

Second Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2017

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四旬期避靜-廣東話

Lenten Retreat (Cantonese)

你們要服從天主，對抗魔鬼 (雅各伯書:4:7)

2017年4月1日 (星期六)

9:00am - 3:30pm

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神修院。
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。



地點：聖德力教堂- 堂區活動室

報名：\$ 15 /人 - 包括早餐和午餐

3/26/2017前到教堂入口簽名或辦公室報名

April 2, Sunday 11:30am Presentation by Decean Joseph Yuen
Chinese Church History From Yuan's Dynasty To Nowadays

4月2日，星期日 11:30am 袁銘成執事主講中國天主教史簡介

Mass Intentions

March 12, 2017 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 A.M. +

10:30 A.M. Special Prayers to Blessed Mother Mary for a successful project
beginning by Bernie & Nicole
+ Jenping J. Chan by Darlene & Nicole
+ Felipe Mejia by Lily May

12:00 P.M. **Indonesian Mass**

MON. March 13th *Lenten Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Felipe Mejia by Lily May

TUE. March 14th *Lenten Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Fred Roti - Anniversary Remembrance by Marion
+ BoPing Moy by Richard and Lily May
+ Felipe Mejia by Lily May

WED. March 15th *Lenten Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Kum Tse by Lucy Moy
+ Felipe Mejia by Lily May
+ Poor and Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro

THU. March 16th *Lenten Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Jenping J. Chan - Birthday Remembrance by Family

FRI. March 17th *Saint Patrick, Bishop*

8:00 A.M. + Vince Briglio by Wife and Family
+ Felipe Mejia by Lily May

6:30 P.M. **Mass / Stations of the Cross at 7pm**

SAT. March 18th *Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor*

8:00 A.M. + You Hon Moy by Judy Moy

5:00 P.M. For Family & Friends of St. Therese Parish



From the Desk of Fr. Francis Greetings of Christ's Peace and Joy! Hope you all had a blessed week.

Thanks and Congratulations

Thanks to all who participated in the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign and to all those who have been making payments based on their pledges. I just received an update from the campaign office and I am happy to share with you that almost all of the donors from our parish are on time with their payments. If you have any questions, you can always call the Campaign Office at 312-534-8500 or email at Toteachcampaign@archchicago.org

Congratulations to **Perry and Rose Lau**, recipients of this year's Lifetime Service Award at St. Therese Chinese Catholic School New Year Benefit Banquet. Rose and Perry have made significant contributions to both our School and Church in the past many years. Their generosity and dedicated service have made a difference for our faith community and many lives they have touched. As they continue to serve our community, we are grateful to them and we congratulate them for this well-deserved award.

Congratulations again to **Kelli Kielusiak**, recipient of the 2017 Golden Apple Award Finalist, and Principal **Phyllis Cavallone-Jurek**, recipient of the 2017 Stanley C. Golder Leadership Award Finalist. Gold Apple Board hosted a brunch last Saturday in celebration of excellence in teaching and leadership for all the finalists. We are so proud that St. Therese has two finalists this year and wish both of them the best. We hope to celebrate with them again if they will be chosen for the final award in May.

Pope Francis' Lenten Message

As the season of Lent continues to unfold, Pope Francis reminds us that the Word is a gift and the other person is a gift too. He is calling all Christians to deepen our appreciation for the Word and for other people in this Lent. He wrote:

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016).

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Lk 16:19-31). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion.

Our parish provides many opportunities for spiritual renewal in this Lent. I invite you to participate as often as possible. Conversion needs our willingness to change and to make the efforts. If we do so, God's grace would be able to work miracles in our lives.



Peace ~ Fr. Francis



Congratulations to the following students for Completing their First Reconciliation:

Parker Chien Paduck
Jason Ching
Christina Folino
Gavin Fong
Kasjhia Garner
Christopher Gin
Tizoc Gonzalez
Elijah Hueramo

Chad Lee
Anton Lee-Kline
Jocelyn Lin
Mia Mark
Alexandra Daniell Romallosa
Ethan Tong
Jocelyn Wong

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Lenten Regulations (from March 1st, 2017, 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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Hospitality Schedule for March 19, 2017:

GREETERS: Marian Torrez & St. Therese Students

RECEPTION: Adrienne, Daron, Nicole

Today's Liturgy – March 12, 2017

Readings: GATHER 1019 - Second Sunday of Lent / Year A

PROCESSIONAL: #487 – Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

OFFERTORY: #478 –Return to God

COMMUNION: #486 – Deep Within

Meditation Song (RE students): Lord, Let Me Walk

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

News and Events



BAPTISM

Addison Ann Lowe,

daughter of Phillip & Debbie Lowe will be baptized today. Please keep Addison and her family in your prayers as we welcome her to St. Therese!

2017 Super Duper Bowl Report

Congratulations to All the winners!

Steve D'Elia, Vincent Kusnoto, Nick & Ellen, Benny, Pat Culen, Stan Woo, Jean & Ricky, Frank Bertucci, Chuck Oi, Marilyn & Gertrude, Katharina Kusnoto, Michelle Mark, Betsy Young, Chloe & Campbell, Therese Spalla, Sophie & Frank, and Paul Lau

Thanks to those who donated their winnings back to St. Therese:

Nick and Ellen Andriacchi, Pat Culen, Chloe and Campbell Culen

Thanks to all who participated and helped with this fundraiser. Special thanks to George Lee for taking the lead!

Financial Results:

Total Received: \$10,750

Payout of Winnings & Net Donation: \$4,782.30

Food & Supplies for Party: \$427.94

Net Funds Raised: \$5,539.76

CRS Rice Bowl

Please pick up a bowl at the church entrance table after mass and return it on the weekends of April 1 & 2, and 8 & 9.

Annual Second Collection to support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your generosity.

2016 Donation Letter

Parishioners with assigned offering envelopes, who need a 2016 Tax Letter for Donations, please contact the parish office.



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Justina, Joyce, Linda, David, Norean, Shadais, James, Cortez, Tammie, Valinda, Robert, Edna, Julia, Joan, Michael, Doug, Joy, Peter, Cindy, James

SPOTLIGHT CORNER

St. Therese Parish would like to thank **DJ-Joe Delfin, ULTRA EVENTS**, 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!



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Dear Father,

Each year, the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE) assists Catholics, many of whom live in countries once dominated by the Soviet regime, with rebuilding their communities. This important collection supports 28 countries in a myriad of ways, from providing funds to rebuild church structures to supporting programs that lift up the dignity of the marginalized to offering scholarships that reinforce the intellectual life of the Church. By taking up this collection at Mass, you help to build the future for the faithful in this region.

After the fall of communism in Romania, virtually none of the Greek Catholic churches that were confiscated by the communist regime were recovered. As a symbol of the sacrifice of their ancestors, the Eparchy of Cluj-Gherla began construction of the Cathedral of the Martyrs and Confessors of the Twentieth Century in the city of Cluj-Napoca in 1992. With the support of your parishioners to the Collection for CCEE, the cathedral is on target to be completed in 2018. It will serve as a place of prayer but also as a location for pastoral care, hosting a library, conference hall, and activities for children and youth, as well as an exhibition of the history of the eparchy. Your support of this collection is providing a place of prayer, gathering, and learning for the people of this eparchy.

The most effective thing you can do to promote the collection is to mention it at Mass. Tell the story of the cathedral in Cluj-Napoca, and use the parish appeal and bulletin announcement found inside this mailer. Additional resources, including web banners, print ads, and a social media tool kit can be found online at www.usccb.org/cceecollection. If you have additional questions, please contact Bevin Kennedy, assistant director for promotions, at 202-541-3346 or at ncpromo@usccb.org.

Thank you for your continued support to build the future for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

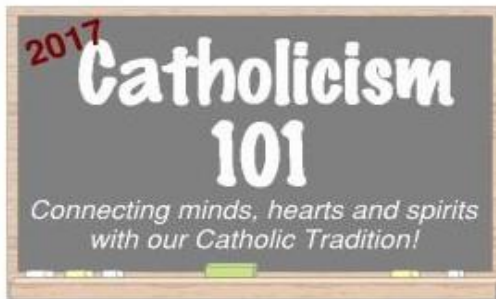
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Cardinal Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe



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Feeling a little rusty on your catechesis? Brush up on what it means to be a Catholic in an hour on a handful of Sundays with St. Therese Church's Faith Formation Series!



March 19 Liturgy - Why do we have to go to Mass?

Shared by Thomas Howard
St. Therese Church Community Room
12:15pm (future times TBA)

April 30 Sacraments - Why do we need them?

May 21 The Bible - Everything in the Bible is true and some of it actually happened!

June 11 Moral Life - How do I love God?

September 17 Social Justice - How do I love my neighbor?

October 15 Creed - What do we truly believe?

November 19 The Liturgical Year - Why did we change colors and what page are we on in the new book??

Weekly Offering:

Collection for March 5, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,516	
GiveCentral	215	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$71,722.02
<u>Sunday Loose</u>	<u>\$ 242</u>	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$72,000
Total Collection	\$1,973	

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!

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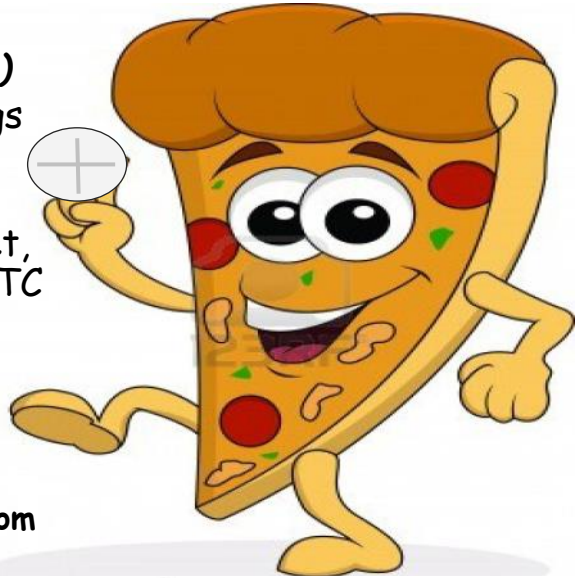
(Pizza Pie and Pie Jesu, that is.)

Youths 11 to 18 and their siblings
are invited to our

5pm Mass and Pizza Social on
Saturday, March 25th, to meet,
reconnect, and check out what STC
has to offer.

Mr. Pat Culen:
PatrickDCulen@gmail.com
Mr. Nick Andriacchi:
NAndriacchi@yahoo.com

St. Therese Church Community Room



**St. Therese Parish Religious Education Program
Presents**



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Brunch!

Sunday – March 19, 2017

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. in the Community Room

Donations are welcome

Proceeds from this event will benefit Corazón a Corazón. This non-profit organization is sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame and provides ESL education, after school tutoring, and Summer education for children in the South Chicago area.



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

Phil Maraldi
Jerry Ecklund
Vincent Thome
Barbara McElroy
Ramona Zavala
Michael Howley
Baby Jessa Piotrowski
Fr. Walter Johnson, MM
Rose Perez
Phyllis Robinson
Bai Xue
John Palenik
Luz Whitehead
Jade Yee
Anthony Scuito
Rev. Anthony Adducci
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Rosetta Roti

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Cita Orendain
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Nathaniel Hicks
Theresa Spalla
Rosemary Moy
Joseph Rubin
Cecila Zastro
Soledad Magay
Dorothy Pascente
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
Benjamin N. Lucas

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

'Listen to Him'

We live in a time of many voices, especially now. We have to distinguish who is speaking the truth and who is making things up for excitement or confusion sake. Each of us has our framework of truth and our moral compass based on beliefs which guide us as we seek the truth. Sometimes there is an author whose writings encourage us. Sometimes there is a speaker, theologian or preacher whose words and teachings enliven our faith. We want to listen.

The Gospel today gives us a very clear directive from God the Father. He proclaims that He is very pleased with His Son. He then simply tells the apostles and through them, us, "Listen to Him." Jesus is His perfectly spoken Word. Jesus reveals God the Father to us by what He does and what He says.

There are many different levels of listening which we as human beings are capable of. We can just hear sounds but not really understand or pay attention to what the sounds mean. We can listen to words and connect to the meaning of what is being said but meet the message of the speaker with resistance. We do not want the message of the speaker to be a part of ourselves or our lives. We can listen with complete openness of heart and allow the message given to enter our very being and we can open ourselves to the message and act on it in our everyday lives. No doubt, this latter way of listening is what God the Father is asking of us when He tells us to "Listen to Him." He asks us to be open to the message, words and actions of Jesus. He wants us to listen so deeply that we are transformed and witness who Jesus is through our daily lives. God asks us to allow the Word, who is Jesus, to completely take over our lives, to live in our hearts daily. If God, the Father looks at us, will He see our listening heart? Will He say of us what He did of His Son, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased?"

~Sister Caritas



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## 2017 Updated

### *To Teach Who Christ Is*

#### **First Sunday of March**

Beginning on March 5<sup>th</sup>, our 9:30am mass will be changed to 10:30am.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 7:00P.M. in Church preceded by **Mass at 6:30 P.M. NO FISH FRY this year!**

#### **Holy Hour and Benediction**

Takes place on 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of March (3) and of April (7) immediately following the Stations of the Cross

#### **CRS Rice Bowl**

Distribution on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and Returning on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **Service**

We will help out at St. James Food Pantry on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **RCIA---Scrutiny Rites**

will be celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent.

#### **First Reconciliation**

For School and R. E. students will take place on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

#### **Parish Religious Program**

Students will lead the 10:30am mass on Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Students will sponsor their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Reconciliation will take place on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 10:30A.M. mass.

#### **Indonesian Mass**

March 12<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup> at noon

#### **Parish Lenten Retreat**

On March 26<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30am mass

#### **March Mandarin Mass**

On March 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon followed by a Lenten Recollection

#### **Cantonese Lenten Retreat**

April 1st from 9:00am to 3:30pm in the Community Room

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

Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in Church

*“Day after day, both in and around the temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach Jesus Christ.”*

**-Acts 5:42**