

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 17, 2019

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# LEADER SHIP

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12p.m. Programs

5p.m. Mass

Calling for all ministry leaders

# Mass Intentions

## *February 17, 2019 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8:00 A.M.** + Lorraine Schroeder by Sr. Caritas

**10:30 A.M.** + Vince Briglio by Wife and Family  
+ Phillip Tom by Elizabeth & Delfin Masangcay

***MON. Feb. 18th***

***Weekday***

**8:00 A.M.** Birthday Blessings for Annie Lowe by Chris & Darlene Lowe  
+ Theresa Wang by LiZhong Wang

***TUE. Feb. 19th***

***Weekday***

**8:00 A.M.** + Deceased Family Members of Dominic Barbaro

***WED. Feb. 20th***

***Weekday***

**8:00 A.M.** + In Thanksgiving by LiZhong Wang

***THU. Feb. 21st***

***Saint Peter Damian***

**8:00 A.M.** +

***FRI. Feb. 22nd***

***The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle***

**8:00 A.M.** +

***SAT. Feb. 23rd***

***Saint Polycarp***

**8:00 A.M.** + Wai Chun Tse by Lucy Moy

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

+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family  
+ Bernadette Zito by Joe & Rena  
+ Catherine Spina 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 **Sharon Wong** for again leading this year's Lunar New Year celebration. Many of you worked hard with Church decoration, hospitality, and other liturgical roles. Special thanks to Seven Star Lion Dance Group, to our Sacred Sound Choir, School Children's Choir and Dance Group, Indonesian Choir and Mandarin Choir, and to all greeters and helpers for the Veneration of the Ancestors. Your generous support and participation made our celebration so beautiful and prayerful. As we move forward, let's not forget our theme for the year: **Chinese Saints are examples of courage and consistency to us all.** This theme is inspired by St. John Paul II.



### *Come, follow me....and share the Word*



Every year we have this wonderful opportunity to support the mission of the Archdiocese and the parishes through *Annual Catholic Appeal*.

With *Renew My Church*, this past year, each of us has been challenged to reflect and pray on what it means to be a parish and the essence of our mission. St. Therese is given the opportunity to unite with St. Barbara to form a bigger parish and our school will have two campuses beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

With these structural changes, we are reminded of our interconnectedness with other parishes and of our belongings to the Archdiocese and the Universal Church. We have responsibilities to care for our parish and the Archdiocese and the Universal Church.

The Appeal enables us to share the Word in our support of schools, parishes in need, religious education programs, ministry formation, the protection of life, the promotion of peace and justice, and assistance to victims of natural disasters and wars through Catholic Relief Services.

Our parish assigned goal for this year is \$9,311. When contributions exceed the goal, our Church will receive a rebate of 100% of the funds donated over the goal.

This weekend is announcement weekend and next weekend will be commitment weekend. I invite you to pray about it and consider being part of this year's ACA.

*Peace ~ Fr. Francis*

## Lunar New Year 2019



### Hospitality Schedule for February 24, 2019:

**GREETERS:** Kim, Joel & Michael

**HOSPITALITY:** Flo, Teresa

### Today's Liturgy - February 17, 2019 - Family Mass

**READINGS:** GATHER 1109 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time/C

**PROCESSIONAL:** #606– Glory and Praise to Our God

**OFFERTORY:** #592 – We Are the Light of the World

**COMMUNION;** #735 – Blest Are They

*Meditation Song (ST Children's Choir) - Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

**RECESSIONAL:** #835 – They'll Know We are Christians (by our love)

## News and Events

At 12noon today in our community room, representatives from the Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community (CBCAC) will inform the community about the upcoming Chicago Mayoral & Aldermanic election on Feb. 26th, which is nonpartisan. 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!

### First Friday Holy Hour

Will be on Friday March 1st at 7pm in Church. All are welcome.

### March Youth Gathering

Will be on Saturday March 2nd beginning with the 5pm mass followed by Pizza and sharing and games.

### 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:

Regina, Melvin, Pat, Ronald, Edward, Thomas, Malone, Brady, Gena, Lizzie, Hilda, Dorothy B., Dorothy R., Arleather, James, Charles, Gwendolyn, Joseph, Bryan, Lonzillia, Yanet, George, Jean, Ting, Melvin

### 2018 Donation Letter

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### How to create a Christian environment at home:



Catholic parents often wonder, how can I teach my children the faith and create an environment where their faith life will thrive? What's the best way to ensure that their faith stays with them always?

"This is the singular most difficult thing to do in the world," says Fr. Eric Nielsen, priest of the Diocese of Madison and pastor of the St. Paul University Center at the University of Wisconsin. Many things in the culture are working against your efforts to create a

Christian home, so don't get discouraged. It may be a long process, but don't give up!

Where to begin? "For one thing, the Christian environment in the home should start with the father. The father gives the ability of the mother to set the tone. The mother actually sets the tone but she needs that support of the father or it's just not going to come together very well." This can be a difficulty for many families, whether the father is often gone for work, is not a part of his family's life, or isn't used to leading his family in faith.

"The culture we live in is extremely individualistic. We've lost our communal identity as family," says Fr. Nielsen. He says that the ideal way to create a Christian environment is to have both the father and the mother in the home and working together to raise their children and instill the faith. "An important thing to remember in this is that faith is about love and it is about free will. So faith and loving your children has to be elicited from them, it can't be forced from them. It's just like you can plant a seed in the ground, you can water it you can fertilize it you can give it sun, but you can't force that seed to grow. So it is with our children. We want to give them the right environment for their faith to grow, but in the end it's up to them."

This all starts with *you*. "It starts with you being as close to Jesus Christ as you can be through the Virgin Mary. And just realize, just you alone—even if everybody in your family has turned to pagan worship, you know—you alone in that home worshiping Jesus Christ with the heart of the Virgin Mary will bring great light and a Christian spirit into that home," said Fr. Nielsen.

"Secondly, it starts with the mother and the father having a relationship of prayer with each other ... a relationship of prayer for each other and for the children. If you can have that in your home, mom and dad praying together every day, that's golden. That's just naturally going to permeate into the children."

<https://relevantradio.com/2019/02/how-to-create-a-christian-environment-at-home/>

### Weekly Offering

### Collection for February 10, 2019

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 2,537	
GiveCentral	180	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$67,004
Sunday Loose	1,414	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$73,200
<hr/> Total Collection	<hr/> \$4,131	

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 91%

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

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

# EVANGELIZATION DAY

## Vicariate III | RMC Summit Next Steps

Please join us for a half-day gathering focused on how to create a culture of evangelization in your parish. Through prayer, conversation, and shared learning, participants will leave with practical first steps for fostering a culture of evangelization in their parish.

All parishes are invited to send representatives who want to go deeper into evangelization efforts – clergy, religious, staff and/or volunteers.

All are welcome. Presentations will be offered in English and Spanish. When you register, please indicate which language session you will attend. Lunch will be served.

To register, please visit [pvm.archchicago.org/next-steps](http://pvm.archchicago.org/next-steps) by January 27.

**Monday, February 25**

**St. Hyacinth Basilica**

3636 West Wolfram Street

Chicago, IL 60618

### Schedule

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5:30 – 6 p.m.	Check-in and dinner
6 – 6:15 p.m.	Opening prayer
6:15 – 7:15 p.m.	Renew My Church context – Building the New Reality
7:15 – 8:15 p.m.	Fostering a culture of evangelization
8:15 – 8:45 p.m.	Building an evangelization team
8:45 – 9 p.m.	Next steps and closing prayer





## 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  
Vincent Thome  
Barbara McElroy  
Ramona Zavala  
Michael Howley  
Betsy Young  
Richard Tobar  
Rose Perez  
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Ching Shiu Yau  
Henry F. Wong  
Matthew Mantia  
Phyllis Centofanti  
Susan Zibricky  
Barbara Metzinger  
Victor Roa  
Felina Li

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### ***"God's Presence" by Sister Caritas***

In our lives, there are many ways of being present. Sometimes we may be present as a rock or a tree is present. We are there but we say or do nothing. Our only touch with another is our physical 'being there.' In rare situations this may be the only way to be present. Sometimes that is all that someone can give. Sometimes that is all that can be accepted. Other times we are present by talking with another but our conversation is very "surface discussion." "How is the weather?" We really do not share ourselves nor does the one we are speaking to do much sharing. There is a kind of presence but not a lot of personal contact. Gradually in a relationship, if it is growing, the presence to another person is very close. There is deep sharing on both sides. We share ourselves with another and they share themselves with us.

If we look at our prayer, being present to God can be on these levels of presence. Obviously we want to share ourselves more and more completely with God and be open more and more to receive God's presence with us. This gives us a deepening awareness of God with us, around us and in us.

In our Gospel story today, Jesus tells Martha that her sister, Mary, has chosen the "better part", as she sits at Jesus' feet. The challenge of our everyday life is to be a person who serves and combines a sense of God's presence in their lives. Sometimes we can drive or walk or ride and also be present to God or be conscious of God's presence with us. Sometimes seeing beauty can help us know God with us. Sometimes we meet someone and their person, their speech, helps us to be aware of God's presence in that moment, at that time. We are called to be persons of service and prayer. Ask Jesus for this gift. Ask the Spirit to help. This consciousness of God, helps us to be peaceful and joyful people.

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**Thursday, February 28**

6:30pm Reception

7:00pm Presentation

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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).



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