Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 7, 2018

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Mass Schedule 彌撒時間

English Mass 英語彌撒 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

October 7, 2018 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 A.M.
- **10:30 A.M.** + Joanna Wai Nin Wan Law by Thomas Law & Family
- MON. Oct. 8th Weekday 8:00 A.M
- TUE. Oct. 9th Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions; Saint John Leonardi, Priest
- **8:00 A.M.** Special Intention for Francine by Frank & Sophie
- WED. Oct. 10th Weekday
- **8:00 A.M.** + Poor and Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro
- THU. Oct. 11thSaint John XXIII, Pope8:00 A.M. +Vince Briglio, 65th Wedding Anniversary by Family
- FRI. Oct. 12thWeekday8:00 A.M.Health Blessing for Marina & Peter by Mom
- SAT. Oct. 13thWeekday8:00 A.M. +Gordon Lee by Darlene Chan-Lowe
 - 5:00 P.M. + Jimmy Annoreno by Family + Genevieve Ragonese by SMI Club + Fr. Anthony Adducci by SMI Club



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks

We had a fruitful and busy weekend celebrating the Feast of our parish patron, St. Therese and our unity in diversity in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Thanks to all who came for the Blessing of Animals. Thanks to **Sharon Wong** and all walkers and sponsors for a successful Walk-A-Thon. Thanks to our school and Church children for singing and offering roses to St. Therese. Thanks to all who attended Catholicism 201 talk on Sharing Stories of Love. And thanks to all who represented St. Therese at the 2nd Asian Community Mass last Sunday. (photos on next page)



Renew My Church

This past week, Debbe Oi, Sharon Wong, Tom Howard, George Lee and I attended two days of Renew My Church Summit at Stephen Convention Center. It was a wonderful experience of being with over two thousand leaders from all over the Archdiocese, praying, sharing, and planning for this local church. The keynote speaker was Fr. James Mallon, founder of the Divine Renovation Ministry and author of the book—Divine Renovation. He spoke on important topics, such as Mission, Hope, Transforming Culture, Renewed

Model of Leadership and Awareness of the Work of the Holy Spirit.

Based on Pope Francis' call for our Church to be more missionary oriented, Fr. James challenges our local church to move from maintenance to mission. Pope Francis Wrote, "I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways 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." Changes can be hard, but we have hope because the Holy Spirit is working in and among us.

There were a lot of positive energies at the gatherings. Leaving the conference, I have much more hope for the Renew My Church process. As you know our Grouping is waiting for the Cardinal to announce his decision, which is expected to happen at the end of November. Meanwhile we commit ourselves to continue to pray and prepare and collaborate with our neighboring parishes.

Renew My Church calls us all to renew ourselves too. We need to allow ourselves to be transformed by the Spirit. The experience of being changed will help us to be open. Lastly congratulations to our School for its 2nd Blue Ribbon Award, which testifies to the excellent students and hardworking faculty we have. We will celebrate this exciting and prestigious award in the coming weeks.

St. Therese Pray for Us!

Photos (Sept. 29th & 30th)



SHORT TALK & FRANCISCAN RELIC BLESSING - Sunday, October 14, 2018



Brother Joe Babcock, OFM Cap. is a Capuchin Franciscan friar from St. Clare Friary on Archer Avenue. He is currently in studies, preparing for priesthood. He will briefly introduce Blessed Solanus Casey, a friar in Detroit who was beatified last year. He will also talk briefly about Saint Francis of Assisi and his own vocation. Afterwards, he will offer a blessing with the relics of Saint Francis and Blessed Solanus.

靈修短講及聖髑降福

若瑟. 柏覺修士 (Brother Joe Babcock, OFM Cap)是一位來自亞殊大道 (Archer Avenue)聖嘉勒會院 (St. Clare Friary)的嘉布遣方濟會小兄弟。在這講座中,他將簡介一位底律特的嘉布遣方濟會小兄弟,去年 剛蒙列真福品的真福蘇朗. 卡西 (Blessed Solanus Casey)。若瑟修士亦會向大家講解亞西西聖方濟 及分享他個人聖召歷程。最後,他會以聖方濟及真福蘇朗的聖髑向大家降福。

Brother Joe will be taking a second collection to support the UIC Newman Center's trip to the SEEK Conference in Indianapolis in January. The University of Illinois at Chicago is sending 50 young adults to the SEEK Conference to experience four days of prayer, reflection, and community with over 16,000 Catholic young adults. The SEEK Conference brings many young people to discover their vocation as priests, sisters, and brothers. Three Capuchin friars will be going with the Newman Center, and there are also many young students who cannot afford to travel to the conference without your assistance. Please help support our young people in their desire to grow in the Catholic faith.

Hospitality Schedule for October 14, 2018:

GREETERS: Flo Yu, Teresa Moy, Tim Tie RECEPTION: TBA

News and Events

Today's Liturgy - October 7, 2018

READINGS: GATHER 1171 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/B CANTONESE MASS CHINESE HYMNAL

PRECESSIONAL:

#28 - 露德聖母 Immaculate Mary OFFETORY:

#208 – 上主萬有天主 Lord Almighty COMMUNION;

#453 - 耶穌基督是生命源 Jesus Christ, Source of Life RECESSIONAL:

#476 - 在基督的愛內 In Christ's Love

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, October 8- Finance Council at 6pm; Liturgy Committee at 7pm;

Tuesday, October 9, at 6:30pm - Parish Pastoral Council

CATECHISTS NEEDED for our RE Program

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Delfin at: ChrisDelfin@gmail.com



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Anointing of the Sick will take place on the weekend of Oct. 27th and 28th at all the masses.



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Parish Ministry Series - Hospitality

The Holy Spirit stands in the gap to help us meet daily life challenges, big and small. When we serve in a ministry using our time, talents and treasures, we stand in the gap for the church. We are a bridge for others.

I joined the Hospitality Ministry to share my passion for cooking. I believe food is something that crosses all boundaries. When asked to join, it made perfect sense. It gives me the opportunity to practice what Paul talked about to the Galatians when he referenced the fruit of the spirit ~*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and <u>self</u><i>control.* It also gives me the opportunity to develop my faith and friendships. I am continually encouraged by our church. I hope to be a light for others.

~ Kim Casey

2018-2019 RCIA Programs

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The Meaning of Love

What is love? Poets, musicians, and philosophers have spent much ink over the centuries describing what love is and what it means. Scripture tell us that God is love, and St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians that love is patient, kind, etc.

But what does it mean to love? What does it look like when we love someone? Monsignor Stuart Swetland answered these questions on a recent <u>Go Ask Your Father</u>[™]. He said:

"Love is to want, will, and work for the true good of the other. So to love your neighbor is to want, will, and work for the true good of your neighbor.

Even with your enemy you can do that. To love your enemy is to want, will, and work for the true good of your enemy. Now, often the true good of an enemy is that they convert, that they change their wicked ways. Because a true enemy, if you are an upright person doing the good, the true, and the beautiful and living in a way to unify all of humanity, your enemy is usually someone who is doing something vile or wicked or trying to harm innocent people.

So often, the main thing that you want for an enemy is that they convert, that they be caught and they be given the opportunity to change their wicked behavior that leads them to be your enemy.

So your definition of love, which you said is to seek the good of the other, I think is exactly right. That is what we should do. And you can even apply that to love of self. Because proper love of self is to seek the true good for oneself, not the illusionary good that the world offers us. It's not about power, and wealth, and glory, and pleasure and all those things. It's about the true good of human flourishing, full participation in the goods that perfect persons.

You can even apply it to love of God. Love of God is to want, will, and work for the true good for God. The true good for God is His will. So another way to talk about loving God is to want God's will to happen. We want His kingdom to come. That's what we pray for when we pray the Our Father. 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done' is another way of expressing the moral truth of how we should live out our love of God. https://relevantradio.com/2018/09/the-meaning-of-love/

"God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1:26) in each one."

~ Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

| <u>Weekly Offering</u> Collection for September 30, 2018 | | | | |
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| Sunday Envelopes | \$ 1,290 | | | |
| GiveCentral | 180 | July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$25,885 | | |
| Sunday Loose | 763 | July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$30,800 | | |
| Total Collection | \$2,233 | | | |
| Weekly Budget: | \$2,200 | % of Budget Attained: 84% | | |
| Please consider giving one hour of your weekly salary as your contribution. <i>May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!</i> | | | | |

St. Therese Chinese Catholic School Is Awarded a National Blue Ribbon

Chicago, IL – U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recognized St. Therese Chinese Catholic School as one of 349 <u>National Blue Ribbon Schools</u> for 2018. The recognition is based on the school's overall strong academic performance by its students.

St. Therese is a winner in the "Exemplary High Performing Schools" category. Honorees in this category are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. St. Therese students routinely test at the top both locally and nationally.

"This is a wonderful honor for our school," said Lisa Deborah Oi, principal of St. Therese. "Receiving this award for a second time in such a short period of time further confirms that our program of striving for academic excellence in a challenging and nurturing environment is bringing real results for our students."

St. Therese is one of seven Chicago-area Catholic schools to receive the award this year. "I am extremely proud of our Catholic schools for being recognized by the U.S. Department of Education," said Dr. Jim Rigg, superintendent of Catholic Schools. "The honor of achieving Blue Ribbon designation status reinforces the academic excellence and quality Catholic education we provide students and their families throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago."

About the National Blue Ribbon Program

Now in its 36th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed recognition on more than 8,800 schools. On November 7-8, the Secretary and the Department of Education will celebrate with 300 public and 49 private school honorees at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year. The Department invites National Blue Ribbon School nominations from the top education official in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Department of Defense Education Activity and the Bureau of Indian Education. Private schools are nominated by The Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

The National Blue Ribbon Award is presented to schools based on a school's overall academic excellence or the school's progress in closing student achievement gaps. The Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools have received 102 Blue Ribbon Awards, more than any other school system – public and private – in the country.

St. Therese is planning a special celebration for the entire school community on Friday, October 19, 2018 at 10am in the school.



Lois Payton Helen Moy Katherine Culen Amelia Lorraine Schroeder Karl Schroeder Phil Maraldi Nicholas Tobar Vincent Thome Barbara McElrov Ramona Zavala Michael Howley Betsy Young Richard Tobar Rose Perez Phyllis Robinson Bai Xue John Palenik Luz Whitehead Jade Yee Anthony Scuito Rev. Anthony Adducci James Gemkow Frank Karagianes Cita Orendain Dolly Roti

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"Vows and Promises We Make" by Sister Caritas

Some years ago, I heard someone deciding to marry someone and saying, "We will get married and if I don't like the situation we can get a divorce." I have also seen situations where people are not sure they want to marry and so they live together and one year grows into seven or eight years. This is a situation of one of my friends in the suburbs.

Our readings today discuss divorce and marriage. There are many, many situations, and each must be looked at in a pastoral way according to the situation and circumstances and the teachings of Jesus. At the heart of all promises and commitments is a call to fidelity. When I promise my child or friend to do something, if at all possible, I should try to do it. A child does not forget a promise and if it is my son or daughter, I am repeatedly asked by the child, when we are going to do it. If it is a friend, I can risk the friendship by not keeping the promise. If I am sick that is a good reason.

When one makes a public vow such as in priesthood or religious life we promise God and the public community, parish or Church, or religious community. These are sacred promises and we count on the grace and help of God and the support of family, friends and the community to support and encourage us as we live out our fidelity to the promise/vow made. Marriage vows are also public and sacred. It is also the responsibility of the family, witnesses and friends, to encourage and support those whom are married. In today's culture, permanent commitment is or can be very difficult. With our experience of "instant gratification" and the "doing it my way" mindset, the sacrifice required in permanent commitment is often thought impossible. If we count only on ourselves, it may be impossible. If we count on the grace of God and the positive support of those who care, of the parish, community, we will have the graces we need to be faithful. If we make vows and promises out of real, sacrificial love, we have a good chance of keeping these vows and promises for many years, through the grace of God.





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