

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 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 24, 2017 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 A.M.

- 10:30 A.M.** + Barry Yong by Mom June Moy
+ Diane Marie Chan & Jenping J. Chan by Family
+ Remembrance for Henry Lee by wife, children & grandchildren
+ Kenny Moy by Marie Oy Chan
+ Ann Agnes Lasiowski by Chris & Darlene
+ Ronald Wehrman, Birthday Remembrance by sister Caritas Wehrman

5:00 P.M. **Christmas Vigil**

MON. Dec. 25th *Nativity of the Lord - Christmas*

12:00A.M. **Midnight Mass**

- + Diane Marie Chan & Jenping J. Chan by Family
+ Mac Lowe & Steve Lowe by Chris & Darlene
10:00 A.M. + Jimmy Annoreno by Family
+ James Moy, Jr. by Lucy Moy & Family
+ All Deceased Family Members of Marion Roti
+ David Jarzyna by wife Cookie
+ Young D. Chin by June Moy
+ Michael Ng by June Moy

TUE. Dec. 26th *Saint Stephen, The First Martyr*

8:00 A.M.

WED. Dec. 27th *Saint John the Evangelist, Apostle*

- 8:00 A.M.**+ Deceased Friends & Relative of Dominic Barbaro

THU. Dec. 28th *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

- 8:00 A.M.** + Ceil Scuito by Scuito Family

FRI. Dec. 29th *Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martry*

- 8:00 A.M.** + Mary Ann Roti, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion
+ Rose Capinegro, 10th Anniversary Remembrance by Marion

SAT. Dec. 30th *Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

- 8:00 A.M.** + Birthday remembrance for Vince Briglio by wife & family
+ Forsaken & Unknown Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro

5:00 P.M. Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese

- + Joseph D'Amico & Lauren Mandel by Joe & Rena Zito



From the Desk of Fr. Francis
Greetings of Christ's Peace and Joy! Hope you all had a blessed week.

Thanks

Thanks to **Bruno Caruso** for donating Christmas trees, wreaths, garlands, and poinsettias to our Church. His generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to **Lucy Wong** for donating the beautiful Christmas orchids for our altar decoration. Thanks to our school children, teachers, and all who helped to make this year's Christmas concert so amazing and uplifting.



Christmas

Pope Francis recently shared that joy, prayer, and gratitude can make our Christmas a very special one. Despite the violence, robberies, and other social issues that trouble us, as families and friends gather to celebrate this Christmas, it is good for us to be mindful of the things and people who bring joy to our life, the things and people that we are grateful to, and the things and people that we pray for. The true meaning of the season is about Jesus, who came to offer us new life. Isn't this the most joyful news of all times? Isn't this the real reason that we are grateful? Isn't this event so compelling for us to praise and adore our God?

Please consider inviting your families and friends to join us for our Christmas and New Year celebrations. For your convenience, here is our schedule:

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

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

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and peaceful Christmas and New Year!

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

ST. THERESE CHINESE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



Congratulations to our 50-50 GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS!

CELINE YE (WANG)

(Parent of Terrance, 3rd Grade)

Winner of the Grand Prize of \$18,277.36

CAMERAN MOY (8th grade)

Winner of the 1st Prize of \$2,820

XIAO MIN CHEN (Parent of Connie Tan, 5th Grade)

Winner of the 2nd Prize of \$1,410

HENRY YU (5th grade)

Winner of the 3rd Prize of \$112 in Gift Cards

TERRANCE WANG (3rd grade)

Sold the Winning Ticket and received a check for \$1,000

AIDEN JIANG (Preschooler)

Won the \$1,000 Early Bird Drawing (announced in October)

Classroom Selling the Most Tickets per Student:

8th grade

Top Student Sellers

These students win gift cards!

Sophia Mark (8th grade)

Cameran Moy (8th grade)

Tristan Lee (6th grade)

Proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund a new gate, voice and video identification of visitors, and upgrades to our electrical systems. With the continued increase in crime in our neighborhood, our School Board and School and Family Association determined that we must secure access to our school with a new exterior gate system as soon as possible.

***Thank you to all who supported
this important fundraiser!***

Hospitality Schedule for December 31, 2017:

GREETERS: Regina Cheong, Rose Lau, Irene Lee

RECEPTION: Pat Culen & Steve

Today's Liturgy - December 24, 2017

Readings: GATHER 1001- Fourth Sunday of Advent/B

PROCESSIONAL: #405 - Advent Gathering Song

OFFERTORY: #396 - Comfort, My People

COMMUNION: #415 - My Soul in Stillness Waits

Meditation Song: Advent Peace Canon

RECESSIONAL: #401- O Come, Divine Messiah

News and Events

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.

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Please return your baby bottles today.

If you have forgotten them, please
return to the church office ASAP.

Thank you for your support of the Chi-
cago Women's Centers of Chicago!

St. Therese Mug

As a token of our appreciation, all parish
ministers and volunteers are invited to
pick up a Christmas gift---a St. Therese
Mug--- in the Community Room after
mass.

2018 CHINESE CALENDAR

Our Chinese Liturgical calendar is availa-
ble on the church entrance table. Please
take one copy per family.



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

Angela, Louise, Ricardo, Reginald,
Florence, Catherine, Bessie, Cleo-
phus, Anna Maria, Aretha, Erby,
Sarah, Thomas, Klarice, Lucille,

Johnnie, Delores, Stephen, Angel, Nelymar,
Mari, Donna, Ruby, Fannie, Safa, Regina,
Andrew, Howard

2018 Offering Boxes

are available at the church entrance table.
Please pick up your box of envelopes after
mass. The offering boxes are only for regis-
tered 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!

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP

***You may have heard by now about the
new tax credit scholarship program
created through the Invest in Kids Act.*** This
Christmas, you can give the gift of a Catholic
education to children from low-income fami-
lies while also receiving a tax credit yourself.
This program is different from
regular charitable giving to St. Therese or
another charity. Visit archchicago.org/tcs
to learn why and to access a step-by-step
guide to the program.



St. Therese Youth Ministry Meeting

When: Saturday, January 6th, 2018, 5 p.m.-
7:30 p.m.

Where: St. Therese Parish. We begin with
5pm Mass then proceed to community room.

Who: Any parish, community or school
youth who are willing to make a difference!

Why: Celebrate faith, make new friends,
explore ways to belong to community.

Refreshments served!



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 Gemkow

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Cita Orendain
Joey L.
Lisa Rak
Shane O'Connell
Nathaniel Hicks
Sr. Barbara Walenty
Nicholas Tobar
Sister Noel Devine
Ken Barber
Kay Siani
Ruth Malone
Betsy Young
Richard Tobar
John Galvin
James Longo III
David Leung
Luke Williamson
Richard Shew
Brian Cook
Robert Cheong
Angelo Iasillo
Mina Preysler Munoz

Joel Rivera
Anne Pataka
Cookie Jarzyna
Benjamin N. Lucas
Lai I Fan
Xue Ying Mou
Suzanne Lynch
Rosemary Moy
Joseph Rubin
Cecila Zastro
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.

"Emmanuel, Jesus Born in Us" ~Sister Caritas

Christmas is upon us! Immediate preparations for Christmas are here. Mary, in her time, was also busy preparing for the trip to Bethlehem. Maybe it was her first trip there. As the child became more active within her perhaps she expected that his birth was not far away and yet there was this journey. She and Joseph were still living separately as Joseph was trying to figure out what to do. An angel in a dream solves Joseph's problem and he completes the promise to marry Mary and brings her into his home as his wife. In the story of the dream, Joseph does not speak but listens carefully to the message sent to him by God. He does not speak in the Gospels but he reflects on the messages and he acts.

What can we learn from Mary and Joseph? What in the story can help us prepare for our encounter with Jesus, the Infant born in Bethlehem? It is a mystery. It is a miracle that a woman can conceive and still remain a virgin. Through Baptism, God comes to live in each of us. We, like Mary, carry God within us. How can we deepen this mystery in us? Like Mary, we can reflect, and pay attention to the God within us. Like Joseph we can listen to the many ways God speaks to us each day. God speaks to us in scripture. Take time to read the story of Christmas in St. Luke and St. Mathew's Gospel. God speaks to us by the kindnesses of others. See their love as an expression of God's love of us and be grateful.

Develop an attitude of gratitude to God and others. Listen to the needs of others and respond lovingly. Open your heart to the mystery of Emmanuel, God with us. Walk with God each day. Bring Jesus more fully into life in you, and encourage those around you to be witnesses to the New Born King!

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In 1223, just two years before his death, Saint Francis of Assisi set up a living crèche, a replica of the manger in Bethlehem at the birth of Jesus. He preached and prayed before the scene. His biographer, Thomas of Celano, says that in that moment Francis was “overwhelmed with love and filled with wonderful happiness.” His contemplation of Jesus, the Word made flesh, drew him to experience the depth of God’s love.

We live in a troubled world beset by wars, violence, injustice, broken relationships, and illness. Beyond that, we do believe and are convinced that God loves us and walks with us in Jesus, his Son. As we know, God will heal us and our broken world and bring us into the fullness of life. It is my hope that when you pray before the mystery of the Incarnate Word, as Saint Francis prayed, you will be renewed in hope and confidence and be “overwhelmed with love and filled with wonderful happiness.”

May God bless you with a renewal of faith, hope, and love as we celebrate the birth of the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Card. Blase J. Cupich

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