

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9, 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

September 9, 2018 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. + Cyrus & Cecilia Tang by Bernie & Albert Wong & Esther & David Wong
+ Tony Leung, Anniversary Remembrance by Mom Marilyn
+ In Loving Memory of Pui Ling Lei by Regina Cheong

11:00 A.M. SMI Feast Day

MON. Sept. 10th

Weekday

8:00 A.M.

TUE. Sept. 11th

Weekday

8:00 A.M.

WED. Sept. 12th

The Most Holy Name of Mary

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

THU. Sept. 13th *Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 A.M. + James Roti, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion Roti

FRI. Sept. 14th

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 A.M. + Wan Hing Cheng by Chung Family

SAT. Sept. 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M. + 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 **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lam**, who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion last Sunday in our Church. We welcome them and rejoice with them and assure them of our prayers. Thanks to Perry Lau for teaching and accompanying them.

Thanks to **Lucy Wong** for donating the beautiful orchids on our altar.

Statement of Cardinal Blase J. Cupich on Misleading NBC Chicago Report

August 29, 2018

An NBC Chicago TV report that aired Monday night was edited in such a way that gave the false impression that Pope Francis and I consider the protection of children to be less important than other issues, such as the environment or immigration. Nothing could be further from the truth.

A review of the [unedited footage of that interview](#) shows that I was referring to the recent letter by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, not the terrible crime of clergy sexual abuse. I said that it was not appropriate, or even possible for Pope Francis to respond to the letter's many undocumented allegations, and I endorsed his request that journalists determine their veracity. I was then asked whether there should be an independent investigation of the Archbishop Theodore McCarrick case, and I endorsed the call of Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, for a thorough investigation.

The edited report created the false impression that my comment that the pope should not "go down the rabbit hole" of the allegations in the Viganò letter was about sexual abuse. As the unedited footage shows, it was not.

As I wrote in [my letter responding to the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report](#): "Whatever words we may use to describe the anguish of reading about these heinous acts, they can never capture the reality of suffering endured by victims of sexual abuse, suffering compounded by the woeful responses of bishops who failed to protect the people they were ordained to serve. ... We must resolve to face our failures and hold each other accountable. We must resolve to be clear-eyed about what we have done, what we have failed to do, and what remains to be done. We must resolve to live in the light of humility, of repentance, of honesty — the light of Christ. As your bishop, I pledge to continue holding firm to that resolve. And I ask for you to pray for all victims of abuse."

Lastly we extend our warmest welcome to our SMI visitors. As we honor Mary, let's entrust our Church and ourselves into her care and protection.



Peace ~ Fr. Francis Li

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Hospitality Schedule for Sept. 16, 2018:

GREETERS: Marian Torrez & St. Therese Students
RECEPTION: Back to School Bash

Today's Liturgy - Sept. 9, 2018

Readings: **GATHER 1159– 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/B**
Gather Hymnal

PROCESSIONAL: # 842 – Come to Us
OFFERTORY: #645 – Amazing Grace
COMMUNION: #721 – You Are Mine
RECESSIONAL: #861 – Praise and Thanksgiving

News and Events

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Parish Religious
Education Program

Parish Religious Ed Program begins on Sunday, Sept. 16th.

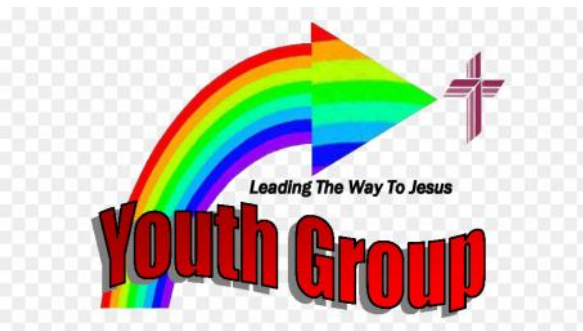
Registration forms can be found on the church entrance table. Please complete form & drop off with fee to the parish

office. For more info contact:
ChrisDelfin@gmail.com

CATECHISTS NEEDED! Our Parish Religious Education Program is looking for Catechists and Assistant Catechists. *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

**Santa Maria Incoronata Feast Day Mass
at 11:00am today. All are welcome!**



Youth Led Mass & Gathering

Saturday, Sept. 15th at 5:00pm followed by fun & fellowship in the community room.

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Our RCIA Programs

for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith begins on Sunday, October 14th.

Classes are in English, Cantonese & Mandarin. More info can be found at the church entrance table.



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Rita Charles, Frank, Yolanda, Mike, Esther, Flynn, Franklin, Alfred, Cleatoria, Antonia, Annie, Anita

Virtus Training -

Thursday, Sept. 13th at 5:30pm
There will be a training session at the school. Register at: virtus.org

Parish Ministry Series - Decoration

St. Therese Catholic Church is our church and we love to decorate it. Whenever we decorate the Church we think of the reason behind it and how best to portray the liturgy through the decor. The goal of our decorating team is not only to enhance and compliment the liturgy but also to create an atmosphere conducive to worship. Our team also highlight the changing moods of the liturgical seasons. We always exchange ideas and visions and bring them to fruition. We want to make St. Therese Catholic Church our place of worship more beautiful and meaningful. At the end of it all, we do it for the glory of God. If you love creating an atmosphere, working with flowers, designing spaces or just want to be a part of a ministry, the Decorating Ministry is the place for you.

To sign-up please contact Jade Yee or the Church office.

~ St. Therese Catholic Church Decorating Team

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Have you been struggling with how to talk to your kids, students, or young parishioners about the current crisis in the Catholic Church? With the overwhelming news and devastating division, how can we help our kids to understand? Starting with understanding how young people process this kind of news is a good place to start, says Fr. Nathan Cromly, President of the St. John Institute.

“This is a moment where we get to exert real leadership over our families and over the lives of the people who are entrusted to us by remembering, first of all, for a young person, the time of grieving—of lost innocence about this or a change of paradigm—is very short. For most of us, we’re shocked and dismayed and it takes us months, even years to process this. For a young person, they’re just listening to another blip on the screen, in their mind,” says Fr. Cromly.

Knowing how young people process this news can help us understand how to speak to them about it. “And if we know that, we need to right away ... speak about it in terms of the good opportunities that this represents for us moving forward to greater holiness, greater initiatives, and greater care for the people who are in charge of the Church. So, we need to right away realize that for their minds, they don’t need to go through the whole grieving process that we do, most of the time. We need to talk to them about how things are going to be better and how this represents actually an opportunity for the Church to improve herself as she evangelizes better.”

The children and young people in your life will pick up on how you react to the crisis. “They live in a media generation where facts and information are something that they’re used to processing without a lot of internal attachment to it. So, they hear that there’s a scandal coming up and if all of their parents and all of their priests and everybody is giving them the messaging that this is going to bring the Church down, well that’s what they’re going to hear.”

“If instead we spin it with the message that this is an incredibly terrible thing that summons us now to really engaging in our faith and really moving the ball down the field and every single one of us now gets a chance to witness to Jesus Christ more vibrantly and with greater authenticity, well then they’re going to get that message. And that’s the message that we really should be giving because we are called to be people of hope,” says Fr. Cromly. “The greatest thing we can do, with all of this that’s happening, is put our hands to the plow and start to move across the field planting the seeds that Christ has sent us to plant—the seeds of hope.”

<https://relevantradio.com/2018/09/helping-young-people-understand-the-current-crisis/>Bottom of Form

Weekly Offering

Collection for September 2, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,410	
GiveCentral	175	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$18,089
<u>Sunday Loose</u>	<u>599</u>	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$22,000
Total Collection	\$2,184	

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 82%

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

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Catechetical Sunday

10:30am Mass

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Karl Schroeder
Phil Maraldi
Nicholas Tobar
Vincent Thome
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Felina Li
Debbie Ammoreno

"Fear Not" by Sister Caritas

Many days, I watch Sister Lupita, one of our Sisters, as she goes about her life, blind, using a guide dog to go where she wants to go. The dog is highly trained and protects and guides her keeping her from cars, and falling down steps and getting to where she wants to go. It is amazing. Another of our Sisters is totally deaf and has been for some time. She has learned sign language and reads lips as someone speaks to her. While there are many things she cannot do, she finds ways to communicate and be an active part of our community. Any of these disabilities can be difficult and frightening to live with each day. I admire their will and courage.

Living with disabilities can make us fearful. What we want to do we cannot accomplish and often must depend on someone else to help us accomplish what we need to do. It can be very frightening. Fear is a normal reaction to human experiences. Fear can be very paralyzing. It can keep us from doing what others need or from doing what we know needs to be done at a given time. In my life I have learned that courage is not that we are not afraid, rather, courage is being very afraid and doing the right thing anyway.

In our everyday lives, Scripture tells us, God says to us, "Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be Strong, fear not! Here is your God.....He comes to save you." The first reading continues to tell us how God will act in us and for us. Blindness, deafness, danger on all sides, will not stop God. God is powerful in His healing actions. We know and believe that God can overcome everything. God can accomplish what our poor efforts cannot do. We believe in His love and presence with us. "Be strong. Do not be afraid." Our God comes to save us. God acts in us and through us. With us He can accomplish anything.

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

