

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 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 31, 2017 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 A.M. + Rocco Roti, Birthday Remembrance by Mation

10:30 A.M. Thanksgiving by Lucy Wong
Thanksgiving by Dai Guay Hwa

5:00 P.M. **Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**
Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese

MON. Jan. 1st ***Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God***

10:00 A.M. Special Intentions by Darlene Chan-Lowe
+ Barry Yong by Mom June Moy
+ Young D. Chin by June Moy
+ Joyce Eng by Woody & Gerri Moy & TJ
+ Michael Ng by June Moy
+ Benedetta Albanese by Daughter Dorothy

TUE. Jan. 2nd ***Saints Basil the Great; Gregory Nazianzen***

8:00 A.M.

WED. Jan. 3rd ***The Most Holy Name of Jesus***

8:00 A.M. + Poor and Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro

THU. Jan. 4th ***Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton***

8:00 A.M. + Ceil (Dollie) Scuito by Frank

FRI. Jan. 5th ***Saint John Neumann***

8:00 A.M. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

SAT. Jan. 6th ***Saint Andre Bessette***

8:00 A.M. In Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Dominic Barbaro

5:00 P.M. Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks

Thanks to all who have made a generous Christmas donation to our parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will continue to help us to beautifully maintain our Church and better serve our community. **For those of you who would like to make a Christmas and/or year end donation, you are most welcome to make it online through givecentral or by mail or in person. Any donation received before Jan. 1st will be acknowledged as a 2017 offering for tax purpose.**

Many of you helped to make our Christmas celebration so prayerful and joyful. Thanks to all of our liturgical ministers: *musicians, decoration ministers, lectors, greeters, ushers, communion ministers, commentators, and hospitality ministers* and all who were involved with Christmas Pageant. Your participation and involvement have helped us to joyfully worship and praise our God in this very special season.



Wisdom on Family

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend, the Church invites us to reflect on and pray for our own families. Pope Francis in *The Joy of Love* offered insightful wisdom on family for us all to ponder and practice. I am going to offer a few excerpts here for your contemplation.

*The Bible is full of families, births, love stories and family crises. This is true from its very first page, with the appearance of Adam and Eve's family with all its burden of violence but also its enduring strength (cf. Gn 4) to its very last page, where we behold the wedding feast of the Bride and the Lamb (Rev 21: 2, 9.).

*The triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection. St. John Paul shed light on this when he said, "Our God in his deepest mystery is not solitude, but a family, for he has within himself fatherhood, sonship and the essence of the family, which is love. That love, in the divine family, is the Holy Spirit."



*Labor also makes possible the development of society and provides for the sustenance, stability and fruitfulness of one's family: "May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children!" (Ps 128:5-6).

*The Church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches.

*It is important for Christians to show their love by the way they treat family members who are less knowledgeable about the faith, weak or less sure in their convictions.

*In family life, we need to cultivate that strength of love which can help us fight every evil threatening it.

*Marriage is a precious sign, for "which a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage, God is, as it were, 'mirrored' in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God's love for us.

*The family is thus an agent of pastoral activity through its explicit proclamation of the Gospel and its legacy of carried forms of witness, namely solidarity with the poor, openness to a diversity of people, the protection of creation, moral and material solidarity with other families, including those most in need, commitment to the promotion of the common good and the transformation of unjust social structures, beginning in the territory in which the family lives, through the practices of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

May the Holy Family inspire your family to be holy and joyful. May the Lord bless your family with abundant peace and love.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

Hospitality Schedule for January 7, 2018:

GREETERS: Steve Casey, Alison Chan, Rose Lau
RECEPTION: Appreciation Luncheon

Today's Liturgy - December 31, 2017

Readings: GATHER 1008– The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

PROCESSIONAL: #455 – Once in Royal David's City

OFFERTORY: #431 – Child of Mercy

COMMUNION: #466 – What Child Is This

RECESSIONAL: #437 – Joy to the World

News and Events

BABY BOTTLES

If you have forgotten your baby bottle, please return to the church office ASAP. Thank you for your support of the Chicago Women's Centers of Chicago!

2018 CHINESE CALENDAR

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



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital patients:

John, Donna, Luetisia, Genevieve, Antoinette, Ai, Mary, Dortha, Tony, Della, Lynna, Yvonne, Gail, Mark, Sharon, Mary, Robert, Linda, Tyreese, Marcua, Sarah, Sheila, Evelyn, Doris, Dejuan

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 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!

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 families while also receiving a tax credit yourself. This program is different

from regular charitable giving to St. Therese or another charity. Visit arch-chicago.org/tcs to learn why and to access a step-by-step guide to the program.

First Friday Devotion

On Jan. 5th, we will have a Holy Hour in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7pm in Church. We will start with recitation of the Divine Chaplets and followed by silent prayers and concluded with Benediction. All are welcome.

Meetings

Finance Council meeting will be on Wed. Jan. 10th at 6pm followed by Liturgy Committee meeting at 7pm in the St. Therese Room.

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!

Christmas Donations as of 12/27/2017

Hak Sue	\$500	Helen Distasio	\$50
Ada Chong	\$100	Francine Caruso	\$50
Mrs. Nancy Longmire	\$250	Gertrude L. Chan	\$50
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Gregory & Sharon Lee	\$100	Mr. F. Karagianes & Family	\$20
Elaine H. Louie	\$100	Pete Chan	\$20
Kam Chiu	\$100	Herman Lew	\$100
Rita Lim	\$30	Jeannie Hui	\$50
Suet Mui	\$20	Bo Chung Yau	\$100
Bernie Wong	\$150	Ms. Catherine Chan	\$30
Gemma & Edward Wong	\$200	Thomas Chan	\$50
Patricia Lee	\$50	Vivian Wong	\$30
Thomas & Libia Howard	\$50	Marilyn Lee	\$60
Chung & Mei Chan	\$20	Tom & Carol Spalla	\$100
Laura Chu	\$50	Ray Perpignani	\$25
Theresa Vallina	\$25	Jimbay Loh	\$300
Catherine Chang	\$50	Deacon Paul Spalla	\$1,000
Raymond Chin	\$1,000	Megumi Hayashi	\$50
Martin Yuen	\$50	St. Rocco Society	\$250
Robert Lee	\$10	Laurence Wong	\$150
Lucy Setlak	\$100	Shao-Chen Lin	\$50
Cindy & George Ching	\$200	Nick & Ellen Andriacchi	\$300
Joe & Dolly Marzullo	\$25	Anna Eng	\$200
Lily & Richard May	\$1,000	Mr. & Mrs. George Bonomo	\$50
Miulan Yau	\$100	Marilyn Leung	\$50
Wilfred & Janet Chan	\$500	Anita Cahn Hong	\$20
Elizabeth & Michael Velten	\$100	Chuck & Cindi Oi	\$1,000
Phyllis Cavellone-Jurek	\$750	Mary & John Lusak	\$100
So Sau Ho	\$300	James & Ramona Chin	\$300
Shiu-Mei Sim	\$100	Teresa & Henry Lee	\$200
Jing Zhang	\$50	Antoinette Briglio	\$25
Anthony F. Sorrentino	\$5	Robyn Pio	\$10
Thomas Lam	\$100	Nancy Wong	\$200
Richard Krach	\$100	Geraldine Lonnie Lee	\$100
Therese C. Scopacasa	\$50	David Wong & Sui Tse	\$50
Barbara L. Boril	\$25	Chuck H. Lee	\$100
Fowziya Kelty	\$250	Willis & Linda Sy Weiler	\$200

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Michael Fung	\$20	Michael G. Chan	\$100
Jean Wong	\$20	Shile George Chan	\$100
Kun Tai Cheong	\$20	Linda M. Myers	\$100
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Sharon Yu	\$100	Joey & Naomi Lowe	\$50
James D. Vittori	\$100	Lucy Moy	\$50
Rita & Richard Young	\$200	Monica Lam	\$50
Andrew & Eva Feng	\$100	Dominic Barbaro	\$50
Phyllis Centofanti	\$15	Margaret Moy	\$50
Farlen Lee	\$10	Dorothy Albanese	\$25
Earl E. Hokens	\$80	Siu Tip Tsang	\$2
Barbara Lee Pon	\$20	Teresa Au	\$20
Edy Gunawan	\$40	Bryan & Peggy Lowe	\$10
Rosemarie Centofanti	\$50	Lucy Ching Shan Wong	\$10
Annie Lowe	\$50	Frank Scuito	\$10
Janet Moy	\$40	Katherine Moy	\$10
Michael & Dorothy Bisch	\$100	Shiu Foon Chan	\$5
Michael & Wanda Jordan	\$200	Francis Degnan	\$25
Emily & Adam Harley	\$100	Kwok Chi Lee	\$100
Jerome & Wendy Fluder	\$150	Larry Pusatari	\$30
Paul & Cindi Lau	\$1,000	Chi-Ing Li	\$1,000
Eileen Chin	\$500	Paul M. Lee	\$500
Christopher Lau	\$300	Joseph & Rena Zito	\$500
Teresa & Gene Lee	\$200	Fr. Francis Li	\$100
Eleanor & Ignatius He	\$200	Joseph & Natia Difazio	\$100
Pamela M. Eng	\$100	Nathan Lau	\$100
Irene Lee	\$50	Marion Roti	\$50
Karen Zewe	\$25	Dominic Lai	\$150
Amy Moy	\$20	Ting-Ting Yang	\$100
Anonymous	\$500	Anthony & Anita Spina	\$250
Andrew Louie	\$1,000	Patrick Coleman	\$20
Richard Co	\$150	Roberta Cheong	\$8.80

Loose Cash

\$756

Grand Total as of December 27, 2017: \$27,149

Thank you to All who contributed!



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

Lois Payton
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Phil Maraldi
Jerry Ecklund
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If you wish to add a name or remove your name from this list, please call the parish office.

"Be a HOLY FAMILY" ~Sister Caritas

Our world today is filled with many events which act contrary to our understanding of what it means to be a Holy Family. We see and hear values which are contrary to the Catholic Christian teachings, being held up in public. We could today ask the question Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" as we hear and read things we have held to build our nation, being ignored, challenged and rejected. Honesty is not upheld. We hear of abuse being condoned, disrespectful language is frequently spoken even in front of women and children. It is spoken sometimes by women and children.

Things were not so moral in the time of Jesus. Herod killed infant boy children to kill the "young potential king" since he wanted to be king... Pharisees and Scribes taught one thing and often lived another. The poor, lame, and blind were never given a chance to move up in culture or be healed and helped.

What made Mary, Joseph and Jesus Holy? Besides being chosen by God, Jesus being the Son of God, they built their lives on love for each other, fulfillment of and knowledge of the law, and belief in each other and in the messages of the angels sent to them. They followed the will of God.

How do we build a Holy family and maintain this life in these times? The same values (we are chosen by God, too) as Mary, Joseph, and Jesus practiced. Most of all as I think about where we receive the strength to live a holy life, I think two special things are important. Believe in God and God's action, sending "angels in your life", believe what the Church teaches, and most of all, center yourself and your family on prayer and **The Holy Eucharist**. We cannot stay alive without food each day. We cannot stay alive and be holy without the Faith and the Holy Eucharist. Eucharist is the mystery of faith. It is the nourishment of our faith and of a holy life. The world needs holy families. We are called to be these HOLY Families today!

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St. Therese Parish Appreciation Gathering

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

St. Therese Church Community Room

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