

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 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 & 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

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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9:00 A.M. For Family & Friends of St. Therese Parish
+ Young D. Chin by Danny, Michelle & Family
+ Woodie Lee by Marion Roti
+ Joyce Eng by Chris & Darlene Lowe
+ Menacita (Mary) Chan by Jing Zhang

10:30 A.M. **St. Rocco Feast Day Mass**

MON. Aug. 14th *Saint Maximillian Kobe, Priest, Martyr*

8:00 A.M. + Ceil Scuito by Jing Zhang
+ Menacita (Mary) Chan by Hubert, Kathleen & Family

TUE. Aug. 15th *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 A.M. + Ceil Scuito by Rizza Family
+ Mary Chan by Monica Lam
+ All Deceased Family Members of Marion Roti

7:00 P.M.

WED. Aug. 16th *Saint Stephen of Hungary*

8:00 A.M. + Mary Chan by Rose Lee
+ For Poor & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

THU. Aug. 17th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Ceil Scuito by Caruso Family
+ Mary Chan by Mary Chan
+ Vince Briglio by Wife & Family

FRI. Aug. 18th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Ceil Scuito by Lopez Family
+ Mary Chan by Annie Lowe

SAT. Aug. 19th *Saint John Eudes, Priest*

8:00 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Matthew So by So Family
+ Menacita (Mary) Chan by Akina Moy
+ Fortunato Bertucci by Family



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

St. Therese Mission and Apostolate

Many years ago, when the Chinese community was growing in the present area, the Archdiocese of Chicago made the decision to establish St. Therese Parish as a Mission Church for the Chinese Community. At present we are a multicultural parish with people from many Eastern countries as well as many U.S. cultural varieties. All are welcome to St. Therese! St. Therese has been given a special Mission. In St. Mathew Gospel 28: 19-20, Mission is defined as "to preach the Gospel, baptize, and teach the people; to observe all the commands I gave you."

Each of us who have been baptized are called to fulfill the Mission. We are called to preach. Sometimes we can preach by words. We can share what we believe. We can discuss what is precious to us in our faith. We can also preach by the way we live our lives. If we act kindly, with reverence and care toward others, we are acting like Jesus. We are living our lives in the footsteps of Jesus. We are living out our baptism. We are also called to bring people to baptism. We can invite friends to come and celebrate with us, or come to events we are having. When people are with us who are new or visiting, we can be sure we make them feel welcome by including them in our groups and making them feel welcome. We can invite them back. When they are discussing what they believe and what we believe, we can teach them what the Church really teaches. Most of all we can teach and share with people who Jesus is, and what Jesus wants us to do as we live our lives. All of us who are members of St. Therese, no matter what our culture, have the call through our baptism to embrace the Mission of St. Therese. We are called to reach out to the increasing numbers of people from China and the region.

One of our special models of an "Apostolate" is *Saint Rocco*. Rocco was born in 1340 in Montpellier, France. He had a birth mark on his side in the form of a cross. After a while his parents died and Rocco lived with his uncle. He had great devotion to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary... He gave away his wealth to the poor and took the vow of poverty. He dressed in Pilgrim clothing and traveled toward Rome. At that time the plague was rampant in Italy. As Rocco traveled, he cured many through his prayers and the sign of the cross. Eventually Rocco contracted the plague which left an open wound in his leg. He went to live in a cave and each day a dog would bring him bread. A Lord in a nearby castle followed his dog to see where he went. He found the sick Rocco. He took him back to their castle and helped him to be cured. Rocco resumed his pilgrim travels. He eventually returned to Montpellier, France, his home town. Because of his illness the town's people did not



recognize him. He was put in prison. August 16, 1376, St. Rocco died and they found the birth mark on his side. His arrival in heaven was confirmed by a heavenly voice. His feast is August 16th. He is buried in a glass box in Venice, Italy. He is the saint one prays to, to be free from contagious diseases and the plague. His statue is identified by his wounded leg and the statue of a friendly dog... What will you do in your everyday life to follow the example and apostolate of Saint Rocco?

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GREETERS: Rose Marie, Irene, and Marian
RECEPTION: Lisa, Lushia

Today's Liturgy – August 13, 2017

Readings: GATHER 1146 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time/A
GATHER HYMNAL

PROCESSIONAL: #919 – I Come with Joy
OFFERTORY: #695 – You Are Near
COMMUNION: #943 – Bread of Life from Heaven
RECESSIONAL: #680 – We Walk by Faith

News and Events

Our **Annual St. Rocco Feast** is today at 10:30am. All are welcome to join in the festivities!

Mass Schedule for Sept. 9th and 10th:

Our Annual SMI celebration will be on Sunday, Sept. 10th at 11:00am, and on that Sunday our regular 8:00am and 10:30am mass will be combined to a **9:00am Mass**. Please mark your calendar and attend **either the 5:00pm mass on Sept. 9th or the 9:00am or 11:00am masses on Sept. 10th.**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Tuesday, August 15th. It is a Holy day of obligation. Masses are at 8am and 7pm.

SAVE THE DATE: 9/23/17 **ST. THERESE PARISH** **LEADERSHIP RETREAT**

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017 from 9:30AM -3:30PM at the Cenacle Retreat Center, 513 W. Fullerton Pkwy, Chicago.

Facilitator: Tom McGuire
OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS
Stay tuned for more details...

The St. Therese Parish **Religious Education Program**



is looking for Catechists and Assistant Catechists. You provide the enthusiasm and we'll provide the training.

Classes begin on September 17, 2017



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

Lucille, Ollie, Patricia, Paul, Alexander, Walter, Joyce, Juanita, Clarence, Jesus, Cynthia, Fred, Donna, Danielle, Jimmy, Linda

St. Jerome Croatian Parish

Celebrates the 111th "VELIKA GOSPA" - the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are invited, beginning with a nine day novena on Sunday, Aug. 6th-Monday, Aug. 14th. On Tuesday, Aug. 15th, at 10am—procession through the neighborhood ending at church to celebrate a solemn high mass at noon. Throughout the day there will be many traditional Croatian dishes, beverages, music, games & much more! ALL ARE WELCOME to Honor the Blessed Mother! 2823 S. Princeton, Chicago, IL.

Sunday 5pm Vigil Mass

Our 5pm Vigil Mass resumes on Saturday, Sept. 2nd.

Free Community Health Fair – Aug. 19

Catholic Charities is hosting a free community health fair on Saturday, August 19, at St. Francis of Rome School, 1401 S. Austin Blvd. in Cicero. The health fair offers free medical screenings and physical exams for adults and children, as well as free back to school physicals for children. Registration for all participants: 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at each location. All health fairs run from 9 a.m. to noon. There is no co-payment and identification is not required to receive services. All of the screenings are done by medical professional volunteers, many of whom are bilingual. For more information, call (312) 655-7441.

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Parish Religious Education Program

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 17, 2017
for children in Grades one to eight.
Registration forms are located at the entrance of the church.

For more information contact
Chris Delfin at ChrisDelfin@gmail.com
or call the rectory at 312-842-6777.

Fruits from the RCIA TEAM at St. Therese



RCIA: A PARISH RESPONSIBILITY

The content of the RCIA articles this summer has highlighted best practices for ongoing recruitment of RCIA candidates here at St. Therese Parish.

The fact that we are a mission parish and that we are blessed with call to carry out the ministry to the Asian Apostolate to Chinatown and beyond beckons each of us to consider what active role we can take for the benefit of the RCIA program here at St. Therese.

I realize that not everyone is comfortable approaching others with inquiries about the RCIA. There are other important ways, nevertheless, which St. Therese parish members can help promote the RCIA besides directly contacting individuals.

The next three Sundays this space will be dedicated to addressing such indirect ways those with more shy temperaments can assist the growth of the St. Therese RCIA program.

While the indirect ways of supporting the RCIA are shared in the coming weeks, it will be critical to remember that we “are the Body of Christ.”

Yes, it takes the whole body to be faithful to adult faith formation at our parish. While Rose, Perry and Joyce ‘head’ our RCIA program, each of us has an important role to play, albeit much smaller. Just as the foot provides support and balance for the upper body, so too can parish members solidify the foundation of our RCIA efforts in the coming months.

God Bless! ~ *Thomas M. Howard*

Catholic Charities Addiction Counseling and Education Program

Are you, a family member, or friend struggling with a drug or alcohol problem and interested in finding out about treatment? Catholic Charities Addiction Counseling and Education (ACES) program offers outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment for adults and teens (ages 12 and up) in Marquette Park (near 67th and Western) and in River North with highly trained, caring and compassionate counselors. We also offer anger management classes that meet court requirements and a smoking cessation group. Funding is available for individuals and families who are uninsured. Services available in English and Spanish. To schedule an intake assessment, please call our intake line at (312) 655-7725.



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

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Rosetta Roti
Katherine Culen
Amelia Lorraine Schroeder
Karl Schroeder
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Jerry Ecklund
Vincent Thome
Barbara McElroy
Ramona Zavala
Michael Howley
Baby Jessa Piotrowski
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Phyllis Robinson
Bai Xue
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Mark Donato
James Rak
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.

"WALKING IN FAITH"

Almost every day we can face situations that demand that we face our fears. If you are first time parents you may wonder if you will know what to do. Going to a new grade, a new school, or a new job can bring feelings of fear and anxiety. The other day, driving in the blinding rain storm, made me pull over a little fearful.

In the Gospel today, Jesus walks on water towards the disciples while they were in the boat in the middle of a wind storm. They see Him coming walking on the water. They think He is a ghost. Jesus tells them, "Do not be afraid. It is I." Peter wants to walk on the water to Him. As long as Peter concentrates on Jesus, he is not afraid of the wind and waves. He becomes fearful and begins to drown. Jesus saves him and comments on their little faith.

In our daily lives, belief in the power and protection of Jesus, of God, is our help and refuge. Sometimes we look for God in big things. We look for flash and splash. In the First Reading, God comes in the small whispering breeze. We need to use our faith. We need to listen to our hearts and know that with living our faith we will have the courage to do things we would never think we could. God is with us. We just have to believe and walk with Jesus.

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