

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 11, 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

March 11, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 A.M. + John Sim by Theresa Latham

10:30 A.M. Thanksgiving by Rebecca Moy
+ For the repose of the soul of Francis Yip by Perry & Rose
+ Mary Chan by John & Sheila Lin & Family

12:00 P.M. **Indonesian Mass**
+ Iskandar Widjaja by Lucille Salerno

MON. March 12th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Mary Chan by Rose Lee
+ John Sim by Theresa Latham

TUE. March 13th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Mary Chan by Sacred Heart Ladies
+ John Sim by Theresa Latham

WED. March 14th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Fred Roti, 10th Anniversary by Marion
+ Mary Chan by Marion Roti

THU. March 15th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Mary Chan by Lucy Moy

FRI. March 16th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Birthday Remembrance for Jenping J. Chan by Darlene

SAT. March 17th Saint Patrick, Bishop

8:00 A.M. + Mary Chan by Sacred Heart Ladies

5:00 P.M. Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese
+ David Jarzyna by Wife Cookie
+ Ron Leato by Marion Roti
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family
+ Vincent Briglio by Briglio Family



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks and Congratulations

Thanks to **Frank and Sophie Nardi** for their generous donation of \$300.00 towards our Church Lights upgrade.

Thanks to all who helped with our Lunar New Year celebration, special gratitude to **Sharon Wong** and **Angel Hou** for their leadership. Thanks to all who supported our School's New Year Benefit Banquet and special gratitude to Family Association Coordinators for taking the lead on this important fundraiser.

Congratulations to **Darlene and Chris Lowe**, recipients of this Year's Lifetime Service Award! Both Darlene and Chris have been super generous with their time and service to our community. We congratulate them and we are grateful to them.



Catholicism 201: Mission Discipleship

Last year, our Parish Pastoral Council organized a formation series titled, Catholicism 101, for our community. Continuing this formation effort, this year, our PPC planned a series on Mission Discipleship. Throughout his Pontificate, Pope Francis has constantly called us to be missionary disciples and evangelizing communities. He wants our Church to “go forth” to share the Good News with joy and to show God’s mercy to all. We hope this year’s presentations and sharing will empower each one of us to be better missionary disciples, so I encourage you to attend the first sharing on Sunday March 11th after the 10:30am mass in the Community Room, led by Tom McGuire, chairperson of the U.S. China Catholic Association and a Maryknoll Affiliate.

Renew My Church

Our Grouping is almost half way through Renew My Church. We received five Scenarios from the Archdiocese last week for discussions and feedback, which I shared with you in our parish weekly bulletin. I hope you had a chance to read it and to pray about it. Your voices are important for the Cardinal to make a final decision in the Fall. So please plan to join our Parish's Second Conversation on Renew My Church on Sunday March 18th from 11:45am to 1:15pm in the Community Room.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis



Listed below are the initial scenarios to begin the conversation. We are asked to provide feedback on these initial scenarios and propose alternatives in the upcoming weeks.

Initial Scenario A: 3 parishes

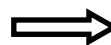
- Parish 1: St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church, All Saints – St. Anthony, St. Barbara, and St. Mary of Perpetual Help would unite to form one new canonical parish.
- Parish 2: St. Jerome Croatian and Santa Lucia would unite to form one new canonical parish.
- St. Therese Chinese Catholic School would continue to explore expansion to an additional campus. Santa Lucia School would close for the 2019-20 school year. Parishes 1 and 2 would collectively support 1 school located at either St. Barbara or St. Jerome.
- Parish 3: Nativity of Our Lord and St. Gabriel would unite to form one new canonical parish. Bridgeport Catholic Academy and St. Gabriel School would serve the new parish as the new parish evaluates the sustainability of continuing both schools. The parish would need to support any operating deficits driven by low enrollment.

Initial Scenario B: 4 parishes

- Parish 1: St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church, All Saints – St. Anthony, and Santa Lucia would unite to form one new canonical parish. Santa Lucia Church would close for worship. St. Therese Chinese Catholic School would serve as the parish school and continue to explore expansion to an additional campus. Santa Lucia School would close for the 2019-20 school year.
- Parish 2: St. Barbara and St. Mary of Perpetual Help would unite to form one new canonical parish.
- Parish 3: St. Jerome Croatian would continue in its current canonical structure.
- Parishes 2 and 3 would collectively support 1 school located at either St. Barbara or St. Jerome.
- Parish 4: Nativity of Our Lord and St. Gabriel would unite to form one new canonical parish. Bridgeport Catholic Academy and St. Gabriel School would serve the new parish as the new parish evaluates the sustainability of continuing both schools. The parish would need to support any operating deficits driven by low enrollment.

Initial Scenario C: 2 parishes

- Parish 1: St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church, All Saints – St. Anthony, Santa Lucia, St. Barbara, St. Mary of Perpetual Help, Nativity of Our Lord, and St. Gabriel would all unite to form one new canonical parish. All Saints – St. Anthony and Santa Lucia Churches would close for worship.
- Parish 2: St. Jerome Croatian Parish would continue in its current canonical structure and focus on serving as a center of Croatian Catholic culture.
- St. Therese Chinese Catholic School would continue to explore expansion to an additional campus.
- St. Barbara School would serve as the school for the northern part of Bridgeport. St. Jerome and Santa Lucia Schools would close for the 2019-20 school year.
- Bridgeport Catholic Academy would serve as the school for the southern part of Bridgeport and Canaryville. St. Gabriel School would close for the 2019-20 school year.



News and Events

MEETINGS - Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Finance Council will meet at 6pm followed by the Liturgy Committee at 7pm.

CRS Rice Bowl

Please pick up a Rice Bowl after mass this weekend and fill it up with your spare change during Lent, and return it on the weekends of March 17th and 18th, 24th and 25th.

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:

Mary, James, Annabelle, John, Toni, Elizabeth, Latasha, Lawrence, Billy, Lois, Lorraine, Michelle, Louise,

Danielle, Anita, Melvina, Pamela, Maria, Wanda, Thomas, Renee, Roy, Michael, Gardenia, Merle, Wayne, Dora, Derrick, Denise

SAVE THE DATES:

**St. Therese Third Annual Dinner Dance
June 8th @ New Furama Restaurant**

Additional Info Coming Soon

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Therese Chinese Catholic Parish
Detour Booths (Food, Games, Music,
and Religious Material)

July 15th @ Chinatown Summer Fair

Sign Up Sheets Coming Soon!

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ENCOUNTERING JESUS

Meeting the Christ of Faith and the Jesus of History
Thursday, March 22, 7 p.m.

SEVEN LAST WORDS

An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus
Friday, March 23, 7 p.m.

Holy Name Cathedral

730 North Wabash Avenue
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Join us for two evenings of thoughtful reflection, dialogue, and prayer. For more information and to register for these events, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/events/father-james-martin.



Religious Education Students Lead Mass

The 10:30am mass on Sunday March 18th will be led by our Religious Education Students. They will participate by leading the readings, songs and greetings.

Our monthly **Family Mass** is moved to Sunday, March 25th followed by the Living Stations of the Cross at 12:30pm led by our School students.

Mandarin Lenten Retreat

There will be a Lenten Retreat in Mandarin on Saturday, March 24th from 10am to 7:30pm in the Community Room. Due to this retreat, our monthly Mandarin mass on March 25th is moved to 3:30pm on Saturday March 24th.



Initial Scenario D: 4 parishes

- Parish 1: St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church and All Saints – St. Anthony would unite to form one new canonical parish. St. Therese Chinese Catholic School would continue exploring expansion to an additional campus.
- Parish 2: St. Mary of Perpetual Help and St. Barbara would unite to form one new canonical parish.
- Parish 3: St. Jerome Croatian and Santa Lucia would unite to form one new canonical parish.
- Parishes 2 and 3 would collectively support 1 school located at either St. Barbara or St. Jerome.
- Parish 4: Nativity of Our Lord and St. Gabriel would unite to form one new canonical parish. Bridgeport Catholic Academy and St. Gabriel School would serve the new parish as the new parish evaluates the sustainability of continuing both schools. The parish would need to support any operating deficits driven by low enrollment.

Initial Scenario E: 3 parishes

- Parish 1: St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church, All Saints – St. Anthony, and St. Barbara would unite to form one new canonical parish.
- Parish 2: St. Jerome Croatian and Santa Lucia would unite to form one new canonical parish.
- St. Therese Chinese Catholic School would continue to explore expansion at an additional campus.
- Parishes 1 and 2 would collectively support 1 school located at either St. Barbara or St. Jerome.
- Parish 3: St. Mary of Perpetual Help, Nativity of Our Lord and St. Gabriel would unite to form one new canonical parish. The newly formed parish would explore the sustainability of two schools and whether to move to one school at the Bridgeport Catholic Academy site. The parish would need to support any operating deficits driven by low enrollment.



Your input is needed

Again, these initial scenarios are conversation starters only. No decisions have been made. We are asked to provide feedback on the initial scenarios from the Archdiocese and propose alternative scenarios and configuration models.

Please come to our next parish meeting on **Sunday March 18th to learn more and share your feedback and input.**

A Prayer For "Renew My Church"

Lord Jesus, you spoke to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In our age, and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew my Church. Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

- To hear you clearly
- To listen to each other attentively
- To imagine our future boldly
- To discern your direction wisely
- To persevere in your holy will courageously
- To stay together in charity
- To surrender our own plans readily
- To embrace the greater good
- To hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints
May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

CATHOLICISM 201: MISSION DISCIPLESHIP

Whether you aced Catholicism 101 or weren't able to attend any sessions, join us for



**St. Therese Church's
2018 Faith Formation Series**
11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. | Community Room



with missionary disciple and dynamic speaker,
Tom McGuire
Chairperson of the US China Catholic Association and a Maryknoll Affiliate.

Mar 11, 2018 | Being Loved is the Source of Mission

"Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." -John 17:3

Apr 15, 2018 | A Loving Response is Mission

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." -John 13:35

Jun 10, 2018 | The Fruit of Love is Compassionate Service

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience..." -Col 3:12

Sep 30, 2018 | Sharing Stories of Love

"And he spoke to them at length in parables..." -Matthew 13.3

Nov 11, 2018 | Loving Means Dying to Self

"Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross." Phil 2:7-8

Weekly Offering

Collection for March 4, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,451	
GiveCentral	425	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$73,684
Sunday Loose	644	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$77,000
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Total Collection	\$2,520	

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 95%

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

Sat., March 10
5:00 PM

Mass + Karaoke Night
RSVP by March 7

Sat., April 7
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Mass + Praise & Worship Night
With Dcn. Christian
RSVP by April 4 | All ages welcome!

Sat., April 28
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Mass + College Care Packages
Support our YAs during finals week!
RSVP by April 25



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StThereseYAM>

Sign up at the church entrance or contact Joey Lowe or Jen Sin.

Hospitality Schedule for March 18, 2018:

GREETERS: Marian Torrez & St. Therese School Students
RECEPTION: Daron, Adrienne, Nicole

Today's Liturgy - March 11, 2018

Readings: GATHER 1026 - 4th Sunday of Lent/B

PROCESSIONAL: #487 – Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

OFFERTORY: #485 – Turn to the Living God

COMMUNION: #486 – Deep Within

RECESSIONAL: #644 – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



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
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Betsy Young
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Mina Preysler Munoz
Mark Donato
James Rak
Lan Ying Yee
Ching Shiu Yau
Henry F. Wong
Matthew Mantia
Phyllis Centofanti
Susan Zibricky
Barbara Metzinger
Victor Roa
Gyna Gazzi

"God's Love For Us" ~Sister Caritas

In each of our lives there are things that we keep because they remind us of events or of people whom we love. Memories of loved ones come flooding back as we look at the picture or see again the special object from that person. A wedding ring while a special sign of love and commitment, can be a daily reminder of the love we have for our husband or wife.

Jesus tells us "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes Him might not perish but might have eternal life." God did not "lend" us his Son. He GAVE his Son to us, for us. It was not like money we borrow and then we have to pay it back. Jesus, God's only Son, is a gift given for us, to us. There is no way we could pay God back for this gift. Jesus was given to the world and to us, so that we might not "perish". God loves us so much he could not stand the possibility of us being destroyed, being forever separated from him. God was willing to give us Jesus so we would be eternally joined with God forever.

How would we not perish? If we believe in Jesus we will not perish. To believe is to choose to follow and accept all that Jesus taught and proclaimed. This is the gift we receive in Baptism and which hopefully grows throughout our lives. It is a gift Jesus gives us that we may not perish. He paid a great price in order to give us this gift. He died on the cross and rose on Easter.

All of this Jesus did that we may have eternal life. Eternal life is being alive forever. Having eternal life is not only being alive forever but being happy and fulfilled, with God. This life eternal will never come to an end. We will soon enter into Holy Week. It is there especially as we see God's love poured out upon all of us through Jesus suffering, death and resurrection. Use these last weeks well. Embrace the love God so wants to shower upon you. Do not hesitate to open yourself to this incomprehensible gift of Love. It is for YOU. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son..."

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Renew My Church

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00P.M. in Church; *NO FISH FRY this year!*

Renew My Church

March 18th---2nd Parish Conversation on Renew My Church from 11:45am to 1:15pm in the Community Room. All are welcome!

CRS Rice Bowl

Distribution on Feb. 17th and 18th and **Returning on March 17th and 18th, 24th and 25th**

RCIA---Scrutiny Rites

will be celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent.

First Reconciliation

For School and R. E. students will take place on **Saturday, March 17th at 10:00A.M.**

Parish Religious Program

Reconciliation will take place on **Sunday, March 11th** after the 10:30A.M. Mass. Students will lead the 10:30A.M. Mass on **Sunday March 18th.**

Indonesian Mass

Sunday, March 11th at noon

March Mandarin Retreat and Mass

Saturday, March 24th from 10am to 7pm; **NO Mandarin Mass on Sunday March 25th.**

Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School

Sunday, March 25th at 12:30P.M. in Church

“Making Disciples, Building Communities, and Inspiring Witness.”