Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 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 27, 2017 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M.+ Menacita (Mary) Chan by Rosemarie & Phyllis Centofanti

+ Mabel Chan, Birthday Remembrance by Family

10:30 A.M.+ Diane Marie Chan by sister Darlene Chan-Lowe

+ Mary Chan by Chris & Darlene Lowe

+ Young D. Chin by Doreen & Joe Eng

+ Joyce Eng by Lonnie & Phil Lee

Hong Fai by Regina Cheong

12:00 P.M. Mandarin Mass

MON. Aug. 28th Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 A.M. + Mary Chan by Lucy Wong

TUE. Aug. 29th The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 A.M. + Young D. Chin by June Moy

WED. Aug. 30th Weekday

8:00 A.M. + For seeking Unknown Souls in Purgatory

THU. Aug. 31st Weekday

8:00 A.M

FRI. Sept. 1st Weekday

8:00 A.M. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

+ Bruno Roti, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion

SAT. Sept. 2nd Weekday

8:00 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Michael Fung by So Family

In Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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

+ In Loving Memory of Sarah Phillips by Family

+ Jimmy Annoreno by Marion Roti



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

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August 20, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers.

For nearly 100 years, construction has continued on the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. This "hymn in stone" has served as 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. Perhaps you have visited the Shrine yourself. Mary's Shrine, as it is often called, is the largest Roman Catholic Church in North America and is one of the ten largest churches in the world. Yet, 97 years after the laying of its foundation stone in 1920, it remains unfinished.

This year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked our help funding the completion of the Trinity Dome, the last remaining Shrine construction project. This "Crowning Jewel" will be adorned in mosaic and will depict the Most Holy Trinity, the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Immaculate Conception, and a procession of saints who have an association with America and the Basilica. More information on this project can be found at trinitydome.org and/or nationalshrine.org.

We have agreed to do our part in making this project a success by taking up a second collection next weekend. Our goal is to raise \$600,000 to honor the Blessed Mother by completing her Shrine and signifying to all who see it that our country and its people are grateful for her many graces. Thank you in advance for your active support of this initiative.

You and your families continue to be in my prayers, and I ask that you not forget to pray for me. With every good wish I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich Archbishop of Chicago

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Hospitality Schedule for September 3, 2017:

GREETERS: Alison Chan, Jean Ng, Joseph Lowe RECEPTION: Gemma, Flo, Teresa

<u>Today's Liturgy – August 27, 2017</u>

Readings: GATHER 1152 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/A GATHER HYMNAL

PROCESSIONAL: #615 – Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

OFFERTORY: #936 - Gather in Your Name

COMMUNION: #943 – Bread of Life from Heaven

RECESSIONAL: #571 – Christ Is the King!

News and Events

SECOND COLLECTION— TODAY!



It is to complete the final major project, the **Trinity Dome**, on the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (America's Church) in Washington, DC before its 100th anniversary in 2020.

Thank you for your support of this initiative.

Sunday 5pm Vigil Mass

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

First Friday HOLY HOUR Our monthly First Friday devotion will take place on Sept. 1st, at 7pm in Church. All are welcome!

St. James Food Pantry

Volunteers needed **Saturday**, **Sept. 9**, **2017**. We begin at 8:30am until about 11:00am. Please consider sharing your time and talents to serve others. Sign up at the church entrance table.

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.



Please pray for all patients at Mercy Hospital

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.



Married in 1967? 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

Suffering from the Loss of a Loved One?

Little Company of Mary Hospital, Evergreen Park, offers two support programs for those grieving the loss of a loved one through death.

For ADULTS: <u>Living: When a Loved One Has Died;</u> 6 Consecutive Wednesdays, beginning October 4, 2017, from 6-8:30pm.

For CHILDREN: The Heart Connection

8 Consecutive Mondays, beginning Sept. 25, 2017 from 6-7:30pm. Program is for children, ages 3-21 years old who have lost a loved one. Program includes dinner free of charge.

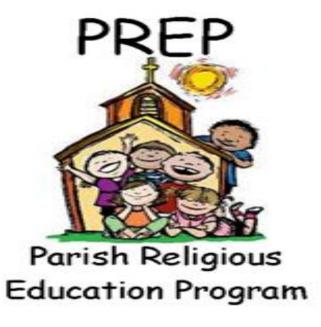
REGISTRATION is required. Please call Pastoral Care Department 708-229-4299, Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm.

ARCHBISHOP'S MASS in Cathedral to Focus on Domestic Violence

Archbishop Blasé J. Cupich will celebrate a Mass to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, Sept. 30th at 5:15pm in Holy Name Cathedral All are invited. He will preach on our need to reach out to victims of domestic violence and their children and work to build healthy relationships in our families. A reception in the parish hall will follow the Mass.

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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.



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



St. Therese Chinese Catholic Parish

Pastoral Parish Council & Ministry Heads Retreat 'DAY OF REFLECTION'

OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017 9:30AM TO 3:30PM CENACLE RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER 513 W. FULLERTON PARKWAY, CHICAGO, IL

FACILITATOR: TOM MCGUIRE

Tom McGuire, speaker and fellow missionary disciple, will guide us through a day of reflection, prayer, fellowship and integration.

Registration is required; please sign up at the church entrance table by Sept. 17th.



Weekly Offering:

Collection for August 20, 2017

Sunday Envelopes \$ 978
GiveCentral 190 July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$14,478
Sunday Loose \$ 275 July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$17,600
Total Collection \$1,443

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 82%

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

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

Fruits from the RCIA TEAM at St. Therese

GROWING THE RCIA THROUGH LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP



Last week prayer was offered as a practical way to grow the RCIA here at St. Therese. All your prayers for the RICA, its catechists and its growth, are greatly appreciated. Thank you for these prayers. They make a big difference.

This week we will focus in on the theme for Catechetical Sunday, which is, "Living as a Missionary Disciple." Here is what the United States Bishops share about Catechetical Sunday 2017:

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017. The 2017 theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Living as missionary disciples in the RCIA program entails lots of hard work, dedication, enthusiasm and prayer. We are very grateful to members of our team. Continue to pray for them as they more fully embrace their roles as missionary disciples as they witness their faith to our community.

Howard

2017-2018 RCIA Programs Are YOU interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Is God calling you to be part of the **Catholic Family?** OR, have you been baptized into the Catholic Church but have not received Confirmation and First Communion, and would now like to complete your initiation? If you've answered "YES" to any of these questions, please consider joining the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA in English, Cantonese & Mandarin) at St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church! **English Classes will start on** September 24! Interested candidates: please fill out this flyer and return it to an usher or contact the parish office at 312-842-6777. Name: Phone: 電郵: Email:

God Bless! ~ Thomas M. I
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Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, hospitalized, and homebound...

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

"KEYS TO THE KINGDOM" ~Sister Caritas

Do you remember the first time your parents gave you a key to your house? It was a sign that now you were old enough to be trusted with something important. Do you remember the first time you had a key to your own apartment or house? It was special. Keys are important and keeping track of them can be a challenge. We do not want "just anyone" to have those special keys. Many times with each added key comes more responsibility.

In the Gospel today, Peter is given the keys to the kingdom of heaven. He is told he is the rock, the foundation upon which Jesus will build the Church. He is given the power "to loose and to bind".

What was the "key" that brought about the bestowal of all this responsibility and gifts? Jesus had asked the disciples who they thought He was. Peter's response, filled with faith, was "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," moved Jesus to acknowledge that Peter's belief had been revealed to him by the Father. Peter's responsiveness to Jesus' Father was the key, along with the virtue of faith, which made Jesus reward him with the "keys to the kingdom of heaven." The fullness of this responsibility would be given to Peter after Easter. The promise is in this Gospel story.

Do you and I have the key or keys to eternal life with God? When we are baptized, we are given the gift of faith. This gift grows in us each time we receive the sacraments, each time we consciously ask for an increase of faith, each time we believe in God even when we do not understand. *Faith is* the gift and virtue which enables us to accept all that Jesus teaches though His Church. It is a supernatural gift which enables us to do this. Like all virtues, it can grow to become a greater and greater part of how we live our lives. First of all, though, it is a gift from God. We cannot earn it, buy it, or do anything to get it. It is a gift given to us by God. Why we are given this gift and some others do not have faith maybe because we were willing and open to receive it. We had parents who brought us to be baptized or we accepted the gift of baptism. We opened ourselves to all the many graces and gifts of God. In His great love and mercy God wanted us to have, this special "key" to the kingdom. Like other keys in our lives, we need to treasure it and be responsible for it. Like any living gift, we need to nurture and care for this gift and ask for more faith. God will give it to us. He gave us the mustard seed of faith. WE throughout our lives need to continue to use this gift. "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief."



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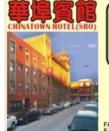
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