

Third Sunday of Lent March 24, 2019

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四旬期避靜-廣東話

LENTEN RETREAT (Cantonese)

真真假假，真的假不了

2019年4月6日（星期六）

9:00am - 3:00pm

主講：袁銘成執事

袁執事於六十年代進入香港仔聖神修院，
接受了六年多學術和神修訓練。
1992年舉家移民「西雅圖」，完成了
三年多的「終身執事」培育。
2003年被祝聖為「終身執事」，並委任
服務華人團體至今。亦多次為其他華人教
區舉辦避靜和神修講座，深受支持和鼓勵。



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April 7, Sunday 11:30am Lenten Sharing Deacon Joseph Yuen

4月7日，星期日 11:30am 袁銘成執事分享四旬期反思

Mass Intentions

March 24, 2019 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 A.M. + Sau Fong Yuan by Teresa & Gene Lee

10:30 A.M. + Carole Louie Schumm by George Lee & Family
+ Charles Tun by Cynthia & Jeff Poon
+ Albert Wong by Jing & Mimi Zhang

12:00 P.M. **Mandarin Mass**

MON. March 25th The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 A.M. + Kum Tse by Lucy Moy

TUE. March 26th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. +

WED. March 27th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. +

THU. March 28th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Barry Yong by Mom June Moy

FRI. March 29th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Forgotten & Unknown Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro
Speedy Recovery for Joe Caruso by Caruso family

SAT. March 30th Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M.

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

+ Lauren Mandel by Joe & Rena
+ Bernadette Zito by Joe & Rena
+ Joe D'Amico & Dorothy D'Amico by Joe & Rena
+ 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 and Congratulations

Thanks to Franciscan Brs. Joe and Baultry, and to Sr. Caritas for speaking to our 8th graders on vocation last Friday. Their talks were well received and offered our young people a chance to think about their calls in life.

Thanks to all our students who wrote letters to Pope Francis, which they brought to Church and I was able to bless them. Ms. Doty, who will be traveling to Rome, will deliver these letters to Pope Francis. What a meaningful project they had!

Congratulations to our 2nd graders who celebrated their 1st Reconciliation on Sat. March 16th. Thanks to their catechist and parents for getting them ready.

Congratulations to our RCIA catechumens who celebrated their Rite of Election last Sunday with Cardinal Cupich at Holy Name Cathedral. Thanks to their catechists and sponsors!



What to Give Up...

Pope Francis urges people to give up gossiping for Lent. I came across the following "Give ups" and found it helpful to me and I think it might be thought and action provoking to you.

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Give up complaining... | Focus on Gratitude |
| Give up pessimism... | become an Optimist |
| Give up worry... | trust Divine Providence |
| Give up bitterness... | turn to Forgiveness |
| Give up hatred... | return Good for Evil |
| Give up negativism... | be Positive |
| Give up anger... | be More Patient |
| Give up pettiness... | become Mature |
| Give up gloom... | enjoy the Beauty all around you |
| Give up jealousy... | pray for Trust |
| Give up gossiping... | control your Tongue |
| Give up sin... | turn to Virtue |
| Give up giving up.... | Hang in there! |

May you have a holy and blessed Lent!

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 JOINT LENTEN RETREAT

“United in Christ through the Pascal Mystery”

Our Retreat Leader: Cathy Walz

Cathy has served in Archdiocesan parishes and Archdiocesan Offices for 25 years. In her various ministerial roles in parishes and Catholic schools, Cathy has gained experience working with children, youth and adults. At the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Cathy helped with the formation of Catechetical leaders in both parishes and Catholic schools.

Today, Cathy serves as the Director of Accompaniment on the Renew My Church Team. Cathy has committed her life to the Church, and believes that as the world we live in today has changed, we must look for new and exciting ways to help people come to know Jesus and to feel his presence in our daily lives.



Cathy has been married to Jim for 42 years. They have four wonderful daughters and three delightful granddaughters.

Registration with your respective parishes is required by Monday April 8th.

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**Location:
St. Barbara Gym**

**Time:
9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**Light Breakfast &
Lunch will be served!**

**Suggested Donation:
\$10.00**

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April 13, 2019
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Hospitality Schedule for March 31, 2019

GREETERS: Lushia
HOSPITALITY: Flo, Teresa

Today's Liturgy - March 24, 2019

READINGS: GATHER 1024 - Third Sunday of Lent/C
PROCESSIONAL: #487 – Again We Keep This Solemn Fast
OFFERTORY: #659 – I Lift My Soul to You
COMMUNION; #486 – Deep Within
RECESSIONAL: #644 – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

News and Events

Mandarin Lenten Faith Sharing

will take place from 1:45pm to 3pm in the Community Room after today's Mandarin mass and Luncheon.



Please pray for the following

Mercy Hospital Patients: Iris, Napoleon, Christine, Anne, Roosevelt, Purlé, Rosemarie, Marilyn, Walter, Debra, Carolyn, Ebony, Otis, Larry, Thomas, Lainta, Teresa, Bernice, Rosemary

Sun., April 7

10:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Sat., May 18

5:00 PM to ??

Sun., June 9

10:30 AM

Mass + YAM Retreat w/ Sr. Jaime

Is your spiritual tank low? Fill up with holiness!

Mass + Mahjong & Karaoke

Parish-wide event hosted by YAM

Open to all ages! Beginners welcome!

Young Adult Mass + Refreshments



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Sign up at the church entrance or at:

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



Sr. Jaime Mitchell is a Religious Sister with the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago. She lives and serves the poor on the westside of Chicago at the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels and collaborates weekly with the

Young Adult Engagement Team at the Archdiocese of Chicago. Prior to living in Chicago, she lived in Connecticut and Arizona. She graduated from Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI in 1999 with a BA in Hospitality Management and from University of St. Mary of the Lake in 2018 with MA in Pastoral Studies. Before entering her community in 2013, Sr. Jaime worked in various areas in the Hospitality Industry. She recently professed her final vows on September 22, 2018.

YAM Spiritual Retreat

Sunday, April 7th 12noon-3pm

St. Therese Community Room

Lunch will be provided

We invite you to join our young adults in a spiritual conversation with Sr. Jaime Mitchell.

Topics of discussion include:

Talks on prayer, finding joy in the mundane, growing in holiness, trusting in God and much more!



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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



St. Therese Parish thanks all who helped with and who came to our first Meet & Greet on Feb. 26th.

“It was joyful and inspiring,” says a participant.

Fr. Francis Li and Fr. Artur Marat would like to invite all staff, leaders, and parishioners, and school families of the faith community of St. Therese to the next gathering:

**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 by Sunday March 24 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

Suffering well with help from the Blessed Mother –

Most of us are wired to avoid suffering at all costs, but as Christians we are also taught to embrace our crosses. Like each of us, the Mother of God also endured immense suffering, and Fr. Jim Presta shared how we can turn to her in times of trial on Relevant Radio.

“We suffer—that’s just part of the human condition. But of course Jesus came to redeem us from sin and relieve us of that suffering, so we have hope because of Christ’s suffering and death on the cross and because of his Resurrection that reminds us that we always have hope. So while we don’t always understand suffering, the Christian looks at it in a very redemptive way. That suffering can help some cause in our life, it helps us in a way that we don’t always understand or have always experienced. So we look to the cross of Jesus Christ; that’s where we find our hope,” said Fr. Presta.

Why would we look to Mary when we are going through trying times? “Imitation of Mary has been always such a hallmark of our Catholic spirituality,” said Fr. Presta. He explained that Mary is not only a figure to be admired but also imitated. “To look to Mary is really to look to a role model of what redemptive suffering is all about. We don’t look to Mary and say that she’s a depressed mother; we call her a sorrowful mother. And that’s an important distinction—we have Mary’s experience of suffering presented in the context of faith, hope, and love.”

Our Blessed Mother, though she was free from the stain of Original Sin, suffered in her earthly life as we do. Her sufferings were immense – we think especially during Lent to her suffering as she watched her son tortured and killed. She sat at the foot of the cross while he died, knowing that she could not intervene to save him. Through the devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows, we see her seven greatest sorrows, many relating to the Passion and death of her son. Through the guidance of Mary, we see how to look beyond our suffering and to find hope in the darkest of places.

Mary, Mother of God, teach us how to suffer like you and lead us closer to your son. Amen.

<https://relevantradio.com/2019/03/suffering-well-with-help-from-the-blessed-mother/>

Illinoisans Express Overwhelming Opposition to House Dems’ Abortion Bills

SPRINGFIELD - Observing what abortion advocates are successfully pushing into law in other states, thousands of Illinoisans stepped into action last week by filing witness slips online against similar proposals in the Illinois General Assembly.

In ratios of over 20 to 1, Illinoisans said they [opposed repealing Illinois' parental notification law \(HB 2467\)](#). [They also opposed HB 2495](#), an unprecedented proposal that would allow newborns in Illinois to die after botched abortions, minimize health department reporting, allow abortion referral fees and require private insurance companies pay for abortion procedures.

Nearly 13,370 filed witness slips in opposition to HB 2495, compared to 603 in support. Over 12,000 filed in opposition to HB 2467, compared to less than 500 in support.

Illinois Right to Life Action Chairman Ralph Rivera said he has never seen as many witness slips filed on a bill in all his time working as a lobbyist.

Read more: <https://www.illinoisreview.com/illinoisreview/2019/03/abortion-bills-.html>

Weekly Offering

Collection for March 17, 2019

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,008		
GiveCentral	230	July 1-To-Present (Actual):	\$76,640
Sunday Loose	456	July 1-To -Present (Budget):	\$84,200
<hr/> Total Collection	<hr/> \$1,694		

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!

US-CHINA CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION MISSION APPEAL AT ST. THERESE, MARCH 30-31



The weekend of March 30-31 representatives of the US-China Catholic Association (USCCA) will speak at all the Masses at St. Therese Chinese Catholic Mission.

The USCCA was founded 1989, during the post-Maoist era, after China had reopened to the world. It was a collaborative effort of the US bishops, Maryknoll, the Jesuits, and other religious orders who sought to build fraternal ties between the Churches in the U.S. and in China, to aid the Church in China to get back on its feet, and to provide Americans with an informed understanding of circumstances facing the Church in China.

- Mary Sluka, a native Chicagoan and long-time member of the China Association Board, will speak at the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass.
- Fr. Hugh O'Donnell, CM, who has served as Superior of the Vincentians' Midwest Province and their China Province, as well, will speak at the Sunday 8:00 AM Mass.
- Fr. Michael Agliardo, SJ, executive director of the China Association, will speak at the 10:30 AM Mass.

Over the years the USCCA has run national conferences to bring together people concerned about the Church in China, operated study tours to bring American Catholics to China to understand the realities of the Church there first-hand, and maintained various other forums (a website, a newsletter, and a speaker series) to keep U.S. Catholics informed of the inspiring story of the witness to the faith of our brothers and sisters in China.

Fr. Francis Li serves on the Board of Directors of the USCCA and has been a guiding voice as the China Association expands its work to meet the challenges of a new era. This includes greater outreach to Chinese here in the United States and providing the resources that the Church in China requires in this new era.

Find out more about the vital mission of the USCCA by visiting its website: www.uscatholicchina.org



Fr. Michael and sisters of the Congregation of Holy Hope in front of the retreat center they built.

SINO-VATICAN TALKS AND THE CHURCH IN CHINA TODAY

On Sunday, March 31 at 11:45 AM Fr. Michael Agliardo, executive director of the US-China Catholic Association, will speak in the parish hall of St. Therese Catholic Church about the recent accord between the Vatican and Beijing on the naming of bishops. He also will offer remarks on the wider circumstances of the Church in China today.

The Sino-Vatican accord has raised deep concern among Catholics overseas because it comes at a time when the Beijing authorities have launched a drive requiring all religions to limit outside influence and conform to the Chinese norms. Many have criticized the accord as naïve, as a betrayal of the "underground Church" (Catholics who do not cooperate with government officials), or as a capitulation to Beijing. What are the issues at stake?

Fr. Michael is a sociologist who has taught at Boston College and Loyola University Chicago. He has also taught at the Chinese Catholic National Seminary and met with faithful Catholics throughout China.



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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James Rak
Lan Ying Yee
Ching Shiu Yau
Henry F. Wong
Matthew Mantia
Phyllis Centofanti
Susan Zibricky
Barbara Metzinger
Victor Roa
Joseph Caruso
Anthony Valentino

"HOLY GROUND" by Sister Caritas

There are a few places I have been which give me a sense that it is a "Holy" place. I am not sure what helps me to know this. Perhaps on the day I am more aware. Perhaps it is the many years of people coming there to pray. Our Lady of Lourdes in France, where Mary appeared to St. Bernadette, is such a place. Thousands of people come there to be healed. They come to pray. Other people come to serve the sick. Hundreds of people have been cured physically. Thousands no doubt, have been cured spiritually. Many people have the custom of taking off their shoes when they enter someone's home. Maybe it is not just to take care of the floors and not track in dirt from the outside. Perhaps it is also because we are entering peoples' home, peoples' "holy ground."

The first reading today is the story of Moses' call. In his work as shepherd he sees a bush burning but yet the bush is not consumed. He goes to see it and a voice tells him. "Moses, come no closer. Take off your shoes for this is holy ground." Here Moses learns God's name, "I am." This experience was the start of Moses' very special relationship with God. Probably, all through his life, Moses remembered this time.

All of creation is some kind of image of God, which is "Holy Ground" as it shares in being, being alive, in existence. God, who is All Being, gives all creation a share of His Being. Each person we meet, is created in the image and likeness of God. They share in God's being. Each place can be Holy Ground. We ourselves are to be revered by ourselves and remembered we are created by God. We share being. We too are Holy Ground. We need to grow in awareness of this Presence of God, this Holy Ground. Perhaps this is the challenge of Lent. Recognized Holy Ground and Know God's Name "I Am."

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Saints: Examples of Courage and Consistency to Us All!

Ash Wednesday March 6th (Fast and Abstinence)

Distribution of ashes at 8:00am mass and 7:00pm mass in Church

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00pm in Church

Student Fun Fridays

March 8th and April 12th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at School

Youth Events

March 9th and April 6th beginning with the 5pm Mass

Young Adult Ministry

Serving at Sisterhouse on Sunday, March 10th at 4pm

Lenten Retreat on Sunday, April 7th from 10:30am to 3pm

CRS Rice Bowl

Distribution on March 9th & 10th and Returning on April 6th & 7th, 13th & 14th

Catholicism 301: Chinese Saints

First session will be on Sunday, March 10th from 11:45am to 12:45pm.

Indonesian Mass---March 10th at noon

First Reconciliation

For School and R. E. students will take place on Saturday, March 16th at 10:00am.

RCIA--- Sunday, March 17th

*Sending Rite for Election will take place at the 10:30am Mass.

*The Rite of Election will be at 2:30pm at Holy Name Cathedral.

*Scrutiny Rites will be celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent.

March Mandarin Mass and Lenten Faith Sharing

On Sunday, March 24th at 12:00noon followed by luncheon and faith sharing

Meet & Greet at St. Barbara---Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30pm

Holy Hour and Benediction

1st Friday of April (5) immediately following the Stations of the Cross

Service---We will help out at St. James Food Pantry on Saturday, March 9th and April 13th.

Parish Religious Program

Students will lead the 10:30am mass on Sunday, March 31st.

Reconciliation TBA

US China Catholic Association Mission Appeal---weekend of March 30th and 31st

Cantonese Lenten Retreat---April 6th and 7th

Parish English Lenten Retreat---Saturday, April 13th

Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School Students

Sunday, April 14th at 9:15am in Church