

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 21, 2019

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Rosary and Procession: **3 p.m.**

Mass: **4:30 p.m.**

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Mass Intentions

July 21, 2019 *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 A.M.** + Sau Fong Yuan by Mariyn Cheung
- 10:30 A.M.** For Roberta's Healing by Regina & Roque & Family
Blessings for the Newly Weds Mr. & Mrs. Jared Tevis by Bill & Family
+ Albert Wong by Billy Fong
+ Birthday Remembrance for Mee Fung Young by Jean Wong

MON. July 22nd

Saint Mary Magdalene
****(Mass at St. Therese Site)***

- 8:00 A.M.** + Frank Roti, Jr., Birthday Remembrance by Marion Roti
+ David Jarzyna by wife Cookie
+ Tang Chun Xie by Sacred Heart Ladies

TUE. July 23rd

Saint Bridget, Religious
****(Mass at St. Barbara Site)***

8:00 A.M.

WED. July 24th ***Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest *(Mass at St. Therese Site)***

- 8:00 A.M.** + Tang Chun Xie by Sacred Heart Ladies

THU. July 25th ***Saint James, Apostle *(Mass at St. Barbara Site)***

8:00 A.M.

FRI. July 26th ***Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
****(Mass at St. Therese Site)***

- 8:00 A.M.** + Anna Barbara by Mary Ann Nudo
+ Rose Bertucci by Dominic Barbaro

SAT. July 27th ***Weekday *(Mass at St. Barbara Site)***

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M. ****(Mass at St. Barbara Site)***



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

Greetings of Christ's Peace and Joy! Hope you all had a blessed week.

Thanks

I was blessed to be part of the Holy Name Society's monthly meeting on Friday, July 12th and the seniors' bi-weekly gathering on Tuesday, July 16th at St. Barbara. Thank YOU all for your warm welcome and hospitality.

Thanks to **Chris Lowe** for taking the lead for the Parish Picnic on July 14th, to **Daniel Rak** for being our driver, and to all who helped with cooking, setting up and cleaning up. Above all, thank God for a beautiful day. Our honored guests really enjoyed our hospitality and the time spent with our community. Below are a few photos which might offer you a glance of the day we shared with one another.



Hospitality and Contemplation

Today's readings invite us to reflect on and practice the importance of hospitality and contemplation. I mentioned the example of Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to the three strangers in my last weekend's sharing. It happens that this story is today's first reading. At all the staff meetings in the last three weeks, we shared the significance of hospitality in our Church and ministries. One staff member shared that when people come to a new church, in two minutes they know if they want to come back or not. When they experience hospitality, they want to return. Our faith community is known for being hospitable. I encourage you to continue to share this wonderful virtue with all who come to our Church and all we encounter.

In the Gospel story, Jesus also encourages us all to practice contemplation. It is necessary to have Martha, who represents the need for service, but also it is indispensable to be Mary, who represents our prayers and contemplation. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken away from her.



In his book <<New Seeds of Contemplation>>, Thomas Merton wisely wrote the following for our insights and nourishment:

A tree gives glory to God by being a tree. For in being what God means it to be it is obeying [God]. It “consents,” so to speak, to [God's] creative love. It is expressing an idea which is in God and which is not distinct from the essence of God, and therefore a tree imitates God by being a tree.

We have the choice of two identities: the external mask which seems to be real...and the hidden, inner person who seems to us to be nothing, but who can give himself eternally to the truth in whom he subsists. (295)

Our vocation is not simply to be, but to work together with God in the creation of our own life, our own identity, our own destiny....To work out our identity in God.

We thank Him less by words than by the serene happiness of silent acceptance. It is our emptiness in the presence of His reality, our silence in the presence of His infinitely rich silence, our joy in the bosom of the serene darkness in which His light holds us absorbed, it is all this that praises Him.

Do not look for rest in any pleasure, because you were not created for pleasure: you were created for spiritual joy. And if you do not know the difference between pleasure and spiritual joy you have not yet begun to live.

The humble man takes whatever there is in the world that helps him to find God and leaves the rest aside.

The story of Martha and Mary should inspire us all to practice hospitality and contemplation in our everyday discipleship.

As we look forward to celebrate Chinatown Summer Fair this Sunday, our parish will be ready to offer Church Tours and show case our ministries and meanwhile work for a successful fundraiser. Please extend our SS. Barbara and Therese warm hospitality to all our visitors.

~Peace, Fr. Francis

Hospitality Schedule for July 28, 2019:

GREETERS: Agnes Lee, Teresa Moy

RECEPTION: Kim Casey, Steve Lee

Today's Liturgy - July 21, 2019

Gather 1139- 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time/C - Cantor: Roque

PROCESSIONAL : #842 – Come to Us

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COMMUNION #936 - Gather in Your Name

RECESSIONAL: #777 - Here I Am, Lord

News and Events

Parish Religious Education Program

Registration has begun! Forms can be found at the entrance of the church. See registration materials for more details or contact Chris Delfin at ChrisDelfin@gmail.com

Rectory at 312-842-6777

Catechists are also needed!

Our Parish Religious Education Program is looking for living disciples to share their faith with our youth.

Please pray for:

Persephone Anne Czarnecki, daughter of David John Czarnecki, II and Jennifer Zachara who was baptized last Sunday at St. Barbara.

Please pray for the following



Mercy Hospital Patients: Paul, Emily, Annette, Jean, Bonnie, Willa, Era, Darlene, Frank, Vera, Marion, Dorothy, Courtney

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Saturday: Anticipated Mass: 5:00PM
Sunday: 6:00AM & 9:30AM

Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

St. Therese Church:

Weekends:

Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM
12:00PM (twice a month)

Cantonese Mass 粵語:

1st Sunday of each month at 10:30am
每月第一主日 上午十時三十分

Indonesian Mass 印尼語:

2nd Sunday of each month at 12:00
noon

每月第二主日 中午十二時

Mandarin Mass 國語:

4th Sunday of each month at 12:00noon
每月第四主日 中午十二時

Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

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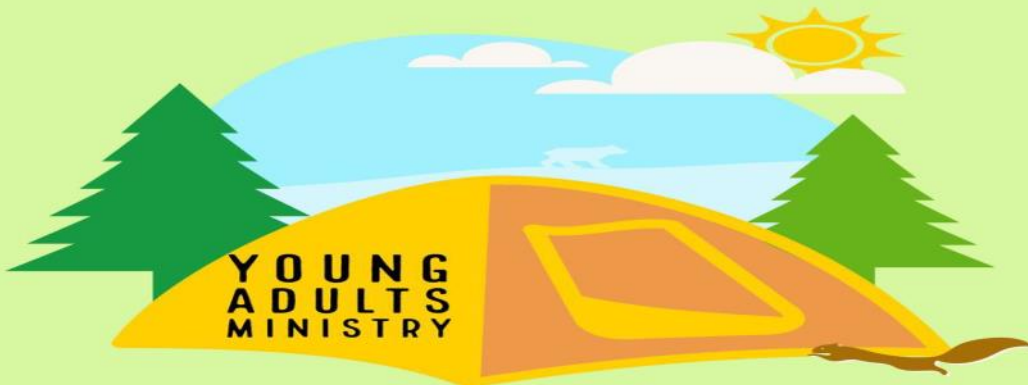


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Christ Sets Us Free from Anxiousness



Between morning mass and a staff meeting last week, Fr. Lukas and I were able to sneak in a bike ride through Bridgeport and Chinatown.

About ½ way through our trip, Fr. Lukas' bike got jammed and stopped working. Instead of freaking out, we simply turned the bike upside down, jointly analyzed the situation, made a few adjustments and then successfully fixed the problem. Even though our hands were full of grease, we headed off for some breakfast.

During this seemingly tense moment, our conversation sustained its focus on evangelize efforts in Bridgeport and Chinatown.

Thank you Jesus for gifting us with this unique opportunity to collaboratively conduct research and development on evangelizations while biking!

Today's Gospel reading from St. Luke reminds us to put busyness, anxiousness and worry aside for a moment and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us as we build community, inspire witness and make disciples.

Here is an important question to reflect on this week: Does our spirit resemble that of Martha, filled with 'what if's,' or is it more like that of Mary, who let go of fear, embracing a faith in our Lord?

When we approach those who do not know Jesus, please realize that they are sizing up our spirit more than the words we speak. I believe that this is the core lesson from today's Gospel for the future of evangelization in our community.

Today, as we prepare food, sing songs, clean garbage, or run a booth during the Chinatown summer fair, let's follow the example of Mary who trusted Jesus. We are called to act with kindness, magnanimity and benevolence to all who we encounter.

~Tom Howard

Weekly Offering

Collection for July 14, 2019

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,142	
GiveCentral	205	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$3,242
Sunday Loose	421	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$4,400
<hr/> Total Collection	<hr/> \$1,768	

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 73%

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

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

No Indonesian Mass on 07/14/2019

“HOSPITALITY” by Sister Caritas

This past weekend I had company at my house. Before my friend came, I did all the usual things, cleaning, getting food in the house, and preparing to pick Suzie up at the airport and plan to take her back for her return trip. It made for added things to do this week but I was glad to have her with me. I do not have company very often.

The First Reading and the Gospel, talk about hospitality. Jesus visited the family of Martha and Mary. It seems that this was one Jesus’ favorite places to stay. Martha seems to be the kind of person that does the cooking, organizing, and any of the usual things needed for someone preparing for a special person to come and visit. Mary, Martha’s sister, was present with Jesus, listening, paying attention and carrying on conversations with Him. Martha complains about her sister’s lack of help. Jesus tells her “Mary has chosen the better part.” All of Martha’s effort and care are seen by Jesus but Jesus still says, “Mary has chosen the better part.”

It seems that hospitality is more than cooking and cleaning. For Jesus, listening, paying attention, being with the visitor is worth more to Him. Perhaps Mary is so busy that she forgets or is not aware of the importance of being present. Jesus wants the relationship to be the main thing. Jesus wants Martha to also experience how much Jesus cares for her. He knows how Martha tries to show care. He wants the “More” Mary has found. He wants the intimacy, the presence, the listening, the conversation that Mary is involved in at His feet.

It is easy for us to be “busy about many things.” When we pray it is human to be distracted. When we live our daily lives it is easy to put pray aside until we finish things. It is easy to say, “I have to do....” which is more important than go to Mass today.” When we have those sacred times, when Jesus is with us in Holy Communion, it is easy to take this opportunity for granted. The gift of the Eucharist and receiving the Holy Eucharist, is a special time of intimacy, conversation, hospitality, for us and Jesus. It is part of why we have the gift of the Eucharist. Jesus wants to be with us, come to us, listen to us, show His care for us. Be the person, like Mary, who has chosen “the better part.”



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