# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 2017

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

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### **Mass Intentions**

# September 3, 2017 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 A.M**.+ So Yang Kun Yuk by So Family

**10:30 A.M.**+ Joanna Wai Nin Wan Law by Jimmy & Loretta Yu

+ Joyce Eng by Annie Lowe

+ Mary Chan by George Lee & Family

+ Young D. Chin by June Moy

For the victims of Hurricane Harvey

For the victims of Typhoon Hato in Macau by Regina Cheong For healing comfort for Roberta Cheong by Bernie Wong & family For a safe and & successful school year for Tiana, Matthew and

All Parish youth by Bernie & family

MON. Sept. 4th

Weekday

8:00 A.M.

TUE. Sept. 5th

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Religious

8:00 A.M.

WED. Sept 6th

Weekday

8:00 A.M.

Birthday Blessings for Debbie Radick by Darlene Chan-Lowe

Poor & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

THU. Sept. 7th

Weekday

8:00 A.M

FRI. Sept. 8th

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 A.M.

SAT. Sept. 9th

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

**8:00 A.M.**+ Tony Leung by Mom Marilyn Leung

5:00 P.M. SMI Birthday Mass

For Family & Friends of St. Therese Parish



# From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

We have been considering St. Therese's Mission and Apostolate to the Chinese Community here in Chinatown and beyond. It is the ministry which has been specifically given to this Church by the Archdiocese. It is our special call. So how do we do this ministry? Hopefully we move through the neighborhood, community, with a heart full of love and compassion. We walk with sensitivity and care. We reach out to all whom we come in contact with. We live with awareness of our situation and surroundings and sensitivity to whatever God will provide for us to do through our daily lives.

About two weeks ago, when my face was still black and blue from my fall, I was with a friend and we went into Mc Donald's for lunch. Just as we started to enter, a family entered before us. There was a Mother and four or five children. The age range was from a high school age boy to a baby the Mother was carrying in her arms. We followed them inside and went to order our meal. We then choose to sit at a table to eat. The family choose the table next to us. I cannot resist children so I started to speak to the Mother about the baby. My friend was talking to the high school young man. As the conversation and the meal continued, we found out that the family was from Carbondale, IL. A second grade boy in the family, was very concerned about my face. The Mother assured the child that I would be alright. We continued talking to the children and Mother as we ate. It was enjoyable. In the course of the conversation, we found out that the family came to a children's hospital once a month so that the second grader could have dialysis and he was on a list to receive a kidney transplant.

Before we left, I asked the Mother if I could talk to the little boy. He came over next to me and I put my arm around his back and shoulder so I could tell him how grateful I was for his concern for me. I told him how special he was and how much I appreciated his concern. I also told him I was sorry he was sick and that I would pray specially for him. Obviously I was touched by this young child.

Perhaps my promise of prayer for him and his family was my "apostolate" for the day. Who really did the ministry? Who provided the opportunity? It was a simple incident. It was totally unplanned by my friend and me. Someone else (GOD) had a special gift to give us that day. I treasure that child's simple sensitive care.

To carry out our ministry and apostolate means we need to only be aware, use the situations that present themselves. We need to be present to the person, with compassion and caring appropriate to the situation and be engaged with that person or persons. *Show people attention, pay attention to them and listen.* Through your simple care and concern, God will do the rest.

God puts many, many opportunities in our lives. We do not have to "manufacture" the chances to minister to our brothers and sisters here in Chinatown. We need only be aware, sensitive, caring, and reach out to the opportunities that come our way. God will provide both the opportunity to witness, to reach out, and to be compassionate. What about it? What can and will you do? It is as simple as that little child asking his mother, "will that lady be alright?' Through this experience God certainly touched me. I hope the family and especially the children, felt our care and perhaps, too, the tender 'touch' of God though us. We respond to the opportunity. God gives the grace. God is the one through us, who makes His touch, his felt presence known. People respond to love and compassion. We are those whom God uses to touch peoples' lives and hearts. In the process, who knows how we will be touched or transformed in return?

**Sister Caritas** 



# LIFE&JUS ICE CONFERENCE

# SAVE THE DATE!

09/16/2017

The Life & Justice Conference, hosted by the Department of Parish Vitality and Mission, will unite Archdiocesan leaders who respond to the Gospel call by putting Catholic Social Teaching in action. This conference will celebrate the International Mission Support, Respect Life, Peace and Justice, Human Concerns, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and international mission support ministries, promoting a spirit of collaboration in service of human life and dignity. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in educational workshops, receive tools and resources directly related to their ministries, and be sent forth at a closing mass.

#### Saturday, September 16, 2017

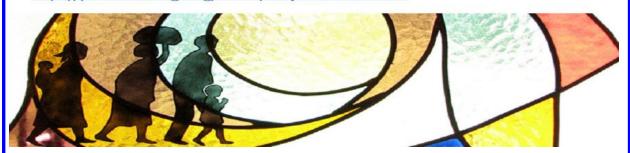
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Begins at 12:00 p.m. with Lunch Concludes with 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. John Brebeuf

Cost: \$25

https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/life-justice-conference



### Hospitality Schedule for September 10, 2017:

GREETERS: Darlene, Rose, Regina RECEPTION: Adrienne, Nicole, Daron

Today's Liturgy - Sept. 3, 2017

Readings: GATHER 1155 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/A CHINESE HYMNAL

PROCESSIONAL: #308 - 普天地頌揚上主 All the Earth

OFFERTORY: #208 - 上主,萬有天主 Lord Almighty

COMMUNION: #455 - 聖體頌 The Eucharist Song

RECESSIONAL: #364 - 眾心的太陽 Sun for our Hearts

# News and Events

#### 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.

#### **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.



# Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital patients

Earl, Debra, Monica, Andrew, Teretha, Lynette, Robert, Ruth, Mayola, Kathleen, Richard, Florine, Sherri

# 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.



## **Wedding Banns:**

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

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#### **HURRICANE HARVEY EMERGENCY APPEAL**

On August 26, Hurricane Harvey, a powerful Category 4 storm, made landfall along the Gulf Coast of Texas, causing several deaths and injuries, and bringing catastrophic flooding and property damage to the region. Catholic Charities USA is working to provide emergency relief and support to those affected by the devastation. Please consider donating to support our brothers and sisters in the midst of their suffering. A second collection will take place at parishes across the Archdiocese of Chicago on the weekend of September 9 and 10 for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Thank you for your prayers.

To find prayers, ongoing updates, and to donate, please visit: pvm.archchicago.org/harvey



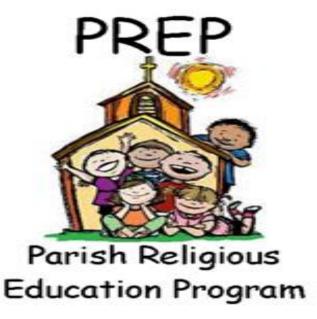
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Classes will begin on Sunday, September 17, 2017 for children in Grades one to eight. Registration forms are located at the entrance of the church.

> For more information contact Chris Delfin at <a href="mailto:ChrisDelfin@gmail.com">ChrisDelfin@gmail.com</a> or call the rectory at 312-842-6777.



The St. Therese Partion Program

ish Religious Educa-

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

**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, CHAIRPERSON OF THE U.S. CHINESE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

#### **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.



# **Weekly Offering:**

Collection for August 27, 2017

Sunday Envelopes\$1,108GiveCentral409July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$16,284Sunday Loose289July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$19,800Total Collection\$1,806

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!

Collection at Mandarin Mass on 8/27/2017: \$405. Thank YOU!



# Fruits from the RCIA TEAM at St. Therese

#### Catechist Retreat

Catechists at St. Therese are entrusted by Fr. Li with the important responsibility of passing on the faith to children, youth and

adults.

This year over 80 catechists gathered at Nativity Parish for a retreat. Eleven parishes participated. Eight St. Therese Catechists made this retreat.

"Renew my Church invites parishes and schools to collaborate. Parish leaders pooled their resources to organize this retreat. We were very blessed to have such a great turn out," said Thomas Howard, Director of Religious.



#### 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.

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

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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.

# "SUFFERING FOR THE SAKE OF THE KINGDOM" ~Sister Caritas

Every human being faces struggles and sufferings at different times. Sometimes things happen and we have to do our best to respond and live through the situations. Sometimes we know ahead of time that we have to make a difficult decision, or we know we have to face and go through a difficult situation. Sometimes we face things and we cannot see the possibility of a good result. Running away from these things does not make them better. Perhaps you have heard the saying, "the only way around a difficult situation is through it." The more we try to avoid suffering the worse it can be.

In today's Gospel Jesus is telling His disciples that He will go to Jerusalem and suffer at the hands of the Scribes and Pharisees. Peter tells Jesus that this should never be allowed to happen to Him. Jesus responds with condemnation of Peter. "Get behind me Satan for you are not thinking as God thinks but as human beings think." Jesus calls us to faithful following of Him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Our human nature does not want to embrace pain and suffering. We have a strong self-preservation instinct and we want to run away or refuse the situation. Sometimes we become very anxious over things that are difficult yet when we face the situation and live through it, it is not as bad as we anticipated. If we want to be Jesus' friends, we must be willing to lay down our lives and in so doing we will "save our lives." We will find new ways of living and being. Suffering strengthens us and teaches us many things. The most important thing to remember is that we never suffer alone. Jesus is with us, helping us to carry our cross. As He has told us, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light and you shall find rest for your soul". We have to step out in faith and trust that God who loves us so much will be with us in everything.



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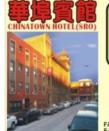
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# SUNDAY,

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Catechetical Sunday

10:30am Mass

Special Blessing for Catechists, Teachers, and Parents followed by Fellowship, Food, Games, Fun, and Music!!!

ALL are welcome to celebrate!

Where: St. Therese Church on Alexander Street

Time: Mass begins at 10:30am

Fun, Food & Fellowship: 12:00 to 3:00pm

Hosted By: St. Therese Parish



Come and pray for a fruitful year for all the students, teachers, and catechists!