Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 12, 2018

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Mass Schedule 彌撒時間

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

August 12, 2018 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. + Garrett Reeves by Phyllis and Rose Marie Centofanti

10:30 A.M. + Cyrus & Cecilia Tang by Bernie & Albert Wong & Esther & David Wong

+ Bruce Green by Yvette Lee

MON. Aug. 13th Saints Pontian and Hippolytus, Priests and Martyrs

8:00 A.M.

TUE. Aug. 14th Saint Maximillian Kobe, Priest and Martyr

8:00 A.M. + Dorothy Conroy D'Amico by Joe & Rena Zito

WED. Aug. 15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 A.M. + All Deceased Family Members of Marion Roti

+ Shuet Kin Wu-Lau & Michelle by Perry & Rose

7:00 P.M.

THU. Aug. 16th

Saint Stephen of Hungary

8:00 A.M.

FRI. Aug. 17th

Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Vince Briglio, 5th Anniversary by wife & children

+ Yam Tong Tse by Lucy Moy

SAT. Aug. 18th

Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Poor and Forgotten Souls in Purgatory



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 participated at the Faith in Action event. It was wonderful to be part of a positive community building gathering with the 9th District police officers and other community members, including a lot of children. As gun violence continues to rampage our city, we are reminded that having a safer community is the responsibility of all it members. It's heartbreaking for me to read the Tribute's editorials on Wed. Aug. 8th, 2018, which was titled, "Why is there so much shooting and killing in Chicago?" The article reminded its readers how Chicago had one of the worst weekends of gunfire, which killed 12 people and



injured at least 62. It wrote, "Another child doesn't come home. Another mother's heart is broken forever. When does it become our problem and not just their problem? When will Chicago say, as one, ENOUGH!" Let's continue to pray for peace and safety and strive to do our parts to make our community safer.

Updates on Facility Maintenance

Rectory Porch: It was repainted and the rotten pieces of wood were replaced. The base of a loin was repaired. Unfortunately, the porch is coming forward due to gradual and very slight collapsing of the land throughout the years. It is not a danger now, but we will have to have it fixed in the near future.

Ceiling Tile: The old and bad ceiling tiles in the Community Room were replaced.

Restrooms: For the women's restroom, we replaced the rarely used shower with a new toilette. The lights were replaced; the door and metal separators were repainted; one old toilet was replaced. For the men's restroom, the toilet was replaced and the door and metal separator were repainted.

Office Door: The office door to Church was replaced with a fire proofed door by city code. The old door will replace the broken door at the Santa Maria room.

As entrusted stewards, we will continue to do our best to maintain our facilities and to be responsible for God's blessings to our community through your generosity and participation. So I thank you for being part of this wonderful community and for your love of St. Therese.

Sat., August 18 YAM Cookout & Campfire

6:00 PM | St. Therese Church Garden Young Adults ages 18 to 40 invited!







Featuring lamb skewers 羊肉串, sides, a campfire. young adult beverages, and probably karaoke

Sun., August 19 | Theology on Tap - How to Listen to 6:15 PM God in an Earbud-Wearing World Old St. Pat's | Deacon Allen Tatara



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ST. JEROME PARISH CELEBRATES "VELIKA GOSPA"

(Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

St. Jerome Croatian Parish invites our friends and neighbors to join us for the 112th Croatian Fest/"Velika Gospa" celebration. We begin our spiritual preparation with a nine day novena, beginning on Monday, Aug 6th - Tuesday, August 14th. Each novena will be celebrated by a different priest.

On Wednesday, August 15th we start the day at 10:00 a.m. with our beautiful procession through the neighborhood ending at the church to celebrate a solemn high mass at noon. Throughout the day we have many tratdional Croatian dishes, beverages, music, games and much more. The evening concludes with our \$20,000.00 raffle at 10:00 p.m.

Monday, August 13th Bake sale – apple strudel and povitica(walnut roll) and much, much more, sold from 5:30 - 9 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN US TO HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER

St. Therese College Scholarship Award – Sunday, August 12, 2018

Through the generosity of an alumnus of the 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. After achieving professional and financial success in his life, in year 2000, he made a significant donation to set up this scholarship fund to help others at St. Therese, especially those who have demonstrated a spirit of sharing and service.

Congratulations to Alex Costa, Inga Hokens, Gillian Kwan, and Matthew Reddix,

this year's award winners, on the merit of their excellent academic achievement as well as their exemplary service to the St. Therese community! All of them are parishioners and have been altar servers for many years. They have also served in Music ministry, assisted teaching of RE classes and volunteered at parish fund raising events over the years. Thank you for your services. We wish you all the best of luck with your college studies.

Hospitality Schedule for August 19, 2018:

GREETERS: Darlene Chan-Lowe, Teresa Moy, Marian Torrez **RECEPTION:** Earl, Jorge

Today's Liturgy - August 12, 2018

Readings: GATHER 1147- 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time/B

PROCESSIONAL: #850 – All Are Welcome **OFFERTORY:** #784 – We Have Been Told

COMMUNION: #943 – Bread of Life from Heaven

RECESSIONAL: #775 – Go Make a Difference

News and Events

The Feast of the Assumption

Wed. Aug. 15th is the Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy day of Obligation. Our masses will be at 8am and 7pm.

St. Rocco Feast /Mass Schedule -Aug. 19

Our **Annual St. Rocco Feast** will take place on Sunday, Aug. 19th at 10:30am, and on that Sunday our regular 8am mass and 10:30am mass will be combined to a 9:00am mass. Please attend either the 9am or the 10:30am mass on Aug. 19th. Novena to St. Rocco is on Saturday, August 18th at 7:30pm.

Sunday 5pm Vigil Mass

Will resume on Sat., Sept. 1st.

Parish Religious Ed Program begins on



Education Program

Sunday, Sept. 16th. Registration materials can be found on the church entrance table. Please complete your forms and fee & drop off at parish office by

Sunday, August 19th. Contact: ChrisDelfin@gmail.com for info.

Our RCIA Programs for those interested in



learning more about the Catholic Faith begins on Sunday, October 14th. Classes are in A JOURNEY IN FAITH English, Cantonese

& Mandarin. More info can be found at the church entrance table.



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients: Dorothy, Roosevelt, Cynthia, Jamy, Mae,

Katrina, Tina, Patricia, James, Kiara, Julie, Darcy, Joann, James, Lenora,

Sharon, Gilbert, Clytee, Isaac, Yuzhi, George, Alice

Meetinas:

Finance Council will meet on Monday Aug. 13th at 6pm followed by Liturgy Committee at 7pm.

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https://www.givecentral.org/ location/445/event/11200

Stories from the Chinese Apostolate

By November, Cardinal Cupich will make a decision which will impact the Chinese Apostolate (CA).

The good news is that the CA has been firmly established as a pastoral priority by all eight parishes in our grouping. Praise God!

Nativity, St. Mary of Perpetual Help, All Saints Saint Anthony, St. Gabriel, St. Barbara, St. Jerome and Santa Lucia have indicated their readiness to respond to the pastoral needs of the growing Chinese immigrant community in Bridgeport, Canaryville and Chinatown.

But what specific changes need to be made and how can parishes practically go about making these needed shifts?

St. Therese, with its robust CA experience, can shed light on these critically important questions.

The Holy Spirit is calling our parish to showcase its experience of the CA to our wider community during the next few months. Here are just a few examples of how this can happen:

- * Provide an historical overview of how the culture of the CA has been fostered at St. Therese Parish and School.
- * Explain how our RCIA program grew into three languages, English, Cantonese and Mandarin.
- * Detail how our young adult and youth ministries creatively bridge the gap between faith and culture with Asian youth.
- * Highlight examples of how to connect overseas Chinese students within parish life.

Share how our parish and school RE programs innovative resource immigrant families and their children interested in the Catholic faith.

The ground for evangelization efforts in Bridgeport, Chinatown and Canaryville has never been richer. With help from the Holy Spirit, St. Therese can inspire witness, foster discipleship and build community in a myriad of dynamic ways through the CA during the next few months.

Parish Ministry Series

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (Excerpt from The New Catholic Vision, Fr. Mark Link, S.J.) Thank you Sheila Lin, coordinator of the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and all ministers for a fruitful meeting last Sunday. It is good to hear that you experience great joy and honor in this ministry. Thanks for sharing the following points with our faith community as we continue to strive to grow our love for the Eucharist.

The Eucharistic Meal is a special moment for the entire community. St. Paul said of it, "Because there is the one loaf of bread, all of us, though many, are one body, for we all share the same loaf" (I Corinthians 10:17). His words remind us that in ordinary meals, what we eat becomes us. In the Eucharistic meal, we become what we eat - the Body of Christ.

Concerning the reception of the Eucharist, it might be helpful to clarify the following practical points.

- * The recipient should fast from food and liquids (water excepted) for one hour before receiving communion (not, therefore, one hour before the Mass at which they receive).
- * A person who has sinned gravely (mortal sin) must receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation before receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist.
- * A person may receive the Eucharist a second time on the same day when attending a second Mass for example, if one serves as a lector at a second Mass or attends a funeral or wedding Mass.
- *Person receiving the Eucharist should bow as an act of reverence.
- * After the Eucharistic Minister proclaims audibly, "The Body of Christ", the communicant should audibly respond, "Amen". This indicates that the communicant believes that this small wafer of bread is in reality the body of Christ.

The proper way to receive the Eucharist in the hand is with one hand resting on the other, palm up, held sufficiently outward and upward (for example, chest high) so that it is clear that the person wishes to receive in the hand (rather than directly onto the tongue).

Respect Life Corner

SOWING THE WIND AND REAPING THE WHIRLWIND: A REFLECTION ON THE IRISH REFERENDUM by Bishop Robert Barron • June 5, 2018

I will confess that as a person of Irish heritage on both sides of my family, I found the events in Ireland last week particularly dispiriting. As the right to abortion now sweeps thoroughly across the Western world, I am put in mind of Gloria Steinem's mocking remark from many years ago to the effect that if men could get pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament. I say this because abortion has indeed become a sacrament for radical feminism, the one, absolutely sacred, non-negotiable value for so-called progressive women.

Accompanying the entire process, of course, was the subtext of the Catholic Church's cultural impotence, even irrelevance. Every single story that I read in advance of the vote and subsequent to it mentioned the fact that overwhelmingly Catholic Ireland had shaken off the baleful influence of the Church and had moved, finally, into the modern world. How sad, of course, that being up-to-date is apparently a function of our capacity to murder the innocent. But at the same time I must admit—and I say it to my shame as a Catholic bishop—that, at least to a degree, I understand this reaction. The sexual abuse of children on the part of some Irish priests and brothers, not to mention the physical and psychological abuse of young people perpetrated by some Irish nuns, as well as the pathetic handling of the situation by far too many Irish bishops and provincials produced a tsunami of suffering and deep injustice.

And we must remember a principle enunciated by my colleague, Fr. Stephen Grunow - namely, that the abuse of children in any society, but especially in one as insular and tight-knit as Irish society, has a tremendously powerful ripple effect. When a young person is sexually abused, particularly by a figure as trusted as a priest, that child is massively and permanently hurt; but once the abuse becomes known, so are his siblings, his parents, his friends, his extended family, his parish. Now multiply this process a dozen times, a hundred times, a thousand times—again, especially in a country as small as Ireland—and you will find that, in very short order, the entire nation is filled with anger, indignation, and a legitimate thirst for setting things right. I do believe that what we witnessed last week was a powerfully emotional reaction to the great crimes of the last several decades. The deeply sad truth is that the abuse of young men and women has given rise to an even more dramatic abuse of unborn children. When you sow the wind, you reap the whirlwind.

https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/article/sowing-the-wind-and-reaping-the-whirlwind-a-reflection-on-the-irish-referendum/5802/

Weekly Offering Collection for August 5, 2018				
Sunday Envelopes GiveCentral Sunday Loose Total Collection	\$ 1,149 175 642 \$1,966	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$10,429 July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$13,200		
Weekly Budget:	\$2,200	% of Budget Attained: 79%		
Please consider giving one hour of your weekly salary as your contribution. May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!				

2018 Chinatown Summer Fair St. Therese Booths Financial Result as of August 3, 2018

RECEIPTS		
Sponsorships		2,160
Food Booth	\$	2,987
Voucher presale		1,210
50/50 Raffles		4,470
Water Dunk		298
Basketball		279
Goldfish		115
Lemonade Stand		146
Ministry/Resource Booth		32
Calligraphy		291
Band		41
Church Tours		47
Total of Booths' Receipts	\$	12,076
Monetary Donations	\$	1,741
Purchase & In-Kind Donations		5,672
Total RECEIPTS	•	19,489
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EXPENSES (gross)		
Food, Supplies, & Services		7,144
50/50 Raffle payout		2,235
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Total EXPENSES	\$	9,379
Net Profit	\$	10,110

Note: Above report includes all in-kind donations.

Thanks to: Pat Culen, Joe Delfin, Chris Lowe, Janice Lin, Jennifer Sin, Bernie Wong, and Sharon Wong for arranging these donations!

Special THANKS to: Chris & Darlene Lowe, Keeley Food Service, Inc., PepsiCo, Alderman Danny Solis, and others who donated 100% of the cost of food & supplies, AND to Jon Ortega who donated \$500 of his grand prize winnings!

Special THANKS to our Booth Sponsors: Nick & Ellen Andriacchi, John Chan, Paul Lau & Family, John Moy, Wendy Sin, Therese Spalla-Degnan, and one generous anonymous event sponsor!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our booth, and to ALL the volunteers who worked tirelessly for the good of our St. Therese parish!



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

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"Believe in the Lord Always" by Sister Caritas

Have you ever come to a point in your life where you are very tired, perhaps discouraged or maybe very troubled and you cannot see an end to the problems and difficulties? Maybe you feel like you have no more energy to carry out the tasks you have to do. Many people come to that point. Sometimes it is young people. Sometimes it is older people. We have a story like that today in our first reading.

Elijah is a very special and faithful prophet in the Old Testament. He stood up before the king, the king's wife Jezebel and the false prophet of the god of the idolaters of the time. He overcame them by the power and actions of God though he was persecuted... He became very depressed seeing that even though God acted with and through him, he was "no better than his father." God gave him time to rest, to be renewed, and to become strong again. God fed him with what he needed and then he was able to again resume his work for God and walked "forty days and forty nights."

What did Elijah do? Did he give up? Did he curse God? Did He follow false gods? No Elijah is a good example for us. He prayed to God. He rested and counted on God. He had allowed God to use his energies to tell people about God. God used Elijah's talents and abilities to show who He was. God had protected Elijah in times of persecution and had answered His prayers. Elijah trusted in God. God renewed his spirit and helped him to continue. He continued his work for God. God reward him. When you are feeling like Elijah follow His good example. Always trust God and surrender to His actions in your life. Pray. Receive the Eucharist. Reach out to others. Maybe you will be able to "walk forty days and forty nights" like Elijah.



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She served from 1994-2006 as the executive director of the Institute for Spiritual Leadership (ISL) in Chicago.

Leadership is all about influence, which takes place on a two-way street called "Relationship."

Our ability to encourage joy, hope and engagement as we lead others depends on the depth and quality of our relationship with God, self, and others.

Together we will consider reflections and practices that help strengthen these relationships. The day will include prayer, input, and conversation, along with time for solitude and personal reflection.

