

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16, 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.

10:30 A.M.

MON. Sept. 17th *Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 A.M. + Vince Briglio by wife and children

TUE. Sept. 18th

Weekday

8:00 A.M. Birthday Blessing for Delfin H. Masangcay by Elizabeth Masangcay
and Family
+ Sister Jeanette Marie Welland by Sister Caritas

WED. Sept. 19th

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 A.M. + Deceased Family Members of Dominic Barbaro
+ James Moy, Jr. by Lucy Moy and Family

THU. Sept. 20th

*Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang
And Companions and Martyrs*

8:00 A.M.

FRI. Sept. 21st

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 A.M. + Patricia Wenzel by Joan

SAT. Sept. 22nd

Weekday

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M. + David Jarzyna by wife Cookie
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Congratulations and Thanks

Congratulations to Irene Roti and Ryan Maloney! They celebrated the Sacrament of the Holy Matrimony in our Church on Sat. Sept. 8th. We assure them of our best wishes and prayers as they begin their married life together.

Thank God for a beautiful day last Sunday. This enabled us to have a wonderful annual SMI celebration. Thanks to all SMI officers who worked hard to make the celebration a success.



Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ

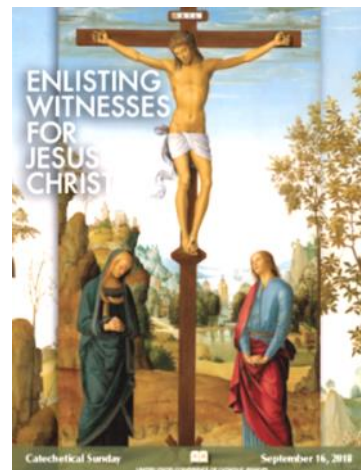
The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is *Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ*. It offers us all a great opportunity to reflect our roles as disciples in the ministries of evangelization and catechism. Our Church and School have been blessed to have so many committed and devoted catechists who are willing to teach our faith in words and in deeds. I thank all of them for their dedication and example.

Below is a message from Bishop Robert Barron, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which I believe can help us to be more mindful of the realities we live in and the responsibilities we have as Catholics.

We are living in a secularized society which continues to squeeze Christianity to the margins, or completely out of engagement with Jesus Christ and the Church.

We are losing baptized Catholics at an alarming rate. According to Pew Research, nearly one-in-four Hispanic adults (24%) are now former Catholics and most of them are "nones", a term used for people with no religious affiliation.

Many parents are saddened to report that their children are leaving the Church after preparing for and celebrating initiation sacraments, and after years of Catholic School or parish religion classes. Figures for Baptisms, Church weddings and weekly Mass attendance are down. Those who self-identify as atheists or agnostics ("Nones") now make up roughly 23% of the U.S. adult population.



Adults, especially young adults, are more likely to say they are not religiously affiliated than in past generations. (Michael Lipka. **A closer look at America's rapidly growing religious 'nones'**, pew research center; 5/5/2017). Also growing in numbers are those who are baptized, and in junior or senior high school, who are increasingly stopping to self-identify as Christians and grouping themselves among the "Nones".

At the same time, we are blessed with an incredibly generous cohort of faithful who are sacramentally graced to give Gospel witness in their homes, schools and workplace, if only they were invited, trained and supported in their outreach as missionary disciples. It will take the whole Church's witness and engagement of the "Nones", inside and outside the walls of the church and across society, to reach out, accompany them, and share the joy of the gospel with them.

Our 2018 and 2019 Catechetical Sunday and Leadership Institute themes are designed to address the phenomena of the "Nones" in two parts. During 2018, we will be researching some of the causes eroding faith and moving people to step away from life in Christ and his body, the Church. We will also showcase some of the many groups of missionary disciples already enlisted and engaged as witnesses for Jesus Christ. Hopefully many more will be able to learn about and join in their efforts.

During 2019, we will focus particularly on the steps needed to enable the faithful to claim their true roles as witnesses to Jesus Christ. In imitation of Jesus' encounter with two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), we will become more familiar with terms like "accompanying", "evangelizing" and "catechizing". We will learn how to assist folks in exploring the reasonableness of the Faith, having an "encounter" with Jesus, sharing in a deeper faith experience, and drawing out the meaning of those experiences for their lives. May the joy of our life in Christ be so remarkable that even the "Nones" are moved to ask what is the secret behind this joy and claim it for themselves.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

Hospitality Schedule for Sept. 23, 2018:

GREETERS: Agnes, Irene, Rose

RECEPTION: Lushia, Roberta

Today's Liturgy - Sept. 16, 2018

Readings: GATHER 1162 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/B
Catechetical Sunday - Family Mass

Gather Hymnal

PROCESSIONAL: #850 – All Are Welcome

OFFERTORY: #790 - The Summons

COMMUNION: #916 – I Received the Living God

RECESSIONAL: #807 – We Are Called

News and Events

Parish Religious Ed

The Parish Religious Education Program will begin on Sunday, September 16 with Orientation at 9 am. in the Community Room. If you are not able to attend, please contact Christine Delfin at ChrisDelfin@gmail.com.

CATECHISTS NEEDED for our RE Program



YOU provide the enthusiasm and we'll provide the training! If you are interested, please contact

Dr. Tom Howard or Christine Delfin at: ChrisDelfin@gmail.com

Annual Second Collection for Seminarian Education Fund (Sept. 22 - 23):

The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each Archdiocesan seminarian as they proceed through the various stages of formation before ordination as a priest. Please be generous!

"How wonderful it is to be surprised by God's call, to embrace his word, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus... in generous service to our neighbors." ---Pope Francis

Feast of St. Therese:

In order to prepare ourselves to better celebrate the Feast of the Patron of our Church and School, whose official feast day is on Monday Oct. 1st, we will begin to pray the Novena on Sat. Sept. 22. Prayers can be found on the Church entrance table. Also, as a community, **we will celebrate this Feast on Sunday Sept. 30th at the 10:30am Mass.**



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Ordination of the Three new Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Chicago

Bishops-elect -- Fathers Mark A. Bartosic, Robert G. Casey and Ronald A. Hicks will be ordained at Holy Name Cathedral on September 17, 2018. Congratulations to them and please also keep them in your prayers.



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Lovell, Elijah, Frances, Betty , Ronald, Mattie, Florence, Mary, Armella, Chuck, Elaine, Melvin, Yolanda, Edward, Virginia, Lettie, Mildred, Letha, Eva, David, Yvonne

**Celebrating the Feast of St. Therese—Fundraising Event
Join the fun on September 29th, and WALK for St. Therese!**

**ROUTE: 31st Street Beach to Museum Park
(Round trip approximately 4 miles)**

Parish Ministry Series - Hospitality

All are welcome. The St. Therese Hospitality Ministry strives to present parishioners and guests with the warmth of the St. Therese community. We strive to provide an environment where all will feel at ease in sharing the fellowship with Jesus Christ our Savior.

In the past, the Hospitality Ministry provided beverages and snacks/food to encourage parishioners to stay and visit. Moving forward the Ministry will also make it a point to observe the crowd and find new people or people that are sitting alone and engage them in conversation to help welcome them to our community. The Ministry also has plans to offer additional activities to encourage people to stay. In the past line dancing classes were offered in the basement. Additional ideas would be to conduct Ping-Pong tournaments or friendly games of Mahjong.

The Ministry is also facing challenges concerning the catering of food for our guests. Members of the Ministry have gravitated away from providing a light snack and have been providing food that is more meal-like. This gradual shift has made parishioners come to expect a light meal instead of light snacks. The change in Mass schedule has exacerbated the problem since Mass now ends at lunch-time. Following Mass, parishioners are hungry and ready to eat their noon-time meal. This has been a disincentive for people to partake in the fellowship. This is driving our move to non-traditional means of people to stay.

Respect Life Corner

If I had multiple abortions, am I excommunicated?

Though it isn't often discussed, there are many people among us who are suffering from a past abortion. They might be struggling with healing or accepting God's mercy for their sins. One Relevant Radio® listener called to ask about the abortions that have been weighing heavily on her heart.

"I saw where if you have an abortion that you're excommunicated, and that means that you can't be buried in sacred ground, you can't be married in the Church," said Mary.

"Let us be calm," said Father Richard Simon, host of *Father Simon Says*™ on Relevant Radio. "If you know that it is that serious a sin and you do it anyway, then you are excommunicated. If someone's had an abortion and did not know that it was an excommunicable offense they are not excommunicated. And one should go to Confession or if one has already gone to Confession, it's fine."

"I have. I have multiple times, Father ... I've had six," Mary said between sobs.

"Well, have you confessed all six?"

"Yes, Father. I'm sorry!"

"Let me pray with you, let me say a prayer with you. You're not excommunicated if you did not know that it was an excommunicable thing, you're not excommunicated. Be very calm and take a deep breath and I'm going to pray with you," said Fr. Simon.

He led Mary in prayer for healing and comfort. "I want you to close your eyes and I want you to imagine six little children in front of you. Don't have to be too precise. And I want you to picture Jesus—He just comes up to you and He puts his arm around you. Imagine that; just imagine it. And I want you to say this in your heart: 'Jesus, I give you these children. Take care of them until I can be with them in heaven. I offer them to you, these innocent souls.' And I want you to picture now, Jesus just goes over and He puts his arms around all six. And then our Blessed Mother comes up and she does the same. Just imagine that."

"Lord, we ask you to heal Mary and to give her the peace that even though she has done these things, she is still loved and she is forgiven. Lord, I ask you to take those children into your embrace in whatever way you do—I know you do. And give Mary that peace that these children are in your keeping. We ask these things in your holy name, Jesus," prayed Fr. Simon.

<https://relevantradio.com/2018/09/if-i-had-multiple-abortions-am-i-excommunicated/>

Weekly Offering

Collection for September 9, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,175	
GiveCentral	175	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$19,718
<u>Sunday Loose</u>	<u>279</u>	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$24,200
Total Collection	\$1,629	

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 81%

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

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

Collection at SMI Feast Day Mass on 9/9/2018: \$4,446 Thank YOU!

2018-2019 RCIA Programs

Are YOU interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

Is God calling you to be part of the Catholic Family?



OR, have you been baptized into the Catholic Church but have not received Confirmation and First Communion, and would now like to complete your initiation?

If you've answered "YES" to any of these questions, please consider joining the

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(RCIA in English, Cantonese & Mandarin) at St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church!

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"ACTIONS and WORDS" by Sister Caritas

In my time of working with young children, I have learned something important. Do not tell a child you will do something, go somewhere or promise something, if you do not intend to do it. Children do not forget. They have very long memories. Even as adults they will say, "Remember when you said we were going to Great America and we never did?" Words matter.

Our readings today remind us that what we say matters. If we say over and over that we believe in Jesus but we do not act like it, what kind of faith is that? That is what St. Paul is saying in the second reading today. If our faith is not shown in our actions, if our faith does not lead us to help others, to share our faith with others, what kind of faith is it? If we never volunteer to help in a Church activity or parish event what do you mean when you say you believe? Many people here at ST. Therese are very, very generous with their time and talents.

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks His disciples who they say He is. Peter answers for the group. He professes His belief, "You are the Christ." Jesus tells them that He is going to suffer and die. At the end of the reading Jesus tells them and us, "Whoever wants to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This is our call too. If we really believe, if we really are followers of Jesus, we must embrace our cross, our daily sufferings, carry our cross and follow Jesus. If we do this we will be true followers of Jesus and be given eternal life in heaven. "Actions speak louder than all our words." Both are important.

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RSVP by 9/20/2018 | (312) 842-6777

