

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 10, 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

February 10, 2019 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. +
+

10:00 A.M. Lunar New Year Celebration
Special Healing for Violeta Malit by Hannah Juachon
+ Gail Yong by Darlene & Chris Lowe
+ Harry 'Hip' Wu by Darlene & Chris Lowe
+ Wing Cheng by Darlene & Chris Lowe

MON. Feb. 11th Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 A.M. +

TUE. Feb. 12th Weekday

8:00 A.M. +

WED. Feb. 13th Weekday

8:00 A.M. +

THU. Feb. 14th Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

8:00 A.M. +

FRI. Feb. 15th Weekday

8:00 A.M. +

SAT. Feb. 16th Weekday

8:00 A.M. +

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

- + Jimmy Annoreno by Family
- + Harry Wu by Frank & Sophie Nardi
- + In Loving memory of Christine Valencia & Mary Sasak by Frank & Sophie Nardi
- + In Loving memory of Hasel Nardi by Frank & Sophie Nardi



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 Heloise Won-Yee Hildegard Raymonde Honorie Wu, daughter of Alexander Frehse and Judy Wu. Heloise was baptized last Sunday. We rejoice with her and her family and assure them of our prayers.

Thanks to members of our Indonesian Group and School children for a great job of cleaning our Church last Saturday.

Thanks to our Young Adults and Parents of our Youth Ministry for leading our young people on a lively conversation on transition to High School and to all young people who attended the monthly gathering.

Thanks to **George Lee** for taking the lead on this year's SuperDuper Bowl and thanks to all who purchased squares and helped with the party.



Happy the Year of the Pig

As we celebrate this wonderful holiday of the Lunar New Year this week, it is also the National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) in the Catholic Church of the United States. The Church invites us to build up "a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family."

The Chinese New Year celebration is about family too. People from all over would go home to be with their families and would visit relatives and friends for days afterwards.

As we gather to joyfully celebrate this special feast, we are reminded of the importance of our own families and of each other as a faith family. Family is where we learn how to love and how to share and how to support each other. The experience of being loved can help us to love others in our community, Church and society. True love is what we need today. So let's pray that God bless us with an open heart for love and open hands to share love.

May the Lord fill you and your loved ones with peace, joy, and good health in 2019.

祝大家猪年好运连连，主恩满溢！六畜猪为宝；四时春最新！

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

Lunar New Year Celebration

新春彌撒及祭祖慶典

Sunday, February 10, 2019

二零一九年二月十日 (星期日)

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10:00 am Mass with Veneration of Ancestors

彌撒及祭祖慶典

11:45 am Performance 表演

12:15 pm Luncheon 午宴聯歡會

Luncheon Suggested Donation: \$10 per person 午宴費用: 每位 \$10
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Year of the Pig
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Hospitality Schedule for February 17, 2019:

GREETERS: Marian & STS Students
HOSPITALITY: Adrienne, Daron, Nicole

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presents

SUMMER DINNER DANCE 2019

THE YEAR OF THE PIG: BBQ & SMOKED MEATS

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Friday, June 14, 2019
Doors Open at 6 PM
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News and Events

Meetings: Finance Council will meet on Monday, Feb. 11th at 6pm in the St. Therese Room followed by Liturgy Committee at 7pm

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join Fr. Derek Ho and St. James Parish in the footsteps of Christ through the Holy Land from May 8th to 17th, 2019. The cost is \$4,369.00. If interested, please contact Corporate Travel Service, INC. at 866-468-1420. Flyers are also available at the Church entrance area.

Indonesian Yellow Rice Fundraiser

In support for the Serbian children Summer Camp program in Hungary, our Indonesian Group is organizing a Yellow rice fundraiser. You may place your order by March 4th, 2019 by calling 773-982-0040, 224-580-0592 or 847-809-0033. It is \$15 per box. Your orders can be picked up on March 10th, 2019 at 11:30am in the Community Room of St. Therese Church. Thank you for your support.



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Susan, Maria, Antonio, Alice, Cynthia, Travis, Jacqueline, Barbara, Arturo, Zack, Charlotte, Sammie, Ablavi, Joeanna, Christopher, Noel, Barbara

2018 Donation Letter

If you would like to have a 2018 Donation letter to St. Therese for tax purposes, please contact the parish office.

On Sunday, February 17th at 12noon, representatives from the Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community (CBCAC) will be at St. Therese to inform the community about the upcoming Chicago Mayoral & Aldermanic election which is nonpartisan. The election is on Feb. 26th. The speakers will explain the voting process and demonstrate how to use the voting machines. The representatives can speak English, Cantonese and Mandarin. All are welcome!

Annual Catholic Appeal - Week of February 9-10, 2019

Please Make Your Gift to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal
"Come, Follow Me...and share the Word"

Announcement Weekend: Feb. 16-17

Commitment Weekend: Feb. 23-24

During the last few weeks, many parish families received a letter from Cardinal Cupich requesting your participation in pledging to the 2019 *Annual Catholic Appeal*. We ask that you pray about it and respond as generously as possible. You may bring the pledge card to Church on the weekend of Feb. 23-24.

The Appeal supports both Parish and Archdiocesan ministries, and funds services that are of great help here in our Parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is *"Come, Follow Me...and share the Word."* We have all received God's love. By financially supporting the ministries and services funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal, we help to extend God's love to many, many others.

As you review the mailing from Cardinal Cupich, take note of those services that directly support the work of our parish and please give generously. When our parish reaches its goal of **\$9311.00** in paid pledges, all additional funds contributed will be returned to us for use in our Parish.



MEET & GREET



“AS A BODY IS ONE THOUGH IT HAS MANY PARTS, AND ALL THE PARTS OF THE BODY, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY, SO ALSO CHRIST.”

1 Corinthians 12:12

Fr. Francis Li and Fr. Artur Marat would like to invite all staff, leaders and parishioners, and school families of the faith communities of St. Therese and St. Barbara to one of the following gatherings:



**St. Therese Parish | 218 W. Alexander, Chicago, IL
Tuesday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m.**

St. Therese will host an evening of fellowship for St. Barbara Parish's people. The evening includes a light dinner, learning about St. Therese Church ministries and School life, and a tour of the facilities. Please contact the St. Barbara parish office (StBarbara@StBarbaraChicago.org or 312-842-7979) to let us know if you plan to attend this event at St. Therese.

**St. Barbara Parish | 2859 S. Throop, Chicago, IL
Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m.**

St. Barbara will host an evening of fellowship for St. Therese's people. The evening includes a light dinner, learning about St. Barbara Church ministries and School life, and a tour of the facilities. Please contact the St. Therese parish office (StTherese@archchicago.org or 312-842-6777) to let us know if you plan to attend this event at St. Barbara.



These gatherings will be opportunities to begin the journey of knowing each other and building up relationships and planning for our bright future together.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Theme of the March for Life – Touching on this year’s theme for March for Life *“Unique from Day One — Pro-Life is Pro-Science,”* Kansas City Archbishop Joseph Naumann emphasized that science is life’s friend, especially on the matter of unborn. Abortion advocates often seek to portray opposition to abortion as an imposition of religious belief. To dispel their wrong notion that advocacy for the protection of the life within the womb is somehow at odds with modern scientific knowledge, the Archbishop pointed out the following: “While our Christian faith definitely speaks to the sanctity of life as the biblical readings for tonight’s [Vigil] Mass illustrate, *one does not need religious revelation to know the killing of innocent human life is inhumane.*” “The advances of scientific knowledge and technology over the past 100 years have confirmed that a unique human life begins at fertilization. The unborn child, beginning as a one celled zygote and throughout its embryonic and fetal stages of development, possesses DNA, a genetic code, distinct from his or her parents. Ultra-sound technology has given us a window into the womb, allowing us to witness the miraculous unfolding of the development of a new and unique human life.” We know that this is the very reason Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the infamous abortionist and co-founder of NARAL, eventually became pro-life. Advances in embryology and fetology, persuaded him. We followers of Christ, by reason of Baptism, are to be unafraid fishers of men (Lk 5:10), on permanent mission to tell others about the live saving Good News. This News includes the irreplaceable and inestimably valuable worth of human life, which began long before born, a truth our friend science confirms.

Quote – “When violent crime impacts a community there is a temptation to respond with anger and vengeance. But the Gospel calls for rehabilitation, reconciliation, and restoration and teaches us to respect the dignity of all human beings, even those guilty of committing horrendous crimes.” — “Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities,” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 10) is an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

Prayer for Married Couples – Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/national-marriage-week.cfm>

Weekly Offering

Collection for February 3, 2019

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,240	
GiveCentral	180	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$62,873
Sunday Loose	852	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$71,000
<hr/> Total Collection	<hr/> \$2,272	

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 88%

Please consider giving one hour of **your weekly salary as your contribution.**
May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

Bearing Wrongs Patiently

Challenges & Hopes: The Catholic Church in Contemporary China

Thursday, February 28

6:30pm Reception

7:00pm Presentation

DePaul Student Center, Rm. 314B
(2250 N. Sheffield Ave.)

Living under communism, Catholics in China, among other Christians, face the risk of persecution and violence. They've long been torn between an "underground" Church and a state-sanctioned one, and in February 2018, Beijing issued new regulations that aim to sinicize (adapt) religions to communism—e.g., banning online Bible sales. And as Dr. Mary Yuen tells us, despite a recent agreement between China and the Vatican, persecution continues. And yet Catholics in mainland China continue to nurture hope.



Mary Mee-Yin Yuen is a professor of social ethics at the Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology and Philosophy in Hong Kong. She holds a PhD in Christian ethics and Chinese social thought from the Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley, CA).



2018-19 Spiritual Works of Mercy Series

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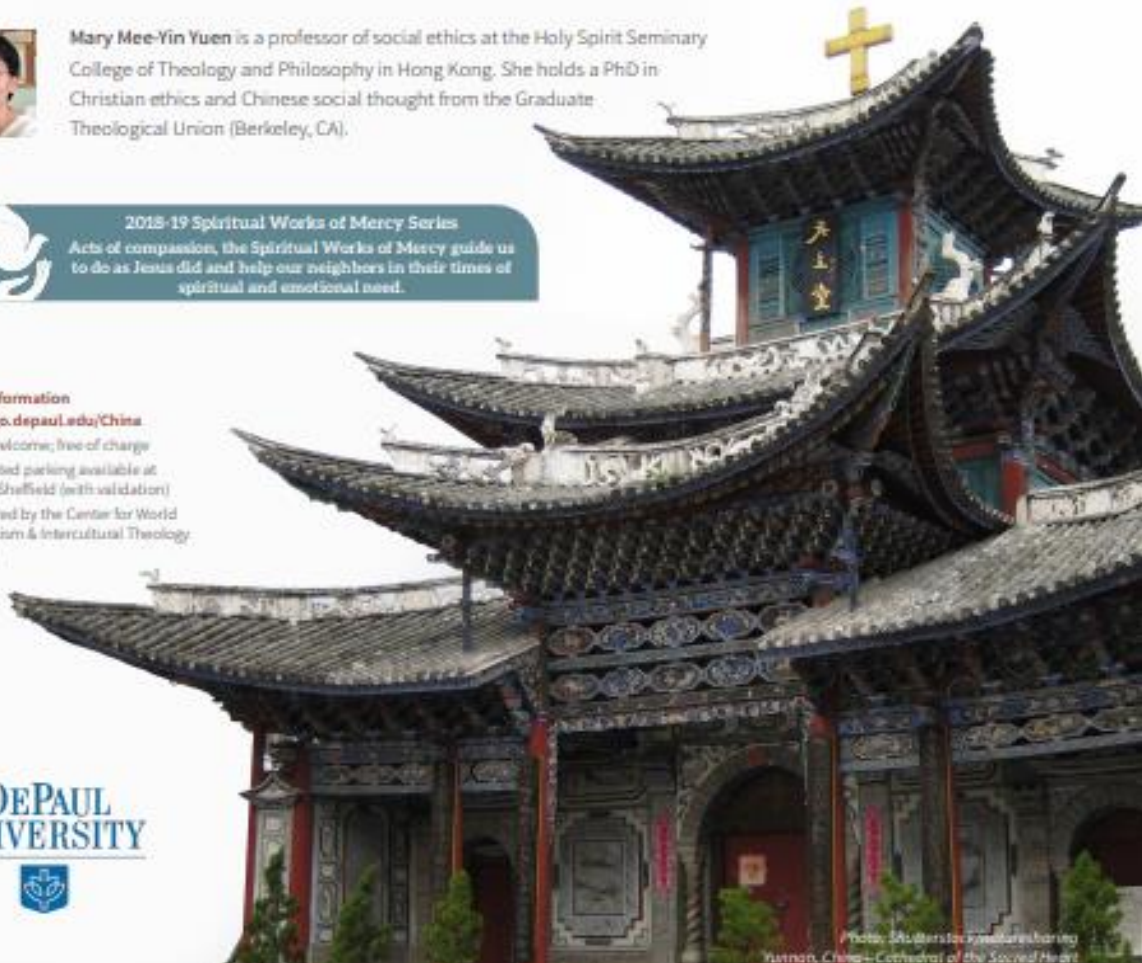


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Nanhai, China—Cathedral of the Sacred Heart



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

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"Celebrating the New Year" by Sister Caritas

Today we are celebrating the New Year. Each New Year we recall the blessing and love of family. We honor those who have gone before us upon whom we build our cellular being and also receive the traditions and culture which is uniquely ours. We look at our lives and its blessings and we have to admit all the ways we need to change and be more and better so our families and culture, our lives and our country can be better.

Our readings today help us confront the reality of our lives. We as human beings, are an interesting mix of good and evil, of love and hatred, of honesty and dishonesty. Sometimes in our lives our virtue dominates and other times the other is more present. In the first reading the prophet experiences God and His presence and realized he is impure. He is imperfect and unworthy of speaking of God. His acknowledgement enables God to send His angel to touch His lips with burning coals and the prophet is purified. He is called to continue His ministry.

St. Paul in the second reading, tells the basic story of the life of Jesus and how He appeared after the resurrection and last of all appeared to Paul as one unworthy. He proclaims that the grace of God, alive in Paul, makes him who he is. He states God's grace is alive in him and enables him to be the effective minister to the Gentiles which he has been. He with the grace of God is faithful unto the end of his life. But it is the grace of God which makes for the faithfulness. In the Gospel, after a whole night of fishing, Simon is in his boat and Jesus asks Him to allow Him to be in the boat and preach. After He is finished, Jesus tells Simon to cast His net to catch fish, who has been without any fish all night. At the word of Jesus, Simon, expressing his belief in Jesus, does cast the net and catches too many fish. Falling at Jesus' feet he acknowledges his sinfulness. Jesus tells him he should not be afraid. From now on Jesus tells Simon, you shall catch men. Simon and Andrew leave everything and follow Jesus.

Each of us have goodness and openness to God in us. As we begin this New Year we are called to open ourselves to God. The kindness, goodness, honesty, generosity in us, all the good in us is the grace of God, the gift of God. All the goodness we find in our lives is God's gift, God's touch, God's invitation to be even more open to God. We are called to carry His message to others whom we meet. God will act in our life just as God acted in the life of the prophet, in the life of Paul, in the lives of Simon Peter and the other apostles. We, like them, are called to "catch men." We are called to share the presence of love, of God that we know, we believe and we experience. Take a deep breath. Be willing to step out and leave all the negativity, weakness, brokenness behind and take a chance. Believe in God, Let God act through you and in you. "Nothing is impossible to God."

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