

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017

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7th Annual Fundraising Event

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 (SAT) 2017年9月30日
10am - 12noon

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Walk for St. Therese to support this unique
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Route: 31st Street Beach to Museum Park
(Roundtrip Approx 4 miles)

路線：31街沙灘至博物館公園（來回約4公里）



BLESSING OF PETS at 9:00 am
in our church garden.

Join us and bring your pet for a
walk on the lakefront!

9am: Animal Blessing at church

10am: Check-in at 31st St. Beach



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Mass Intentions

September 24, 2017 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 A.M. + James J. Frale by Frale Family
+ David Jarzyna by Wife Cookie
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Marion Roti

10:30 A.M. + Barry Yong by Mom June Moy
+ Menicita (Mary) Chan by John & Sheila Lin & Family
+ Lucas Stoddard by Chris & Darlene Lowe
+ Baula Yun by Lushia & Tim Tie

12:00 Noon **Mandarin Mass**

MON. Sept.25th

Weekday

8:00 A.M.

TUE. Sept. 26th

Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

8:00 A.M. + Fred Barbara, Jr. by Family

WED. Sept 27th

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 A.M. + Rose Marie & Howard Thome by Briglio Family

THU. Sept. 28th

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 A.M.

FRI. Sept. 29th

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

8:00 A.M.

SAT. Sept. 30th

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 A.M. + Deceased Friends & Relatives of Dominic Barbaro

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

+ Nancy Caruso by Caruso Family
+ Rose Nardi by Francine
+ Gar Gen Lee by Lee Family
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Parish Financial and Ministerial Report for the Fiscal Year ending 6/30/2017

First of all, I would like to thank all of our Finance Council members: Nick Andriacchi, George Lee, Lily May, Paul Lau, and Wendy Sin, for their expertise and commitment. We meet monthly to review and plan for our parish financial matters. Our accountant from the Archdiocese comes by-weekly to keep our books clean and orderly. We do our best to follow the best practices of the Archdiocese in terms of accountability and transparency.

Included in this bulletin are some highlights of the parish financial and ministerial report for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2017.

Highlights of 12-Month financial result:

- \$19,332 Net Ordinary Deficit for this period, due to higher staffing and administrative cost.
- Collection of \$30,486 for works of charity.
- Completion of the Accessibility Project with Elevator fully installed and operational.
- *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign was successful.

Highlights of this period's ministerial work:

- We welcomed 14 new families into our parish and had 13 children and 6 adults baptized during this period.
- Increasing emphasis was placed on Evangelization work:
 - RCIA program welcomed 10 candidates to learn Catholic faith.
 - Outreach and Community Service programs provided volunteer service at St. James Food Pantry, Sister House and Warren Barr Senior Home.
 - Caring for the sick was emphasized – e.g. Anointing of the Sick was celebrated at Mass on October 23, 2016.
- Educational and Spiritual formation programs were offered:
 - Formation sessions for parents
 - Catholicism 101 Sessions
 - Parish Pilgrimage to La Salette Shrines, Twin Lakes, Wisconsin on October 22, 2016.
 - Special presentation and discussion of *Laudato Si* ("On Care for our Common Home" written by Pope Francis) examining our stewardship and discipleship by Sr. Dawn Nothwehr on October 30, 2016.
 - Liturgical Ministers Gathering & Renewal led by Fr. Richard Fragomeni on Nov. 5, 2016.
 - Advent Retreat, a day of reflection and sharing, led by Fr. Ed Shea, on Dec. 17, 2016.
 - Lenten Retreat on March 26, 2017
 - Lenten Cantonese Recollection Days on April 1-2, 2017

Your financial sacrifice and support helped our parish become financially more viable. Your dedication and commitment enabled our parish to continue its work in evangelization. I truly appreciate all you do for our parish.

Looking forward, we will continue to intentionally work on Evangelization and Missionary Disciples. With your active participation, together, we can make our parish a truly welcoming and nourishing community of faith.

Thank YOU! May God bless you abundantly.

~Fr. Francis Li



PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT for the Fiscal Year ending 6/30/2017

ORDINARY OPERATING REVENUE:	12-Month Result ending 6/30/2017	12-Month Result ending 6/30/2016
Total Sunday, Holy Day, Christmas & Other Collections	\$163,173	\$159,825
FUND RASING NET INCOME	\$33,956	\$42,312
AUXILARY GROUPS (St. Rocco, SMI, Mandarin & Indonesian)	\$18,298	\$15,079
MISC INCOME	\$23,054	\$22,102
TOTAL ORDINARY OPERATING REVENUE	\$238,481	\$239,318
ORDINARY OPERATING EXPENSE:		
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$119,474	\$79,396
Total Utilities	\$15,764	\$14,216
Maintenance & Building Repairs	\$11,479	\$9,892
Total Archdiocesan Assessments	\$22,604	\$21,492
Administrative & Other Expenses	\$88,492	\$86,340
TOTAL ORDINARY OPERATING EXPENSES	\$257,813	\$211,336
NET OPERATING INCOME (DEFICIT)	(\$19,332)	\$27,982

Hospitality Schedule for October 1, 2017:

GREETERS: Alison Chan, Rose Lau, Steve Casey
RECEPTION: Feast of Saint Therese

Today's Liturgy – Sept. 24, 2017

Readings: GATHER 1164- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year A

PROCESSIONAL: #850 – All Are Welcome

OFFERTORY: #784 – We Have Been Told

COMMUNION: #936 - Gather in Your Name

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

News and Events

ST. THERESE NOVENA - Sept. 22-30th

In preparation for the celebration of the Feast of Saint Therese on Sunday, Oct. 1st at the 10:30am Mass, please take some time to pray the Novena (9 days of prayer) to our Patroness Saint Therese of the Little Flower from Sept. 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 - TODAY Seminar Education

The 2nd Collection TODAY will 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

First Friday HOLY HOUR

Our monthly First Friday devotion will take place on October 6th, at 7pm in Church. All are welcome!



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:** Alice, Tamara, Cornelia, Ericka, Caristine, Gilbert, Diane, Tamara, Sidney, Ellen, Katherine, Arlene, Delanie, Joseph, Francis, Romell, Lorene, Joe, Cheryl, Minnie, Henrietta, Lindsey, Jaysharee

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!

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!

Following the blessing of animals bring your pets on our **Annual Parish Walk-a-thon** 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 & more info can be found at the church entrance table.

St. Therese Youth Ministry Meeting

Saturday, October 7th from 5-7:30pm

Open to High School students & their younger siblings.

We begin with Mass at 5pm, then proceed to community room. Reconnect, refresh and make a difference in your community! Refreshments will be served!





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September 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Chicago through our second collection. By offering our financial support we provide these young men with the critical education and training they need to shepherd our parishes and administer the sacraments. Last year, more than \$978,000 was collected and I am thankful for your past and present support.

Pope Francis reminds us that, *"The Church and the world need mature and balanced priests, intrepid and generous Pastors, capable of closeness, of listening and mercy."* There are currently 54 seminarians preparing for a life of service as your future parish priests. Our seminarians' motivation and enthusiasm in their pursuit to answer God's call is inspiring. They are the future guides for the spiritual and intellectual formation of our Catholic communities and are well deserving of our prayers and financial support.

Contributions made to this collection alleviate monthly expenses such as tuition and fees (\$1,672), room and board (\$638), and health insurance (\$171) for each seminarian and will be used solely for the formation of new priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago. You may utilize the remittance envelopes provided to your parish or should you find it more convenient, feel free to contribute online through our website at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

For your generous support in the past and for your consideration of support again this year, I thank you. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Card. Blase J. Cupich".

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

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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2017-2018 广东话和國語成人慕道班

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姓名: _____

電話: _____

電郵: _____

Weekly Offering:

Collection for Sept. 17, 2017

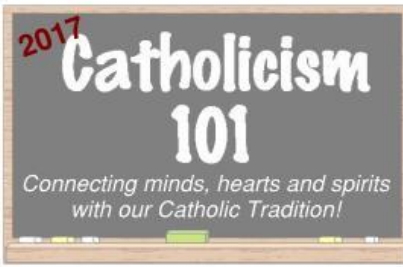
Sunday Envelopes	\$1,160
GiveCentral	190
Sunday Loose	468
<u>Total Collection</u>	<u>\$1,818</u>

July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$22,405
July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$26,400

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!

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!**



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| March 19 | Liturgy - Why do we have to go to Mass? |
| April 30 | Sacraments - Why do we need them? |
| 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? |

Please note the new dates below!

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| October 15 | Creed - What do we truly believe?
Shared by Deacon Martin Enciso
St. Therese Church at 11:45 a.m. |
| October 29 | Social Justice - How do I love my neighbor? |
| November 19 | The Liturgical Year - Why did we change colors and what page are we on in the new book?? |



WELCOME TO OUR NEW CATECHIST



Hi, I'm **Therese Spalla**, a lifelong member of St. Therese, and teacher since 1989. I am honored and excited to be teaching the first and second grade students in the Catholic Faith Formation Prep class. The second grade students will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I know we are going to have a great year!

Sincerely, Therese Spalla



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
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Louis "Sonny" Spalla
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Joseph Rubin
Cecila Zastro
Soledad Magay
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Mark Donato
James Rak
Lan Ying Yee
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Henry F. Wong
Matthew Mantia
Phyllis Centofanti
Susan Zibricky
Barbara Metzinger
Suzanne Lynch

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

"SEEK THE LORD" ~Sister Caritas

One of the very common games which children play is called, "Hide and Seek." One child is it. They hide their eyes and count and everyone else hides. The person counting then stops counting and finds all the children hiding. One of the hiding students, the first one found, becomes the next student who counts and seeks the rest. It is fun.

The first reading today encourages us to Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near. "To seek the Lord" entails having an open heart. It means we are a person who wants to find the Lord, God. We want to be close to God. We want to be as close to God as we possibly can. This closeness to God is what God wants for us, more than anything. One way we can be close to God is through prayer. We can be looking in all the usual places for God. We can look in Church. God is present in the tabernacle, waiting for us to visit. We can look for God in Mass and Holy Communion. This is one very compete way we can find God and be one with God. We can look for God in the Word of God, Holy Scripture. He speaks to us in the Word Of God. We can find God in each other, in the kindness and care we show each other. We can find God in the beauty of His creation. We can find God in the beauty of the sun, sky, water, flowers and the smile of our friends and little children. God is everywhere. We have only to do the work of seeking Him. He will always welcome us. He seeks us too. It's really up to you to SEEK the Lord with all your Heart!



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8:30am – 1:00pm

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