

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 1, 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

July 1, 2018 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 A.M.** St. Nicholas for Special Intention
+ Jack Pivac by Phyllis & Rose Marie Centofanti
+ Jack Lee by Family
- 10:30 A.M.** + Joanna Wai Nin Wan Law by Thomas Law & Family
+ In Loving Remembrance Anniversary for Henry Lee by wife Agnes Lee
+ Eugenie De Medeiros by Francie & Richard Gyabin
- 12:00 P.M.** **Mandarin Mass**

MON. July 2nd *Weekday*

8:00 A.M.

TUE. July 3rd *Saint Thomas, Apostle*

8:00 A.M. + Mary Pyles by Sister Caritas

WED. July 4th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M.

THU. July 5th *Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal*

8:00 A.M. + Theresa Hill, Birthday Remembrance by Marion Roti
+ Frank & Catherine Barbaro, Anniversary Remembrance
by Dominic Barbaro

FRI. July 6th *Saint Maria Goretti, Martyr*

8:00 A.M. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Dominic Barbaro

SAT. July 7th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. In Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Dominic Barbaro



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks

Thanks to all who helped with the farewell luncheon for Ms. Cavallone last Sunday. It was a wonderful celebration of her many years of hard work at St. Therese. We wish her the best in her new position.

Thanks to members of our Young Adult Ministry for attending the first Theology-On-Tap for this Summer. Over 800 young adults gathered for some good music and beer. They were inspired by Fr. Rob Galea's vocation story. A talented songwriter and musician, Fr. Rob experienced conversion and God's grace working miraculously in his life, partially because of the intercessory prayer of his mother. I include an excerpt of his story below for your reflection and inspiration, shared by Lori Haracek Chaplin.



A Mother's Prayer by Fr. Bob's Vocation Story

A mother named Anne Galea, her son, Rob, 17, had been out of control. She felt helpless watching him spiral downward. Unbeknownst to Rob, she would stand outside his bedroom door and pray as she listened to him sob. Praying was all she could do for her son because he wouldn't let her help him.

One day, the pain she felt for her suffering son brought her to her knees. She cried out to God that she would not get up until he saved her son. She begged for mercy for Rob, beseeching the Blessed Mother to be her son's mother and to carry him to Jesus.

Through her tears, she beheld in her mind's eye a picture of Rob surrounded by a group of young people. In this vision, her son was playing a guitar and singing and around his neck was a priest's collar. Anne's son didn't sing or own a guitar, and for him to become a priest would be a miracle.

When Rob was 14, he wanted nothing to do with his parents, especially his father. He began sneaking out to clubs, drinking, smoking, lying, and shoplifting for an adrenaline high. Then he fell into the wrong crowd and started doing drugs. When he was 17, a malicious lie he told about a drug dealer put his life in danger, and he was afraid to leave his room.

He was in such a debilitated mental state that he would punch himself in the gut and hit his head against the wall to distract himself from thinking. Rob, consumed with worry and loneliness, felt hopeless. He thought no one cared — not realizing that his mother was begging for the Lord to save him.

A phone call from his surviving grandmother inviting Rob's sister, Rachel, to a Catholic youth group meeting was the lifeline that Rob needed. He asked his mom if he could go with his sister. At that meeting, he witnessed the happiness of people who loved Christ, and he wanted to experience their joy. The preacher had told the group that they could talk to Jesus. Rob grew up in a Catholic home, but he never felt that God had time for him.

Even so, what the preacher said caused him to do something unusual. He closed his bedroom door and set up two chairs facing each other. Rob sat in one chair and invited Jesus to sit in the other. Every day, he would talk to Jesus as if he was sitting in the chair across from him — praying and pouring out his problems.

Beyond Fr. Rob's exciting story, for me, one of the most important messages is for parents. For all of those moms and dads out there thinking that there is no hope for a seemingly lost child, this priest's story offers hope and encouragement. It reminds us never to stop praying for our children.

For the full story, please see link: <http://www.catholicdigest.com/news/everyday-miracles/frrobalea/>

Wish you and your families have a safe and relaxing 4th of July!

~ Peace, Fr. Francis

Stories from the Chinese Apostolate



Studies reveal that the most effective way for parishes to build next year's RCIA class is to leverage opportunities for former RCIA participants to go public with their faith. This does not mean standing on a street corner proselytizing, but rather doing simple acts of charity, like translating at the local the post office for immigrant families.

Irene Lee, baptized just a couple of years ago, joins Perry Lau, St. Therese RCIA instructor, at the Chinatown on Saturday's to translate.

"Many recent immigrants come into our local post office without the necessary language skills to navigate our system here. Recently, for example, I helped a patron who was about to incorrectly put her mail in the garbage slot. I showed her the correct place to place her mail. She was so grateful that her important letter was going to safely arrive to her loved one in London."

This past Sunday Irene was delighted to see that one of the customers whom she had assisted actually came to the Sunday liturgy at St Therese. "I am so grateful for the Eucharist," Irene shared with Perry after mass, "because it helps me when I lose hope. It is easy for widows like me to lose hope. Thanks to Jesus in the bread and wine, I will never lose hope."

Please help us promote the RCIA. Flyers are available in the entrance area of the Church.

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.

Hospitality Schedule for July 8, 2018:

GREETERS: Teresa Lau, Jean Ng, Tim Tie

RECEPTION: Reception for Sister Caritas

Today's Liturgy - July 1, 2018

Readings: GATHER 1129 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time/B
Cantonese Mass

PROCESSIONAL: #450 - 弟兄們, 齊奉聖言 All the Earth

OFFERTORY: #208 - 上主萬有天主 Lord Almighty

COMMUNION: #453 - 耶穌基督是生命源 Jesus Christ, Source of Life

RECESSIONAL: #476 - 在基督的愛內 In Christ's Love

News and Events

Visiting Chinese Sisters: 30 visiting Chinese Sisters will join us today at the 12 noon Mandarin Mass and followed by our annual parish picnic at 31st street & the lake front.

Sunday 5pm Vigil Mass

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

Holy Hour will be on Friday July 6th at 7pm in Church. All are welcome.

Chinatown Summer Fair—July 15th Volunteers are Needed

Please sign up at the church entrance table to help our parish! **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 the 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.

St. Therese Church will have a **Resource Booth** and a **Church Open House** at this year's Summer Fair. We will be sharing information about the events and services that our parish provides as well as evangelizing through conversations with our visitors and distributing spiritual material. We will also have a children's coloring and activity table at the booth to help them learn about God in a fun way. We are looking for volunteers who can speak English, Mandarin, or Cantonese. If you are interested in helping out at the resource booth or greeting visitors inside the church, please sign up on the sheets at the front entrance table or contact Janet Fecteau at: jfecteau@aol.com.



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients: Andrea, Faye, Joseph, John, Addy, Bukkan, May, Wayne, Issac, Harriet, Emma, Jean, Herman, Yvonne, Dorothy, Edward, Mary, Naomi, Alice, Jemel, Ralph, MaryLou, Virginia, Diane, Louise, Carolyn, Yoland, Vincent

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.

Wedding Banns: Marisa Choate and Trent Marton will celebrate their Holy Matrimony on Saturday July 21st. Please keep them in your prayers.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Faith? Is God calling you to be part of the Catholic Family? English, Cantonese and Mandarin classes begin on October 14th. Sign up at church entrance table.

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>



“A LITTLE MERCY MAKES THE WORLD
LESS COLD AND MORE JUST.”

—Pope Francis, *Angelus*, March 17, 2013

Be a Witness of Charity

The Peter's Pence Collection (PPC) has ancient roots, linking back to New Testament times when people would provide material support to those preaching the Gospel for distribution to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today, the collection is the way we, as members of the Catholic Church, unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the relief of those most in need.

How Pope Francis Invites Us to Make the World Less Cold and More Just

Pope Francis has encouraged us not to “fall into indifference, but become instruments of God’s mercy.”¹ Each of us has been called to be an instrument of God’s mercy and to be a witness of charity. For “it is precisely in the measure to which we open ourselves to others that life becomes fruitful, society regains peace and people recover their full dignity.”²

How We Can Join Pope Francis and Be a Witness of Charity

By supporting this collection, you assist the charitable works of Pope Francis. Your generosity is a witness to charity and helps the Holy See reach out compassionately to those who are marginalized. For example, with support to the PPC and the assistance of the Vicar of the Latin Patriarchate in Amman, Jordan, a funding network has been created to respond to the needs of Immaculate Conception Parish

School in Al Huson. The parish assists more than 800 children, many of whom are refugees from the war in Syria. Al Huson is located about 12 miles from the border with Syria; in recent years, the arrival of many refugees has heavily impacted the economy and daily life in the city. With help from university students in the parish who teach math, Arabic, and English, hundreds of children not in the school system are learning to read and write.³

How You Can Help

PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father as he reaches out compassionately to make the world less cold and more just and for those around the world who are suffering and will benefit from this collection.

SHARE

As a way to spread the message of mercy and peace, share this flier with someone who might be interested and tell others how Pope Francis supports the marginalized.

GIVE

Please give generously to this collection as a witness of charity and offer hope to those who suffer around the globe.

Notes

1. Pope Francis, General Audience, Nov. 9, 2016
2. Pope Francis, General Audience, Oct. 26, 2016
3. www.peterspence.va/operare



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June 21, 2018

Rev. Dong Ping F. Li
St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church
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Chicago, IL 60616-1910

Dear Father Dong Ping,

My deepest thanks to you and your parishioners for contributing to the special collection for Catholic Charities on Mother's Day. We received your parish check for \$404.00.

Your parish gift brings grace and dignity to children, mothers, families and elders who are struggling to cope with traumatic life experiences. Because of you, they will have a more secure, self-sufficient future.

Where there was once an empty table, a family now sits together and enjoys a meal. A homeless woman, who had once felt so hopeless, finds encouragement in the warmth of a new affordable apartment. A homebound senior, struggling to remain independent, enjoys the company of one of our caretakers.

Your kindness has made these things possible, and I thank you for your thoughtful support.

As we look forward to our second century of service, I am reminded that we would not be where we are without your commitment. Thank you for investing in our charitable mission to help those who are most vulnerable and marginalized.

Sincerely,

Rev. Monsignor Michael M. Boland
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"HEALING, POWERFUL FAITH" by Sister Caritas

Sometimes people live up to what you believe them to be. In High School I had a friend, Ellen who was in the Senior class. I was a Freshman. I believed that Ellen would always help me and be a good friend. Even though I found out later that Ellen was not always "good" around me, Ellen was always good and a good friend. She lived up to my expectation of her to my belief in her. Perhaps I called forth her better person.

In the Gospel today, we have the story of the woman who had been hemorrhaging for twelve years. All her efforts at having a medical cure did not help her. Then she saw Jesus. She believed that if she but touched His cloak, she would be made well. It happened as she believed. Jesus felt healing power going out of Him. He was searching for the person who had called forth that power from Him. When she admitted, "claimed" what had happened to her, Jesus affirmed her faith. "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

Each of us has the gift of faith in us. It is amazing what faith and the power of faith can do. If we believe we can do something then, despite all difficulties, we will find a way to accomplish it. When we believe in others and their gifts and talents, those individuals can do things. Those people in my life who believed in me, even when I did not believe in myself, gave me the courage and faith to try to accomplish things. I have done things in my life I never thought I could. It is the same with you. Whom are you willing to empower by your faith in them? Are you willing to take the risk of faith and go and do things? You can. Our Church family and our world, need your faith. Take up the challenge and live the adventure of faith filled, evangelizing lives. Start today, Now! It's NEVER too late.

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Chinatown Summer Fair

Sunday, July 15th – 10am-6pm



ST. THERESE DETOUR

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