

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 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

August 19, 2018 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. + Deceased Family Members of Dominic Barbaro
+ Vernisha Gretta Mann by Lily May
+ Cyrus & Cecilia Tang by Bernie & Albert Wong & Esther & David Wong

10:30 A.M. St. Rocco Celebration

MON. Aug. 20th Saints Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:00 A.M. + David Jarzyna by wife Cookie

TUE. Aug. 21st Saint Pius X, Pope

8:00 A.M. In Honor of St. Rocco by Briglio Family
+ Ceil (Dollie) Scuito by Scuito Family
+ Deceased Friends and Relatives of Dominic Barbaro

WED. Aug. 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 A.M.

THU. Aug. 23rd Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:00 A.M. + Ceil (Dollie) Scuito by Frank Scuito

FRI. Aug. 24th Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00 A.M. Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving for Richard T. May by Mom
+ Pasquale Salerno by Family

SAT. Aug. 25th Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:00 A.M. + Pasquale Salerno by Family
+ Rosetta Roti by Family



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to this year's St. Therese College Scholarship recipients: Alex Costa, Inga Hokens, Gillian Kwan and Matthew Reddix. We wish them continued success with their college studies and we hope they will continue to participate in our parish life.



The Living Bread

We have been hearing from the Gospel of John in the last few weeks on the Bread of Life discourse. Today's Gospel presents us with its conclusion. Each of the Sunday's readings has moved us closer to a full exposure of the Johannine theology of Eucharist. With all the misunderstanding, Jesus uses "I AM" statement to declare that "I am the living bread that came down from heaven... Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."

We continue to share Jesus' life in the Eucharist. Pope Benedict XVI said that Eucharist is the great prayer of thanksgiving and blessing. He wrote:

By participating in the Eucharist, we experience in an extraordinary manner the prayer that Jesus prayed and prays ceaselessly for every person so that the evil which we all encounter in life may not get the upper hand and that the transforming power of Christ's death and Resurrection may act within us.

In the Eucharist the Church responds to Jesus' commandment: "Do this in remembrance of me" (Lk 22,19; cf. 1 Cor 11, 24-26); she repeats the prayer of thanksgiving and praise and, with it, the words of the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of the Lord. Our Eucharists are: being attracted at this moment of prayer, being united ever anew to Jesus' prayer. From the outset, the Church has understood the words of consecration as part of the *prayer prayed together to Jesus*; as a central part of the praise filled with gratitude, through which the fruits of the earth and the work of man come to us anew, given by God as the Body and Blood of Jesus, as the self-giving of God himself in his Son's self-emptying love (cf. *Jesus of Nazareth*, Part Two, p. 128). Participating in the Eucharist, nourishing ourselves with the Flesh and Blood of the Son of God, we join our prayers to that of the Paschal Lamb on his supreme night, so that our life may not be lost despite our weakness and our unfaithfulness, but be transformed.

May the Eucharist continue to transform us and may we become what we eat.

~ Peace, Fr. Francis

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GREETERS: Kim, Joel & Michael Casey
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Today's Liturgy - August 19, 2018

Readings: GATHER 1150- 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time/B

PROCESSIONAL: #850 – All Are Welcome

OFFERTORY: #943 – Bread of Life from Heaven

COMMUNION: 916– I Receive the Living God

RECESSIONAL: #775 – Go Make a Difference

News and Events

PREP



Parish Religious
Education Program

Parish Religious Ed Program begins on Sunday, Sept. 16th.

Registration materials can be found on the church entrance table. Please complete your forms and fee & drop off at

parish office by Sunday, August 19th.
Contact: ChrisDelfin@gmail.com for info.



CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Our Parish Religious Education Program is looking for

Catechists and Assistant Catechists.
YOU provide the enthusiasm and we'll provide the training!

If you are interested, please contact Dr. Tom Howard or Christine Delfin at:
ChrisDelfin@gmail.com



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Welly, Sherry, Chui, Grace, Betty, Fidencio, Edward, Sheila, Tanya, Erin, Ulysses, Renard, Marion, Luther, Karen Ruth,

Dorothy, Mary, Olga, Silvino, Rose, Gabriel, Lois, Evelyn

First Day of School - August 28th

Good luck & God Bless all our students & teachers for a fruitful school year.

Sunday 5pm Vigil Mass

Will resume on Sat., Sept. 1st.

CARING CHURCH MINISTRY TRAINING

is on Sunday, Sept. 2nd after the 10:30am Mass in the Santa Maria Room.



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WEDDING BANNIS

Irene Roti & Ryan Maloney will be married in our church on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Please keep them in your prayers.

Santa Maria Inconanata Feast Day Mass and Schedule for Sept. 9th

Our Annual celebration will take place on Sunday, Sept. 9th at 11:00am, and on that Sunday **our regular 8am mass and 10:30am mass will be combined to a 9:00am mass.** Please mark your calendars to attend either the 9am or the 11:00am mass.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Our annual event will be on Sunday, Sept. 16th from 12noon to 2pm in front of church.

Stories from the Chinese Apostolate



Today, more than ever, it can be difficult to find good role models of integrated individuals. Life's hustle and bustle often has us living between different worlds, threatening our personhood with division and dichotomy. While the U.S. economy and social life encourages us to think one way, our Catholic faith reminds us to focus on Christ. With so many distractions and available devices within our grasp, it can even be hard to sit down and ponder where life is taking us.

This week the integrated life of Edith Stein is held up as example for the Chinese Apostolate at St. Therese. St. Teresa of Benedicta and Edith Stein, the Jewish German philosopher are one in the same person.

How is this possible? First, Edith was a famous German philosopher. Next, she encountered the writings of St. Teresa of Avila and became convinced about Catholicism, joining the Catholic Church. Then, Edith joined the Carmelites, adopting the name St. Teresa of Benedicta of the Cross. Finally, she was martyred in Auschwitz on August 9th. St. Teresa of the Cross was canonized a Saint by Pope JP II in 1999.

The scandal of the cross, as it did for St. Paul, served as a powerful metaphor for St. Benedicta. The violence and depravity overshadowing Edith's earthly existence were transcended by the saving message of the Cross.

All of this invites the Chinese Apostolate at St. Therese to ponder the following apostolic questions:

Do I in my ministry identify more with the triumph of the cross or the scandal of the cross?

Who inspired me to convert to the Catholic faith?

What writings captivate my religious imagination?

Do I take advantage of formation opportunities at our parish to integrate?

Parish Ministry Series

Thanks to Sheila Lin, coordinator of the **Prayer Garden Club**, and to all members who work hard to keep our garden so beautiful. Please take a moment to read the following thoughts from them.

Our **Garden Club's** mission is to create a garden with a sense of tranquility, where people can pray and find peace. The garden gives us the enjoyment of the beauty and the aroma of the flowers. It also increases our environmental awareness, where birds and butterflies can come.

In order to accomplish these, we, the Garden Club members work together helping to maintain the trees, shrubs, grass, flowers and our fountain. Through our hard work, we have found joy and peace and also building friendship.

One of our Garden Club members, Elizabeth Masangcay shares her thoughts:

"Even though working in the St. Therese Prayer Garden can be hard work at times, it brings a sense of peace and great joy. Time to relax and contemplate the wonders of nature that God has created for us.

Keeping the Lord's garden also gives me time to talk to him. We should take pride in our Prayer Garden, as people who visit our rectory will pass by and feel the same sense of peace and joy."

Besides for our own enjoyment, indeed, our Prayer Garden has also attracted many visitors to stop by our church. We hope you will cherish and upkeep our Prayer Garden as we do!

Respect Life Corner

Sexual Exploitation

Sexual exploitation is effectuated through misuse of power, and in all its ugly expressions a profound offense against the dignity of the human person. Its first facilitator is collapse in the general culture of traditional understandings about sexual morality. Contributing to the collapse has been a rejection of God and the natural law, written on all hearts, e.g., Rom 2:15, and a dismissal of truths once thought to be immutable and knowable by everyone. Once held by all that murder of the innocent was gravely evil; but no more. This cultural drift has clearly affected the society. The second facilitator of sexual exploitation has been the failure of those who knew or suspected it to expose and stop it. This failure may explain the mushrooming anger, dismay and frustration of the faithful at recent allegations of sexual misconduct by the hierarchy. The faithful and the multitude which the Church is called to evangelize need to know that the Church believes sexual misconduct is evil and unacceptable and cares deeply about its victims. We need to impose suitable, *public* sanctions on those who admit guilt, and demand the complicit, if there is any, to answer. At the same time, adjudicate credible, contested allegations in an appropriate public forum. If the public process - judicial or other - proves to be unfair, the faithful can judge for themselves. The point is they'll be able to make their own determination precisely because it was public. Finally, and most importantly, let us ardently call upon the Holy Spirit, font of truth and eternal guide promised by our Lord (Jn 14:16) praying for healing of victims and wisdom and courage for those who must re-mediate these charges.

Respect Life Quote – “Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!” — Address of John Paul II to the Bishops and Apostolic Administrators of Albania on their “Ad Limina” Visit, February 3, 2001 © 2001 Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

Weekly Offering

Collection for August 12, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,504	
GiveCentral	225	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$12,399
<u>Sunday Loose</u>	<u>241</u>	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$15,400
Total Collection	\$1,970	

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 80%

Please consider giving one hour of **your weekly salary as your contribution.**

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

2018-2019 RCIA Programs

Are YOU interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

Is God calling you to be part of the Catholic Family?



OR, have you been baptized into the Catholic Church but have not received Confirmation and First Communion, and would now like to complete your initiation?

If you've answered "YES" to any of these questions, please consider joining the

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“ONE IN JESUS” by Sister Caritas

Sometimes people come into our lives. Some people are with us for a while and for one reason or another, they leave or we leave them. Other people are in our lives “forever.” I have three friends I have known most of my life. One is from the neighborhood I grew up in and she is in California with her family. Another one is from grade school and she is also in California. The other one is from High School and she is in the Chicago area. These three women are in my life and I often think of them even though I do not see them. They are in a certain way, always with me. Their concerns are important to me as they also are. One of these women is struggling with cancer and so is her husband. I pray for them every day.

Jesus tells us in the Gospel today, that when we receive the Eucharist, “we remain in me and I will remain in you.” This means that we are very close to Jesus. Through Holy Communion, Jesus’ Body and Blood, we are one with Him just as He is close and one with His Father. We are closer to Jesus than we are to friends and family. One of the differences is that friends and family will eventually leave us. Jesus is always with us and will be with us as long as we want Him to be with us. Only serious sin can separate us from Him. When we receive the Eucharist, Holy Communion, we are strengthening and deepening our closeness to Jesus. If we are at work, Jesus is with us. When we are driving, even if we do not think of it, Jesus is with us. When we are one with Jesus we are also one with God the Father and with the Holy Spirit. We are never alone.

Receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus helps us to grow. We deepen our faith, hope and love. We deepen our relationship with each other. When we receive the Eucharist, we are united with each other and with Jesus. Because each of us is united with Jesus, we are united with each other through Jesus. Jesus is the head and as St. Paul tells us, we are the body of Jesus. Each of us, united with Jesus is joined as one, just as our hand and arm are part of our body and is joined to the torso and legs. In the Church, we are all one body, joined with each other, connected to Jesus, our head, our way, our truth our life.

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