

Third Sunday of Easter April 15, 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

April 15, 2018 Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 A.M. + Cady General by Katherine Moy

10:30 A.M. + Billy Bulens
+ Remembrance of Mom Chau-Cheng Yuke by Lucy Wong

MON. April 16th *Easter Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Joe Lee Shew by daughter Marilyn Leung

TUE. April 17th *Easter Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Vince Briglio by wife & family

WED. April 18th *Easter Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Mary Lin & Joseph Wang by Joseph Wang

THU. April 19th *Easter Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Joyce Eng by Gerri Moy

FRI. April 20th *Easter Weekday*

8:00 A.M. Special Intention by Joseph Wang

SAT. April 21st *Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 A.M. Special Intention by Joseph Wang
+ Deceased Friends & Relatives of Dominic Barbaro

5:00 P.M. Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese
+ John Nudo, Sr. by Tony & Mary Ann Nudo
+ Robert Murphy by Pam & Dan Spano
+ Ruth Barone by Lucille Salerno
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family
+ Jennifer Delgado Sanchez by SMI Club



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Deacon Baptizes his Mom during Easter Vigil

By Joyce Duriga | Editor

April 10, 2018, Published in Chicago Catholic Newspaper



When **Deacon Christian Shiu** baptized adults during the Easter Vigil at St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church on March 31 there was a special catechumen in line: his mother, Monica Shiu.

It was a unique moment not just for their family but for the church community. Deacon Christian will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 19. He was encouraged by Father

Francis Li, pastor of St. Therese, to baptize his mother.

Monica Shiu was a practicing Buddhist. As her son converted to Catholicism and her mother in Hong Kong became a Christian some years back, she started to think about things like the afterlife.

The Sunday following her son's diaconate ordination in May 2017, Monica was approached after Mass by Perry Lau, one of the parish's directors for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

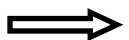
"I never talked to her before. I just approached her and asked her, 'Maybe you want to know about the faith?'" Lau said. "Her immediate reply was 'yes.'"

Before RCIA classes started in the fall, Monica told her son.

"It was a complete shock when my mom shared that with me at dinner," Christian said. "I didn't expect it to be this soon."

But it was not totally a surprise, he said.

"Along the way I really have seen the Holy Spirit working in not only my own life but in the life of my family," he said.



Right before Monica started RCIA classes she still wasn't 100 percent sure God was calling her to be a Catholic, so, like many people do, she put him to a test. She owned a building in Chinatown that she had been trying to sell for almost 10 years.

"One day I talked to God in my heart. I said, 'God, if you help me to sell the building I will become a Catholic,'" Monica said.

She didn't share her request with anyone. The next thing she knew, she had a buyer. Monica said it was a sign that God was calling her.

"I said to myself, 'I'm going to do it. I'm becoming a Catholic.'"

Monica attended Lau's RCIA classes that are taught in Cantonese. Lau himself is a former Buddhist who converted to Catholicism while studying at Illinois Institute for Technology.

Their shared faith background helped Lau explain Catholicism to Monica since there are similarities between the faiths.

"I knew where she was coming from," Lau said. "Monica has a good understanding of Buddhist beliefs and shared them during RCIA classes. It actually made it really easy for me to make the point about our Catholic faith because she already had that in her mind. But it's probably deeper and more meaningful now."

Monica was one of 11 people baptized at the Easter Vigil and 12 who were confirmed. All but one were Chinese Americans. This isn't surprising because while other Chinatowns across the United States are seeing a decline in population, Chicago's is growing, according to news reports. The growth is evident as more Chinese people move into neighboring communities such as Bridgeport and Canaryville.

The parish is home to the archdiocese's Chinese apostolate, which has outreach programs such as RCIA in Mandarin and Cantonese.

Today's Liturgy - April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter/B- Family Mass

Readings: GATHER 1068

PROCESSIONAL: #607– Sing a New Song

OFFERTORY: #919 - I Come with Joy

COMMUNION: #527 - I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Meditation Song: (STS Choir): # 540 - Jesus Christ is Risen Today

RECESSIONAL: #881 - Lift High the Cross

News and Events

Hospitality Schedule for April 22, 2018:

GREETERS: Steve Casey, Darlene, Flo Yu

RECEPTION: Earl, Jorge

St. Therese Chinese Catholic Parish



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Daron Lee, Patti Lee, Naomi Lowe, Helen

Moy, Jean Ng, Wendy Sin, Jade Yee, Rita

Young, Jing (Church Office)

SAVE THE DATES:

1. May Crowning and First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, May 6th at the 10:30am mass.
2. SMI May Crowning Mass will be on Sunday, May 6th at 12:00noon.
3. Our monthly Cantonese Mass in May will be on Sunday May 13th at 10:30am .
4. Chinatown Summer Fair—July 15th
Volunteers are Needed to support our biggest fundraising event! More info & sign up sheets Coming Soon!

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.



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital patients:

Derrick, William, Daisy, Reginald, Gerry, Edna, Maria, Orosco, Rosa, Lillie, Victoria, Betty, Angela, Katrika, Robin, Nina

Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all who made a pledge to this year's Catholic Appeal. Our parish goal is \$9600.00. We had 49 donors who pledged a total of \$8000.00. You can still make a pledge or make a donation towards it.

First Holy Communion Retreat

For communicants and parents will be on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 8am to 12pm in Church.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE *SPECIAL EVENTS*:

**The Redemptive Quality of
Suffering and How I Learned This
Through My Kidney Disease**

Join Roberta as she shares the story of
how her illness changed her life
physically and spiritually and how it
reunited her with Jesus Christ!

ROBERTA CHEONG

Sunday, April 22, 2018

11:45 AM to 12:45 PM

St. Therese Church Community Room



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St. Therese Music Ministry

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Spring Waters

Sunday, May 20, 2018, at 5 p.m.

St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church

Concert featuring:

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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



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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*



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

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Phyllis Centofanti
Susan Zibricky
Barbara Metzinger
Victor Roa
Felina Li

" EASTER JOY" ~Sister Caritas

Spring with all the changes of weather and the start of the growth of trees and flowers brings us a sense of renewed life. The sunshine brings renewed energy and a smile on our faces. Laughter comes more easily.

When we were baptized we promised to spread "the Good News" that Jesus is risen and we are forgiven. Our sins are taken away and if we are again sinners we can change, as Peter talks about in the first reading, deepen our belief in Jesus and be forgiven. If we continue our journey of deepened faith, continuous hope and growing love, we will come to know Jesus more and more. He will become part of our lives every day. Jesus present in our lives brings us joy and peace.

In the Gospel today Jesus is appearing to the apostles. They have experienced His death and now they experience Jesus risen, alive, never to die again. He does all He can to prove to them it is really Him. He gives them the gift to understand all that has been said about Him and this understanding helps them to see that He fulfilled all that the scriptures said of Him. With all of this, they are filled with joy, "incredulous joy"!

It is somewhat like the experience we have when something very good happens to us and we say, "It is too good to be true." In our readings, Peter tells us to repent and be converted. John tells us we need to keep the commandments and we will be sure we know Him. The Gospel calls us to believe, to be so filled with joy in our belief in Jesus that we become witnesses. We are called to especially be witnesses to the Chinese Community. God gives the grace. We need to say YES and live out this belief and joy with the Risen Lord, who is always with us.

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