

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

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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. + Mabel Chan by family

10:30 A.M. + Jenping J. Chan by Darlene
+ Thanksgiving to God by Wendy Sin

12:00 P.M. Mandarin Mass
+ Zhang Rui Qin by YeedeH & Jimbay Loh
+ Hsieh Tsai Fang by YeedeH & Jimbay Loh

MON. Jan. 29th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. +

TUE. Jan. 30th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Joseph Briglio and Family by Family

WED. Jan. 31st *Saint John Bosco*

8:00 A.M. School Mass
+ Jenping J. Chan by Darlene Chan-Lowe
+ Kwan Sheung Toy by Agnes Lee & Family
+ Forsaken & Unknown Souls in Purgatory

THU. Feb. 1st *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Fred Roti, Special 90th Birthday Remembrance by Marion

FRI. Feb. 2nd *The Presentation of the Lord*

8:00 A.M. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Dominic Barboro

SAT. Feb. 3rd *Saint Blaise; Saint Ansgar*

8:00 A.M. In Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Dominic Barbaro

5:00 P.M. Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese
+ Lauren Mandel by Joe & Rena Zito
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Famaily



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Serena Chueh, Evelyn Claire Xinyi Ho** and **Mabel Elise Shinyu Ho**, who were baptized last Sunday. Both Serena and Evelyn attend our School and Religious Education. They will celebrate 1st Reconciliation later this year with their classmates. We welcome them and assure them of our prayers.



Church Painting Update

Our painters resumed the painting repair work last week. They finished the middle ceiling section as originally planned. In the last few days, we have identified several more areas to be repaired, particularly the church entrance and sanctuary areas and a few spots on the ceiling. Another minor improvement is that we will add lights to highlight the statues of SMI, St. Rocco and St. Therese in the Sanctuary. With the additional work, we hope that the project will be completed before the celebration of the Lunar New Year.



Come, Follow Me

This weekend begins the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. This year's theme is *"Come, Follow Me."*

In the last two weekends, we have reflected upon the call of the first disciples of Jesus and our own calls. Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God and invited people to repent and believe in the Good News. He called his disciples to carry on this important mission.

"Come and be My disciples, come and be My missionaries sent out to bring My message, My healing, and My forgiveness to a world in need. We commit ourselves to watch and learn from Jesus. We commit ourselves to pray, as He prayed in a place apart. Finally, we commit ourselves to support the works of the Church."

The Annual Catholic Appeal benefits the mission of the Archdiocese and parishes in need, and even people in other parts of the world through Catholic Relief Services. In today's bulletin, there is an insert of the 2018 Appeal Brochures. Please spend some time this week reflecting on this year's appeal and the gift you are able to share. Next weekend will be our in-pew Commitment Weekend.

Our support of the Annual Catholic Appeal is a great way for us to be the healing and comfort touch of Jesus for people who are in need and to further the mission of Jesus Christ in today's world. Thanks for your participation.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

Respect Life Corner

Why They Marched – This month there were a number of marches for life across the country. Those who marched did so not simply for the unborn and their mothers. They did it for the cause of respect for **every** human person. We all can be in awe in front of the beauty of the many living things surrounding us, such as the flowers, the butterflies, the bees and the birds. Would we have the same feeling about our own existence, and show our thanks to God for the gift of our own life? Especially, after all, by his Incarnation, Christ, the Redeemer of man, has ennobled human nature beyond compare. Saint John Paul taught us, the Son of God, in a certain way, **united himself with each person**, and he restored the likeness to the Creator which had been disfigured. Thus emphasized the Saint, “He worked with human hands, he thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will, and with a human heart he loved. Born of the Virgin Mary, he has truly been made **one of us**, like to us in all things except sin.” Because of this intimate, real likeness, **all** human life, at every stage from conception to natural death, is deserving of respect. That’s why so many marched—with tremendous thanks and love!

A Quote – “If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn what to do and say in ‘How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both of her and her baby?’ www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion.” — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

Our Prayer – For those who feel alone in their grief following an abortion: May they deeply experience the Lord’s mercy and healing; *We pray to the Lord.*

Hospitality Schedule for February 4, 2018:

GREETERS: Alison Chan, Regina Cheong, Jean Ng

RECEPTION: Earl, Jorge, Jean Wong

Today’s Liturgy - January 28, 2018

Readings: GATHER 1102– 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time/B

PROCESSIONAL: #615 – Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

OFFERTORY: #659 – I Lift My Soul to You

COMMUNION: #902 – O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

RECESSIONAL: #573– To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

News and Events

Blessing of the Throat

In honor of St. Blaise whose feast day is Feb. 3rd, we will offer blessing of the throat at the 8am mass on Sat. Feb. 3rd and at the end of all the masses next weekend.

First Friday HOLY HOUR

Our monthly First Friday devotion will take place on **February 2nd at 7pm** in Church. All are welcome!

2018 Offering Boxes

are available at the church entrance table. Please pick up your box of envelopes. The offering boxes are only for registered parishioners. If you can't find your box, please contact the parish office. If you want a new box, please consider to register with St. Therese. Thanks for your generosity!

2017 Tax Letter for Church Donations

If you would like to have a 2017 donation letter for tax purposes, please contact the parish office.



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital patients:

Mary, James, Angelo, Priscilla, Theresa, Eva, James, Michele, Mayme, Betty, Henry, Levorgia,

Rebecca, James, Henry, Mildred, Madeline

Sunday School for Preschoolers, Ages 4 & 5 years

The next class with Sr. Caritas will be on February 18 & 25, from 9:15am-10:15am in the St. Lucy

Room.

Prayer Intention

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anna Gonzalez**, who was buried through our Church this past Thursday. May she

rest in peace and may the Lord grant her family comfort and hope.

SAVE THE DATE! Our Annual Lunar New Year Celebration will be on Sunday, February 25th. The regular 10:30am mass and the 12 noon Mandarin mass will be combined to a **10:00am Mass**. All are welcome!

St. James Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed Saturday, Feb. 10th from 8:30am until about 11:00am. Please consider sharing your time and talents to serve others. Please sign up at the church entrance table.

St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church Parish Description



We are a vibrant, multi-cultural Catholic Church and the Center for Chinese Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Chicago. We promote Catholic values and serve Chinatown and the surrounding neighborhoods in welcoming all to share the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and perform charitable works.

Parish Vision

To be Jesus Christ in Chinatown and beyond

Parish Mission

- ♦ to faithfully reflect the love and joy of Christ by welcoming all to the Catholic community;
- ♦ to joyfully celebrate our ethnic cultures as devoted disciples of Christ;
- ♦ to compassionately serve as a home in particular to Chinese Catholics and immigrants; and
- ♦ to actively empower all to practice the Catholic faith and become a part of the universal Church.



Announcement Weekend

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal "Come, Follow Me"

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you received with your bulletin. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is **much different than a one-time special collection**. It is a **pledge campaign** where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The ACA theme for 2018 is "**Come, Follow Me.**"

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer Jesus' call to "**Come, Follow Me.**"

After our parish goal of **\$9,600** is reached in cash, 100% of any additional funds come back to our parish to help to fund our needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

St. Therese Youth Ministry Meetings

When: *Saturday, February 3*, March 3, April 14 and May 5, 2018, from 5:00pm - 7:30pm.

Where: St. Therese Parish. We begin with mass then proceed to community room.

Who: Any parish, community or school youth who are willing to make a difference!

Why: Celebrate faith, make new friends, explore ways to belong to community.

Refreshments served!



Yes, I give my son/daughter permission to attend the **February 3, 2018** Youth Ministry gathering.

Parents Signature

Youth Name

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS TUITION CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

A second scholarship opportunity through the Tax Credit Scholarship Program opens this Wednesday, January 31st at noon. The application is through **Empower Illinois** and parents can find the application at <https://empowerillinois.org/students/> at noon on January 31st. The Big Shoulders Fund application opened last Monday (01/22/18). These scholarships provide a way for families to cover up to 100% of their tuition costs for eligible families. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is important to apply as soon as possible after the application goes live. Details are available on the St. Therese School Website (www.sttheresechicago.org/admissions/tax credit scholarships program). You may also contact the school at 312-326-2837 with any questions.

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Christmas Donations as of January 26, 2018 Continued from last weekend's list

Ching Sau Yau \$20

Grand Total as of January 26, 2018: \$29,779

Thank you to All who contributed!

Weekly Offering
Collection for January 21, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,509	
GiveCentral	175	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$59,077
Sunday Loose	535	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$63,800
<hr/> Total Collection	<hr/> \$2,219	

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 92%

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



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January 17, 2018

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Dear community of St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church,

Thank you for your parish's generous donation of **\$980** to the November 2017 collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

In order to build parishes of vitality, it is necessary to look outward to the communities they serve. As Cardinal Cupich and Pope Francis regularly remind us, a Church that is of the poor and for the poor must always consider how it is accompanying those on the margins. For nearly 50 years, CCHD has been doing the work of Renew My Church—supporting the formation of local leaders, standing with and lifting up marginalized communities, and inspiring witness through service as missionary disciples.

In 2017-2018, CCHD is investing in 21 local organizations through economic and community development grants that total nearly half a million dollars. Your gracious support funds projects that promote violence prevention, workers' rights, affordable housing, education, and quality of life for people with disabilities and seniors.

Again, we thank you for your faithful support of CCHD. If you have any questions or would like to explore opportunities for your parish community to engage with CCHD beyond the collection, please contact Liz Young at (312)534-3891 or eyoung@archchicago.org.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elena Segura".

Elena Segura, CCHD Diocesan Director

A handwritten note in black ink that reads "Thank you for sending your check so promptly!".

—CCHD team

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"WORDS" ~Sister Caritas

At this time in our lives we have many people raising their voices and speaking out. Some, like our president, use Twitter. Some use Facebook and some use more familiar ways such as TV or radio or other Events. A couple of weeks ago Oprah spoke upon receiving an award and people became very excited and wanted her to run for the presidency. Words have great power. They can hurt or they can inspire or they can fill the world with unnecessary, meaningless noise.

In the first reading today, we hear Moses preparing the people to listen to God's prophets who were to come to help lead the people. Moses tells how God promised a prophet who would be like Moses. God would place His words in the mouth of the prophet to be spoken to the people. Fidelity to that message was most important to God. Jesus comes teaching and preaching and the people recognize Him as "One who speaks with authority? Even the unclean spirits obey Him."

Many times we speak but we are not aware of the power of our words. We thoughtlessly say something and it hurts another or our children, and it can take a lifetime to release the effect of that word. Many years ago I was teaching first grade. A student was very upset because she could not accomplish a task. I comforted her and said we could learn it another day. Many, many years later I found out that that simple action had been immensely significant to her and she sought me out to share that. We are friends. I was grateful God had put His words and actions in me that day. We do not know what effect our words or actions may have on someone. Be open to allowing God to use your speech for the benefit of others. Be aware of what you are saying. What would Jesus say? What would Jesus do? How can you be like Him? Maybe God will use you or me, to change someone's bad attitude or experience. Be compassionate and loving. Such actions could change the world, even the world in your family, in our parish, in our community.

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