

Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017

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Mass Schedule 彌撒時間

English Mass 英語彌撒

Daily Mass 平日彌撒:

Monday - Saturday at 8:00am 每日 上午八時

Sunday Mass 主日彌撒:

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

December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. + Kenny Moy by Marie Oy Chan
+ Vincent Briglio by wife & family

10:30 A.M. + Kenny Moy by Leann, Marian & Vincent Torrez

12:00 P.M. **Mandarin Mass**

MON. Dec. 18th ***Advent Weekday***

8:00 A.M.+ Theresa Hill, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion

TUE. Dec. 19th ***Advent Weekday***

8:00 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Nicole Yong by Mom Darlene

WED. Dec. 20th ***Advent Weekday***

8:00 A.M.+ Deceased Families by Briglio Family
+ Deceased Family Members of Dominic Barbaro

THU. Dec. 21st ***Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church***

8:00 A.M.

FRI. Dec. 22nd ***Advent Weekday***

8:00 A.M.

SAT. Dec. 23rd ***Saint John of Kanty, Priest***

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M. Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family
+ Annie Lee Yong by Ming & Oy
+ Deceased Members of the Zito & D'Amico Families by Joe & Rena Zito
+ Kenny Moy by Marie Oy Chan



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks

Thanks to all the children who came to clean our Church last Saturday. Special thanks to **Christine and Joe Delfin, Jennifer Sin and Samantha Ng** for supervising them and to **Thomas Howard** for organizing it.

Thanks to all who attended the Mandarin retreat last Saturday. We had almost 30 participants. Through sharing, prayer, silence and celebrating the Eucharist, all participants had a fruitful day.



Update on Church Painting and Lighting Project

The front two side walls, lower parts of the sanctuary walls, and the east and west walls of the Church, and all cracked areas of the ceilings on both side sections of the Church have been repainted and repaired. Many commented to me on how great a job the painters have done and how beautiful it looks. The paint job is taking longer than we expected, so after New Year, the painters will resume and finish repairing the middle ceilings of our Church.

We have changed all the chandelier light bulbs into LED light bulbs a few weeks ago. Now we have found LED light bulbs and features to replace all the square halogen 500 watt light bulbs. The halogen lights are too hot for the walls. You can see burning signs around them. So far we have replaced the west section of the Church. The difference is very obvious. The LED ones are much brighter and consume much less electricity. It's expensive to replace over 30 of them, but in the long run, it will save us a lot of electricity. After New Year, we plan to replace the rest of the square halogen lights to LED lights.

Wisdom on Silence

Below are a few excerpts from the book titled, *The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise*, which I am reading now and I mentioned on the first Sunday of Advent. I hope the author's wisdom on silence might be helpful to the rest of your Advent journey.

“Silence is not an absence. On the contrary, it is the manifestation of a presence, the most intense of all presences. In modern society, silence has come into disrepute; this is the symptom of a serious, worrisome illness. The real questions of life are posed in silence. Our blood flows through our veins without making any noise, and we can hear our heartbeats only in silence.”

“Modern life does not allow us to look calmly at things. Our eyelids remain open incessantly, and our eyes are forced to look at a sort of ongoing spectacle. The dictatorship of the image, which plunges our attention into a perpetual whirlpool, detests silence. The silence of the eyes consists of being able to close one's eyes in order to contemplate God who is in us, in the interior depths of our personal abyss.”

“Silence of the heart consists of quieting little by little our miserable human sentiments so as to become capable of having the same sentiments as those of Jesus. Silence of the heart is the silence of the passions. It is necessary to die to self in order to join the son of God in silence.”

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

Christmas Donations as of 12/10/2017

Thank you to ALL who contributed!

Mr. & Mrs. Hak Sue	\$500	Helen Distasio	\$50
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Kam Chiu	\$100		

Total Christmas Donations as of 12/10/17

\$ 5,335

Advent Peace Canon

Dona nobis pacem (Grant us peace)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus; come to us and bring us peace.

Come and bring us peace.

Hospitality Schedule for December 24, 2017:

GREETERS: Agnes Lee, Gemma Wong, Florence Yu

RECEPTION: Earl, Jean Wong, Jorge

Today's Liturgy - December 17, 2017

Readings: GATHER 998– Third Sunday of Advent/B - Family Mass

PROCESSIONAL: #405 – Advent Gathering Song

OFFERTORY: #396 – Comfort, My People

COMMUNION: 1. #415 – My Soul in Stillness Waits

2. Advent Peace Canon

Meditation Song: (STS students): # 889 – Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

RECESSIONAL: #401– O Come, Divine Messiah

News and Events

Sunday School for Preschoolers, Ages

4 & 5 years The next class with Sr. Caritas will be on Sunday, January 21st from 9:15am-10:15am in the St. Lucy Room.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWME)

A weekend event for married couples and religious February 2-4, 2018 at Wyndham Garden Hotel, Elk Grove Village, IL. For almost 50 years, WWME has provided weekend enrichments with ongoing community support to over 1.9 million couples and religious to fulfill its mission to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world. WWME begins with a private weekend experience including presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships. Learn more and apply online. Questions, please call: 630-577-0778 or email: applications@wwme-chicagoland.org Website: wwme-chicagoland.org

2018 CALENDAR Our English Liturgical calendar is available on the church entrance table. Please take one copy per family.



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital patients:

Laveta, Virginia, John, Ronald, Estella, Dorothy, Sharon, Arthur, Jose, Vania, Julie, Sharon, Jose, Prentiss, Debra, Dennis, Louise, Myrna, Gerald, Reginald, Sandra, Cheryl, Debra, Helen, Luis, Elizabeth, Shu, Susan, Edward, Mary, John, Cassandra, Joseph, Fannie, Reuben, Rosario, Cynthia, Raquel, Mary, Justine, Arturo.



Children's Nativity Play 2017

All children are invited to join this joyous & wonderful event! The last rehearsal is on *Sunday, December 17, from 11:45am-1:00pm. Dress Rehearsal on Dec. 24 at 3:30pm.* Nativity Play will be performed during the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Please see Bridget Lee for more info.

CHURCH DECORATIONS: CAN YOU HELP?



If you can volunteer your time, we will be decorating and cleaning the church for Christmas, on Saturday, December 23rd at 9am (breakfast will be provided!).

Please let **Jade Yee** know if you are available to assist, as we will come up with a team for each area, so that we can efficiently get it completed quicker. We will also be decorating immediately after the 10:30am mass on Sunday, December 24th. If you can also assist for a couple of hours that will also be great! Thank YOU!

2018 Offering Boxes

Are available at the church entrance table. Please pick up your box after mass. Those offering boxes are only for registered parishioners. If you can't find your box, please contact the parish office. If you want a new box, please consider to register with St. Therese. Thanks for your generosity!



St. Therese Parish New Year's Eve Mass and Hot Pot Dinner

Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving on
Sunday, December 31st at 5:00p.m. followed by
Benediction and our Annual Hot Pot Dinner
in the community room.

All are welcome!

It will be a fun evening of fellowship to ring in the NEW Year!

Adults: \$10.00

Free for Children 5 and under

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Please sign up at the church entrance table so we can plan for adequate food.

Thank YOU!



As committed & faithful VOLUNTEER
Ministers, Committee Members,
and Staff of St. Therese,
THANK YOU!

Please join us for a lunch
hosted in your honor!

St. Therese Parish Appreciation Gathering

Sunday, January 7, 2018
11:45 a.m.-1:00pm

St. Therese Church Community Room

Please R.S.V.P. before January 1st
by signing up at the Church entrance table
or call the parish office at (312) 842-6777



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
Fr. Walter Johnson, MM
Rose Perez
Phyllis Robinson
Bai Xue
John Palenik
Luz Whitehead
Jade Yee
Anthony Scuito
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James Rak
Lan Ying Yee
Ching Shiu Yau
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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.

"TEST EVERYTHING" ~Sister Caritas

Throughout the scholastic semester, tests are given in different subjects. Students work and study very hard to pass the tests and to get good grades. While grades are important, what you really learn and apply to your life from the subjects is even more important.

St. Paul tells us some important advice in the beginning of his letter to the Thessalonians. One piece of this is "Test everything." Paul is not talking about classroom tests. Rather, he is giving us some wise advice. Not everyone's words are true. As we hear all the confusion of the political conversation in our country, we need to observe and test the words against our real experiences. As we hear many accusations regarding sexual abuse we need to carefully test the explanation of the women and if correct, believe the women. Do not say "it is the woman's fault". That is not always true. Paul tells us test everything. If we are smart, we do not just go into a store and take a shirt or blouse and buy it without checking the size or trying it on. That is what Paul means. Test everything. In a group, especially in a classroom, the person who claims the loudest, the first one saying, "I didn't do it", is often the child who has done "the crime." Just because the other students are accusing someone, it does not always mean they are the guilty person. "Test everything." Check out the circumstances; look carefully at the event or events. Ask wise and appropriate questions. Take your time before you jump to judgment. Checking your own thoughts and testing your decisions is very important. We can be very sure we are right. We may not be right in reality.

As people and as a nation, we can be very critical of things and people. No one does it well enough, or we think our view is the only correct view or way. We need to look carefully at our own actions and thought processes. No one is right always. We need to check our actions and thoughts and words. We may need to change our behavior or the way we think. We may need to learn or study more about things. Pray to the Holy Spirit for prudence or right judgment. God will help us. If we ask God, God always helps.

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Upcoming Special Events and Schedule---2017 & 2018

- Dec. 2nd - Dec. 24th** Baby Bottle Project to benefit The Women's Centers
- December 17th** Mandarin Mass at 12 noon followed by Luncheon and Christmas Cantata
- December 18th** St. Therese School Christmas Concert in church at 6 P.M.
- December 24th** Christmas Eve Mass with Children's Christmas Pageant at 5 P.M.
Christmas Carols at 11:30 P.M.
- December 25th** **Christmas Mass at 12 A.M. (Midnight Mass)**
Christmas Day Mass at 10 A.M.
- December 31st** **New Year's Eve Mass at 5 P.M.**, followed by **BENEDICTION** and the traditional Hot Pot dinner in the Community Room

2018

- January 1st** New Year's Day **Mass at 10:00 A.M.**

[Come, Let Us Adore Him](#) for *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."* (John 1:14.)