

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2018

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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

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8:00 A.M. +

10:30 A.M. Family Mass

MON. Jan. 22nd Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 A.M. + Bruno Roti, Birthday Remembrance by Marion

TUE. Jan. 23rd Saint Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope

8:00 A.M. In Thanksgiving to God by Rose Lee

WED. Jan. 24th Saint Francis de Sales

8:00 A.M. + Deceased Family Members of Dominic Barbaro
+ Victor Lee by Rose Lee

THU. Jan. 25th The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

8:00 A.M. +

FRI. Jan. 26th Saints Timothy and Titus

8:00 A.M. +

SAT. Jan. 27th Saint Angela Merici, BVM

8:00 A.M. +

5:00 P.M. Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese
+ Jimmy Annoreno by family
+ Vince Briglio by Joe and 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 **Joseph DiFazio** for donating some Ping Pong paddles, balls and nets for our Ping Pong games in the Community Room.

To Seek Jesus, To Encounter Jesus, to Follow Jesus

As we begin the Ordinary Time of our Liturgical Year, the readings remind us of Jesus' first encounter with his disciples, how he called them and how they responded. Last Sunday, we heard from the Gospel of John about the calling of Jesus' early disciples. Today we hear from the Gospel of Mark on the same story, even though Mark tells it a little differently. I found Pope Francis' reflection on last Sunday's Gospel very helpful, which is quoted below from Zenit given on Jan. 14th 2018. I hope the Holy Father's insight will help us to reflect prayerfully on today's Gospel story.

As on the feast of the Epiphany and that of Jesus' Baptism, today's Gospel page (Cf. John 1:35-42) also proposes the theme of the Lord's manifestation. This time it's John the Baptist who points Him out to his disciples as "the Lamb of God" (v. 36), thus inviting them to follow Him. And so it is for us: He whom we contemplated in the mystery of Christmas, we are now called to follow in daily life. Today's Gospel, therefore, introduces us perfectly in the Ordinary Liturgical Time, a time that serves to animate and verify our journey of faith in our usual life, in a dynamic that moves between epiphany and following, between manifestation and vocation.

The Gospel account indicates the essential characteristics of the journey of faith. There is an itinerary of faith, and this is the itinerary of disciples of all times, also ours, beginning with the question Jesus addresses to the two that, urged by the Baptist, start to follow Him: "What do you seek?" (v. 38). It's the same question that, on Easter morning, the Risen One asks Mary Magdalene: "Woman, whom do you seek?" (John 20:15). Each one of us, in as much as a human being, is seeking: seeking happiness, seeking love, a good and full life. God the Father has given us all this in His Son Jesus.

Fundamental in this search is the role of a true witness, of a person who first of all has made the journey and has encountered the Lord. In the Gospel, John the Baptist is this witness. Therefore he can direct the disciples to Jesus, who involves them in a new experience, saying: "Come and see" (v. 39). And those two will never be able to forget the beauty of that encounter, to the point that the Evangelist even notes the hour: "it was about four o'clock in the afternoon" (Ibid.). Only a personal encounter with Jesus generates a path of faith and of discipleship. We can have many experiences, do many things, establish relations with many persons, but only the meeting with Jesus, in the hour that God knows, can give full meaning to our life and make our projects and our initiatives fruitful.

It's not enough to build for oneself an image of God based on what one has heard said; it's necessary to go to seek the divine Master and to go where He dwells. The two disciples' request to Jesus: "Where are you staying?" (v. 38), has an intense spiritual meaning: it expresses the desire to know where the Master dwells, to be able to be with Him. The life of faith consists in the desire to be with the Lord and, therefore, in a continuous search of the place where He dwells.



This means that we are called to overcome a habitual religiosity taken for granted, reviving the encounter with Jesus in prayer, in meditation of the Word of God and in frequenting the Sacraments, to be with Him and bear fruit thanks to Him, to His help and His grace.

To seek Jesus, to encounter Jesus, to follow Jesus: this is the way — to seek Jesus, to encounter Jesus, to follow Jesus.

May the Virgin Mary sustain us in this resolution to follow Jesus, to go and stay where He dwells, to listen to his Word of life, to adhere to Him who takes away the sin of the world, to rediscover in Him hope and spiritual enthusiasm.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

MASS & GAME NIGHT **Saturday, January 27, 2018**



Join the Young Adult Ministry at 5:00 p.m. mass,
followed by game night, dinner, & drinks!

See Joey Lowe or Jen Sin to RSVP or for any questions.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Hospitality Schedule for January 28, 2018:

GREETERS: Jennifer Sin & Florence Yu

RECEPTION: Lisa & Lushia

Today's Liturgy - January 21, 2018

Readings: GATHER 1099– 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/B - Family Mass

PROCESSIONAL: #850 – All Are Welcome

OFFERTORY: #658 – Seek Ye First

COMMUNION: #781 – Lord, When You Came

Meditation Song (STS students): Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

RECESSIONAL: #777 – Here I Am, Lord

News and Events

2018 Offering Boxes

are available at the church entrance table. Please pick up your box of envelopes. 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!

2017 Tax Letter for Church Donations

If you would like to have a 2017 donation letter for tax purposes, please contact the parish office.



Please pray for the following
Mercy Hospital patients:

Adeline, Sam, Monica, Joyce,
Lois, Marie, Robert, Sadie, Jason,
Jos, Jerry, Yuzhu, Arnulfo,
Tomicka, Charles, Dennis, Carl

Sunday School for Preschoolers,

Ages 4 & 5 years

The next class with
Sr. Caritas will be
on January 28th,
from 9:15am-

10:15am in the St. Lucy Room.



Baptisms

Serena Chueh, Evelyn Ho and Mabel Ho will be baptized on Sunday Jan. 21st at the 10:30am Family Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

Youth Ministry

The next youth ministry gathering will be on Sat. Feb. 3rd beginning with the 5pm mass followed by pizza and sharing and games in the Community Room.

SAVE THE DATE! Our Annual Lunar New Year Celebration will be on Sunday, February 25th. The regular 10:30am mass and the 12 noon Mandarin mass will be combined to a **10:00am Mass**. All are welcome!

The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal "Come, Follow Me"

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

This year's ACA announcement weekend will be on Jan. 27 and 28 and commitment weekend will be on Feb. 3 & 4.

The ACA offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to **"Come, Follow Me."**

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help to ministries here in our Parish.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our Parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal.

When our parish reaches its goal of **\$9,600** in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our Parish. Our rebate fund will help us to continue to maintain and beautify our Church.



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The Tax Credit Scholarship Program provides a way for families to receive scholarships to cover up to 100% of their tuition costs and is an opportunity we do not want you to miss! **The application process begins this Monday.** The Big Shoulders Fund application will open on **Monday, January 22nd at 8am**, and the Empower Illinois application will open on **Wednesday, January 31st at noon**. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is important to apply as soon as possible. Details are available on the St. Therese School Website (www.sttheresechicago.org/admissions/tax credit scholarships program). Application assistance will also be available to families at the school on Monday, January 22.

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Christmas Donations as of January 16, 2018 Continued from last weekend's list

Sammy Moy & Lisa Debbie Oi	\$350
Betty Kovathana	\$150
Thomas Wong	\$20

Grand Total as of January 16, 2018: \$29,759

Thank you to All who contributed!

Weekly Offering

Collection for January 14, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,203	
GiveCentral	245	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$56,858
Sunday Loose	310	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$61,600
Total Collection	\$1,758	
Weekly Budget:	\$2,200	% of Budget Attained: 92%

Please consider giving one hour of **your weekly salary as your contribution.**
May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!



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Retirement Fund for Religious Coordinator
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December 21, 2017

Rev. Dong Ping Li
St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church
218 W. Alexander St.
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Dear Father Li,

Christmas blessings!

On behalf of all of the retired religious of the Archdiocese and of the United States, I would like to thank you and the members of St. Therese Chinese Catholic Parish for your generous donation of \$1181.00 (check #2859) towards the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your parish gift continues to make it possible for religious communities to provide quality care for their retired members who selflessly served the People of God through years of dedicated service.

Please be assured of the prayers of all religious, both retired and active, asking God's continued blessings upon your parish throughout the Christmas season and 2018 New Year. If you have any questions regarding the Retirement Fund, please don't hesitate to contact me at 312-534-8234 or jzonsius@archchicago.org.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.
Retirement Fund for Religious Coordinator



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

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"Moments of Change" ~Sister Caritas

There are times in our lives when we meet circumstances which require us to make serious decisions. These decisions, such as moving with a job to a new city, buying a house or getting married, cause serious considerations and thoughts about what we really want to do. These choices can cause us to change our whole life.

Our readings today give two examples of people changing their lives... Jonah came to Nineveh, preaching to the citizens and ruler of the city to change their ways or in forty days, "the city would be destroyed." Everyone responded and changed from evil to following God.

In the Gospel, Jesus is preaching in Galilee. He says, "The kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the Gospel." He calls Simon and Andrew, James and John. They listen and leave everything and follow Jesus. It sounds, in both stories, so easy. For the people of Nineveh it might mean not going to places that lead to sin. It might mean leaving relationships that lead to evil. It might mean no more stealing, lying or cheating. It meant having a radically different set of values and actions. God saw the actions and God changed what He had intended to do.

For the four men Jesus called, it was an even more radical change. They walked away from their business, livelihood, and family. They had no idea what they would be doing or how they would be living. Peter did not, it seems, go back to say good-bye to his wife or family. All of them left their father to follow Jesus.

What they were called to do is what we are called to do. We are called to leave everything that would keep us from being close to Jesus. They were told to do two things, repent and believe the good news. It is that simple for us. It is simple not easy. **Follow, Repent, Believe.** This is a pattern for our whole lives. What about it? Will you follow, repent and believe? God always gives the grace. We need only to try.

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