

Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 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

December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M.

10:30 A.M. Thanksgiving by Henry & Lucy Wong
+ Kenny Moy by Leann, Marian & Vince Torrez
+ Ann Agnes Lasiowski by Chris & Darlene Lowe

MON. Dec. 11th

Saint Damasus I, Pope

8:00 A.M.

TUE. Dec. 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 A.M.

WED. Dec. 13th

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 A.M. + Poor and Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro

THU. Dec, 14h Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 A.M.

FRI. Dec. 15th

Advent Weekday

8:00 A.M.

SAT. Dec. 16th

Advent Weekday

5:00 P.M.

Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family
+ Deceased Members of the Bertucci & Spina Families by Joe & Rena Zita
+ Anna Marie Arcieri by SMI Club



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks

Thanks to **Rose and Perry Lau, Elizabeth Masangcay and her husband Delfin, and Albert Moy** for decorating our Church for Advent.

Thanks to all teens who participated in our last youth gathering on Dec. 2nd. They enjoyed pizza, games, and sharing on the meaning of Advent. Thanks to **Tom Howard** for leading the discussions and all other adults for their help.



John the Baptist: A Model of Evangelization

In the last few years, our parish has been intentionally working on the mission of evangelization. Many of you have attended trainings, prayed for this effort, and lived as evangelizers. We know that this is a lifetime mission that Jesus has entrusted to all of his baptized disciples.

As we heard from John the Baptist in today's Gospel, I believe that he can be a model for our evangelization mission. First of all, he was not afraid to proclaim the Good News. He invited and challenged people to change: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Secondly, he lived a simple lifestyle. By being simple and humble, he was a powerful witness to the One who was coming after him---Jesus. We often are reminded that our time doesn't need teachers, but witnesses. People need to see what we do and how we live our lives in order to believe.

So as we continue the season of Advent, we can imitate John the Baptist by boldly proclaiming the Good News and faithfully witnessing God's salvific work in our lives and in our world.

This mission reminds me of the words of Pope Francis. In the Joy of the Gospel, he wrote: "I dream of a 'missionary option,' that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, way of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation,"

"All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives. In your heart you know that it is not the same to live without him; what you have come to realize, what has helped you to live and given you hope, is what you also need to communicate to others."

May these words also inspire you to live and to share the Good News in these grace filled days of Advent.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

SPECIAL THANKS from our Young Adult Ministry

We would like to thank those who participated in the Franciscan Outreach clothes drive. Thanks to you, the many less fortunate will have warm clothes and the basic needs as we enter the winter season! *Special thanks to Deacon Francis, Joey & Naomi Lowe, Jennifer Sin, and Janice Lin for organizing and boxing all donations.*



Children's Nativity Play 2017



All children are invited to join this joyous & wonderful event! The last 2 rehearsals are *Sunday, December 10 & 17, from 11:45am-1:00pm. Dress Rehearsal on Dec. 24 at 3:30pm. Please sign up at the church entrance table.* Nativity Play will be performed during the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Please see Bridget Lee for more info.

Advent Peace Canon

Dona nobis pacem (Grant us peace)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus; come to us and bring us peace.

Come and bring us peace.

Hospitality Schedule for December 17, 2017:

GREETERS: Marian Torrez & STS Students

RECEPTION: Adrienne, Nicole, Daron

Today's Liturgy –December 10, 2017

Readings: GATHER 995– Second Sunday of Advent/B
Gather Hymnal

PROCESSIONAL: #405 – Advent Gathering Song

OFFERTORY: #396 – Comfort, My People

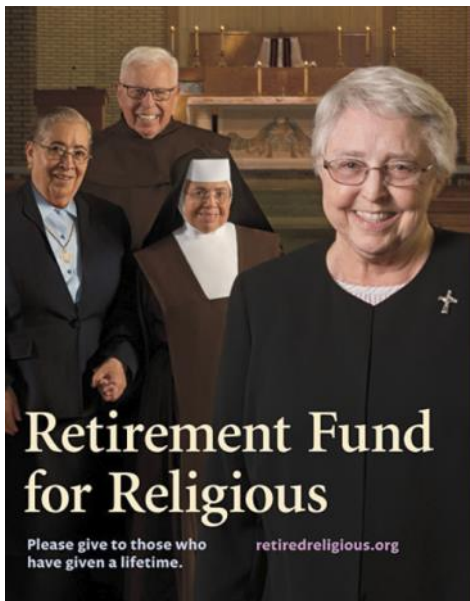
COMMUNION: #415 – My Soul in Stillness Waits

Meditation Song: *Advent Peace Canon*

RECESSIONAL: #401– O Come, Divine Messiah

News and Events

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection December 9 & 10th



Many Elderly religious sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for little to no pay, and their religious communities do not have enough money for their care. Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection at Mass on 12/9 and 12/10. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.

Sunday School for Preschoolers, Ages 4 & 5 years

The next class with Sr. Caritas will be on Sunday, December 17th from 9:15am-10:15am in the St. Lucy Room



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital patients:

Arthur, Sherry, Glynis, Shelia, David, Bertha, Frederick, Brenda, Gretta, Meg, Clara, Joe, Mike, Cynthia, William, Mary, Catherine, David, Anne, Mary, James, Alma, Ima Jean, Arthur, Louis, Alexander, Nicholas, Willie Mae, Dorothy, Rita

2018 CALENDAR Our English Liturgical calendar is available on the church entrance table. Please take one copy per family.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWME)

A weekend event for married couples and religious February 2-4, 2018 at Wyndham Garden Hotel, Elk Grove Village, IL For almost 50 years, WWME has provided weekend enrichments with ongoing community support to over 1.9 million couples and religious to fulfill its mission to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world. WWME begins with a private weekend experience including presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships. Learn more and apply online. Questions, please call: 630-577-0778 or email: applications@wwme-chicagoland.org Website: wwme-chicagoland.org

CHURCH DECORATIONS: CAN YOU HELP?

If you can volunteer your time, we will be decorating and cleaning the church for Christmas, on Saturday, December 23rd at 9am (breakfast will be provided!). Please let **Jade Yee** know if you are available to assist, as we will come up with a team for each area, so that we can efficiently get it completed quicker. We will also be decorating immediately after the 10:30am mass on Sunday, December 24th. If you can also assist for a couple of hours that will also be great! Thank YOU!



The Prayer/Faith Sharing group will meet on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7pm in a designated PREP room. Draw closer to God, deepen your faith by praying with scripture. All are welcome.



St. Therese Parish New Year's Eve Mass and Hot Pot Dinner

Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving on
Sunday, December 31st at 5:00p.m. followed by
Benediction and our Annual Hot Pot Dinner
in the community room.

All are welcome!

It will be a fun evening of fellowship to ring in the NEW Year!

Adults: \$10.00

Free for Children 5 and under

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Please sign up at the church entrance table so we can plan for adequate food.

Thank YOU!



As committed & faithful VOLUNTEER
Ministers, Committee Members,
and Staff of St. Therese,
THANK YOU!

Please join us for a lunch
hosted in your honor!

St. Therese Parish Appreciation Gathering

Sunday, January 7, 2018
11:45 a.m.-1:00pm

St. Therese Church Community Room

Please R.S.V.P. before January 1st
by signing up at the Church entrance table
or call the parish office at (312) 842-6777



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

Lois Payton
Rosetta Roti
Katherine Culen
Amelia Lorraine Schroeder
Karl Schroeder
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
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Anthony Scuito
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Lisa Rak
Shane O'Connell
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Sr. Barbara Walenty
Nicholas Tobar
Sister Noel Devine
Ken Barber
Kay Siani
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Luke Williamson
Richard Shew
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Lai I Fan
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Rosemary Moy
Joseph Rubin
Cecila Zastro
Soledad Magay
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Joey Nardi
Mark Donato
James Rak
Lan Ying Yee
Ching Shiu Yau
Henry F. Wong
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.

"THE VOICE CALLING" ~Sister Caritas

Sometimes when I would go downtown, on State Street, there would be a man standing on the corner calling out to those who would pass by. He would tell them that the end of the world was coming. Near the Newberry Library here in Chicago, there is a square block, like a park it is/was called "Bug House Square". Anyone could get on top of a box and give a speech or talk or promote anything they wanted to. No one could prevent them from speaking. Anyone could give talks or call out to people about an issue.

The First reading and the Gospel today tell of a voice crying out in the desert. "Prepare the way of the Lord." The desert is a place of silence and mountains and sand. Anyone who would speak loudly could be heard. John the Baptist was that voice crying out. Prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Prepare the Way! John was calling people to have their sins forgiven through his ritual of being washed in the Jordan River. The first reading tells us to prepare "a highway for our God." Clear the way so the message of the Messiah could be heard.

We are in the season of "being Awake", and the time of "Preparing the way of the Lord." What in your life needs to be dug up and thrown away? What things need straightening out to make a better path for the Lord to come to you? What sins do you need to claim, acknowledge, and ask for God's forgiveness for? Now is the time. These precious moments we have right now are ours to be used to draw closer to Jesus. He is coming. He is knocking. He is ready to come to us anew. Clear the path to your heart so Jesus can more completely dwell in you.

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Upcoming Special Events and Schedule---2017 & 2018

- Dec. 2nd - Dec. 24th** Baby Bottle Project to benefit The Women's Centers
- December 17th** Mandarin Mass at 12 noon followed by Luncheon and Christmas Cantata
- December 18th** St. Therese School Christmas Concert in church at 6 P.M.
- December 24th** Christmas Eve Mass with Children's Christmas Pageant at 5 P.M.
Christmas Carols at 11:30 P.M.
- December 25th** **Christmas Mass at 12 A.M. (Midnight Mass)**
Christmas Day Mass at 10 A.M.
- December 31st** **New Year's Eve Mass at 5 P.M.**, followed by **BENEDICTION** and the traditional Hot Pot dinner in the Community Room

2018

- January 1st** New Year's Day **Mass at 10:00 A.M.**

[Come, Let Us Adore Him](#) for *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."* (John 1:14.)