Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 25, 2018

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English Mass 英語彌撒

Daily Mass 平日弥撒:

Monday - Saturday at 8:00am 每 日 上午八時

Sunday Mass 主日弥撒:

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

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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 25, 2018 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 A.M. + Dominick Figliuzzi by Theresa, Jane & Jack

10:30 A.M. + Birthday Remembrance for Henry Lee by Wife & Family

Billy Bulens by Doreen & Joe Eng

MON. March 26th Monday of Holy Week

8:00 A.M

TUE. March 27th Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 A.M. Special Intention for Maria Vinci by Briglio Family

WED. March 28th Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00 A.M. + Birthday Remembrance for Barry Yong by Mom June Moy

+ Deceased Friends & Relatives of Dominic Barbaro

+ Marcella Vaccaro by Janet

THU. March 29th Holy Thursday

7:00 P.M. Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life

FRI. March 30th Friday of the Passion of the Lord - Good Friday

3:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 P.M. VENERATION OF THE CROSS & COMMUNION SERVICE

SAT. March 31st Holy Saturday - Vigil of Easter

7:30 P.M. Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese

+ Bernadette Zito by Joe & Rena Zito

+ Lauren Mandel by Joe & Rena Zito

+ Joe D'Amico by Joe & Rena Zito

+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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



Gazing on the Cross

This Sunday, we meditate on the Passion of the Lord from the Gospel of Mark. The symbols of palms and cross can help us to make sense of the realities we live in as disciples. Violence, injustice and innocent death continue to hurt each of us and our World. We need healing.

The effort of *Renew My Church* reminds us all that our Church needs to refocus ourselves on the CROSS and MISSION. In the beginning of the process, Cardinal Cupich invited us all to gaze on the San Domiano Cross. As Renew My Church continues to unfold, we need keep our hearts and eyes on the Cross. While acknowledging our challenges and differences, we know that we

are one Body in Christ. Jesus is calling us to carry on His mission. This great mission we all have compels us to be open and to share and to make disciples. I am grateful to all who attended our Parish Conversation on Renew My Church last Sunday. There were a lot of good and honest sharing. I am both optimistic and realistic. I know that this process is very challenging and many Catholics already feel the hurt just by discussing some of the possible changes. We need the Cross, which offers us hope and new life.

In his homily on March 20th, sharing on the story of the serpent on a pole in the Old Testament, Pope Francis noted...

how the people became frustrated by the long journey, lost hope, complained and suffered the bites of serpents. The serpents are an external system of poisoned hearts. But the people could be saved by gazing on the serpent Moses made and placed on a pole. And what was its power? "It was prophetic: it was the figure of Christ on the cross," Pope Francis said. "By looking only at their own strength, they forgot the Lord's strength, which had liberated them from 400 years of slavery." The Holy Father drew the analogy: "And here is the key to our salvation, the key for having patience on the journey of life, the key to overcome our deserts: looking at the Crucifix." Like the people in the desert healed by looking at the serpent, we can be healed by Jesus and his wounds, "for by those wounds we have been healed."



Our World needs healing; our Church needs healing; and each of us needs healing. The cross can heal us!

As we move into *Holy Week*, let's spend some time gazing on the cross and let's make the best effort to celebrate the Paschal mystery with our community:

Holy Thursday---March 29th

Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School at 1pm in Church

Mass at 7:00 P.M. and the church will be open until 12 A.M.

Visitation of Churches after mass

Good Friday---March 30th

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 P.M.

Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion Service at 7:00 P.M.

Holy Saturday---March 31st

Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 P.M. with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion for our RCIA members

Easter Sunday---April 1st

English Mass at 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. followed by a simple reception

May your Holy Week be filled with hope and life!

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

Hospitality Schedule for April 1, 2018:

GREETERS: Alison Chan, Steve Casey, Rose Lau RECEPTION: EASTER

Today's Liturgy - March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Readings: GATHER 1035/37

PROCESSIONAL:: #498 – All Glory, Laud and Honor

OFFERTORY: #588 – I Have Loved You

COMMUNION: #642 – What Wondrous Love Is

RECESSIONAL: #881 – Lift High The Cross

News and Events

Palm Sunday Celebrations March 25, 2018

2018年3月25日圣枝主日庆典

1. Blessing and Distribution of Palms
For the 5pm Vigil Mass and 8am Mass on
Sunday, March 25th, we invite the assembly
to gather at the Church entrance area for
blessing of the palms, behind the last pew of
the Church, shortly before Mass starts. For
the 10:30 am Mass, we will gather outside in
the Prayer Garden shortly before mass. Palm
branches will be blessed and distributed. All
of you are invited to carry your palms and
join in the procession from the entrance
down the center aisle, bow at the altar steps
and then return to your pews through the side
aisles. Your cooperation ensures a meaningful and orderly procession.

1. 圣枝降福和分配:

在3月24日下午5点的主日前夕弥撒和3月25日早上8点的弥撒开始之前,我们请大家在教堂入口处集合举行棕枝降福仪式。在3月25日上午10点半的弥撒开始之前,请大家在堂外花园集合举行棕枝降福仪式。然后游行入堂。我们将从教堂中间入口进入,在堂内中间过道上走到祭坛的台阶前鞠躬,然后转身通过堂内两边的过道回到您的座位。 您的配合会确保我们的游行井然有序。

2. The Way of the Cross

Living Stations of the Cross will be led by our School children at 12:30 pm in Church.

Church Decoration

We need volunteers to help to decorate our Church on Wed. March 28th at 6pm and on Saturday March 31st at 9:30am.

Holy Thursday March 29th 7pm mass

- 1. Following Jesus' example of washing his disciples' feet, you are invited to participate in this ritual of service. Please sign up at the church entrance table.
- 2. Visitation of Seven Churches will take place immediately after the 7pm mass in front of St. Therese Church. Transportation will be provided. All are welcome! Please sign up at the church entrance table.

Good Friday Collection

The Pontifical Good Friday collection will help preserve the most significant and holist places of our faith-the Holy Land. Please be generous.

The Way of the Cross

Will take place on Good Friday beginning at 8:45am at Daley Plaza and ending at 12 noon at Holy Name Cathedral.

CRS Rice Bowl

Please return your Rice Bowls! Thank you!



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital patients:

Wille, Estella, Kenneth, Genevieve, Michael, Carrie, Willie, Jerry, Elizabeth, Daija

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday April 3rd at 6:30pm.

SAVE THE DATES:

St. Therese Third Annual Dinner Dance June 8th @ New Furama Restaurant. Chinatown Summer Fair—July 15th

Renew My Church Update and Next Steps



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.



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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.

You are invited to fill out a survey with your feedback on the scenarios at the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AoCBridgeport (The link will close at 5pm on April 2, 2018)

Weekly Offering

Collection for March 18, 2018

Sunday Envelopes\$1,248GiveCentral205July 1-To-Present (Actual):\$76,899Sunday Loose210July 1-To -Present (Budget):\$81,400

Total Collection \$1,663

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 94%

Please consider giving one hour of your weekly salary as your contribution.

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!



SATHOLICISM 201: MISSION DISCIPLESHI

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



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"JESUS' LOVE FOR US" ~Sister Caritas

For many of us, those who love us and those whom we love help make our lives worthwhile. How those people are and what they are doing can determine what kind of day we have. Their love for us influences our health on all levels.

This week is Holy Week. Today we remember re-live Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem the last week of His human life. We hear the story of Palm Sunday and all the rest of the week's story of His life. Jesus loves and loved many people while He was alive. Two groups of persons loved by Jesus are Jesus' love for God. His Father. It was a main love of His life. He died doing His Father's will. The other category is all the people immediately in His life like His mother, Mary, the Apostles, and Lazarus and his sisters, to name a few. But among those Jesus loved and continues to love is each of us. We were with Him in His mind and heart as He accepted His cross, died, and rose again. We say, "He died so our sins could be forgiven and we could go to heaven." Jesus gave up His life for us. Whom else do you know in your life, who would do that for you?

As you go through this week with all its daily concerns, efforts, work, and joys, remember Jesus and what the story of the Gospel says happened the last days of His life. Know that all He did He did to fulfill His Father's will but also out of love for us, you and me, individually.

Come and participate in the liturgical events of this week. Come celebrate Holy Thursday with the remembrance of the Last Supper. Spend time praying Thursday evening after the service. Remember Jesus spent time in prayer and then was arrested and the Apostles fled. Go on the trip of the tour of seven Churches. Sign up today. Friday we have Stations, and the evening remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion and death. Saturday come and celebrate Easter, New Life, as we baptize new members and celebrate Easter. Come Sunday and Rejoice and sing Alleluia!

"Love cannot wait to give to others." "Love gives everything always." That's what Jesus did for us. Join us this week.



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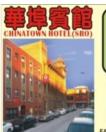
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CHRISTIAN SHIU

Deacon Christian is a transitional deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago, currently completing his last year of studies at Mundelein Seminary. Born and raised in Chicago, Deacon Christian grew up in Chinatown where he attended St. Therese School. While St. Therese is Deacon Christian's home parish, he is currently assigned to Most Blessed Trinity Parish in Waukegan, where he serves on the weekend. Deacon Christian enjoys watching movies, singing, and traveling to new places. He most recently went on pilgrimage with his class to the Holy Land. Deacon Christian will be ordained a priest in May of 2018.

BENJAMIN VALLE

A native to the Chicago suburbs, Benjamin serves as the Coordinator of Faith Formation for Holy Cross Parish in Deerfield, Illinois. In addition to parish ministry, he serves as a worship leader where his talents have taken him across the country and abroad through leading others into an encounter with Christ through worship. Outside of ministry, you can find Benjamin waterskiing, running, playing tennis, or simply relaxing with a good book and a cup of coffee. Benjamin holds a Bachelor's Degree in Catechetics & Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville.



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