

First Sunday of Advent December 2, 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

December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M.

10:30 A.M. + Joanna Wai Nin Wan Law by Thomas Law & Family
+ Virginia Fong by Elaine, Wendy & Jennifer Sin

MON. Dec. 3rd *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

8:00 A.M + Virginia Fong by Elaine, Wendy & Jennifer Sin

TUE. Dec. 4th *Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 A.M. Special Birthday Blessings for my sister Marion by Cookie
+ Virginia Fong by Elaine, Wendy & Jennifer Sin

WED. Dec. 5th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Virginia Fong by Elaine, Wendy & Jennifer Sin
+ Deceased Family Members & Friends of Dominic Barbaro

THU. Dec. 6th *Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

8:00 A.M. + Virginia Fong by Elaine, Wendy & Jennifer Sin
+ Vito Barbara by Tony & Mary Nudo

FRI. Dec. 7th *Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 A.M. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Dominic Barbaro
+ Virginia Fong by Elaine, Wendy & Jennifer Sin

SAT. Dec. 8th *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 A.M. + Virginia Fong by Elaine, Wendy & Jennifer Sin

5:00 P.M. **Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese**

+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family
+ David Jarzyna by Marion
+ Emma Barbara by Tony & Mary Nudo
+ Bernadette Zito by Joe & Rena



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 our Thanksgiving celebration, and special gratitude to **Kim Casey** for cooking the delicious turkeys and to all who helped with cooking and serving and cleaning up and to all who made food and financial donations. I am not able to name each of them, but most of them are in the photos below.



Book Signing

Our own **Dominic Lai** is a contributor to Pope Francis' new book titled, *"Sharing the Wisdom of Time."* Dominic will offer a reflection on Sunday Dec. 16th at the 10:30am mass. After mass you will have a chance to purchase a book and have it signed by him in the Community Room while enjoying a complimentary reception. Please invite your families and friends to join us for this exciting event!

Renew My Church Update

Cardinal Cupich and the Archdiocese's Presbyteral Council met and, based on the Archdiocesan Commission's recommendation and other considerations, the Cardinal made several decisions regarding the grouping's structure. These decisions were shared with parishioners and school families during the Wednesday, Nov. 28th Renew My Church community meeting.

All Saints-St. Anthony Parish, St. Barbara Parish and School, St. Mary of Perpetual Help Parish and St. Therese Chinese Parish and School

St. Therese Chinese School will assume responsibility of St. Barbara School, retaining campuses at both the existing St. Therese Chinese school building and the existing St. Barbara school building, under the St. Therese Chinese School leadership and name. The academic program will include expanded early childhood (pre-K) at the St. Barbara campus with pre-K through 8 at both sites pending enrollment. School leadership structure will consist of one principal with two administrators - one at each site. The school will be led by the current St. Therese Chinese School principal. The current St. Barbara School principal will serve as an administrator at the St. Barbara campus and will remain involved in leadership decisions. Current St. Barbara School students will be automatically accepted into St. Therese Chinese School. St. Barbara School faculty and staff will be given priority status in filling positions at the expanded St. Therese Chinese School.



Cardinal Cupich has requested that further discussion and consultation take place on the future of the parishes of All Saints-St. Anthony, St. Barbara, St. Mary of Perpetual Help and St. Therese Chinese and the Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate. Therefore, a decision on these parishes will be delayed until at least mid-January 2019.

As we continue to wait for the Cardinal's decision regarding the future of our Church, I know most of us are very anxious to find out. Waiting becomes doubly hard. However, I can assure you that in all the proposed scenarios, St. Therese Church will stay open. We know the final decision belongs to the Cardinal. With good faith, I invite you to live out the Spirit of the Advent, a time of waiting and a wonderful opportunity to treasure the values of waiting and anticipating for new life to come.

Let's make this Advent a time of "renew our faith." Please keep praying for Renew My Church.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

MEET OUR YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP TEAM—6



Hi, I'm Naomi, a core member of the Young Adult Ministry. I have been a part of St. Therese since I was born and have celebrated some very important life moments at this parish, including my baptism as a baby, my confirmation as a teenager, and my wedding as an adult. I enjoy being a part of the Young Adult Ministry because we have a lot of fun together getting meals, playing games, and singing karaoke together and more importantly, we also encourage each other in our faith and to grow closer to God. I'm glad to be part of a group that is a support network and to share these experiences with. I invite all young adults to come join us at our next event!

In my spare time, I like traveling, cooking/baking, and re-reading the Harry Potter series, and my drink of choice is a Cabernet.

Check us out on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StThereseYAM>

Hospitality Schedule for December 9, 2018:

GREETERS: Kim Casey, Daniel Rak, Flo Yu
RECEPTION: Lushia & Roberta

Today's Liturgy - December 2, 2018

READINGS: GATHER 993, Chinese 497/ First Sunday of Advent /C
Cantonese Mass / Chinese Hymnal

PROCESSIONAL: #500 - 醒吧, 醒吧 Awake! Awake!

OFFERTORY: #216 - 甘將一生交給主 Of My Hands I Give to You

COMMUNION; #454 - 長留聖體中 Remain in the Eucharist

RECESSIONAL: #498 - 來啊, 至聖默西亞 O Come, Divine Messiah

News and Events

Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious on Dec. 8th and 9th

Perhaps there was a Sister Clare in your life. Perhaps a special woman or man religious shared with you love, faith, and a belief in all that you could become. Maybe you knew more than one. Today those sisters, brothers, and religious order priests may be elderly, and their religious communities may struggle to meet retirement needs. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

St. Michael Ministry (Safety Training)

As part of St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church's secured facility training process, two (2) team member training classes are scheduled for Sunday, December 9th. Emergency Care (9am) and Front Line 101 (11:30am) sessions will be facilitated by Peter Pon after our 8 am and 10:30 am mass services. Parishioners who would like to join this volunteer group should contact Chris Lowe (630)660-6410 or the church office at (312)842-6667.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) offers a four year scholarship, renewable annually in the amount of \$1000 per year, to a deserving Catholic woman, currently a High School Senior, who can successfully articulate "What it Means to be a Catholic Woman in the World Today.". Criteria/rules and the scholarship application are available for download on our website, www.accwchicago.org/scholarship. The deadline for submission of completed application is March 20, 2019. If you have any questions, you may call the ACCW Office at 312-534-8330 /25.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass will be at 8am.

St. James Food Pantry

Volunteers needed Saturday, Dec. 8th from 8:30am until about 11:00am. Please consider sharing your time and talents to serve others & sign up at the church entrance table.

2019 ENGLISH CALENDAR is now available on the church entrance table. Please take one copy per family.

First Friday HOLY HOUR

Our monthly First Friday devotion will take place on **December 7th at 7pm** in Church. All are welcome!

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\$100.⁰⁰ per ticket

The Grand Prize, 1st Prize, 2nd Prize and 3rd Prize drawings will be held on December 17, 2018 at St. Therese Church. An Early Bird Drawing will be held on October 30, 2018 for a chance to win \$1,000, and the winning ticket will be returned into the Grand Prize Drawing. All prize amounts are based on the number of tickets sold and St. Therese reserves the right to adjust prize amounts based on actual ticket sales. Winners need not be present. Winners are subject to all federal and state laws and taxes.

2018 Baby Bottle Project for The Women's Center

Our parish will be again participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved almost 40,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.



Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church on [Nov. 24th and 25th](#), fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of [Dec. 15th and 16th](#) and [Dec. 22nd and 23rd](#).

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. *Thank you for helping defend life*, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

You are invited to be a part of this time honored tradition: Children's Nativity Play.



ALL children are invited to join this event.

Sign-up sheet located at the entrance of our church
or contact Bridget.P.Lee@gmail.com.

Rehearsals will be on Sundays December 2,9,16, & 23
from 11:45 am to 1pm

Play will be performed during the 5pm Family Mass
on Christmas Eve

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Sun., December 9
10:30 AM

Young Adult Mass & Refreshments
Celebrated by Fr. Jamie Mueller
Archdiocesan Young Adult Engagement

Sat., January 12
Time TBA

Young Adult Social
Young Adults ages 18-40 invited.
Save the Date! Activity TBA

Sat., February 2
5:00 PM

Mass + Youth Ministry Meeting
Help mentor and lead the future Young Adults of St. Therese!



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Sign up at the church entrance or at:

young.adult.ministry@sttheresechinatown.org | facebook.com/groups/StThereseYAM



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

Lois Payton
Helen Moy
Katherine Culen
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Karl Schroeder
Phil Maraldi
Nicholas Tobar
Vincent Thome
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Henry F. Wong
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Susan Zibricky
Barbara Metzinger
Victor Roa
Felina Li

"Begin ANEW" by Sister Caritas

On and around January 1st there is the tradition of making "New Year's" resolutions. Many people make the resolution that they are going to lose weight or exercise. Some people try to stop smoking or cursing. We can also at this time look carefully at our lives.

As we start this new year of the Church's liturgical year, we can look at our spiritual life. What are we doing to love one another and to love God above all things? Are we people who really listen to others or do we listen but are planning what we will say next? Do we listen but think... "Here they go again." Are we people who listen with compassion and with our heart? Are we open to whom that person is and what their situation is or are we only thinking about ourselves?

Do we give of our time, talent and treasure? A few Sunday's ago, we heard the Gospel about the widow who gave not out of her surplus but gave all she had. How generous are you? Do you have some extra moments to help another despite all the busyness in your life? Can you share your gift of music, or the ability to teach with our parish? Can you share a little more in your Sunday envelope? Do you pray each day? Can you take a few more moments or an hour of prayer each day? Look at your spiritual life. Choose one area to improve in this Advent time and through the year.

Ask Jesus into your life more fully. Come Lord Jesus. Come Lord Jesus.

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we share led by a panel.

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