Sixth Sunday of Easter May 26, 2019

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Mass Schedule 彌撒時間

English Mass 英語彌撒

Daily Mass 平日弥撒:

Monday - Saturday at 8:00am 每 日 上午八時

Sunday Mass 主日弥撒:

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

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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

May 26, 2019 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 A.M. + Sau Fong Yuan by Marion Roti

+ Repost of the Soul so Yang Kun by So's fmaily

10:30 A.M. + Albert Wong by Bernie, Jacinta, Tiana & Matthew A special Healing for Bernie Wang by So's family

MON. May 27th

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

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

+ Rocky Iacullo, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion

+ Repost of the Soul Toy Har Lee by So's family

TUE. May 28th

Easter Weekday

8:00 A.M.

Healing for Anna Kuan by family

WED. May 29th

Easter Weekday

8:00 A.M. +

THU. May 30th

The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 A.M. + Frank Roti, Sr., Anniversary Remembrance by Marion & Cookie

+ Catherine Barbaro by fmaily

FRI. May 31st

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 A.M.

Health Blessings for Effie Hill by Elizabeth

Birthday Blessings for Renee Nutt by Dominic Barbaro

SAT. June 1st

Saint Justin, Martyr

8:00 A.M.

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

+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family



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 all the First Communicants! It was a graced-filled celebration and a powerful witness of their love for Jesus through the Eucharist for the entire community. We thank God for them and pray that they will continue to grow in their love for Jesus and appreciation for the Eucharist.

Thanks to our 8th graders for leading us in a beautiful May Crowning ceremony last Sunday at the 10:30am mass. What a wonderful way for us to express our love for Mary and our need for her continuous intercessions.

Thanks to **Joseph Lowe** for fixing and repainting the stairway of the rectory.

Thanks to **Elizabeth Masangcay** for faithfully taking care of our Easter flowers and for her help with decorating our Church for our annual SMI May Crowning.



Our Lady of China with Christ Child



In celebrating the feast of **Our Lady, Help of Christians**, on last Friday May 24, **Pope Francis** expressed his "special closeness and affection to all the Catholics in China, who, among daily labours and trials, continue to believe, to hope, and to love". Speaking directly to the faithful in China, the Holy Father said, "May our Mamma of Heaven help you all to be witnesses of charity and of fraternity, always remaining united in the communion of the universal Church". He then assured them of his own prayers and his blessing, before leading the faithful in praying the *Hail Mary* for Chinese Catholics.

As Catholics, we have a special love for Mary who is our Mother and the Mother of our Church. Our parish was founded in honor of Her, Santa Maria Incoronata.

In the last two years, we have been working with a professional Church artist to have a life size statue of *Our Lady of China with Christ Child* customized for our unique Church. I must say that it has been a very slow process, but progress was constantly made. Three months ago, we were able to finalize the statue and its color and sent to Rome to have it made. I am so happy to report to you that this amazing wood statue is scheduled to arrive in our Church by Monday, May 27th. We will have an unveiling ceremony on Sunday, June 2nd at the 10:30am mass.

Separately, we plan to make a shrine for her on the choir side Altar. Once this is completed, we will have a dedication celebration of Our Lady of China with Christ Child.

What a blessing for our already unique Church to be able to have this rare statue! We thank God for this and pray that through Mary's intercessions, we are brought closer to Jesus and God.

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Hospitality Schedule for June 3,, 2019:

GREETERS: Agnes Lee, Irene Lee RECEPTION: Adrienne, Daron, Nicole

Today's Liturgy - May 26, 2019
Gather 1078– 6th Sunday of Easter/C

PROCESSIONAL: #519 - Sing to the Mountains

OFFERTORY: #784 – We Have Been Told COMMUNION: #919 - I Come with Joy RECESSIONAL: #766 – City of God

Deacon Vincent Lin's practicum will end this weekend. He will start his summer programs and then be assigned to another experience. We have been blessed to have him and we wish him all the best. THANKS. Deacon Vincent!

Finance Council will meet again on Tuesday May 28th from 6pm to 8pm.

Baccalaureate Mass will be on Friday May 31st at 1pm.

St. Therese School Commencement will be on Sunday June 2nd at 1pm in Church.



Please pray for the following **Mercy Hospital Patients:**

Linda, James, Sui, Eloise, Eldridge, Paul, Florine, Mary, Pedro, Lawrence, Theor-

dore, Shannon, Daniel, Cynthia, Yvette, Dennis, Frank, Georgia, Donna, Darnell, Delarin, Karen, Sandra, Sanford, Howard

2019 St. Therese College Scholarship Application_



Through the generosity of an alumnus of St. Therese School, we have been able to award scholarship grants since 2001, to help young people advance their studies. The donor of this scholarship fund, who wants to re-

main anonymous, grew up in Chinatown during the 1950s and was helped by the Catholic Church. After achieving professional and success in his life, in year 2000, he made a significant donation to set up this scholarship fund to help others at St. Therese, especially those who have demonstrated a spirit of sharing and service.

Each award is a \$1,000 lump sum pay**ment**. The Scholarship Application Form with detailed criteria is available at the church entrance table.

Service at St. Therese Church is a requirement.

Deadline for Application and supporting documents: July 10, 2019.

2019 EASTER DONATIONS

Thank You to all who contributed!

Donation Received after 5/15/2019

\$100.00 Carol & Thomas Spalla Total as of 5/22/2019: \$20,802

Congratulations to Dr. Dominic Andriacchi, a parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish, who was ordained & conferred to the Order of Deacon on May 11, 2019



at Holy Name Cathedral by Cardinal Blasé J. Cupich. Deacon Andriacchi's Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated on Saturday, May 18th, where he assisted for the first time as Deacon. We rejoice in his ordination, and keep him in our prayers! Deacon Andriacchi is

cousin to our own St. Therese parishioner, Nick Andriacchi.

Deacon Dominic will preach on June 1st at the 5pm mass in our parish. Please join us to celebrate his ordination.



St. Therese Church's 2019 Faith Formation Series June 9, 2019 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Presented by Fr. Thomas Gao Community Room





St. Barbara St. Therese Unified Parish Name

Dear Parishioners of St. Barbara and St. Therese, as promised, you're invited to be part of this exciting opportunity of naming the newly unified Parish. Please take some time to review the following information and to keep this process in your prayers.

Timetable and Naming Process:

- ➤ All parishioners are invited to submit ideas from May 14 May 26.
- ➤ The Unification Council will consolidate parishioner input and narrow down the list to 3 to 6 names for RMC leadership to consider on May 27. (Please note that this is not a "voting" process a suggested name with fewer parishioner recommendations may pass this screening if its justification is the more compelling.)
- The Episcopal Council will screen the submitted names from June 2 to June 16 and submit a final list to the Cardinal for consideration.
- The Cardinal selects a unified parish name on June 25.

Guidelines:

- Mission-Driven. Two church communities, each with a proud history, should be thoughtfully considered; along with how we will re-focus ourselves to the mission that Jesus entrusted to us in this particular location we live in---Bridgeport and Chinatown.
- <u>Unique Identity.</u> Names are important and can define us uniquely. The name selected will reflect the identity of the newly unified community and our presence in the neighborhood. It symbolizes who we are and what we want to be as a faith community.
- Saints and Feast Days. The names need not necessarily be saint names; however, they should be associated with a feast day for the new Parish to celebrate. Internet links are offered for your assistance and consideration.
 - https://catholic.org/saints
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of saints canonized by Pope Francis
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of saints canonized by Pope Benedict XVI
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of saints canonized by Pope John Paul II

Let's show our enthusiasm by inspiring the Cardinal with our ideas as he discerns the future name of our unified Parish.

Peace,

Fr. Li, Fr. Marat, Unification Council Members

Options to submit a suggested name: 1) Use <u>Google Forms</u>; 2) Print the form below, write your suggestion neatly, and place the completed form in the collection baskets or return them to the Parish office; or 3) Email your suggestion to <u>newparishname@sttheresechicago.org</u>. The deadline for submission is 11:59pm, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

Suggested Parish Name:

The reason(s) for the suggested name:

Respect Life Corner

Hail, thou holiest of Queens - It is good to close the Month of Mary with the words of St. John Paul the Great in his 1995 *Letter to Women*. Her entire life was, he wrote, a service of love.

The Church sees in Mary the highest expression of the "feminine genius" and she finds in her a source of constant inspiration. Mary called herself the "handmaid of the Lord" (*Lk* 1:38). Through obedience to the Word of God she accepted her lofty yet not easy vocation as wife and mother in the family of Nazareth. Putting herself at God's service, she also put herself at the service of others: a *service of love*. Precisely through this service Mary was able to experience in her life a mysterious, but authentic "reign". It is not by chance that she is invoked as "Queen of heaven and earth". The entire community of believers thus invokes her; many nations and peoples call upon her as their "Queen". *For her, "to reign" is to serve! Her service is "to reign"!*

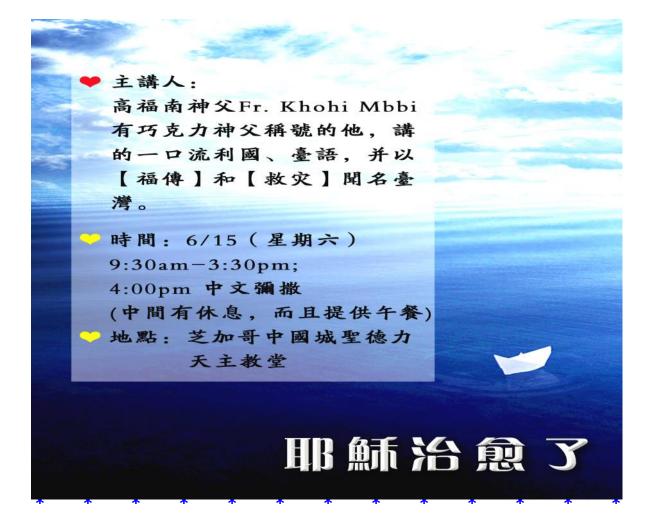
This is the way in which authority needs to be understood, both in the family and in society and the Church. Each person's fundamental vocation is revealed in this "reigning", for each person has been created in the "image" of the One who is Lord of heaven and earth and called to be his adopted son or daughter in Christ. Man is the only creature on earth "which God willed for its own sake", as the Second Vatican Council teaches; it significantly adds that man "cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of self" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 24).

The maternal "reign" of Mary consists in this. She who was, in all her being, a gift for her Son, has also become a gift for the sons and daughters of the whole human race, awakening profound trust in those who seek her guidance along the difficult paths of life on the way to their definitive and transcendent destiny. Each one reaches this *final goal* by fidelity to his or her own vocation; this goal provides meaning and direction for the earthly labours of men and women alike.

https://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/letters/1995/documents/hf_jp-ii_let_29061995_women.html

Quote - Mary, patroness of America, renew in us a love for the beauty and sanctity of the human person from conception to natural death; and as your Son gave His life for us, help us to live our lives serving others. Mother of the Church, Mother of our Savior, open our hearts to the Gospel of life, protect our nation, and make us witnesses to the truth. http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abortion/living-the-gospel-of-life.cfm

Weekly Offering			
Collection for May 19, 2019			
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,597		
GiveCentral	180	July 1-To-Present (Actual):	\$94,172
Sunday Loose	767	July 1-To -Present (Budget):	\$101,800
Total Collection	\$2,544		
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"Building the Body of Christ, The CHURCH" by Sister Caritas

When new programs or new families are formed there are many adjustments that need to be figured out and made workable in the situations. New ways of acting, new values, new customs, need to be discussed and accepted in order to bring a new home, a new family, a new Church, to life. In forming a new community, as we have often done in religious life, no one group or person gets everything the way they want it. Each individual must give a little. Each group and each person is expected to change.

The First reading gives us a story about the early Catholic, Christian community. Decisions had to be made regarding circumcision and those things which made one Jewish. Where Christians, who were not Jewish, going to have to embrace the practices of the Christians who were Jewish. The decision of the leaders of the early Church was not to impose "burdens" on the new Christians which were Jewish practices. They were only asked to embrace what kept them from following pagan practices as described in the reading.

The Gospel tells us what is important to build up the Church, the Body of Christ. Jesus tells us to love Him by keeping His words. The Father will love such a person and come to them and make a dwelling with them. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, will teach us everything. Jesus says His gift to us is Peace. He tells us He is leaving and will come back and take us with Him. Having Peace, keeping Jesus' words, having the Father with us and being led and taught by the Holy Spirit will be important in building the new Parish, the New Jerusalem. These are ways of being, which attract others to the Community. Caring, loving and helping each other are the fruits of the Spirit along with joy. Be open and pray for the coming of the fullness of the Holy Spirit as we get ready to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost in a few weeks. God is more powerful than all human brokenness or evil. The Holy Spirit is in us and walks with us. Pray for the Spirit's presence and action among us.



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