

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 2017

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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 & 9:30am (Except 1st Sunday of
the Month) 主日上午8:00 & 9:30 (首主日除外)

Cantonese 粵語:

1st Sunday of each month at 9:30am

每月第一主日 上午九時三十分

Indonesian 印尼語:

2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00am

每月第二主日 上午十一時

Mandarin 國語:

4th Sunday of each month at 11:00am

每月第四主日 上午十一時

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

February 12, 2017 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M.

9:30 A.M. Special Prayers to Blessed Mother Mary for a successful project
beginning by Bernie & Nicole
+ Kwan Sheung Toy Lau by Marian, Vince & Leann

MON. Feb. 13th

Weekday

8:00 A.M. +

TUE. Feb. 14th

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

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

WED. Feb. 15th

Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Wai Chun Tse by Lucy Moy
+ Deceased Friends and Relatives of Dominic Barbaro

THU. Feb. 16th

Weekday

8:00 A.M.

FRI. Feb. 17th

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00 A.M. + Vince Briglio by Wife and Family

SAT. Feb. 18th

Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Deceased Family Members of Dominic Barbaro

5:00 P.M.

For Family & Friends of St. Therese Parish
+ In Loving Memory of Mike & Hazel Nardi by Frank & Sophie
+ Christine Valencia—Birthday Remembrance by Frank & Sophie
+ Mary Sasak—Birthday Remembrance by Frank & Sophie



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 helped with the Lunar New Year celebration and the Super Duper Bowl event last Sunday. We are especially grateful to **Sharon Wong** for taking lead for the New Year celebration, and to **George Lee** for the Super Bowl Event. Both events went very well. It was a busy but enjoyable day!



Today's Gospel offers us a lot of lessons to reflect and to practice. In his interpretation, Fr. Eugene Hensell shares the following insights.

- 1) Your righteousness. The main principle guiding the entire Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7) is enunciated in the disclaimer of Jesus that he has not come to abolish the law or the prophets, but to fulfill them. The goal in all this is, "Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." What follows are examples of how he understands fulfilling the law and the prophets.
- 2) Five topics are presented: law, anger, adultery, divorce, and oaths. Neither Jesus nor the Church after him approached these topics from a purely legalistic perspective. In fact, much of the emphasis here is showing that one must go beyond the literal understanding of the prescription and discover a deeper meaning below the surface. There is an important internal challenge contained in all of these topics.
- 3) Challenges. Throughout the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus will show that the way one fulfills the law and the prophets is through love of God, neighbor, and self. Mindless legalism fails here. Anger can be understood as a form of killing. While it might not cause immediate physical death, uncontrolled anger does much harm and can result in death, both physical and psychological. Most would not consider lust the same as committing adultery. Jesus sees the deeper reality and connects the mutual dynamics at work between lust and adultery. For Jesus, marriage is a sacred covenant that, except for certain cases of sexual misconduct, must not be broken. For people who are honest there is no need to take oaths. Nothing can guarantee an oath because it presupposes bad will or a fundamental dishonesty. All of these challenges are just examples of the higher righteousness demanded by Jesus.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

Annual Catholic Appeal 2017

This year's theme is "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." It takes place three weekends in February. Since St. Therese is engaged in the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign at this time, the Archdiocese gave us an option of opting out of the in-pew portion of the appeal. So our parish will not fully participate in the 2017 ACA. However, you will still receive pledge mailing from the Archdiocese. When parishioner contributions exceed the parish goal of \$9,392, our parish will receive a rebate of 100% of the funds donated over the goal. Thank you in advance for your participation.

To Teach Who Christ Is Campaign Update

Thanks to all who participated in this successful Archdiocesan campaign and to all individuals and families who have made payments already. Your generosity will help our community to continue our mission and to take new initiatives in our ministries. If at any time you have questions regarding your pledge payments, or if you need a letter of your payment for filing tax, you can always call the Campaign Office at 312- 534-8500.



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Please support our **St. Therese Chinese Catholic School's Chinese New Year Gala** celebrating the Year of the Rooster on Saturday, March 4, 2017, 5:30-10:30pm, at Furama Restaurant, 2828 S. Wentworth Avenue. This annual event is a wonderful occasion to come together as a greater community and celebrate the New Year, reflect on all that our students and staff have accomplished, and look forward to all the promise the future holds. The delicious food, exciting auction items, and wonderful performances by our students are just some of the highlights of what is surely to be another evening not to be missed! For more info call school office: 312-326-2837.

Hospitality Schedule for February 19, 2017:

GREETERS: Marian Torrez & St. Therese Students
RECEPTION: Elisa, Kathryn, Renee, Rita

Today's Liturgy – February 12, 2017

Readings: GATHER 1107 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year A

PROCESSIONAL: #615– Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
OFFERTORY: # 728 – Eye Has Not Seen
COMMUNION: # 486 – Deep Within
RECESSIONAL: # 773 – You Have Anointed Me

News and Events

Sunday Mass Schedule Change

Beginning on Sunday, March 5th, our 9:30am mass on Sunday will be changed to 10:30am.

2016 Tax Letter for Church Donations

Parishioners with assigned offering envelopes, if needed, please contact the parish office for your 2016 tax letter.

SPOTLIGHT CORNER

St. Therese Parish would like to thank **MARIANO'S** located at **3145 S. Ashland Avenue**, for their support of our Winter Wonderland Dinner Dance on 1/7/17. Their generosity helped us raise money to rebuild the Church in HeBei, China that was recently destroyed by fire. Please patronize our Spotlight Donors! Thank YOU!



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Lois, Remona, William, Barbara, Mary, Liam, Geoffrey, Bernadine, John, Clifton, Roosevelt, Roy, Debbie, Yvonne, Lucille, Toni, Gregory, Scarlett, Anita, Cheryl, Alexander

PRAYER/ Faith Sharing Group

will meet on Friday, February 17, 2017 at 7pm in a designated RE Room. Draw closer to Jesus by praying with Scripture. All are welcome!

PARENT FORMATION SESSION

On Sunday, Feb. 19th immediately following the 9:30am Mass, All parents are invited to attend the parent formation session sponsored by the St. Therese Religious Education Program. Two topics will be offered for parents who are concerned about their children's faith formation: *Why do we have to Go to Mass* and *Virtue and Discipline*.

All parents with children preparing for a sacrament this year are required to attend.

Shepherds of Bethlehem

will visit our parish next weekend. They will sell lovely hand carved religious art work from Bethlehem to help Christian families who live in the Holy Land. If you can, please support their mission.

New Parish Office Hours

Mon. Tues. Wed., Fri., and Sat.:
9:30am to 4:30pm
Thursday and Sunday---Closed

祈祷，是人性的真实流露，是信仰的具体表达，是文化的基本要素！

你敢于面对自我的需求吗？你渴望见证祈祷的力量吗？

来吧！让我们探求祈祷的真谛；
来吧！让我们分享祈祷的果实！

Invitation
Overseas Chinese University
Student Gathering

中國海外留學生聚會

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▶ 报名联系方式：

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▶ 如需车送，请于2月21日前告诉我们。

If you need ride after activities, please let us know by Feb 21.



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Lunar New Year Celebration - February 5, 2017



Weekly Offering:

Collection for February 5, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,285	
GiveCentral	190	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$63,505.02
Sunday Loose	\$ 764	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$64,000
<u>Total Collection</u>	<u>\$3,239</u>	

Weekly Budget: \$2,000 % of Budget Attained: 99%

Please consider giving one hour of **your weekly salary as your contribution.**
May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

St. Therese 15-Day China Pilgrimage and Tour Led by Fr. Francis Li

Early June, 2017

See Fr. Li's home town of Hong Dong in Shan Xi province, the largest Catholic province in China, Hebei province, Taiyuan, Shijiazhuang, Beijing, Xian, and Shanghai.

Visit Cathedrals, Churches and Holy sites and tour The Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, and see the Terra-Cotta Warriors.



Land cost: \$1800

Airfare: \$900 to \$1300 expected

Four star hotels, double occupancy, three meals per day plus all tour fees, transportation within China, English speaking tour guides.

Maximum of 26 People

Registration and Deposit required by April 1, 2017.



Contact George Lee at 312-719-0233 for more information



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

Phil Maraldi
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Baby Jessa Piotrowski
Fr. Walter Johnson, MM
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Phyllis Robinson
Bai Xue
John Palenik
Luz Whitehead
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Cecila Zastro
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Joey Nardi
Mark Donato
Joyce Eng
Lan Ying Yee
Ching Shiu Yau
Henry F. Wong
Matthew Mantia
Phyllis Centofanti
Susan Zibricky
Barbara Metzinger
James Rak

If you wish to add a name or remove your name from this list, please call the parish office.

'Blessed Are They Who Follow the Law of the Lord'

Some of our missionary Sisters find it difficult to go shopping when they return from poor mission countries. Having a large section with many cereal choices or many kinds of bread to choose from seems overwhelming. The abundance of food here in stores requires making choices. We are a people who face many options. We have a variety of cars, clothes, transportation, food, plants and opportunities to pick from. Even young children choose what color or what items of clothing they want to wear.

Making choices can be one of the difficult parts of life. What do I want to do with my life? Do I want to be a priest, sister, get married or live a single life? Whom do I want for a friend, a husband or wife? Where do I want to live? Today's first reading tells us, "If you chose you can keep the commandments, they will save you." Deliberately making a choice to obey the commandments will lead us to God. Sometimes we want to pick and choose. I will not steal or kill but telling lies, that is alright. I go to Church every Sunday but I am not kind to others especially within my family. The commandments help us make good moral choices. The law of love which Jesus teaches us strengthens our moral life.

March First we begin Lent. Perhaps improving how we follow the laws and teaching about our moral life which Jesus has given us, might be something to consider as we try to draw closer to God and prepare for Easter. Trying to keep the laws helps us. We do not turn completely away from God when we work at obeying the commandments and precepts of the Church. Truly, our good choices in following the law will save us.

~Sister Caritas



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