,097.02	2		
Sunday Loose	\$ 350	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$82,000			
Total Collection	\$2,347				
Weekly Budget:	\$2,000	% of Budget Attained: 100%	6		
Please consider giving one hour of your weekly salary as your contribution.					

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

Collection at Indonesian Mass on 04/09/17: \$75 Thank YOU!



## Celebrate Earth Day with WALL-E & EVE

Watch WALL-E & EVE save the Earth in the year 2805 and learn how to treat St. Therese Church and the planet better!

April 22 after the 5pm Mass | April 23 after the 10:30am Mass St. Therese Church Community Room All kids, adults, and robots are welcome!

# Young Adult Mass & Game Night

Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, see Deacon Daniel or visit us at https://www.facebook.com/groups/StThereseYAM/

Feeling a little rusty on your catechesis? Brush up on what it means to be a Catholic in an hour on a handful of Sundays with St. Therese Church's Faith Formation Series!	<sup>201</sup> Catholicism 101 Connecting minds, hearts and spirits with our Catholic Tradition!	
March 19	Liturgy - Why do we have to go to Mass?	
April 30	Sacraments - Why do we need them? Shared by Sr. Caritas St. Therese Church Community Room 11:45 a.m.	
May 21	The Bible - Everything in the Bible is true and some of it actually happened!	
June 11	Moral Life - How do I love God?	
September 17	Social Justice - How do I love my neighbor?	
October 15	Creed - What do we truly believe?	
November 19	The Liturgical Year - Why did we change colors and what page are we on in the new book??	



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

#### "EASTER 2017"

As we come to Church today we see blooming trees. Daffodils are in full bloom with their brilliant yellow color. Other spring flowers are open and tulips are about to show their reds, yellow and white colors. Everything which has been waiting for this season, is starting to come to life. The special green of the grass at this time is unlike the color any other time of year. Everywhere we have signs of new life, renewed life. Saturday evening fifteen of our members participated in the Mass receiving the fullness of the Sacraments of Initiation. Truly our Church is filled with new life. We still have children receiving their Frist Communion and young people receiving Confirmation.

Today we celebrate Easter. It was first experienced by the Apostles, disciples, and the women, over two thousand years ago. Our Gospel stories about Easter are filled with rolled back stone, angels, sleeping guards, burial cloths lying in different places, and Jesus is not in the tomb. He appears to Mary Magdalen, to the eleven apostles, and others, such as the two men on the way to Emmaus. He comes into locked rooms, meets Mary in the burial garden, when Peter and the others go fishing. No doubt not all the stories are recorded.

What does it all mean? As He said He would, Jesus came back to life. He is Alive. He has overcome death and will never die again. His body has the marks of the nails and the wound in His side. His body is different, no longer limited by time and space. Human limitations are gone. Eventually Jesus goes back to God the Father, body, soul, and divinity.

What is our relationship to this mystery? For one thing we share, through the grace of Baptism, in Jesus fullness of life. The Jesus we receive in Holy Communion is the Risen Jesus, completely alive... In this mystery of the Eucharist we are one with Him and with each other. Because of His death and resurrection we will have everlasting life like Jesus. We will be able to attain heaven through Jesus. We share in His joy. Alleluia! We rejoice with the angels, saints and all in heaven. Alleluia! We celebrate with the entire Church and Christians all over the world, who believe in the mystery of Jesus death and resurrection. Most

of all we rejoice in this mystery of love. Jesus will always be with us. Alleluia!





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#### **Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday or The Feast of Mercy**

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary.

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day



all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary 699)

Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (Diary 742)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Liturgically the Easter Octave has always been centered on the theme of Divine Mercy and forgiveness. Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made present for us in the Eucharist. In this way, it also sums up the whole Easter Octave. As Pope John Paul II pointed out in his Regina Caeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995: "the whole octave of Easter is like a single day," and the Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of "thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the whole Easter mystery."

Source: usccb.org and thedivinemercy.org