## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 30, 2018

# St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church and School Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate

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#### 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**

### September 30, 2018 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 A.M**. + Nancy Caruso by Family

+ Rose Nardi by Francine

+ Gar Gen Lee by George Lee and Family

**10:30 A.M.** + Aleli Rendor Punzalan by Chris & Darlene Lowe

MON. Oct. 1st Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 A.M Feast of St. Therese School Mass

TUE. Oct. 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels

**8:00 A.M.** Thanksgiving for Mary Jiao Li by LiZhong Wang

WED. Oct. 3rd Weekday

8:00 A.M.

THU. Oct. 4th Saints Francis of Assisi

8:00 A.M. + Kathleen Roti, Birthday Remembrance by Marion and Cookie

Vince Covelli by Marion Roti

FRI. Oct. 5th Blessed Saint Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

8:00 A.M.

SAT. Oct. 6th Saint Bruno, Priest Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

8:00 A.M.

**5:00 P.M.** People 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 all who attended our annual Parish Leadership Retreat on Sat. Sept. 22. It was a great day for all participants to reflect and share on our common call to be servant-leaders. A few of them are not pictured in the photos.

#### Wisdom from Saint Therese of the Little Flower



We used the following sayings from St. Therese at our leader-

ship day. As we celebrate Saint Therese, the patroness of our community, it is appropriate for us to learn from her. Her wisdom below will be helpful.

"The Smallest amount of pure love is, more useful to the church than all the works that have ever been achieved."

"If God answers my requests, my heaven will be spent on earth up until the end of the world. Yes, I want to spend my heaven on earth doing good."

"I am only a very little soul, who can offer very little things to our Lord."

"To the right and to the left, I throw to my little birds the good grain that God placed in my hands. And then I let things take their course! I busy myself with it no more. Sometimes, it's just as though I had thrown nothing; at other times, it does some good. But God tells me: 'Give, give always, without being concerned with the results.'"

"Love, I have experienced it, known who to use (what power!) The good and the bad it finds in me. It transforms my soul into itself. This fire burning in my soul penetrates my heart forever. Thus in its delightful flame I am being wholly consumed by Love"!

"My vocation is love! In the heart of the church, who is my mother, I will be love. So I shall be everything, and so my dreams will be fulfilled."

"O Jesus, dear Holy Child, my only treasure, I abandon myself to Thy every whim. I seek no other joy than that of calling forth Thy sweet Smile."

St. Therese, pray for us!

#### **Parish Ministry Series - Religious Ed (RE)**



Two weeks ago, all parishes in the United States celebrated catechetical Sunday. This year's theme was "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ.." Thank you Fr. Li for reminding us that faith witness needs to be founded by authentic relationships with Jesus Christ.

Here at St. Therese we were blessed to recognize a robust group catechists. Thank you Sharon for the beautiful picture. As you can see, school teachers are also considered catechists, because they too pass on faith in Jesus with their students.

Parish life is sustained by four pillars: Liturgy, catechesis, social justice and prayer. Catechesis is also commonly known as 'religious education' or 'faith formation.'

The term CCD is no longer a viable term for U.S. Catholics. The RCIA, Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry all are included in the enterprise of catechesis. The term CCD is too narrow, for it only refers to children.. Catechesis at St. Therese extends from the womb to the tomb. In other words, we never stop learning about Jesus.

Catechists love it when authentic relationships are fostered and community life is built up. "It brought joy to my heart when a smiling child, holding the hand of her parent, greeted me as her teacher the other day in the produce section of Mariano's," one of our catechist shared recently.

Jesus, our teacher, uses every available opportunity to instruct, guide, encourage and support humans as they grow in their faith. In other words, catechesis is not just limited to the classroom.

Religious education also occurs at retreats, pilgrimages, service projects and other parish celebrations. This past Saturday, for instance, Sister Bombard served as the catechetical leader for our parish leaders. THANK YOU SISTER for teaching us more about Jesus.

While classroom teachers are normally recognized as catechists, we, you too can be a catechist. All you have to do is witness your faith.

~ God Bless Tom and Chris

#### Hospitality Schedule for October 7, 2018:

GREETERS: Alison Chan, Regina Cheong, Rose Lau RECEPTION: TBA

Today's Liturgy - Sept. 30, 2018

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/B
Celebrating The Feast of Saint Therese
Readings/Hymns: See Worship Aid
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#### News and Events

Holy Purity is the Remedy: a message from Rev. Francis J. Hoffman, Executive Director at Relevant Radio.

In the midst of the storm, I want to encourage all Relevant Radio associates and Catholics to promote a culture of sexual integrity, not just for clerics, but for laity as well. This will help us light a candle, when so many are cursing the darkness.

The current crisis is about sexual immorality compounded by dishonesty. This is not the first time in history. Just read the story about King David, God's chosen one.

Promoting this culture of sexual integrity begins with each of us: Holy Purity is given to us by God when we ask for it with humility. It is displayed in our conversations, our modest and humble way of dressing, our daily fight for custody of the eyes and control of our thoughts, and our conviction that human sexuality is a sacred power that God has entrusted to us for the procreation of the human race.

Temperance is the moral virtue that is needed to live chastely, and it can be acquired through time and effort, with prayer, mortification, frequent.

Holy Communion and regular, sincere Confession. Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph will help too.

This would be a good moment for each of us to re-read the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment. Having a well-formed conscience in this regard will be the starting point for progress. Holy Purity is not something negative. It is a joyful affirmation that we are children of God with a destiny to be even higher than the angels in heaven.

https://relevantradio.com/2018/09/holy-purity-is-the-remedy-a-message-from-fr-rocky/

TURIN, ITALY — Pope Francis has told young people they should always seek to go against the current of modern culture, live chaste lives, and not put their trust in worldly governments or powers. "I know that you are all good, but permit me to speak with sincerity. Love is very respectful of people. It does not use people. And, namely, love is chaste. It is right to try for a genuine love, that knows to give life, that does not search to use the other for its own pleasure. A love that makes sacred the life of the other person: 'I respect you, I do not want to use you.' It is not easy, we all know the difficulty to overcome this easy and hedonistic conception of love."

https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/popeyoung-go-against-current-live-chastely-dont-trustgovernments

**Catholicism 201** continues on today after the 10:30am mass. The topic is **Sharing Stories of Love** led by Tom McGuire.

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR** - October 5th At 7:00pm in church. All are welcome!

#### **YOUTH LED MASS & GATHERING**

Saturday, October 6th at 5pm, followed by food, fun & fellowship in the community room.



## Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Warren, Joann, Patricia, Min, Lantasia, Delores, Arthur, Mary, Sharon, Katie, Gilbert, Rosie, Ann, Tom, David, Florida, Daniel,

Tammy, Fanny, Patrick, Biyanca, Delores, Mia, Dennis, Elaine, Lamara, Mark, Frank, Isaiah, Richard, Robert, Joseph, Vermadell, Glanda, Katherine, Sarah

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic adoration is a powerful form of prayer. Many priests and religious have credited their time spent before Jesus in the Eucharist as the way they discerned their vocation. Others find it to be a place of great peace, joy, and clarity. But many have not heard of Eucharistic adoration at all. What is it and why should we participate in this form of prayer?

Bishop Joseph Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, stopped by The Inner Life®, Relevant Radio, to discuss what Eucharistic adoration is, and the fruits that come from this powerful practice. Bishop Perry said:

"We have the Eucharist at Mass, and that is perhaps the first place where we adore the Lord. You notice that with the posture that we have during the course of the Mass – with our genuflections, our bows, in front of the Eucharist being raised up some people have annunciations of prayer upon that exposure. That is one form, and it is the first form of our Eucharistic adoration.

Most recently, Eucharistic adoration has been extended beyond the Mass, by way of popular exercise. Many parishes have chapels that are set aside for elongated prayer through the use of the monstrance. The monstrance is a big, huge sunburst, a golden or silver instrument that contains that large Host for exposure. It comes from the Latin word monstrare, meaning to show or to exhibit.

Here in the Archdiocese of Chicago we have about 350 parishes, and happily over 200 of those have some form or exercise of Eucharistic adoration, either through the course of the week or the month. About a dozen of them have 24/7, around the clock adoration.

This is a contemplative sort of prayer, where people beyond the Eucharistic assembly on Sunday can come and sit with Jesus, offer their lives to Him, and find answers to many things. Disciples of Jesus Christ, Christians, are formed and shaped through prayer. This is the source of our energy that defined meaning in life. Our daily duties, decisions, and actions with one another are inspired by prayer.

When we enter a Church we genuflect, in acknowledgement of the Lord's presence in the tabernacle ... that is adoration. But when we get to the chapel when Jesus is exposed, we Catholics and other Orthodox Christians consider that a particular and special moment, where Jesus is looking at us and we are looking at Him.

There is a famous story of St. John Vianney, the patron of parish priests, who spent hours in the Confessional hearing confessions in the wake of ravaged, torn France after the French Revolution. There was a gentleman sitting in the front pew, and he never would go to Confession, but he would sit in that pew just staring forward.

One day John Vianney had the courage to ask him, 'Do you want to go to Confession?' In case the guy needed an extra nudge to get him into the box. But the man said, 'No. I look at Him and He looks at me. And that's all that matters.' It's a beautiful little anecdote of what Eucharistic adoration is about."



#### **Perry Lau on Eucharistic Adoration**

In the beginning when I was asked to join the EA, I hesitated. I have 2 obstacles to overcome:

First, why do I have to do it in church since Christ is present everywhere?

Second, schedule. Friday evening is beginning of a weekend. After a week of work, I liked to relax and planned something with family or friends.

I overcame these 2 obstacles by first being an unwilling participant but gradually through prayers and readings.

First, I know Jesus is present everywhere. However at Eucharistic adoration, Jesus is exposed and the sense of feeling His presence is immense. I feel a certain closeness to Him.

Second, to overcome conflict of schedule became so easy after I truly want to be close to Him, our Savior, our God. When you love someone, you talk, you text, you Skype, and when that is not enough, you drive or even fly to see that person. When you are with that person, the joy comes naturally.

The time you spend at EA goes by so fast. You can talk to him. Tell him your wants, your problems, worry, concerns. You can pray for yourself, your family, relatives, friends, others, the Church. There are so many things we can talk to Him or we can quiet ourselves by listening to Him or just simply sitting there. No word needs to be spoken. This is truly quality time with someone you love.

EA at St. Therese is first Friday of the month at 7pm. Come join us. Jesus awaits you!

#### SHORT TALK & FRANCISCAN RELIC BLESSING - Sunday, October 14, 2018



**Brother Joe Babcock, OFM Cap.** is a Capuchin Franciscan friar from St. Clare Friary on Archer Avenue. He is currently in studies, preparing for priesthood. He will briefly introduce Blessed Solanus Casey, a friar in Detroit who was beatified last year. He will also talk briefly about Saint Francis of Assisi and his own vocation. Afterwards, he will offer a blessing with the relics of Saint Francis and Blessed Solanus.

靈修短講及聖髑降福

若瑟. 柏覺修士(Brother Joe Babcock, OFM Cap)是一位來自亞殊大道(Archer Avenue)聖嘉勒會院(St. Clare Friary)的嘉布遣方濟會小兄弟。在這講座中,他 將簡介一位底律特的嘉布遣方濟會小兄弟,去年剛蒙列真福品的真福蘇朗. 卡西(Blessed Solanus Casey)。若瑟修士亦會向大家講解亞西西聖方濟及分享他個人聖召歷程。最後,他會以聖方濟及真福蘇朗的聖髑向大家降福。

Brother Joe will be taking a second collection to support the UIC Newman Center's trip to the SEEK Conference in Indianapolis in January. The University of Illinois at Chicago is sending 50 young adults to the SEEK Conference to experience four days of prayer, reflection, and community with over 16,000 Catholic young adults. The SEEK Conference brings many young people to discover their vocation as priests, sisters, and brothers. Three Capuchin friars will be going with the Newman Center, and there are also many young students who cannot afford to travel to the conference without your assistance. Please help support our young people in their desire to grow in the Catholic faith.

#### **School Happenings**



One of the weekly routines in Junior High Religion class at St. Therese School is an extended reflection in the presence of God's word, usually using Sunday's Mass. This month's school-wide curricular theme is *Empathy*. When Empathy was used as a lens upon last week's scripture, 6<sup>th</sup> Grader Henry Yu shared the following reflection:

The Gospel is [about] Dignity of Labor because it means to me that all humans should be treated the same. In the Gospel, the disciples are arguing that one of the twelve is best and Jesus says that if you want to be first, you are last. All of the disciples are the same

because they all want to be first, but they are all last. The disciples aren't caring about the Dignity of the other disciples, but only themselves. This means to tell others to feel empathy for others and to put others who need, before yourself.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house,
he began to ask them,
"What were you arguing about on the way?"
But they remained silent.
They had been discussing among themselves on the way
who was the greatest.
Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,
"If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."
Taking a child, he placed it in their midst,
and putting his arms around it, he said to them,
"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me;

# **Weekly Offering**Collection for September 23, 2018

and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

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Collection at Mandarin Mass on 9/23/2018: \$467 Thank YOU!



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

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#### "SAINT THERESE" by Sister Caritas

The Story of A Soul is the book St. Therese wrote at the request of her superiors. This book describes her spirituality and her "Little Way". It is well worth reading. Amazon carries it in paperback if you are interested.

Who is this young woman whom we honor today as our patron? Therese was the youngest daughter who was born on Jan. 2, 1873 to Louis Martin & Marie Guerin in France. Her mother died when she was 4 and the father and the older sisters managed the household and raised Therese and the other younger children. Pauline, the oldest sister, entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux, France. Four years later her sister Marie followed her. When almost 14, Therese had a vison of the newborn infant, Jesus. She was aware that Jesus became weak for her so she could be strong. This left a great and deep impression on her so later she chose to be called Sister Therese of the child Jesus. The local bishop had to approve because of her young age. On April 9, 1888 Therese entered Carmel in Lemieux and began her religious life at the age of 16. September 30, 1897 Therese died from tuberculosis.

Her last chapter of her book has several often quoted sayings. One of them is, "I will spend my heaven doing well on earth. Another saying is" My "little way" is the way of spiritual childhood, the way of trust and absolute self-surrender. Therese wrote letters to Missionaries in China and she wrote to the Carmelite sisters in Hanoi, China. The sisters in China invited her to come to China not knowing how sick she was. She wanted to go but was too sick. She had a missionary spirit. In 1925, twenty-six years after her death, she was declared a saint and two years later, she was named the patroness of missions along with St. Francis Xavier. For us here, she is truly a model. She tried to spread loving Jesus to all she came in contact with by her example and her words. Her little way can be followed by anyone. It is simply doing whatever you do, big things, or small things, offering them to Jesus with great love for Him. We all can do this. Each day offer what you do to Jesus with great love. Teach your children to do it also.

In the past few years her Mother, Marie and her Father, Martin, were canonized. If you go with us on the Pilgrimage on the 13th of October, you will see some of the things St. Therese used and you will learn more about her and her canonized mother and father. St. Therese pray for us, be with us!



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