Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2017

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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

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

August 20, 2017 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M.

+ Young D. Chin by Jon & Cheryl Chan

+ David Jarzyna by wife Cookie

+ Vincent Scopacasa, 1st Anniversary by Family

+ Jimmy Annoreno by Cookie Jarzyna

10:30 A.M. For Family & Friends of St. Therese Parish

+ Joyce Eng by Helen Moy

+ Woodie Lee by Jing

+ Mary Chan by Chris & Darlene Lowe

+ Charles Lo by Bernie

MON. Aug. 21st Saint Pius X, Pope

8:00 A.M. + Ceil Scuito by Scuito Family

+ Menacita (Mary) Chan by Kenny Moy

TUE. Aug. 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 A.M. + Menacita (Mary) Chan by Akina Moy & Family

WED. Aug. 23rd Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:00 A.M. + Vince Briglio by Mike & Camille Krisitech

+ Menacita (Mary) Chan by Akina Moy

+ Deceased Family & Friends of Domnic Barbaro

THU. Aug. 24th

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00 A.M + James J. Frale by Frale Family

+ Mary Chan by Judy Moy

FRI. Aug. 25th Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:00 A.M. + Pasquale Salerno "Birthday Remembrance" by Family

+ Birthday Remembrance for Kok Gee Young by Jean, Bob & Monica

SAT. Aug. 26th

Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Menacita (Mary) Chan by Akina Moy

+ Deceased Friends & Relatives by Dominic Barbaro

+ Young D. Chin by Henry Ma



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

St. Therese Chinese Apostolate

St Therese is a parish with a very special Apostolate. We have been given the Apostolate to the Chinese Community. An apostate is ministry done by an apostle. St. Paul had a special Apostolate to the Gentiles, those people who were non-Jews. We have been a parish here in Chinatown for a number of years. We are a place where all people can feel welcome but we extend a special welcome to the people around us, namely the Chinese neighbors. Over the years the geographic dimension of the Chinese population has grown to the North and to the South. Recently it has extended into Bridgeport and areas to the West. As the community extends we need to respond to our *Apostolic Call* to reach out into these areas.

Where do we begin? We must look into ourselves and find the gift of zeal and passion for our faith. These gifts, encouraged by the Holy Spirit, which are the basis for our ability to reach out. Is the faith we share, something we want to give and share with our family, friends, and neighbors? Often it is not easy to do this but a gentle invitation to come to Church with you, an invitation to our events such as our upcoming "Walkathon", our "Pilgrimage", our celebration of St. Therese Day, Our Back to School Bash, are ways that people can meet our community of care for others. These are simple ways, often non-threatening ways, to come in touch with our Catholic Community, Catholic witness.

We as a community have to continue to be a warm and welcoming place. Take a bulletin to a neighbor or friend. Invite someone with a flyer. Sometimes all we have to do is be aware of each situation, each moment of our life and opportunities present themselves. We have to be aware and ready. God will use us and God will touch others through us if we are willing to let God use us. All of us can do this. It's up to each of us. Pray for each other that we may be the way God reaches the people of our community.

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.

ST THERESE PARISH THANKS GRAND PALACE FOR THEIR SUPPORT WITH THIS YEAR'S CHINATOWN SUMMER FAIR!



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Hospitality Schedule for August 27, 2017:

GREETERS: Agnes, Kim, Flo RECEPTION: Elisa, Kathryn, Renee, Rita

<u>Today's Liturgy – August 20, 2017</u>

Readings: GATHER 1149 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time/A
GATHER HYMNAL

PROCESSIONAL: #850 - All Are Welcome OFFERTORY: #936 - Gather in Your Name

COMMUNION: #943 - Bread of Life from Heaven

RECESSIONAL: #644 - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

News and Events

SECOND COLLECTION—Next Weekend



Next week, parishes throughout the archdiocese will participate in a national collection to complete the final major project, the **Trinity Dome**, on the Basilica of the National Shrine of the

Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC before its 100th anniversary in 2020. Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine is the largest church in the United States and is a beacon of our faith to the nearly 1 million who visit it each year and to the millions more who visit and work in our nation's capital.

More information on this project can be found at trinitydome.org and/or nationalshrine.org.

Thank you in advance for your support of this initiative through the second collection next week.



Please pray for all patients at Mercy Hospital

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...

Sunday 5pm Vigil Mass

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

VIRTUS TRAINING

There will be a Virtus Training session on Thursday, Sept. 14th at 5pm at St. Therese School. Anyone who would like to be trained please register at: VIRTUS.ORG Mr. Tom Howard will be the facilitator.



HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS?

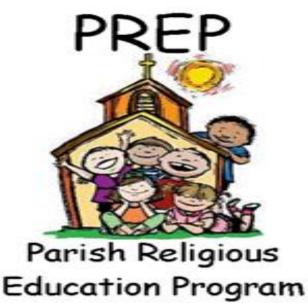
If not, there is still time to register.

The Annual **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017 at 2:45 PM at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

Please register online at: pvm.archchicago.org

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Classes will begin on Sunday, September 17, 2017 for children in Grades one to eight.

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

Registration forms are located at the entrance of the church.



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

From Styrofoam to Paper



Other things we can do to stop the use of styrofoam in the world is to use reusable and washable or biodegradable products when we have parties at home or guests visiting us and even for our daily cup of coffee or tea that we enjoy at home or on-the-go! When we visit a café to get our coffee, we can bring our own thermos and ask the barista to put our coffee in it. We can encourage our child's school or our workplace to use reusable or biodegradable products and we can ask restaurants to use paper or foil containers to put our take-out orders in or our leftovers in when we dine out.

"When shopping for groceries, select items that are unwrapped or wrapped in non-polystyrene materials."[1]

When researching alternatives to styrofoam products in the grocery stores, we came across many other options besides paper products. We saw plates and bowls made from sugarcane/bagasse, wheat straw, corn, bamboo, and foil. There were 100% post-consumer waste recycled paper products and corn-based plastics. Of course, there were also reusable and washable products. There are an increasing number of alternatives nowadays and we will consider all options as we choose products in the future that are better for the environment and our health.

We need the cooperation of all parishioners in order for this switch to be successful. Let's be motivated to make this change!

Works Cited:

1. Lucas, Alesia. "Styrene and Styrofoam 101." *Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families*. 26 May 2014. *SaferChemicals.org* Web. 30 June 2017.

Weekly Offering: Collection for August 13, 2017			
Sunday Envelopes GiveCentral Sunday Loose Total Collection	\$ 1,176 190 \$ 168 \$1,534	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$13,035 July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$15,400	
Weekly Budget:	\$2,200	% of Budget Attained: 85%	

Please consider giving one hour of your weekly salary as your contribution.

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

Collection at the St. Rocco Feast Day Mass on 8/13/17: \$5,611. Thank YOU!

Fruits from the RCIA TEAM at St. Therese



GROWING THE RCIA THROUGH PRAYER AT ST. THERESE

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the mystery of faith becomes real when prayer is believed, celebrated and lived. "This mystery, then, requires that the faithful believe in it, that they celebrate it and that they live from it in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. This relationship is prayer." CCC 2558

What are some practical ways prayers can assist growing RCIA here at St. Therese?

- During the Sunday Liturgy, consider offering up specific needs for the RCIA program. For
 example, offer prayers for increased efforts in the Chinese Apostolate, for the youth ministry
 team, for ongoing evangelization efforts, or simply for any healing which is needed in broken
 families. All of these prayers make a difference.
- During holy hour, offer up prayers for the conversion of souls in Chinatown.
- Before mealtime, offer prayers for the unbaptized.

Each of you, I hope, are actively growing your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The RCIA program here at St. Therese DEPENDS upon your prayers. Thank you in advance for your prayers.

God Bless! ~ Thomas M. Howard

St. Rocco Feast Day—August 13, 2017







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

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Soledad Magay **Dorothy Pascente** Joey Nardi 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.

"Calls and Gifts from God"

In our everyday lives we receive gifts and sometimes we are asked to do a certain job or role. Some of the jobs or roles are not permanent but come to an end shortly. Some of the gifts may not last or are taken back.

With God, St. Paul tells us, "The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." From our Baptism until now, we have received the call of God to be His daughters and sons. We are the Children of God. We are called by God to live in God's love. We are called to be lovers and followers of Jesus. Jesus' great love for us, enabled Jesus to die for us to save us. God's call is not a one time, short time thing. God never takes back the call given to each of us. We are called by God to live lives of deep faith and deep trust. We fulfill this call by walking in the footsteps of Jesus. God's call to us never comes to an end. God never says to us, "I do not want you anymore." God's faithfulness to us lasts forever.

In His generous love, God gives us many gifts. If God gives us the gift of being kind, God never takes the gift away. We may not use the gift or we may decide to do the opposite. God's gift is still there. We need only to return to the gift and it will be there in our lives. God never takes away a gift that He gives us. He may give us a special gift of praying or helping the sick or working with children, or being a good leader. We may have to develop the gift or learn better how to use the gift, but the gift is always there.

We need to always remember that God's love is always in our lives no matter what we experience or feel. We need to remember that God never walks away from us. It is us who may walk away from God. As St. Paul tells us, "For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."



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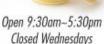
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