

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 31, 2019

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LENTEN RETREAT (Cantonese)

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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 31, 2019 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

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

10:30 A.M. + Camille Marie & Lola Damico, Anniversary Remembrance, by Marano Family
+ Carole Louie Schumm by Chris & Darlene Lowe
+ Charles Tun by Chris & Darlene Lowe
+ Jerry Jutton by Chris & Darlene Lowe
+ Rozzie Lee by Chris & Darlene Lowe
+ Albert Wong by Chris & Darlene Lowe
+ Jean Young by Chris & Darlene Lowe

MON. April 1st

Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. +

TUE. April 2nd

Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

8:00 A.M. Health Blessing for Marguerite Hill by Daughter Elizabeth Masangcay

WED. April 3rd

Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. +

THU. April 4th

Saint Isidore of Seville, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 A.M. +

FRI. April 5th

Lenten Weekday

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

SAT. April 6th

Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M.

Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese and St. Barbara
+ Lauren Mandel by Joe & Rena
+ Birthday Remembrance of 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 participated at our Mandarin Lenten Faith Sharing last Sunday. Topics from prayer to forgiveness, from experiences of God's presence to our call to share the joy of the Gospel were shared by a few leading panelists. There were a lot of inspiring and encouraging stories.

Thanks to all who attended our 2nd *Meet & Greet* at St. Barbara on March 26th. We had about 150 people between our two parishes who attended the evening. Thanks to St. Barbara for their warm hospitality, delicious food and joyful sharing of their parish history and ministries. As we continue this Operation Transition period, I invite you to keep our parishes in your prayers. Relying on the Holy Spirit, we are called to be God's instrument of life and hope for the greater good of our communities and of our common mission in Christ.



Scrutinies Rites

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, we celebrate three consecutive Scrutiny rites for our Elect.

Paul Turner summarizes the *history of scrutinies* best in this way:

They consistently served as a way of ritually assessing one's readiness for baptism, but what they investigated changed from one generation to the next. They scrutinized spiritual development, moral behavior, intellectual understanding, and even the intelligence of godparents. By the time of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council the scrutinies had been transformed into a series of exorcisms invoked within the baptismal liturgy, in Latin, where no real scrutinizing was expected.

As we continue to journey with our Elect, through these celebrations, we too are called to reexamine our lives and are invited to reflect on: **What does it mean for us to celebrate these rituals with them and how do they affect our relationships with God and others? Are there areas in our lives that we too are in need of God's forgiveness and mercy?**

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 &
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\$10.00**

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April 13, 2019
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Hospitality Schedule for April 7, 2019

GREETERS:

HOSPITALITY: Jean Ng, Jean Wong

Today's Liturgy - March 31, 2019

READINGS: GATHER 1027 - Fourth Sunday of Lent/C - RE Led Mass

PROCESSIONAL: #487 – Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

OFFERTORY: #659 – I Lift My Soul to You

COMMUNION; #486 – Deep Within

Meditation Song (RE Students): A New Commandment

RECESSIONAL: #644 – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

News and Events

Little Sisters of the Poor Open House in Celebration of 150th Anniversary of Service in the USA:

Sunday, April 14, 1 to 5pm. St. Mary's Home, 2325 N. Lakewood Ave. in Chicago. Tours, displays, music, vintage slideshows, reception; special mystery guest from the Chicago Cubs family arriving at 1:45pm with something special to show you. All are welcome!

Please pray for the following

Mercy Hospital Patients: Barbara, Letitia, Felepe, Eric, Shirley, Patrice, Griffin, Marlyn, Roy, Bridgette, Teresa, Robin, Janet, Angel



Confirmation Retreat

The 7th and 8th grade catholic students both in our School and Religious Education program will have their retreat on Sat. April 6th in our School.

Youth Ministry Gathering - Sat. April 6th

Getting to Know You!

A Mentoring Session for current and former St. Therese Students

Where:

St. Therese Catholic Church 218 W. Alexander Chicago, IL 60616 (312) 842-6777



When: Saturday, April 6th. Begin with 5 p.m. Liturgy. (Pizza and discussion after)

Who: 7th and 8th graders and High School Students

Why: Learn first hand about the threats and opportunities of high school life from trustworthy, faith-filled Youth Ministry Leaders.

Pre-Register: www.tinyurl.com/stccservice



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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March 23, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With this letter I write to you about a development that should disturb us greatly, both as citizens and as disciples of Jesus, the Lord of life.

Recently, two bills have been introduced in the Illinois House and Senate. The first, House Bill 2495 and Senate Bill 1942, both identical pieces of legislation, seeks to strip unborn persons of any protection – or even consideration – under the law and declare abortion to be a “fundamental right” and matter of health care. The end result is that an abortion could be obtained at any stage of pregnancy, including late term, for any reason and without any regulation. The law would no longer guarantee any modicum of humanity or compassion for any unborn person in Illinois, even if they are partially born. This legislation also repeals the Abortion Performance Refusal Act, which protects doctors, nurses and hospitals who refuse to permit, recommend, perform or assist in abortion. In so doing, rights of conscience, especially religious objections, will be lost.

The second piece of legislation House Bill 2467 and its identical Senate Bill 1594, repeals the Illinois Parental Notice of Abortion Act. This law, upheld unanimously by the Illinois Supreme Court just six years ago, has the common-sense purpose of ensuring that parents would be part of the life-altering decision of their minor child in the case she seeks an abortion. This effective law has reduced abortions performed on minors by fifty-seven percent.

As citizens of a state and people of faith who care about the common good, I urge you to join me and my brother bishops in an effort to defeat this radical departure from current law and practice in our state. Please reach out your State Representative and Senator to urge defeat of these bills. You can find the name of your appropriate politicians and their contact information at <https://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/action-center/>. To find out more about these bills, please consult the Catholic Conference of Illinois website, www.ilcatholic.org, or call the Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity at 312-534-5355 for further information.

Entrusting our efforts for all life, from the moment of conception until natural death, to the care of our Blessed Mother, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cardinal Coughlin".
Archbishop of Chicago

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 Slaka, 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.



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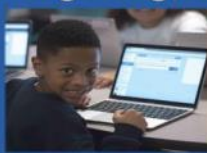
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"LOST and FOUND" by Sister Caritas

Many people have the experience in their lives of having family members who are estranged from the family. For one reason or another they have chosen to not be part of the family circle. After a while no one remembers what the issues were that caused this long standing separation. Sometimes it is passed down from parents to child and the attitude is "well, we don't talk to them or have anything to do with them." Maybe after a while or after many years one side or the other makes an effort to rejoin the family.

In the Gospel today, we have the story of a younger son who takes his inheritance early and leaves home. The Father of the family is worried, it seems, and sad. He is a person waiting for his son to return. Finally he sees the son coming back home and runs down the road to greet him, welcome him, hugs and kisses him. He directs his servants to get new clothes, shoes, and to prepare a celebration including killing the "fatted calf." Indeed it will be a great celebration but the older son refuses to welcome back his brother. He will not go and celebrate his return and he is angry with his father.

This season of Lent and these readings today, encourage us to come back, to return, and to be reconciled. They call us to forgive old wounds and grudges and return to the relationship, to the family and to God, who truly IS that waiting father who always will give us that welcome. We are especially called to return to God. We are encouraged to ask forgiveness and embrace deeply and anew our relationship with this loving God and return fully to the family of the Church. Forgive what Father, or a parishioner, or sister or whomever said or did many years ago. Open your heart completely to God and return freely and totally. What a great welcome will be yours? The loving embrace of God, our Father is waiting for you. All you have to do is what this son did. We need to "come to our

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Fridays at 7:00pm in Church

Student Fun Fridays

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

Youth Events

April 6th beginning with the 5pm Mass

Young Adult Ministry

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

CRS Rice Bowl

Returning on April 6th & 7th, 13th & 14th

RCIA

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

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 April 13th.

Parish Religious Program

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

Reconciliation on Sunday April 7th

School Lenten Reconciliation

April 8th and April 10th

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

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

Joint St. Therese and St. Barbara Parishes Lenten Retreat---Saturday, April 13th

Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School Students

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

Holy Thursday: 7pm Mass followed by Visitation of the Churches

Good Friday: 3pm Stations of the Cross

7pm Communion with Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 7:30pm Vigil Mass with Sacraments of Initiation

Easter: 8am and 10:30am Masses