

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16, 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 & 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. In Thanksgiving to the Saints for favor granted by
Phyllis & Rose Marie Centofanti
+ Vincent Scopacasa by Lena Andriacchi
+ Young D. Chin by Auntie Oy

10:30A.M. For Family & Friends of St. Therese Parish
For Healing Comfort for Lai I. Fan by Regina Cheong & Family
+ Woodie Lee by Cita, Nicole & Simone
+ Young D. Chin by Gertrude Chan

MON. July 17th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Vince Briglio by Wife Antoinette

TUE. July 18th *Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest*

8:00 A.M.

WED. July 19th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Anotoinette Briglio by Family
+ Forgotten & Unknown Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro
+ Young D. Chin by June Moy

THU. July 20th *Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*

8: 00 A.M + Mee Fung Young by Jean, Bob & Monica

FRI. July 21st *Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 A.M.

SAT. July 22nd *Saint Mary Magdalene*

8:00 A.M. + Birthday Remembrance for Frank Roti, Jr. by Marion Roti
+ Deceased Relatives of Dominic Barbaro

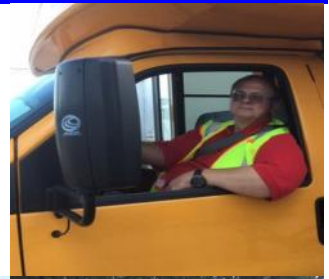


From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks

Thanks to **George Lee** for organizing the parish picnic and to all his helpers and participants, especially to **Daniel Rak**, our driver, **Florence Yu**, **Teresa Moy**, **Paul Wang**, our cooks and grillers, and to all who helped to prepare and clean up. Thank God for the beautiful weather. All participants and our guests had a blast of fun and they are very grateful too.



Summer Fair

To welcome stranger is to welcome Christ! This is one of the fundamental biblical messages. This weekend is our annual Summer Fair and we have a chance to encounter so many visitors. Some of them are first timers to visit our community and Church. Our Church will be open all day and volunteers will be leading tours throughout the day. So please show our St. Therese hospitality to all.

Our food booth will be selling delicious meals. Hundreds of people will stop by to support us. We will also have other booths for children and families to enjoy. Our Ministry Booth will be offering information regarding to the many ministries at St. Therese. There will be entertainment provided by band members consisting of our very own parishioners. There will activities for people of all ages to enjoy.

This day takes good leadership, a lot of hard work and volunteers to make it a success. Even if you didn't sign up, I invite you to please make some efforts to join us for a while to socialize with our parishioners and visitors and to consider lending a hand to this very important annual fundraiser and fun day for our community. If you can help, but are not on the schedule, please see Chris Lowe, Jennifer Sin or Janice Lin.

We come together as one happy family; knowing God is with us and God loves us, let's show the spirit of St. Therese, the spirit of welcoming and unity, to all who come to support us!

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children - The fifth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be observed September 9, 2017 across the country. The sponsors include Priests for Life, the Pro-Life Action League and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society. "Praying at the grave of an aborted baby helps people to face the reality that abortion is violence, and helps us all to heal from its wounds," said Fr. Frank of the Priests for Life. To find a memorial, go to www.AbortionMemorials.com.

Excerpts - Here are some remarks from the signing ceremony of the Executive Order on Religious Liberty: "No American should be forced to choose between the dictates of the federal government and the tenets of their faith." "This executive order directs the IRS not to unfairly target churches and religious organizations for political speech. No one should be censoring sermons or targeting pastors. In America we do not fear people speaking freely from the pulpit. We embrace it." "We are giving our churches their voices back and we are giving them back in the highest form." Amen.

A Quote - "A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying." — Pope John Paul II, "Address to the New Ambassador of New Zealand to the Holy See". © 2000 Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

<https://goo.gl/sUqzbC>.

Our Prayers - That God may strengthen those who suffer ridicule and rejection for their pro-life convictions, and that their efforts in building a culture of life in our society may yield a fruitful harvest; *We pray to the Lord.*

Hospitality Schedule for July 23, 2017:

GREETERS: Jen Sin, Gemma Wong, Florence Yu

RECEPTION: Jean Ng, Steve Casey, Jean Ng

Today's Liturgy – July 16, 2017

**Readings: GATHER 1134 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time/
Year A**

GATHER HYMNAL

PROCESSIONAL: #919 - I Come with Joy

OFFERTORY: #932 – One Bread, One Body

COMMUNION: #916 – I Receive the Living God

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

News and Events

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER FAIR TODAY!



This is our Biggest fundraising event! ANYONE who can lend a helping hand to-

day in our booth operations, please see Jen Sin, Janice Lin or Chris Lowe! Thank you!



Wedding Banns

Jennifer Sin and Jacob Mellor will be married on Sat. July 29th. Please keep them in your prayers!

1st Asian Community Mass

Will take place on Sunday July 23rd at St. Henry Church, beginning with a procession at 4pm followed by mass presided by Cardinal Cupich at 5pm. The theme of the celebration is to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to ask for her intercessions as she is depicted in different Asian cultures. If you are able to attend, please contact the parish office.

Please pray for the following

Mercy Hospital Patients:



Elizabeth, Phyllis, Carolyn, Janies, William, Charles, Mary, Ruby, Portryce, Karen, Angelo, Benita, Mary, James, Clayton, Herminio, Maria, Carolyn, George, Betty, George, Barbara, Diana, Daniel, Octavio, Roberto, Candy, Mamie, Luis

Sunday 5pm Vigil Mass

Our Summer Sunday mass schedule has begun. From June 24th to August 26th, we will not have the 5pm Sunday Vigil Mass. 5pm Vigil Mass resumes on Sat. Sept. 2nd.

Catholic Charities Lake County Services School Supply Project 2017

Annually, Catholic Charities supports low-income families in the Lake county area by collecting & distributing donated school supplies. The project allows children of these families to be well-prepared for the school year. For children experiencing poverty, school supplies are a luxury that many go without. We strive to ensure that each child will have a backpack with the basic school supplies. We desperately need donations of backpacks and school supplies. Each donation you make helps ensure that any family seeking help from Catholic Charities can start the school year successfully! All supplies must be new and should be delivered **no later than August 4** to Catholic Charities, located at 671 S. Lewis Ave. in **Waukegan**, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information: Project Coordinator Sue Fowler, (847) 782-4126 or sfowler@catholiccharities.net. Thank you for your consideration!

Fruits from the RCIA TEAM at St. Therese



I hope by now that most of you had a chance to read Joyce Duriga's wonderful article entitled, *Serving the New Chinese Immigrants in Chinatown* in the June 11th edition of the Chicago Catholic. I was able to secure some additional copies, so be sure to pick up your copy today in the entrance area of the Church if you have not done so already.

I really appreciated the fact that editor Duriga took time to first understand and then write about the 'big picture' behind our parish transformation pillar of evangelization here at St. Therese. Small gestures of love, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, consistently done by a diverse group of parish members will yield fruit for our RCIA program.

The core of our identity here at St. Therese can be identified in a question explored by Fr. Francis, Deacon Christian and myself--how to develop particular ways to evangelize in the Asian Apostolate.

Father Francis, for example, points out that human beings are *universally hungry for God* in his comments. Given this truth, please consider taking a few RCIA flyers with you today. Perhaps someone you run into at the Chinatown fair is hungry for God!

God Bless!

~ Thomas M. Howard

Catholic Charities Awareness Campaign National HIV/AIDS Awareness Month

July is National HIV/AIDS Awareness Month. The goal of this month is to create dialogue about and raise public awareness of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. These efforts aim to end HIV stigma and discrimination, engaging people in the fight against the disease and ultimately ending the pandemic. In the past 30 years of the pandemic, people have viewed HIV/AIDS as a problem solely affecting underdeveloped countries. Contrarily, the disease affects countries across the world – including the United States. This Awareness Month intends to challenge people around the globe to discuss the issues, promote education, testing, and prevention, and also foster a compassionate response to all persons living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. For more information call (312) 948-6500.

Chicago Asian Catholics Hold First Asian Community Mass

The Asian Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago, headed by Rev. Aloysius M. Funtila, Director of the Asian Catholic Initiative and pastor of St. Hilary Church in Chicago are holding the First Asian Community Procession and Mass, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, the most important patroness among Asian Catholics. The theme of the celebration is "Mary, The Mother of Cultures." The Blessed Mother is given many titles in various Asian countries. Some of the most prominent titles include: Mother of Perpetual Help (Philippines), Our Lady of La Vang (Vietnam), Our Lady of Akita (Japan), Our Lady of Vallarpadan (India), and Our Lady of Sheshan (China).

His Eminence Cardinal Blase Cupich will be the main celebrant of the mass, concelebrated by Asian priests across the archdiocese. It will be held on **July 23, 2017(Sunday), at St. Henry Catholic Church.** St. Henry is located at the corner of Devon and Hoyne Avenues in Chicago. The celebration starts with a Procession at 4:00 P.M., followed by the Mass at 5:00 P.M. The rosary will be prayed during the procession, with the first part of Hail Mary prayed in different Asian languages. Attendees are requested to bring images of the Virgin, flowers or banners for the procession.

Fr. Phi Nguyen of St. Henry is the host pastor. Rev. Joseph Than, a member of Cardinal Cupich Advisory Board and deacon of St. Henry is the chair of the event. Other key committee members are: Angela Kim (Korean), Sally Martinez (Filipino), Elvie Ocampo (Filipino), Joseph BaMaung (Burmese), and Khamphoui Singvongsa (Laotian). Also involved are members of Cardinal Cupich Asian Advisory Board: Fr. Francis Li, pastor of St. Therese Church, Chinatown; Fr. Paul Cao, pastor of St. Celestine; Fr. Tirso Villaverde, pastor of St. Margaret Mary; Fr. Paul Kim, pastor of Korean Martyrs Center; Fr. Joji Thagnagundla, associate pastor of St. Anne Church in Barrington; Bernadette Molina of St. Joan of Arc in Evanston; Monica Nathan of St. Mary Church in Buffalo Grove; and, Sharon Lobo of Holy Family in Inverness.

There will be a reception immediately after mass, with all participating Asian community serving a native dish. The communities are Burmese, Chinese, Filipino, Indian, Indonesian, Korean, Laotian, and Vietnamese.

For further information call Asian Catholic Initiative Office at 773-569-3503.

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Matthew Mantia
Phyllis Centofanti
Susan Zibricky
Barbara Metzinger

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

"GOOD GROUND"

Mondays and Tuesdays in July, I have been teaching at Corazon a Corazon's summer program. It is the program the pancake breakfast raised funds for and we, School Sisters of Notre Dame are grateful for the help. Your generosity is helping many children. We have a total of forty students, Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Yesterday, the person who was teaching Kindergarten and First grade did not come. Since I have background in teaching that age level, I took the class for the day. Sometimes, when you are teaching something, especially to the young, you cannot be sure what they are really hearing or learning... I was talking about shapes and told them there are circles, triangles and squares everywhere. Later, one girl said, "Look, this is like a triangle" and it was a Dorito chip. We do not know what our words mean in others' lives.

In the Gospel today we have the parable of the seed. We know when we plant seeds, not all of them grow. Jesus talks about reasons why the seeds do not grow. Jesus tells us that the seeds which grow in good ground produce fruit. We want to be that good ground where the word of God, the seeds, take root and produce much good fruit of holiness. We can read this parable and look at other people and situations and say that person is like the seed among weeds or that person was like the seed that fell among rocks. The reality is that we are all seeds which fall in all these situations. Some words of God we embrace and live the message in our lives. Some words of God we love at first but eventually they become hard to follow and we give up. Some words we do not want to hear so we do not listen and we are like the hard ground where the seed cannot take root. The task in our life is to make more and more of ourselves and of our lives, good ground. We need to listen deeply to God's Word. We need to let it penetrate the depths of our being. We will bare much fruit. It will bring us to eternal life and our witness will lead and influence others. *"Please God, make us good ground, fruitful seeds, for your kingdom and your glory."*

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