

# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## March 3, 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

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

**10:30 A.M.** + Carole Louie Schumm by Richard & Lily May  
+ Joanna Wai Nin Law Wan 惠連罗伊 by Law family  
+ Sau Fong Yuan by Jennifer Sin

**MON. March 4th**

***Saint Casimir***

**8:00 A.M.** + Sau Fong Yuan by Jennifer Sin

**TUE. March 5th**

***Weekday***

**8:00 A.M.** + Sau Fong Yuan by Jennifer Sin

**WED. March 6th**

***Ash Wednesday***

**8:00 A.M.** + David Jarzyna by Marion Roti  
+ For Deceased Family Members of Joe & Rena Zito  
+ For Poor Souls by Joe & Rena Zito  
+ Poor & Forgotten Souls in purgatory by Domini Barbaro

**7:00 P.M.** + Sau Fong Yuan by Jennifer Sin

**THU. March 7th**

***Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs***

**8:00 A.M.** + Sau Fong Yuan by Jennifer Sin

**FRI. March 8th**

***Saint John of God, Religious***

**8:00 A.M.** + Sau Fong Yuan Jennifer Sin

**SAT. March 9th**

***Saint Frances of Rome, Religious***

**8:00 A.M.** + Sau Fong Yuan by Jennifer Sin  
+ Rose Marie & Howard Thome by Briglio family

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

+ Joseph Spina by Joe & Rena  
+ Rosemarie Thome by Joe & Rena  
+ Wing Cheng 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 our School Family Association leaders and all parents and benefactors who made our School Chinese New Year Benefit Banquet another success. Our children were great with all the performances and there were a lot of positive and joyful energy. Special thanks to Ms. Oi and the entire school community for presenting me with the Community Service Award this year. I was pleasantly surprised and I am very grateful to be part of this amazing faith community. With God's grace and your continued support, moving forward, I am committed to striving to work for the common good of our community and of our Church.

Thanks to all who participated in the Vac. III Evangelization Workshop on Monday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. Eight of us from our community had the opportunity to learn more about the importance of evangelization. It was a wonderful evening to re-commit ourselves to the mission that Jesus entrusted to us.

Thanks to all who helped with the "Meet and Greet" we hosted on Tuesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> for the people of St. Barbara. From hospitality to sharing the ministries and life of our Church and School, all those who came to host the evening did a fabulous job. Six presenters shared our history, community, ministries, school, formation and the Chinese Apostolate. Indeed we have a very unique and living faith community. I am very grateful and proud of you.



### **Cultivating a Culture of Evangelization**

Our parish has been intentionally working on Evangelization in the last few years and with God's grace we have seen some good fruits. Renew My Church calls us to focus more on Evangelization. So as we move forward, I invite our entire community to pray for this intention and to find ways to form ourselves to be witnesses of the Good News. The following definition of Evangelization can help us to begin to recommit ourselves to the mission of evangelization.

**Evangelization is a journey.**

**It is the sharing of one's experience of how Jesus transformed his/her life and giving witness to the Gospel — who Jesus was, what he did for us, and who he is in our lives today — to help a person come to their own encounter with Jesus.**

**We evangelize by sharing our story as a witness to the Gospel and by the way in which we live our lives.**



## Lenten Regulations

(from March 6, 2019, Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

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**Come and Follow me-----share the Word!**

**Annual Catholic Appeal Follow-Up Weekend March 2-3, 2019**



Thanks to all who have made a pledge to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal last weekend. For those who didn't get a chance to do so, please fill out a pledge envelope this weekend and give it to our ushers or office. Envelopes and pencils can be found at the Church entrance table.

Our parish assigned goal is \$9311.00 and all additional funds contributed will be returned to us for use in our parish. Your participation is needed and appreciated.

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### *Hospitality Schedule for March 10, 2019*

**GREETERS:** Daniel Rak, Kim Casey, Flo Yu

**HOSPITALITY:** Jean Ng, Jean Wong

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### **Today's Liturgy - March 3, 2019**

**READINGS:** GATHER 1115 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time/C  
Cantonese Mass - Chinese Hymnal

**PROCESSIONAL:** #354 – 奔赴主前 Before God

**OFFERTORY:** #210 – 上主, 萬有的天主 Lord Almighty

**COMMUNION;** #443 - 我們萬分不配 O Lord I Am Not Worthy

**RECESSIONAL:** #384 – 奇妙救恩 Amazing Grace

# News and Events

## Lent Church Decoration—Volunteers needed!

We will put away our New Year decorations today after the 10:30am mass and decorate our Church for Lent. Your helped is appreciated.

## 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.

## MARDI GRAS CONCERT



The Holy Name Society presents its annual Mardi Gras Concert following the 6:00 pm Mass at St. Barbara's on "Fat

Tuesday", March 5th, 2019. The concert will consist of secular songs, including many country songs. Hospitality will follow in the school lower hall. Everyone is invited. Hope to see you there! It promises to be a **GREAT CONCERT!!!**

## St. James Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed Saturday, March 9th from 8:30am to 11:00am. Please consider sharing your time and talents to serve others and sign up at the church entrance table.

## 2018 Donation Letter

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

## A gathering for current and former St. Therese Students!



**Where:** St. Therese Catholic Church, 218 W. Alexander, Chicago, IL 312-842-6777

**When:** Saturday, March 9, 2019

We begin with the 5pm Liturgy followed by pizza and discussion

**Who:** 7th & 8th Graders and High School Students

**Pre-Register:** [www.tinyurl.com/stccsservice](http://www.tinyurl.com/stccsservice)



## Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Joyce, Ignacio, Maria, Anthony, Ida Mae, LaShawna, James, Michael, Tony, Earthy, Keith, Edith, Willie, Mary Ann, Gena, Georgia, Sarah, Richard, Margaret, Jarrett, Robert

## Annual Second Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).



# 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. 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**“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

*“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.” Psalm 46:1-3*

On Wednesday, February 13, two **extreme** bills were filed in the Illinois legislature. They contain **abortion provisions, anti-healthcare provisions** and **anti-religious freedom provisions** that are similar to bills filed in New York and other states.

### What will HB 2495 and HB 2467 do?

[HB 2495](#) is also called the Reproductive Health Act (RHA). The corresponding IL Senate Bill is [SB 1942](#). This 120 page bill makes many changes to current law, including:

Allows a procedure known as a partial-birth abortion that aborts an unborn human during the birthing process, **allows abortion for all nine months of pregnancy for any reason**, and may allow medical staff to let a newborn die if the baby is born after a failed abortion.

Requires health insurance policies to include abortions coverage, with no exemptions. **This means Illinois will force churches, religious colleges, and other religious organizations to forgo health insurance or compromise their faith and have abortion included in their health insurance.**

Removes some conscience protections which, depending on how a court rules, **may close down all Catholic hospitals and some non-Catholic hospitals in Illinois and may force many religious doctors, nurses, etc. to stop providing healthcare in Illinois.**

Allows non-doctors to abort unborn humans, allows self-abortions, removes the requirement that complications from abortions be reported to the state, allows clinics to perform an “abortion” on a non-pregnant woman who thinks she is pregnant, and allows abortion clinics to pay referral fees (like sales commissions or a kickback) when someone refers a woman to the clinic for an abortion.

[HB 2467](#) repeals the Illinois [Parental Notice of Abortion Act of 1995](#) which currently requires that an adult family member is notified before a minor has an abortion in Illinois, except in rare circumstances. The corresponding IL Senate Bill is [SB 1594](#).

By repealing this law, HB 2467 allows an abortion to be hidden from parents. This undermines parents, who are responsible for their children, and **endangers young women** since parents will be unable to:

- \* *Inform a clinic about the health needs of the minor to avoid complications.*
- \* *Identify and stop an abuser, sex trafficker, rapist, etc.*
- \* *Direct the minor to a hospital instead of a poorly regulated abortion clinic.*

To learn more about these bills:

<https://www.thomasmoresociety.org/illinois-would-become-third-trimester-abortion-destination-and-underage-abortion-haven-under-new-bills/>  
and <https://d5o7h9v321o6.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/FEBRUARY-21-2019-MEMORNADUM-ON-HB-2495-SB-1942.pdf>

### Weekly Offering

#### Collection for February 24, 2019

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,177		
GiveCentral	180	July 1-To-Present (Actual):	\$70,371
Sunday Loose	286	July 1-To -Present (Budget):	\$77,600
<hr/> Total Collection	<hr/> \$1,637		

Weekly Budget: \$2,200                      % of Budget Attained: 90%

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

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

***Collection at Mandarin Mass on 2/24/2019: \$337 Thank YOU!***



**St. Therese Church's  
2019 Faith Formation Series**

**March 10, 2019**

**11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**

**Presented by Fr. Francis Li  
Community Room**



**CHINESE SAINTS:  
EXAMPLES OF COURAGE & CONSISTENCY FOR US ALL**

**CATHOLICISM 301**

SAVE THE DATE! The next lessons are on May 5, 2019, and June 9, 2019.



**\*Sun., March 10\***

**4:00 PM**

**Note Date Change!!**

**Sun., April 7**

**10:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Sat., May 18**

**5:00 PM to ??**

**Chinese Cooking Lesson**

for the SisterHouse women seeking recovery from substance abuse. Share our culture and skills for healthy eating!

**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!



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

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Helen Moy  
Katherine Culen  
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Karl Schroeder  
Phil Maraldi  
Nicholas Tobar  
Vincent Thome  
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Mina Preysler Munoz  
Mia Rose Faciana  
James Rak  
Lan Ying Yee  
Ching Shiu Yau  
Henry F. Wong  
Matthew Mantia  
Phyllis Centofanti  
Susan Zibricky  
Barbara Metzinger  
Victor Roa

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### **"Judgement" by Sister Caritas**

When we are teenagers, we are starting to discover all the many things we know how to do. We are learning so much about life and many different things in our world. It is easy to feel like because of our knowledge and because of the new things teens easily learn, there can be a tendency to think "we know everything." Teens may often look at adults as people who are not "with it." They are people who prevent teens from expressing themselves, prevent them from trying new things and experimenting. Teens are so filled with energy and the newness of everything that they may sometimes have great difficulty seeing their limitations (which they believe they don't have.)

If you have ever gone to an eye doctor to get glasses, the doctor may put drops in your eyes which may distort your vision. You cannot see as clearly as you usually do. Sometimes it takes several hours to see clearly again. How distorted your vision would be if you had a "beam" in your eye. The world would surely look different and out of whack. When we look at others with judgement and condemnation we are often looking with a distorted view, with a "beam in our eye."

We are called today by Jesus to clear up our vision. Stop trying to take the splinter out of your brother's eye while the beam is still in yours. We can so easily see the faults and mistakes of others. We can judge their words and action quickly and judge them and perhaps condemn them. At the same moment we do not look at ourselves. Many spiritual writers remark that the great irritation we may feel toward another's words or actions can be an indication that we also have that fault. The reason we are upset is because we are like that person and unconsciously we actually don't want that quality in ourselves. We judge others and object to their way of acting because we recognize we are like them. We are just not willing to admit it to ourselves. Our real friends will tell us that fact.

As we approach Lent, perhaps we can stop being so critical of others. We can take the beams out of our eyes. We can work at being non-judgmental. No doubt this would make us a more happy follower of Jesus and could cut down on the criticism or backbiting in families and Churches. Look for the good in another and you will find it. Look for things to complain about and you will find those. As Jesus said last Sunday, "do not judge others and you will not be judged". How wonderful our lives could be!

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*Saints: Examples of Courage and Consistency to Us All!*

**Ash Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> (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 8<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at School

**Youth Events**

March 9<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> beginning with the 5pm Mass

**Young Adult Ministry**

Serving at Sisterhouse on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

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

**CRS Rice Bowl**

Distribution on March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and Returning on April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

**Catholicism 301: Chinese Saints**

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

**Indonesian Mass—March 10<sup>th</sup> at noon**

**First Reconciliation**

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

**RCIA— Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

\*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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent.

**March Mandarin Mass and Lenten Faith Sharing**

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

**Meet & Greet at St. Barbara—Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

**Holy Hour and Benediction**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of April (5) immediately following the Stations of the Cross

**Service—We will help out at St. James Food Pantry on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Parish Religious Program**

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

Reconciliation TBA

**US China Catholic Association Mission Appeal—weekend of March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Cantonese Lenten Retreat—April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Parish English Lenten Retreat—Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School Students**

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am in Church