

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, 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. + Pete Pivac by Theresa & Jane
+ Jack Pivac by Darlene & Chris Lowe

10:30 A.M. + Judy Caruso by Phyllis & Rose Marie Centofanti
+ Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
+ Eugenie Abila De Medeiros by Laura & Ana

MON. June 25th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M.

TUE. June 26th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Alex Lo Kiong by Mr. & Mrs. Napoleon Co

WED. June 27th *Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 A.M. + Forsaken and Unknown Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro

THU. June 28th *Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 A.M. + In Memory of David Jazyna, 60th Wedding Anniversary by wife Cookie

FRI. June 29th *Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*

8:00 A.M. + Young D. Chin by June Moy
+ Bruno Spina by Joe & Rena Zito
+ Joseph Leung, Birthday Remembrance by wife Marilyn Leung
+ Bruno Spina by Briglio Family

SAT. June 30th *The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

8:00 A.M. + Antoinette Briglio & Family by Family



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

The Cry of the Children

The troubling event of the separation of children from their fathers and mothers has been one of the dominating news items on TV and in the newspapers in the last few days. I have been disturbed by the crying voices of the children asking for their parents and the images of the tents that many children are placed to stay as their temporary homes. There has been different opinions regarding the White House's Zero Tolerance Immigration Policy, which has led to the separation of many families who attempted to illegally cross over the Mexican and U.S. border. By raising this important yet controversial issue, I am not taking a political side here, but rather invite us all to look at this issue from a Catholic perspective.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops released a statement calling this decision "immoral." The Bishops asked to have the decision reversed. "Unless overturned, the decision will erode the capacity of asylum to save lives, particularly in cases that involve asylum seekers who are persecuted by private actors. We urge courts and policy makers to respect and enhance, not erode, the potential of our asylum system to preserve and protect the right to life." Pope Francis voiced his support of the Bishops by tweeting, "A person's dignity does not depend on them being a citizen, a migrant, or a refugee. Saving the life of someone fleeing war and poverty is an act of humanity. #WithRefugees @M_RSection" on June 20, 2018.

When children are being victimized, we all have responsibility to advocate for them and to care for them. Imagine the long term trauma that these over 2000 children will have to suffer for the rest of their lives. Some people are blaming their parents for putting them in this terrible situation. Others are disgusted with the Zero Tolerance Immigration Policy. Without knowing why these parents are fleeing away from their countries, we shouldn't be judgmental and we suspect that there must be very serious reasons for them to risk their lives and families to do so. What's at the heart of all these is that innocent children are suffering.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral document titled, "*Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity*," in which we are reminded that how the gifts of the immigrants can enrich the receiving countries and vice versa. We are called to conversion, communion, and solidarity with our brothers and sisters. We are an immigrant Church and country. The Bishops call "upon all people of good will, but Catholics especially, to welcome the newcomers in their neighborhoods and schools, in their places of work and worship, with heartfelt hospitality, openness, and eagerness both to help and to learn from our brothers and sisters, of whatever race, religion, ethnicity, or background."

I invite you to pray for this troubling situation and all people involved, to advocate for a better immigration policy and to be more formed on the teachings of the Church on refugees and immigrants. One of the helpful documents can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/pastoral-care-of-migrants-refugees-and-travelers/resources/welcoming-the-stranger-among-us-unity-in-diversity.cfm>

No matter how divided we might be on our political views, but as Christians, Jesus tells us, "***Whatever you did for one of these least brothers (and sisters) of mine, you did for me***" (Matthew 25: 40).

~ Peace, Fr. Francis



June 5, 2018

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your generous gift to Catholic Relief Services. Your recent donation of \$500.00 received on May 30, 2018 provides vital support to CRS. Your contribution is essential to our efforts to alleviate human suffering and ease the burdens of overwhelming poverty overseas.

It is clear to me that you are as compassionate as the Good Samaritan in the Gospels of Jesus Christ. Rest assured your good deed is a godsend to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world. We are blessed to have you as a member of the CRS family.

I am inspired that you have chosen to reach far beyond the bounds of your own community to care for perfect strangers in such great need. On behalf of all those touched by your compassion, I offer my deepest gratitude and wish you an abundance of blessings and joys.

Peace and Light,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean L. Callahan'.

Sean L. Callahan
President & CEO

Hospitality Schedule for July 1, 2018:

GREETERS: Alison Chan, Regina Cheong, Rose Lau
RECEPTION: Mrs. Cavallone Reception

Today's Liturgy - June 24, 2018

Readings: GATHER 1200 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

PROCESSIONAL: #884 – For All the Saints

OFFERTORY: #467 –When John Baptized by Jordan's River

COMMUNION: #936 – Gather in Your Name

RECESSIONAL: #777 – Here I Am, Lord

News and Events

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.

Thank YOU, Mrs. Cavallone, for all you have done for our community and we wish you the best in your new position. Please join us for a special luncheon in her honor in the Community Room after the 10:30am Mass

Chinatown Summer Fair—July 15th is around the corner!!!



Volunteers are Needed!

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 Summer Fair 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are now on sale! The drawing will be held during this year's Chinatown Summer Fair, July 15th in front of church. Please see Gemma Wong, Teresa Moy, Marian Torrez, Daron Lee, Linda Leong, Rita Young, Jeanie Ng, Naomi Lowe, or Florence Yu for tickets! Tickets also available at the church office (312) 842-6777.



Please pray for the following

Mercy Hospital Patients: Sharon Mary, Cathriona, Linda, Annabella, Isabel, Janell, Susan, Thomas, Cynthia

Be A Witness of Charity

Next Sunday, July 1st, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. Proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society,

including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information,

visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Prayer Intention: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Eugenie De Medeiros**, who was buried this past Tuesday at St. Therese. May she rest in peace and may the Lord fill her family with hope and consolation.

Sr. Caritas' Jubilee: On Sunday, July 8th, at St. Therese, we will celebrate the Jubilee of St. Caritas' 60th year of religious commitment with the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Please join us at the 10:30am Mass and the luncheon reception afterwards in the Community Room.

Visiting Chinese Sisters: On Sunday, July 1st, 30 visiting Chinese Sisters will join us at a 12 noon Mandarin Mass and followed by our annual parish picnic at 31st street & the lake front. Registration for the picnic is required by Monday June 25th. There will be no Mandarin mass on Sunday June 24th.

St. Therese School Principal Search:

Basic requirements for this position are as follows:

- **Practicing Catholic**
- **Compliance with Safe Environment requirements**
- **Master's degree.** • **State licensure in administration**

Any interested and qualified candidates are invited to apply. Please see link: <https://www.applitrack.com/archchicago/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=AOC+School+Principal>

Chinatown Summer Fair

Sunday, July 15th – 10am-6pm



ST. THERESE DETOUR

Sun., July 15 | Alexander St. off Wentworth Ave.

Volunteers (Jr. High & up) are **NEEDED** for St. Therese's **BIGGEST** fundraiser of the year – food booth, kitchen & dining staff, basketball, dunk tank, games, lemonade stand, raffle team, & ministry tours!

Please sign up at the church entrance or with Chris Lowe (chris@chrislowe.us).



Free soda pop when you purchase an **Advanced Meal Ticket for \$8!**



50/50 Raffle

Grand Prize 75% of Winner's Pot
1st Price – 15% of Winner's Pot
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PPC Members &
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Respect Life Corner



**Serving Others
in God's Love**
Religious Freedom Week
June 22–29, 2018

Religious Freedom Week "Serving Others in God's Love" has begun on June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, and will end on June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. Catholics across the United States are encouraged to reflect on the importance of religious freedom, act in support of religious liberty at home and

abroad, and to especially pray for our brothers and sisters who face intense persecution in other parts of the world. Read reference materials at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek and www.usccb.org/freedom.

Quotes –

* "If a friend told you she was pregnant and considering abortion, would you know what to do? Learn concrete tips for loving her in a way that is life-affirming for both her and her child." — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "What to Do When a Friend Is Considering Abortion," www.usccb.org/l-o-v-e.

* "Religion [cannot] be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life." — Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 183.
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Our Prayers –

* May the Holy Spirit give us the courage to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel; and for our lawmakers: May they defend our freedom to follow our consciences in serving God and neighbor according to our Faith;
we pray to the Lord ...

* May God, who wonderfully forms each person in the womb, protect all unborn children from harm; *we pray to the Lord ...*

Weekly Offering

Collection for June 17, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,138	
GiveCentral	190	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$101,140
Sunday Loose	256	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$107,800
<hr/> Total Collection	<hr/> \$1,584	

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 93%

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

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

Stories from the Chinese Apostolate



“Are you lazy? Why aren’t you working anymore? You used to be so pretty and thin. What happened to you?”

How, you may wonder, could ‘anyone’ ever recover from such a vicious diatribe and reframe this conversation to a more healthy, life-giving tone?

You have to understand that it wasn’t just ‘anyone’ being challenged to offer peace in this potentially violent situation.

It was, instead, a disciple of Jesus who was responding to Christ’s call to translate for patrons

at the Chinatown post office as part of our Chinese Apostolate.

“Actually I am retired and have been recovering from a terrible sickness. Nevertheless, God gave me the strength in order to make it out here today to the post office so I could use my translation skills in order to help my community,” the St. Therese volunteer replied.

From this juncture, the conversation took off, catching up on many years of family, professional and personal life information.

After this conversation was complete and the Cantonese-speaking patron made her way out the door, I became curious. “What perspective did your long-time acquaintances have on volunteering?”

“Initially, she probably thought it was a waste of time due to the fact that I was not making money. However, I suspect that on her way home she may have reflected upon her initial cruel comments. I hope she eventually explores why someone like me in my condition might chose to come out and volunteer at the post office,” the volunteer replied.

If you are interested in volunteering as a translator at the post office this summer, please reach out to Perry or Tom. PerryYLau@gmail.com or Tom Howard at 773 749 2065. God bless.

2018 St. Therese College Scholarship Application



Through the generosity of an alumnus of St. Therese School, we have been able to award scholarship grants since 2001, to help young people advance their studies. The donor of this scholarship fund, who wants to remain anonymous, grew up in Chinatown during the 1950s and was helped by the Catholic Church.

Each award is a \$1,000 lump sum payment. The Scholarship Application Form with detailed criteria is available at the church entrance table. Service at St. Therese Church is a requirement. **Deadline for Application and supporting documents: July 10, 2018.**



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

Lois Payton
Helen Moy
Katherine Culen
Amelia Lorraine Schroeder
Karl Schroeder
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"IMPELLED BY LOVE" by Sister Caritas

Do you ever stop and think about why you do the things you do? What motivates you to act or do certain things? Is your motivation to make a lot of money? Is it to be thought of as important or talented? Do you act because you want to be known as powerful or to gain power?

St. Paul in today's second reading, tells us that if we believe deeply in the purpose of the death of Jesus the love of Christ will "impel" us. To be impelled is to be moved forward, to be driven, to act with strong motivation. Paul is telling us that we should and can be motivated by the love of Christ Jesus. St. Therese lived a life of being impelled by the love of Jesus. Each action she did, she tried to do out of love for Jesus. It did not matter what it was. It could be scrubbing a floor or helping another Sister in the convent or writing a letter or training someone in the ways of religious life as a novice director, she did it all with the motivation of loving Jesus more and more. This grace filled her soul with a strong motivation to act for the love of Jesus.

Each of us can copy the motivation of St. Therese. She was concerned for missionaries. Even though she herself did not go out physically to the missions she prayed for those who did. We can open ourselves fully to the actions of the Holy Spirit in us and act for the good of others not for our own good only. We can reach out to others to follow in the footprints of Jesus. To love others and seek to do the will of the Father, God. Spend some too, this week and think about why you do what you do. What motivates the actions in your life? Jesus was "impelled" to do the will of His Father. Paul encourages us to be impelled by the love of Jesus. St. Therese did all of the many small actions in her life out of love for Jesus. What will be the impelling force in your life?



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St. Therese Chinese Catholic Parish

PARISH PICNIC



Sunday, July 1st, 2018

Mandarin Mass at 12 Noon

(No Mandarin Mass on June 24th)

Picnic: 1:00 - 7:00pm



Location: 31st Street Beach
31st Street at Lake Shore Drive



Free

Summer FUN!

 **BBQ**

 **GAMES**

 **FELLOWSHIP**

ALL in the Parish are invited!

*We especially welcome the visiting Sisters from China
as well as other religious communities.*

All are welcome to bring a dish to share with the community.



Free BUS SERVICE to Picnic site available at 12:30 & 1:00pm in front of church.
Return bus rides available towards the end of the event.

***REQUIREMENT: You MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND by signing up at the church entrance table, or by calling the church office (312-842-6777).**