Sixth Sunday of Easter May 6, 2018

#### St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church and School Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate 聖德力華人天主教堂

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#### Mass Schedule 彌撒時間

English Mass 英語<mark>彌撒</mark> Daily Mass 平日弥撒: Monday - Saturday at 8:00am 每 日 上午八時

Sunday Mass 主日弥撒:

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

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#### 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**

## May 6, 2018 Sixth Sunday of Easter

## 8:00 A.M.

10:30 A.M. + + + + +	Joanna Wai Nin Wan Law by Thomas Law & Family Joseph Lin, Sr., Maria Li & Joseph Lin, Jr. by Lin Bi Jiang Moses Yun by Lushia & Tie Kwan Lam Sik Yin by Bernie & Albert Wong Ed Joe by Bernie & Albert Wong		
12:00 P.M.	SMI May Crowning Mass		
MON. May 7th	Easter Weekday		
8:00 A.M.	Birthday Prayers for Michael Nardi by Frank & Sophie		
TUE. May 8th	Easter Weekday		
8:00 A.M.			
WED. May 9th	Easter Weekday		
8:00 A.M. +	Birthday Prayers for Sophie by Frank Poor and Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro		
THU. May 10th	The Ascension of the Lord		
8:00 A.M.	Special Intentions for Frank by Sophie		
<i>FRI. May 11th</i> 8:00 A.M.	Easter Weekday		
SAT. May 12th	Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr		
8:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M. + + + + + + +	Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese For All Mothers, Happy Mother's Day by Frank & Sophie Nardi Jimmy Annoreno by Family Kimberly D'Amico by Joe & Rena Zito Lia Kawazoye by L. & M. Young Birthday Remembrance for Hazel Nardi by Frank & Sophie Happy Mother's Day for Hazel & Alina 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 **Roberta Cheong** for sharing her inspiring faith journey with our community. It is through suffering, she experienced redemption and transformation. Suffering is part of human life and each of us has our fair share of illness and other forms of suffering. When suffering comes to us, we know that our faith helps us to accept and to grow closer with God.



### Ways to Fall in Love with the Eucharist

This Sunday 14 of our children will receive their First Communion. What a great joy for our children and for our community! Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our Christian life. After months of preparation, our children are ready to partake in this special banquet. They will be able to participate fuller in the Eucharist and literally "eat" the bread of life for the nourishment and growth of their own life.

First Communion is a very special occasion for our children. It calls us to rejoice and celebrate with them. It also invites us to renew our love for the Eucharist. Fr. Ed Broom, OMV writes that there are ten ways to fall in love with the Eucharist. I am going to paraphrase it here for your refection.

- 1. Begging the Lord for a greater faith through the Eucharist.
- 2. Making a habit to visit the Eucharist as often as possible.
- 3. Practicing spiritual Communion by opening your heart for Jesus to enter into your soul.
- 4. Meditating on the Gospel discourses related to the Eucharist, particularly John 6.
- 5. Conversing with Jesus as friends do with each other.
- 6. Spending a Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament every day.
- 7. Adorning Jesus in the tabernacle.
- 8. Celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of Mass on a daily basis.
- 9. Remembering the four principal purposes of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass: *Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication.*
- 10. Being Eucharistic missionary by bringing Jesus to others and others to Jesus.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

#### **Two New Ministries**

"Cleanliness is next to godliness." Currently, our Church is cleaned monthly. "Saturday Service *Ministry*" is a new initiative to add a second Church cleaning on the first Saturday of the month led by volunteers.

The second initiative is named "Caring Church Ministry." With all the robberies and violence that have been going on in our neighborhood and city, we would like to create a safe environment for our parishioners and visitors to worship in our beautiful Church. Training will be provided for this ministry.

You are invited to join both or either of these ministries. If you are interested, please let Fr. Li know by calling the office at 312-842-6777 or e-mail him at <u>fli@sttheresechinatown.org</u>



**CHINESE APOSTOLATE takes action this summer!** If you are interested in being Christ for non-English speakers in our community this summer, please consider joining our **Post Office Translation team**. Perry Lau and Tom Howard are organizing a team of translators who will assist patrons at the **Chinatown Post Office** with translation on Saturday (10am-12pm) and Monday mornings (10am-2pm), which is their peak time. We already have approval from the U.S Postal Service. All we need now are a few mission-driven translators. *If you are interested, please contact* **Perry at: PerryYLau@gmail.com or Tom Howard at 773 749 2065.** God Bless!

> Easter Donations as of 04/29/2018 St. Rocco Society \$250 June Moy \$100 Grand Total as of 04/29/2018: \$19,008

**THANKS to ALL who contributed!** 

If you haven't made an Easter donation, if you wish, you may still do so.

Today's Liturgy - May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter/B - First Communion, May Crowning, Family Mass <u>Readings</u>: GATHER 1077

> PROCESSIONAL: #850 – All Are Welcome OFFERTORY: #699 – God Is Love COMMUNION: #914 – Lord, Who at Your First Eucharist *Meditation Song:* (First Communicants): I Am the Bread of Life RECESSIONAL: #641 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

## News and Events

#### **Catholic Charities Collection on** Mother's Day

As a senior citizen, Antonia does not have much income left after paying for rent, medications, and daily supplies. She relies on the Catholic Charities Senior Food Nutrition Program for all of her meals. Last year 145,547 food packages were delivered to low-income seniors in Cook and Lake Counties. Without the food they receive from us, they would have to choose between a healthy diet and paying for medication and other necessities. Please give to Catholic Charities on Mother's Day to help seniors stay healthy. Learn more at www.catholiccharities.net.

"Charity, patience, and tenderness are very beautiful gifts. If you have them you want to share them with others." - Pope Francis

MOTHER'S DAY, May 13th In honor of all mothers in our parish, there will be a special reception on Mother's Day after the 10:30 am mass in the Community Room.

#### **Parish Meetings**

Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, May 8th at 6pm followed by Liturgy Committee meeting at 7pm in the St. Therese Room.

Our monthly Cantonese Mass will be on May 13th at 10:30am.

#### Chinatown Summer Fair—July 15th

Volunteers are Needed to support our biggest fundraising event! Please sign up at the church entrance table.



### Please pray for the following

Mercy Hospital Patients: Yvonne, Novelda, Jasmine, Mary, Falandis, Rhodie, Lloyd, Luis, Carolyn, James, Willie, Keith, Erick, Helena, Emma

#### PRAYER INTENTION

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony Sorrentino, who was buried through St. Therese this past Friday. May he rest in peace.



Please pray for our students who received their

#### **First Communion**

Jason Ching, Christina Folino, Gavin Fong, Kasjhia Garner, Tizoc Gonzalez, Imani Griffin, Chad Lee, Anton Lee-Kline, Jocelyn Lin, Mia Mark, Alexandra Daniell Romallosa, Ethan Tong, Juan Carlos Pedro Winterpacht, Jocelyn Wong

> **HELP SUPPORT OUR** ST. THERESE SCHOOL **STUDENTS!**

> > Friends of St. Therese, We NEED VOU !

EAT AT PORTILLOS ON MAY 10TH!

## HELP SEND **OUR HISTORY** BEE FINALISTS **TO ATLANTA FOR** NATIONALS!

ALL PROCEEDS HELP SEND OUR NATIONAL HISTORY BEE WINNERS TO FINALS IN ATLANTA!

To participate, present a paper St. Therese flier at Portillos - 520 W. Taylor. 20% of the proceeds benefit St. Therese School! Fliers are located on the church entrance table.

#### Reflection from Newly Baptized---Peter Pon



My journey to Catholicism has signs, mile markers, detours, twists and turns. As with any other journey there is a beginning and ultimately an end. Events, landmarks and people mark travel and journeys. It is how, we as humans, record significance. This journey began at St. Therese School, in the fall of 1975. I was not baptized, as this was the case with most of the kids in my class. The first mile marker for me came not too long after. It was the funeral service for Fr. Bauer held at St. Therese Church. I didn't understand it and quite frankly, found it a bit scary. As this lone journey progressed, I became less scared as I learned more about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Ten Commandments in Religion class. I was always curious about where I was going and what I would find around the next curve. Sometimes this journey was not

very exciting, like a long flat desert road. These were the days that religion class was taught with dramatizations of Biblical stories piped in on a cable network station. We would alternate from watching films weekly for 45 minutes with reflection at the end of the program to watching repeats of Davey and Goliath, a crude clay -animated series that dealt with morality issues.

The next mile marker I reached was a few years later when Sr. Elizabeth picked me to read during a school mass. She gave me a copy of Luke's letter to Theophilus to practice and I practiced it until I had it perfect. It was my introduction to scripture and it was a very proud moment for me. As I sped past these mile markers, I found it to be very satisfying and I felt my faith growing stronger. Sometime around the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, I had decided that I wanted to attend CCD and be baptized with some of my other classmates. I'd mentioned this to my parents and they were supportive of my choice. Classes started and we met Br. Doug Shaw, our Catechist, and things got interesting. We went on a retreat and came back with a closeness that was not there until then. We shared a lot of personal feelings and experience. Then that summer I hit my first detour. For whatever reason, I'd lost interest and chose to not complete CCD. I was the only one in the group who did not get baptized. This detour from God continued after graduation and into high school. I was in a Catholic School taking religion classes, but still questioning my faith. Then my life took a drastic turn downhill when my Great Grandmother who raised me, passed away. I was still reeling from the loss when I was dealt another blow that would send me spiraling. My father suddenly passed away 6 months later and at that very moment I felt that God had abandoned me and felt that I should do the same. I had gotten lost on a very dark path and I didn't know how to find my way back to the road. It was then that Br. Michael McCabe put me back on the road. Two years of religion and we never read from the Bible. We did however pray in Latin, study theology, philosophy, economics and psychology. All of a sudden Catholicism could fit into my life again. It was glorious! Then I found myself lost once again.

Graduation meant heading off to college, a life filled with parties and plans to be successful but no more spiritual guidance and the subsequent confusion that came with it. I found myself continuing aimlessly down this road for a while. But while on this road I intersected with my future wife, who would become my rock and my permanent companion on this journey, along with her parents. It took a little convincing, but Barb and her family got me going back to St. Therese Church and spirituality was rekindled. The man that I'd have to ask for permission to marry his daughter never pressured me to go even though he was very involved with the church. He never chided me or acted disappointed when we didn't attend. We got back on the road together and along the way we were married and continued going in the right direction when our daughter was baptized. Years later, this was reaffirmed with our son being baptized as well. At this point in the journey, I'd been following the road but not making my own decisions. Then a stubborn little backseat driver named JJ Pon told me (from her car seat) that if I don't get baptized I won't go to Heaven and that she wanted me to go to Heaven. She said that Mr. Howard told her this and he knows religion. With those words, I could no longer continue to detour. I quite literally drove around with a carload of Catholics. So I said, "JJ Pon, you win, because I can't say no to you!" With that, I reached my first destination and my next marker in my journey to Catholicism. The journey does continue but I no longer feel alone. As I reflect on this, I think God was always with me but He'd just allowed me to choose my path. I just took the long way...

## St. Therese Parish Music Ministry



## Sunday, May 20, 2018, at 5 p.m. St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church

Your freewill donation will support water and sanitation programs through Catholic Relief Services.

<u>Weekly Offering</u> Collection for April 29, 2018			
Sunday Envelopes	\$1,364		
GiveCentral	175	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$87,520	
Sunday Loose	366	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$92,400	
Total Collection	\$1,905		
Weekly Budget:	\$2,200	% of Budget Attained: 94%	
Please consider giving one hour of <b>your weekly salary as your contribution.</b> <i>May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!</i>			



## St. Therese Chinese Catholic Parish

## SUMMER NIGHT DINNER DANCE!

Friday, June 8, 2018 7PM-11PM

New Furama Restaurant 2828 S. Wentworth Ave.

Don't miss out on the FUN & Fellowship! Get your tickets now!

Advanced Tickets: Adults \$35 Children (6-10) \$20 At the Door: Adults: \$40 Children \$25

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

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#### "LOVE ONE ANOTHER" ~Sister Caritas

My Mother encouraged my brother and me to love one another. We were always to come home with each other. We were encouraged to help each other. We always played together. When I would have an asthma attack in the morning, my brother would help carry my books to school and if I needed a little support in walking to school, he would let me lean on his shoulder. I always looked out for him and shared with him. It is where I learned loving one another, even though we did on occasion fight especially doing dishes together for our family.

Jesus tells us to love one another. This is His commandment for us. This is how we will be joyful. Jesus chose us to be His friends. Jesus did lay down His life for us. If we live this love for each other, the Father will give us what we ask for in the name of Jesus. All of this will happen if we love one another.

What does love one another mean? How do we act as Jesus' friends, if we love one another? It means when someone is in need, we do whatever we can. It means we are willing to listen when someone needs to share their troubles, their grief, and their sadness. It means we are willing to be joyful with them and celebrate when a person is happy, excited and joyful and wants to share these things with others. It means we take the time to walk the extra mile with that person even when it is hard and we are especially busy. It means to live out the Spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy. It means to reach out lovingly to others and bring them into our loving family, our Church community. It means to act out of love. John tells us, "God is love", and if we live out this love for one another, we will know God.





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# **Mass of Thanksgiving**

Father Christian Shiu will celebrate his First Mass & Vocational Journey on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018, at the 10:30 AM Mass.

> Reception to follow at Evergreen Restaurant 2411 S. Wentworth Ave.

Adults \$50 | Children 8 & Under Free Purchase tickets through the church office at (312) 842-6777 by Monday, May 14.

Tickets include the luncheon and a gift From St. Therese Church to Christian as he begins his pastoral life.