

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 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. + Antonetta Scopacasa by Theresa, Jane & +Jack

10:30 A.M. Special Blessings for Fr. Christian Shiu by Darlene & Chris Lowe
Health Blessings for Celia Moy Cheung by the Masangcay Family

MON. May 21st *Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 A.M.

TUE. May 22nd *Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*

8:00 A.M. In Honor of Saint Rita by Dominic Barbaro
+ Jennie Bertucci by Joe & Rena Zito

WED. May 23rd *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Bruno Bertucci by Joe & Rena Zito
+ Frank Roti, Sr., Birthday Remembrance by Marion
+ Deceased Friends & Relatives of Dominic Barbaro

THU. May 24th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. For the Health of Mike Kosiek and well being of his family by Bridget

**FRI. May 25th *Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin***

8:00 A.M. For the Health & Well Being of Parents, Siblings and Nephews
of Bridget Lee

SAT. May 26th *Saint Philip Neri, Priest*

8:00 A.M. For the Health & Well Being of Parents, Siblings and Nephews
of Bridget Lee
+ Forsaken & Unknown Souls in Purgatory 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 **Sheila and John Lin** and all who helped with our Prayer Garden cleaning. Thanks to **George Lee and all fathers** for preparing a delicious breakfast for our mothers in celebrating Mother's Day.



Pentecost and Priesthood

Jesus breathed on his disciples and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." The coming of the Holy Spirit marks the beginning of the Church's mission. The work of the Spirit is indispensable for the well-being of the life of the earth, of our Church, and of each of us.

On this Pentecost Sunday, we also celebrate Fr. Christian's First Mass. Most of us know Fr. Christian's journey to the priesthood. Seven years ago, he was baptized and today he is a newly ordained priest. He is a concrete example of the work of the Spirit in and among us!

At the ordination rite, the Cardinal reminded those to be ordained that the work of the Spirit will continue to empower them to lead the people of God.

Almighty Father, grant, we pray, to these servants of yours the dignity of the priesthood. Renew deep within them *the Spirit of holiness...* By their manner of life, may they be examples of right conduct. May they be worthy coworkers with the Order of Bishops, so that by their preaching and through the grace of the Holy Spirit, the words of the Gospel may bear fruit in human hearts and reach even to the ends of the earth.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the new priests are reminded that they are called to holiness and to lead God's faithful to holiness.

Without the Spirit, we can't achieve holiness. St. Augustine of Hippo prayed as follows:

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

Let's be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and allow the Spirit to breathe new life into each of us and empower us to be missionary disciples.

Finally, Congratulations to Fr. Christian Shiu! May the Holy Spirit continue to guide him and his priesthood to bear good fruits.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis



St. Therese Chinese Catholic Parish

SUMMER NIGHT DINNER DANCE!

**Friday, June 8, 2018
7PM-11PM**

**New Furama Restaurant
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Adults \$35 Children (6-10) \$20

At the Door: Adults: \$40 Children \$25

See Ticket Sellers:

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Wendy Sin, Jade Yee, Rita Young, & Church Office!**

News and Events

FIRST FRIDAY Holy Hour with Divine Mercy Chaplets and Benediction will take place on June 1st at 7pm in Church. All are welcome.



GRADUATION

St. Therese Chinese Catholic School's graduation will be on Sunday, June 3rd at 1pm in Church. Please keep our graduates in your prayers.



Wedding Banns:

Shelly Moy and **YuWei Bao** will celebrate their matrimony on Sat. June 9th at 2pm.

Please keep them in your prayers.



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Erick, James, Mary, April, Carrie, Delfania, Maria, Rosetta, Barbara, Ronald, Holle, Maurice, Justin, April, Fung, Charlene, Milton, Joslyn, Eddie, Fannie, Linda,

Two New Ministries

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness." Currently, our Church is cleaned monthly. "*Saturday Service Ministry*" is a new initiative to add a second Church cleaning on the first Saturday of the month led by volunteers.

The second initiative is named "*Caring Church Ministry*." With all the robberies and violence that have been going on in our neighborhood and city, we would like to create a safe environment for our parishioners and visitors to worship in our beautiful Church. Training will be provided for this ministry.

You are invited to join both or either of these ministries. If you are interested, please let Fr. Li know by calling the office at 312-842-6777 or e-mail him at fli@sttheresechinatown.org

CHINESE APOSTOLATE takes action this summer! If you are interested in being Christ for non-English speakers in our community this summer, please consider joining our **Post Office Translation team**. Perry Lau and Tom Howard are organizing a team of translators who will assist patrons at the **Chinatown Post Office** with translation on *Saturday (10am-12pm) and Monday mornings (10am-2pm)*, which is their peak time. We already have approval from the U.S Postal Service. All we need now are a few mission-driven translators. *If you are interested, please contact Perry at: PerryYLau@gmail.com or Tom Howard at 773 749 2065.* God Bless!

Hospitality Schedule for May 27, 2018:

GREETERS: Kim, Joel, Michael Casey
RECEPTION: Pat & Steve

Sunday 5pm Vigil Mass

Our Summer Sunday mass schedule begins on June 30th. From June 30th to August 25th, we will not have the 5pm Sunday Vigil Mass. The 5pm Vigil Mass resumes on Saturday, Sept. 1st.

Chinatown Summer Fair—July 15th

Volunteers are Needed to support & help out during our church's biggest fund raising efforts this year! Sign up sheets can be found on the church entrance table.

Please see Jennifer Sin, Janice Lin, or Chris Lowe if you are interested in being a booth sponsor.

St. Therese Parish Music Ministry

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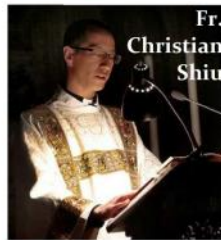
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Sunday, May 20, 2018, at 5 p.m.

St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church

Your freewill donation will support water and sanitation programs through **Catholic Relief Services**.

Sun., June 10
10:30 AM

Young Adult & Youth-Led Mass

Sun., July 15
9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Chinatown Summer Fair
A LOT of volunteers needed!

Sometime this summer

Theology on Tap

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Sign up at the church entrance or at:

young.adult.ministry@sttheresechinatown.org | facebook.com/groups/StThereseYAM

Respect Life Corner

Our Christian Identity & Mission – To understand how to defend and protect human life, we might first try to understand who we are. However, it really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. God creates us in his image and likeness, and to be in loving relationship with him. The source of our dignity is that we belong to God and God loves us. Listen to St. John Paul's words: "*We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son*" (17th World Youth Day, Downsview Park, Toronto, 7/28/2002). We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God. When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. The realization of how deeply God loves us draws us closer to him and at the same time impels us to share his love with others. We are thus invited to become Jesus' missionary disciples just as St. Peter and St. Andrew were invited: "come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19).

For most of us, our mission field is daily life, and a Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization. When someone is facing great trials, we meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however he directs. This is how we answer our missionary call. We witness through love, and we build a culture of life that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person. Let us go, and not be afraid. God is with us.

Weekly Offering

Collection for May 13, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,192	
GiveCentral	190	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$92,125
Sunday Loose	780	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$96,800
<hr/> Total Collection	<hr/> \$2,162	

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!

Collection at Indonesian Mass on 5/13/2018: \$75 Thank YOU!

Reflection from Newly Confirmed – Robert Ho



First and foremost, all praise and glory to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Special thanks to Fr. Francis Li, Sr. Caritas, Sr. Gloria, Fr. Christian Shiu, Rose and Perry Lau, Thomas Howard, Christine and Joe Delfin, Sharon Wong and everyone involved in St. Therese's ministry for helping my family and I grow in Christ and for all that they do for our Catholic community and beyond.

My spiritual journey has brought me from Catholicism to “touring” of different Protestant denominations and returning ultimately to the original Christians and the original Church -- the Roman Catholic Church which traces its establishment at Pentecost in AD 30.

I was born and raised in New York City. I received a Catholic education since the age of four on to the age of twelve. As a child, I received the sacraments of Baptism, Penance and Communion. During seventh grade and at the age of twelve, my parents decided to move our family to South Florida and I was enrolled in a Southern Baptist Christian Academy close to our home. I missed my Catholic sacrament of Confirmation within a few weeks.

At age 13, while studying at the Southern Baptist school and still being fairly young and impressionable, I “became saved”, rededicated my life to God, and asked the Holy Spirit to guide me in understanding the Bible because I gave in to the Protestant concepts of “Sola Scriptura” and “Sola Fide”. The scripture and faith is all I thought that I truly needed. I started reading the Bible daily at age 13 and completed it (with the exception of the Deuterocanonicals which are not part of the Protestant Bible) at about the age of 22. I learned a great deal and felt my Faith strengthened. However, I felt that there had to be more.

Through my adult years, I felt my Protestant beliefs in “Sola Scriptura” and “Sola Fide” tested as I defended my belief whenever I engaged in friendly religious discussions with people of different religious backgrounds. Realizing that the book of James thoroughly refutes “Sola Scriptura” and “Sola Fide” and studying the history of Christianity brought me back to the Catholic Church.

Recently, my personal experiences have strengthened my Faith and my desire to receive Confirmation. These experiences include the miracle birth of my two children, seeing the amazing mother that my wife has become, and witnessing God's blessing while being hospitalized for a sickness I endured while living and working abroad. I'm reminded of a verse in the Bible, John 3:30, within my life “God must become greater, I must become less”.



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

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"COME HOLY SPIRIT" ~Sister Caritas

Every day we are with many different people. Each person and we ourselves, have a kind of "spirit" about us. Some people are always cracking jokes. Some people are a present to you. They listen and you know they are "with" you in whatever you are saying or experiencing. Some people are crabby or complain. They see the bad, not the good in each situation. Some situations are like that too. Some places or groups have a sense of joy and happiness. Some places have a spirit of gloom or scariness. We recognize these "spirits" among us and we make decisions accordingly, if we want to be with or in those circumstances.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. It was a Jewish feast and that is one of the reasons peoples from all over the area, speaking various languages, were there at the time. For Catholic Christians, it is a very big feast. It is the day the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles. It is also known as the birthday of the Church. It is the first day Peter preached the name of Jesus. It is the day 2000 people were baptized Christians.

So who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. In the sign of the Cross we say, "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We are given the gifts of the Holy Spirit when we are baptized. When we receive Confirmation these gifts are increased and activated in us. How do we know the Spirit? The work of the Spirit is to make us HOLY. The Spirit acts in us and through us. Every good deed, every kind action is the Spirit acting in us. Every time we turn from the bad and act good it is the Holy Spirit encouraging us. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts are ours. They are activated in us by the action of the Holy Spirit. How does it happen that we know what to say when someone asks our advice and we have not thought about it before? It can be the action of the Spirit in us when we answer.

There are many places in the readings today which tell us of the Spirit. I want to point out one. St. Paul tells us of the way we will know we have the Spirit. It is the listing of what has come to be known as the "Fruits of the Holy Spirit." In contrast, the fruits of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. These are visible signs of actions, living, in the Spirit. Are these gifts active in you? Are the situations around you filled with these qualities? May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Spirit be in you, around you, and with you. "Come Holy Spirit."

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Mass of Thanksgiving

Father Christian Shiu
will celebrate his
First Mass & Vocational
Journey on Pentecost
Sunday, May 20, 2018,
at the 10:30 AM
Mass.



Reception to follow at
Evergreen Restaurant
2411 S. Wentworth Ave.

Adults \$50 | Children 8 & Under Free

Purchase tickets through the church office
at (312) 842-6777 by Monday, May 14.

Tickets include the luncheon and a gift
From St. Therese Church to Christian
as he begins his pastoral life.