# Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8, 2017

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

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Sr. Mary Caritas Wehrman

#### 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

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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**

#### October 8, 2017 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 A.M**. + Mary Chan by Lushia & Tim Tie

+ Teresa Figliuzzi by Theresa & Jane

**10:30 A.M** + Gordon Lee by Darlene Chan-Lowe

+ Kathy Lowe by Doreen & Joe Eng

+ Florence Lowe Lee by Chris & Darlene Lowe

+ Mary Chan by Gunawan Family

+ Baula Yun by Lushia & Tim Tie

+ Li Su Nying by Bi Jiang Lin

MON. Oct. 9th

Weekday

8:00 A.M.

Birthday Blessings for Cheng-Ching Dai by daughter Lily May

TUE. Oct. 10th

Weekday

8:00 A.M.

Birthday Blessings for Li-Teh Ting by sister Lily May

WED. Oct. 11th

Saint John XXIII, Pope

8:00 A.M. +

Poor & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro

+ In Loving Memory of Vince Briglio on our 64th Anniversary by Wife And Family

THU. Oct. 12h

Weekday

8:00 A.M.

In Thanksgiving to God for Favors granted by Delich

FRI. Oct. 13th

Weekday

8:00 A.M.

SAT. Oct. 14th

Saint Callistus, I, Pope and Martyr

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M.

For Family & Friends of St. Therese Parish

+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family

+ John Bowers by Jing Zhang

+ Michael Phillips by Debbie



## 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 **Lauren Bertucci** and **Kevin Kelly**. They celebrated their Holy Matrimony on Sat. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. We rejoice with them and wish them well.

Thanks to those who said yes to be Co-Chairs of the PPC: Sharon Wong and George Lee; Coordinators of Youth Ministry: Ellen and Nick Andriacchi; and Coordinators of Young



Adult Ministry: **Jennifer Sin and Joey Lowe**. They were commissioned last Sunday. We assure them of our support of them for their new responsibilities for the well-being of our faith community.

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Blessing of Animals. We had the largest attendance this year since we began to have it three years ago.

Thanks to **Sharon Wong** and her team for their leadership and hard work for this year's Walk-A-Thon. Thanks to all walkers and sponsors. Your leadership, participation and generosity have made this year's walk-a-thon a huge success and one of the most enjoyable ones!



Thanks to all who helped with the celebration of the Feast of St. Therese. Our ministers and children did a great job.

#### Holy Fire and (re)ENCOUNTER

With inspiring speakers, uplifting music and prayerful times, the Archdiocese of Chicago once again will sponsor a special event for our youth- 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade-titled *Holy Fire* on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at the UIC Pavilion. Our parish will send interested youth to this event on Sat. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Transportation will be provided. Please sign up at the Church's entrance table.

New to this year's event is an evening for Young Adults, titled (RE)ENCOUNTER. The Oscar -nominated actor and pop music star **Mark Wahlberg** will share the importance of his faith with the young people. **Cardinal Cupich** will be present to pray and connect with our young people too. I encourage our young adults to attend this amazing evening to reenergize your faith, to re encounter with Christ and one another. If you are interested in attending, please speak to me or Jennifer Sin or Joey Lowe.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

Blessing of Animals, Walk-a-thon & Feast of St. Therese Celebration



Hospitality Schedule for October 15, 2017: GREETERS: Marian Torrez & STS Students RECEPTION: Flo, Gemma, Teresa

#### <u>Today's Liturgy – October 8, 2017</u> Cantonese Mass

Readings: GATHER 1170- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year A Chinese Hymnal

PROCESSIONAL: #28 - 露德聖母 Immaculate Mary

OFFERTORY: #214 - 請接受我們的禮品 Accept Our Gift

COMMUNION: #275 - 我是主的羊 Psalm 23

RECESSIONAL: #417 - 與基督同行 Walking with Jesus

#### News and Events

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MONDAY, Oct, 9 Mark your calendar:**

6:00pm - Finance 7:00pm - Liturgy

#### ST. James Food Pantry

Volunteers needed Saturday, Oct. 14th. We begin at 8:30am until about 11:00am. Please consider sharing your time and talents to serve others. Please sign up at the church entrance table.



#### Please pray for the following **Mercy Hospital patients:**

George, Georgia, Rosa, Elizabeth, Clara, Bobbie, Gilbert, Joe, Maria, Sandra, Celeste, Denise, Viola, Virta,

Sandra, Allen, Michael, Richard, Carlton, Virginia, Alice, Raymond, Alena, Doris, Esther, Tammie, Charles, Jesse, Clara, Bobbie, Opeyemi, Marie, Annie, Karen, William, Alex

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

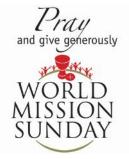
will be celebrated on Saturday Oct. 28th at the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sunday, October 29nd at the 8am and 10:30am



Masses. We encourage all of our ill members to come, if possible to participate in the special healing sacrament. We will need help! Can you give someone a ride if they

cannot get here? Will you invite some of our Catholic shut-ins? Please reach out! We are able to assist people who are physically challenged with our Elevator LIFT! If you can be in front of Church to offer your help we would be grateful. Thanks!

#### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY- October 22**



To celebrate 'WMS'. as Catholics committed to building a better world for all God's people, St. Therese Parish's Youth and Young Adult Ministries, along with our school's Girl Scout

**Troop**, will host special events for ALL to participate on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, and a few Sundays thereafter. These events will benefit the ongoing efforts to complete the re-building of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church in China.

If you, or someone you know, are between the ages of 12 and 35, please contact the Youth Group (Nick or Ellen Andriacchi) or Young Adult Ministry (Joey Lowe or Jen Sin) and see how you can help with the preparations! Sign up sheets for both groups can be found on the church entrance table. If you would like to make a donation to help support our Mission Day events, please contact the church office at 312-842-6777.

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#### St. Therese Religious Education

#### 2017-18 Parent Formation Series

Where: St. Therese Parish **Community Room** 218 W. Alexander St.

When: SUNDAYS 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

- 1. 10/15/17--Topic: A Catholic Response to Bullying
- 2. 11/19/17--Topic: A Catholic Response to Peer Pressure
- 3. 1/21/18 -- Topic: Sacraments
- 4. 2/18/18 -- Topic: Eucharist



Why: Want to learn more about Jesus? Are you interested in resources that could assist you in becoming more Christ-like with your children and spouse?

Who: Catholic families with children preparing for Sacraments (Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation) are required to attend. All families are invited.

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!		
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 trueand some of it actually happened!	
June 11	Moral Life - How do I love God?	
	Please note the new dates below!	
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??	

#### **Respect Life Corner**

October is Respect Life Month. The following are excerpts from a piece written recently by Fr. Mike Ahlstrom of the Divine Infant Jesus parish. This clarifies any confusion about the Church teaching regarding abortion. As Catholics, we cannot in all conscience support abortion—it runs counter to natural law and the Divine Plan.

**A Catholic Oxymoron** 

"Catholics for Choice" is a Catholic Oxymoron. What is an oxymoron? It is an expression in which the words contradict themselves. For example, "cruel kindness." There is nothing cruel about genuine kindness, and nothing kind about being cruel. The word comes from two Greek words: "oxys" which means "sharp" and "moros" which means "stupid" and from which we get the word "moron." "Catholics for Choice" is the name of a group that took out a full page color ad in the *Chicago Sun Times* this past Wednesday stating that public funding for abortion is a Catholic social justice value. In Monday's issue of the *Times* there was a letter published from State Rep. Elizabeth Hernandez and former State Rep. Kathy Ryg. They stated in effect that, motivated by their Catholic faith, they believe women should have a right to abortion paid for by your tax dollars. To say that our Catholic faith motivates women to have a choice to abort is simply false.

The Catholic Church is very clear on this teaching. Abortion is one of the most grievous of sins because it destroys an innocent life that has no means to defend herself or himself. Not only does the Church teach that this is a most serious sin, but adds the penalty of excommunication to those who procure or assist in procuring an abortion. You cannot get much more emphatic than that!

While I have very strong convictions about our Church teaching, I also want to express compassion for those who have chosen abortion. Jesus is in the mercy business. He is waiting to grant you his forgiveness. I urge you to make a good sacramental confession. You will be treated with kindness. In addition, there is a group called Project Rachel which is a compassionate ministry that helps those who have had an abortion find healing from their pain. I urge people to take advantage of this. Call 888-456-4673 or 312-337-1962

Weekly Offering: Collection for October 1, 2017			
Sunday Envelopes GiveCentral Sunday Loose Total Collection	\$2,092 190 699 \$2,981	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$27,318 July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$30,800	
Weekly Budget:	\$2,200	% of Budget Attained: 88%	

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

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

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"Everyone can help bring about a culture of mercy, based on the rediscovery of encounter with others, a culture in which no one looks at another with indifference or turns away from the suffering of our brothers and sisters." -Pope Francis

The Dream Act of 2017, S. 1615, was recently introduced in the Senate. If passed into law, this bipartisan bill would protect immigrant youth. This includes the 780,000 young people who received temporary relief and employment eligibility through the recently rescinded DACA program.

ACTION: The Catholic Church believes in protecting the dignity of every human person and has long supported DREAMERS. Ask your legislators to co-sponsor the Dream Act of 2017, by visiting the USCCB website <a href="https://www.Justiceforlmmigrants.org">www.Justiceforlmmigrants.org</a>.

For additional ways to advocate for immigrants and refugees visit: www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org



## 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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Ching Shiu Yau
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Matthew Mantia
Phyllis Centofanti
Susan Zibricky

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.

#### "BEARING MUCH FRUIT" ~Sister Caritas

October is the time of year when many farmers are gathering in the "fruits of their labors". They pick the corn and prepare the shocks of corn for feed for the animals for winter. Apples are picked, soy beans are harvested and all the fields are prepared to be empty, ready to accept the frost and snow. The fields rest in the winter preparing the earth for the next year's seeds.

As we listen each week to the Gospel and the other scripture messages, the seeds of the word of God are planted in our hearts and minds. God places the graces to follow the Word of God in our Spirits. We gradually recognize the urgings of the Holy Spirit, the calling of Jesus to follow Him, and the love of the Father which nurtures and encourages the growth of the Word of God in our lives. We are encouraged to be gentle, to be loving, to listen to God, to help the poor, to reach out to the sick and suffering. We are called to be like Jesus to follow the teaching of loving one another as Jesus loves us, to be willing "to lay down our lives" for others.

Let us concentrate, during this month of October on prayer and outreach. Let us let "our light shine" as a witness to the virtues taught in the Gospels by the life of Jesus. Let the people outside our parish be touched by our witness. May they be able to say of us, "See how they love one another." This is what they said of the early Church. Let us reach out and invite others to come to our loving community and be members and join in our witness.



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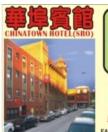
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#### **REGISTRATION** is required!

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BUS: **\$10** 

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