# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2017

# St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church and School Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate

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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

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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**

## September 17, 2017 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 A.M**. Loving Memory of Vince Briglio by Wife & Family

**10:30 A.M** + Mary Chan by Gertrude Chan

+ Kathy Lowe by Chris & Darlene Lowe+ Lucas Stoddard by Chris & Darlene Lowe

MON. Sept.18th

Weekday

8:00 A.M.

TUE. Sept. 19th

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 A.M.

WED. Sept 20th Saint Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions, Martyrs

**8:00 A.M.** + Forsaken and Unknown Souls in Purgatory

+ James Moy, Jr. by Lucy Moy & Family

THU. Sept. 21st Saint Matthew Apostle and Evangelist

**8:00 A.M.** Blessings for Margaret Chin

FRI. Sept. 22nd

Weekday

8:00 A.M.

SAT. Sept. 23rd

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 A.M.

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

Jimmy Annoreno by Family



## From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

#### **Congratulations and Thanks**

Congratulations to all St. Therese School scholarship winners: *Woodie Lee Scholarship Winner*---Ephraim Balogun, *Justice Liu Scholarship Winners*---Elisa Ruan, Bernice Mai, David Li, and Ray Li, *Harry W. & Mary L Tong Scholarship Winners*---Marco Au, Hazel Lee, and Jacob Yue, and *Principal's Scholarship Winner*--- Imani Griffin. They received these praiseworthy scholarships at our Opening School Mass on Tuesday Sept. 12. Our best wishes to all winners and our deep gratitude and constant prayers for all benefactors of the scholarships.



Thank God for a beautiful day for our annual SMI celebration! Thanks to all who helped and participated. The celebration and procession were reverently carried out in honor of the birthday of our

Heavenly Mother.



The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is "living as missionary disciples," a phrase rooted in the Scriptures and made popular by Pope Francis. As we bless and commission our catechists and teachers who are entrusted with a special mission to hand down our beliefs to our children, we not only show our support and gratitude to them, but also reflect on our own call to be missionary disciples through our baptism. As a community, our parish has been intentionally working on being missionary disciples in the last few years, particularly through our *Parish Transformation* process and *To Teach Who Christ Is* project. As our neighborhood continues to change, our mission to share the Good News with our brothers and sisters become more apparent and urgent. I invite you to pray and consciously make this the center of your discipleship.

As missionary disciples, when one part of the Body suffers, the other parts feel the hurt too. The national news of the hurricanes in Houston and Florida have saddened and shocked us all. The devastation left by these natural disasters will continue to be felt and endured by many in the next weeks and years. I thank you for your generous response to last weekend's special collections to help the hurricane relief work. If you still want to donate, you may donate online through Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago:

www.catholiccharities.nethurricane or www.catholiccharities.net/irma.



Please keep the people in Huston and Florida in your prayers. I came across the following prayer which you may find helpful.

#### A Prayer for Recovery After Disaster

God our Father, in the wake of disaster, visit our places of desolation with your consolation.

Bring strength to the weary and courage to those who feel overwhelmed.

We believe that you hold our concerns in your Fatherly care, and that you entrust us to one another as sisters and brothers.

Mobilize your people near and far to feed the hungry, shelter the displaced, and protect those in deepest poverty.

As we rebuild what is ruined, may we recover together as a stronger community. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

### Statement of Cardinal Cupich on the Rescission of DACA - September 5, 2017

Today President Trump ended the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and the dreams of nearly a million young people covered by the executive order and applying for inclusion. In the past the president stated that the Dreamer story "is about the heart," yet today's decision is nothing short of heartless. The Dreamers are now left in a 6 month limbo, during which Congress is supposed to pass comprehensive immigration reform, a feat they have been unable to achieve for a decade. In fact, this inability to agree on a just immigration system led President Obama to sign the executive order protecting minor children brought to

this country by their parents.

As the considerations of the "heart" seemed to be insufficient to keep protection in place, Congress must now act decisively and swiftly. An immediate first step is for our leaders to pass legislation that will protect those previously covered by the DACA program, while they deal with the long-overdue comprehensive reform of our immigration system. They must be guided by compassion and respect for human dignity, and honestly consider the substantial evidence that deporting these young Americans would do great economic harm to the states where they reside.

With the bishops in this country, we remain committed to upholding the dignity of all persons and the fundamental right of all to live free from fear in the nation founded on that promise.

Hospitality Schedule for September 24, 2017:

GREETERS: Agnes Lee, Gemma Wong, Flo Yu RECEPTION: Jean Ng, Pat, Steve

<u>Today's Liturgy – Sept. 17, 2017</u>

Readings: GATHER 1161- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year A
Catechetical Sunday - Family Mass

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

**COMMUNION: #943 - Bread of Life from Heaven** 

Meditation Song: (STS students) -This Little Light of Mine

**RECESSIONAL: #829 – Let There Be Peace on Earth** 

#### News and Events



BAPTISM Veronica Rose Mui, daughter of Ellen Sidorski–Mui & Jason Mui will be baptized today. Please keep Veronica Rose, and her family in your prayers.

#### ST. THERESE NOVENA - Sept. 22-30th

In preparation for the celebration of the Feast of Saint Therese, please take some time to pray the Novena (9 days of prayer) to our Patroness Saint Therese of the Little Flower from September 22nd-30th. We honor Saint Therese and continue to seek for her protection and intercessions. Prayer cards can be found at the small tables at the church entrance.

#### SECOND COLLECTION - Sept.23/24 Seminarian Education

There will be a 2nd Collection next weekend, Sept. 23/24th to support the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please be generous. For more info:

#### www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund

"How wonderful it is to be surprised by God's call, to embrace his word, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus... in generous service to our neighbors." ~Pope Francis



#### **Wedding Banns**

**Kevin Kelly** and **Lauren Bertucci** will be married on Sept. 30th. Please keep them in your prayers.



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital patients: Erma, Patricia, Stephen, Chris, Joseph, Rita, Robert, Roosevelt, Doris,

Juanita, Yosemite, Marianna, Sharon

# 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 welcome!

#### **CATHOLOCISM 101 UPDATE:**

Our Sept. 17th Session on 'Social Justice— How Do I Love my Neighbor' shared by James Erler, has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 29th from 11:45am-12:30pm. Please mark your calendars!

#### **SAVE the DATE:**

#### St. Therese Parish Pilgrimage - Oct. 14th

Our Annual pilgrimage will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Des Plaines from 9am -1pm. Please mark your calendars. All are welcome!

#### **ANNUAL WALK-A-THON - Sept. 30th**

Join our 7th Annual fundraising event by walking down by our city's beautiful lakefront! It's a day of fun & fellowship. If you cannot join in, please consider sponsoring a walker with a donation. Registration & Sponsor Forms can be found at the church entrance table.



#### BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Saturday, Sept. 30th.
St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), is the Patron Saint of animals. His feast is celebrated on October 4th. One of the

ways to celebrate this special day is to have your animals blessed. Even though we (at least our local community) now treat our animals as pets or companions, we still carry on this tradition.

Your pets and animals of all kinds are invited to gather at 218 W. Alexander, in the Mary Garden, on **Saturday, Sept. 30th at 9:00am** for the **Blessing Ceremony.** This is now a tradition held at St. Therese. We hope you and your pets will join us!



# St. Therese Chinese Catholic Parish Parish Pastoral Council & Ministry Heads Retreat

OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS

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

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CHAIRPERSON OF THE U.S. CATHOLIC CHINA BUREAU

#### **Retreat Theme:**

'Missionary Discipleship within the Chinese Apostolate'

Please join us for a day of prayer and reflection on how to grow the Chinese Apostolate at St. Therese.

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







# St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church Parish Religion Education Program

Classes begin today, Sept. 17th for Grades One to Eight. If you have not registered your child, please do so now. Registration forms are located at the church entrance table. For more info, please contact: Chris Delfin at ChrisDelfin@gmail.com

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

#### 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!

> ALL Classes will start on Sunday, September 24!

Interested Candidates: Please fill out this flyer and return it to an usher or contact the parish office at 312-842-6777.

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Email:		

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#### 广东话慕道班(9月24日開始)

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#### **Weekly Offering:**

Collection for Sept. 10, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,379		
GiveCentral	190	July 1-To-Present (Actual):	\$20,58
Sunday Loose	185	July 1-To -Present (Budget):	\$24,20
Total Collection	\$1.754	, , ,	

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 Santa Maria Incoronata Feast Mass on 9/10/17: \$3,984 Thank YOU! Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund Collection at SMI Mass: \$817

#### ST. THERESE WARMLY WELCOMES OUR NEW DEACON

**Deacon Francis Kalaw** is a fourth year theology seminarian from University of St. Mary

of the Lake (Mundelein Seminary) studying for the Diocese of San Jose in California. As part of his Teaching Parish Program, he will be serving his Deacon Year here at St. Therese. Born and raised in the Philippines, he has one elder brother and one younger sister, both of whom are nurses.

His journey to the priesthood started in 2004 when he joined the Archdiocese of Manila's Chinese Missionary Seminary as a college seminarian at the age of 16. After finishing his Bachelor's in Philosophy, he went on to work as a Religion teacher for Lourdes Catholic School in Manila for three years. While teaching, he also attended De La Salle University-

Manila working toward a Masters in Human Developmental Psychology. Following that year, in 2013, he joined St. Patrick's Seminary & University in Menlo Park, California as a first theology seminarian.

This Fall of 2017, his bishop, Bp. Patrick McGrath gave him this great opportunity to study in Mundelein Seminary for his final year. He is very grateful to the Lord for being assigned at St. Therese and looks forward to grow in faith and love from the parishioners, through the guidance of his mentor, Fr. Francis Li.

## **Support Catholic Charities Sister Agencies Impacted by Hurricane Irma**

Thank YOU all who responded generously to our last weekend's second collection for the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago's support to Hurricane Harvey. The Catholic Charities is now providing an option to donate to those impacted by Hurricane Irma. To donate online, visit <a href="www.catholiccharities.net/hurricane">www.catholiccharities.net/hurricane</a> or <a href="www.catholiccharities.net/irma">www.catholiccharities.net/irma</a>. In addition, checks can be mailed to: <a href="Catholic Charities">Catholic Charities</a>, <a href="721">721 N. LaSalle</a>, <a href="#4th Floor">4th Floor</a>, <a href="#4th Attr: Hurricane Irma Relief Fund</a>, <a href="#Chicago">Chicago</a>, <a href="IL 60654">IL 60654</a>. All funds raised from these efforts will be sent directly to Catholic Charities agencies in the impacted areas to assist in disaster response and recovery efforts. Catholic Charities agencies are assisting families and individuals with shelter, food, and other immediate and long-term recovery needs.

# St. Therese Altar Servers Outing

Appreciation Outing for our Altar Servers last Sunday, Sept. 10th.



Thank you Fr. Li for the pizza, and Ms. Cavallone for the Water Taxi tickets for this year's Altar Server Recognition. Also, thanks to Miranda Huang, Pat Culen, Steve Lee, Albert Moy, Marian Torrez, Kim Casey, Carol Huang, Tom Howard and Christine Chan for chaperoning & coordinating this special event.



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

Lois Payton Rosetta Roti Katherine Culen

Amelia Lorraine Schroeder

Karl Schroeder Phil Maraldi Jerry Ecklund Vincent Thome Barbara McElroy Ramona Zavala Michael Howley Baby Jessa Piotrowski

Rose Perez

John Palenik Luz Whitehead Jade Yee Anthony Scuito

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Rev. Anthony Adducci James Gemkow

Cita Orendain Joey L.

Lisa Rak Shane O'Connell Nathaniel Hicks

Sr. Barbara Walenty Nicholas Tobar Sister Noel Devine Ken Barber Kay Siani Ruth Barone Betsy Young Richard Tobar

John Galvin James Longo III David Leung Luke Williamson Richard Shew Brian Cook

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Cookie Jarzyna Benjamin N. Lucas

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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.

#### "SAY YOU'RE SORRY!" ~Sister Caritas

In most families there is a ritual of sorts that parents use to teach their children forgiveness of one another. My parents would bring my brother and I together and tell us, "Say you are sorry." This usually happened when we had a "fight" or disagreement with each other. We had to say we were sorry. Maybe even hug each other. Sometimes, at the time, one or other of us did not feel sorry but we did it anyway because there was no way out of it. Later we did not even remember what the "fight" was all about.

Perhaps the most profound and most difficult challenge of living the Catholic Christian life is to be a person who forgives. We have the example of the story in today's Gospel. We also have the example of Jesus. When He was nailed to the cross and in the process of dying, He said, "Father, forgive them they know not what they do." He forgave Peter for denying that he knew Jesus. Jesus forgave sinners in the process of working some of His miracles.

When people come to us and ask our forgiveness and say they are sorry, it can be easier to forgive. The more difficult situations are the times when people do not ask to be forgiven. Perhaps they do not know the words to say. Maybe they do not know they have done something to us that has hurt us or was gravely wrong. As Jesus said, "They know not what they do." Sometimes we want to carry the anger, the hurt, and the grudge with us and will not let it go. We are unfree until we forgive "from the heart." Sometimes it may seem impossible to forgive. Then we have to try to turn to God presenting our situation and begging for the grace of forgiveness. God will always give us the grace. Sometimes it will take some effort and time. We can forgive and God is with us gracing us with the ability to do so. God walks with us as we make the on-going effort. God always forgives us if we ask. We need to forgive others including forgiving ourselves.



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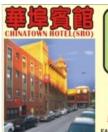
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