

# The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

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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 上午八時 & 十時 (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**

***January 6, 2019 The Epiphany of the Lord***

**8:00 A.M.**

**10:30 A.M.** + Gary Pionke by Chris & Darlene Lowe  
+ Pearl Ko, Mabel Chan and Alice Moy by Darlene Chan-Lowe  
+ Gail Yong by Ricky & Nicole Yong

***MON. Jan. 7th***

***Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest***

**8:00 A.M.**

***TUE. Jan. 8th***

***Christmas Weekday***

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

***WED. Jan. 9th***

***Christmas Weekday***

**8:00 A.M.** + Robert & Lillian Stuart by the Cheng Family

***THU. Jan. 10th***

***Christmas Weekday***

**8:00 A.M.** + Antoinette Pacelli by nephew Jody

***FRI. Jan. 11th***

***Christmas Weekday***

**8:00 A.M.** + Mariano Caruso by Family  
+ Marie Roti by Francine  
+ Mac Lowe, Birthday Remembrance by Chris & Darlene Lowe

***SAT. Jan. 12th***

***Christmas Weekday***

**8:00 A.M.**

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

+ Gary Pionke by Chris & Darlene Lowe  
+ 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 helped with the New Year masses and HotPot dinner. Special thanks to **George Lee** for taking lead on the Hotpot event. We had a good turnout and all participants had a lot of fun sharing delicious food and welcoming the year 2019.

Thanks to **Florence Yu** for donating \$200.00 towards our Young Adult Ministry. As you know, the core leaders of YAM are planning a social event on Sat., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> beginning with the 5pm Sunday Vigil Mass followed by bowling and food at UIC. Please invite the young adult(s) you know to join them for this fun and relationship-building event.



### **Pray for Our Bishops**

As you know, all bishops in the United States are at a retreat at Mundelein Seminary this week from Jan. 2 to 8. Pope Francis asked them to gather to renew themselves and to pray for victims of the clergy abuse and for effective and responsible ways to address this horrible issue.

Parishes are invited to pray for all bishops and for a specific bishop by name. The bishop selected for St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church, is Bishop Chad Zielinski, Bishop of Fairbanks, Alaska. We have been praying for Bishop Chad at our masses and you are also invited to keep him in your private prayers particularly during his retreat. For a brief bio of Bishop Chad, please see <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/index.php/who-we-are/n-bishop> and for more information about the Diocese of Fairbanks, please visit <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>

For your convenience, below is a prayer you may use to pray for our Church.



## ***Prayer for the Healing of Our Church***

*Loving God, turn your ear to the cries of your sons and daughters who seek healing for Your Church.*

*We are heartbroken. We are bruised. We are hurting.*

*In these days we again wrestle with understanding the heinous acts of abuse by those entrusted with shepherding Your flock.*

*Ease our troubled hearts. Mend our broken spirits. Be “ever present in our distress.” Merciful Lord, send your Healing Spirit to our brothers and sisters who have endured pain and abuse physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Comfort their weary spirits. Soothe their pain. Grant them justice.*

*May our eyes be opened to see your image in these wounded members of Your Church. Shepherd of Souls, make your presence known to us that these wrongful acts will be addressed. Inspire our bishops, leaders and teachers of the Church to seek new and effective paths to keep safe the flock they shepherd.*

*Give us all courage to act and speak up on behalf of the most vulnerable.*

*Rush the winds of the Spirit to scatter the darkness of sin. Pour forth Your healing Spirit to renew our trust and hope in You, who are our refuge and our strength.*

*We pray in Jesus’ name.*

*Amen*

As we all have been praying, let us continue to remember all victims in our prayers too.

***Peace ~ Fr. Francis***

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### **Hospitality Schedule for January 13, 2019:**

**GREETERS: Flo, Teresa, Tim**

**RECEPTION: Jean Ng, Jean Wong**

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### **Today’s Liturgy - January 6, 2019**

**READINGS: GATHER 1011 (Chinese 179)/ The Epiphany of the Lord/C  
Cantonese Mass - Chinese Hymnal**

**PROCESSIONAL: #555 - 我們三王 We Three Kings**

**OFFERTORY: #216 – 甘將一生交給你 Of My Hands I Give to You**

**COMMUNION; #515 - 平安夜 O Silent Night**

**RECESSIONAL: #532 - 新生王 New Born King**

## News and Events

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

**2019 Parishioner Offering Box** can be picked up at the Church entrance table.

### **St. James Food Pantry**

Volunteers needed Saturday, Jan. 12th. from 8:30-11:00am. Please consider sharing your time and talents to serve others. Please sign up at the church entrance table.

**Christmas Donations as of 01/02/2019**

(Continued from last weekend's list)

**Thank you to all who contributed!**

Paul & Cindy Lau	\$1,000
Anthony & Anita Spina	\$500
Ms. Rosemary Tagge	\$500
Earl & Qi Hokens	\$100
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Shao-Chen Lin	\$50
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Barrett-Krach	\$100
Chi-An Yang	\$100
Ms. April Alonzo	\$25
Robyn M. Pio	\$10
Barbara L. Boril	\$50
Santa Maria Incoranata	\$300
Fowziya & Peter Kelty	\$150
Wendy Sin	\$100
Joseph A. Zito, Jr	\$100
Teresa Moy	\$100
Peter Tse	\$160

**Grand Total Donations as of  
01/02/2019: \$27,783**

**Please keep Mercy Hospital Patients in your prayers.**

### **Respect Life Mass**

Our parish Respect Life committee will sponsor a respect life mass on Sunday, Jan. 13th at the 10:30am mass.

### **Save the Date**

**Our Lunar New Year celebration will be on Sunday, Feb. 10th at 10:00am.**

**Summer Dinner Dance will be on Friday, June 14, 2019.**

## Mass & Bowling Social

Saturday, January 12



**St. Therese Parish**  
218 W Alexander Street  
5:00 PM Vigil Mass

**The Alley**  
(UIC Student Center East)  
750 S Halsted Street  
Immediately following Mass

Enjoy a YAM-sponsored evening of prayer, fun, and dinner, compliments of St. Therese Church.

Young adults ages 18-40 and their kids are welcome.

Please RSVP at the church entrance, by email, or Facebook.

Carpools to be set up from St. Therese parking lot.



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**Friday, June 14, 2019**

Doors Open at 6 PM

Dinner 6:15 PM to 7:30 PM

Dancing 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Admission at Door: Adults \$40, Children (6-10) \$25

Advanced Tickets: Adults \$35, Children (6-10) \$20



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**Ticket Sellers: Gemma Wong, Teresa Moy,  
Marion Torrez, Jeannie Ng, Chris & Darlene  
Lowe, Wendy Sin, & Church Office**

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

### Blessed is the Fruit of Your Womb by Deirdre A McQuade



When Notre Dame undergrads go to the campus bookstore for course supplies and sweatshirts, they pass a striking bronze sculpture by Holy Cross priest, Rev. Anthony J. Lauck. It depicts the Visitation – the Blessed Virgin Mary greeting her cousin Elizabeth. Both pregnant, the two have to lean in toward each other, as their growing bellies don't allow for an upright embrace.

I was quite taken with this piece while working as a crisis pregnancy counselor and showed a photo of it to my dad, who loves to apply scripture to daily life. He remarked: "That's what you do at the center ... you greet the unwed pregnant woman with love when others might judge or reject her." His words inspired me to reflect on the passage from Luke's gospel (1:39-56).

Elizabeth first trusted the angel's words and miraculously conceived John the Baptist beyond her natural childbearing years. Then when Mary wondered how she would conceive the Christ child, asking "How can this be?" Gabriel explained that he would be the Son of God, and reassured her of God's powerful generosity: "Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age .... for nothing will be impossible for God." Upon hearing this, Mary assented joyfully to God's will, a pivotal moment in salvation history.

When Mary came to visit, Elizabeth could hardly contain herself. The infant John "leapt for joy" in her womb and she cried out in the Holy Spirit: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." The joy and solidarity of their encounter is captured in Fr. Lauck's work, as well as in the opening words of the "Hail Mary."

While it is not unusual for pregnant women to be alternately excited and worried about the future, some can become overwhelmed in the absence of a strong marriage or supportive community. Others lack sufficient financial resources or may see pregnancy as an intrusion into their well-established life plans. Far from being embraced with joy, they may feel like they don't have much of a choice.

Abortion promoters insist that access to abortion is necessary for such situations. But this is false solidarity. Like Mary and Elizabeth, we can respond differently, more creatively. There is no such thing as a "need" for abortion. It is never necessary for anyone to do evil, and it is always possible to choose the good.

Pregnancy help centers across the country help women choose the good at a pivotal moment in their family history. They greet pregnant women with compassion, offer a safe place for them to reflect on their life situation, and address their actual needs. They help women see children as a gift regardless of any difficulties that may lie ahead. Once women are empowered with real alternatives – including adoption as a loving, generous option – they can resist the temptation to abort. Combined with policy and education initiatives and much prayer, such outreach will help bring an end to abortion, for nothing is impossible with God.

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abortion/blessed-is-the-fruit-of-your-womb.cfm>

### Weekly Offering

### Collection for December 30, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,472	
GiveCentral	192	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$53,012
Sunday Loose	274	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$59,400
Total Collection	\$1,938	

Weekly Budget: \$2,200                      % of Budget Attained: 89%

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

***May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!***



As committed & faithful VOLUNTEER  
Ministers, Committee Members,  
and Staff of St. Therese,  
**THANK YOU!**

Please join us for a LUNCH  
hosted in your honor!

# St. Therese Parish Appreciation Gathering

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**  
**11:45am-12:45pm**

**St. Therese Church Community Room**

Please R.S.V.P. before January 9th  
by signing up at the Church entrance table  
or call the parish office at (312) 842-6777





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

Lois Payton  
Helen Moy  
Katherine Culen  
Amelia Lorraine Schroeder  
Karl Schroeder  
Phil Maraldi  
Nicholas Tobar  
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Victor Roa  
Felina Li

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### ***“SEEK and FIND” by Sister Caritas***

Did you ever have a moment of great clarity or sudden discovery? Have you pondered something for a long time and all of a sudden the secret is revealed? Suddenly you know the meaning of the mystery. This is an epiphany. Perhaps an “epiphany” of mine was when, as a young sister, I was given the same answer for three very basic sets of questions. I was told the meaning was “the will of God.” So, I focused my life around that simple and profound answer. It has been a direction for my life.

The readings today celebrate the revelation of Jesus, the light of those who sit in darkness. It is the celebration of the Magi, profound seekers, who travel a great distance to find the “newborn king.” When they arrive, “They were overjoyed at seeing the star and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his Mother. They prostrate themselves and did him homage.” Jesus fills us with His light in our darkness and fills us with unimaginable joy when we encounter Him.

The Magi were persistent seekers. They followed the star to their goal. When they lost sight of the star they still looked and did not give up. The star, light, re-appeared and they knew great joy. They gave gifts when they found the baby. These simple but not easy steps, lead us to God. Will you be a faithful seek? Will you continue to search when the way seems unclear, dark or invisible? The Magi kept faith. They found the fulfillment of their great desire and gave their gifts, representative of themselves, as is every gift given. Will you embrace this Epiphany, Jesus born anew?

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