

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 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 上午八時 & 十時 (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 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. +

10:30 A.M. + In Remembrance of Mary Lydon by Bi Jiang
+ Virginia Fong by Joane Mellor
+ Gary Pionke by Bryan, Peggy & Brandon Lowe & The Lowe Family

12:00 P.M. Mandarin Mass

MON. Dec. 17th

Late Advent Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Vince Briglio by Wife & Family

TUE. Dec. 18th

Late Advent Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Theresa Hill, 40th Anniversary by Marion Roti

WED. Dec. 19th

Late Advent Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Ronald Speycher by Lawrence & Theresa Wong
+ Poor & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro

THU. Dec. 20th

Late Advent Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Frances Der Roude by Lawrence & Theresa Wong

FRI. Dec. 21st

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 A.M. + Blessed Christmas for all Deceased Relatives of the Briglio Family

SAT. Dec. 22nd

Late Advent Weekday

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M. Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese

+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family
+ Gary Pionke by Bryan, Peggy & Brandon Lowe & The Lowe Family



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks

Thanks to all Young Adult core leaders for their participation at the YAM led mass and special thanks to **Jing Zhang** and **Naomi Lowe** for organizing the Mass, and to **Brian Chow** for cooking and donating food for the delicious reception.

Thanks to our catechists in the Religious Education Program, particularly Christine Delfin, for organizing my sharing with all RE students last Sunday. I enjoyed my time with them and was impressed by their questions and participation. We shared on the meaning and symbols of Advent and Christmas.



Eucharist helps me to _____.

This is a continuation from last weekend's sharing.

Eucharist can strengthen me to serve the community and help me to pray and to overcome the problems so that I can totally rely on Our Lord.

Eucharist helps me to properly manage my life, to love God and my neighbors.

Eucharist helps me to be more like Jesus, to be patient, to give hope, to be more loving to those people I encounter.

Eucharist helps me to have a better attitude, to get involved in my community including Church community and to be happy and proud of being a life-long member of St. Therese Church. (RM Centofonti)

Eucharist helps me to be loving, giving, and patient to others especially my family and my patients. (Samantha)

Eucharist helps me to focus for God.

Eucharist helps me to go through hardship and also share God's love with others.

Eucharist helps me to raise my children and share my gifts with others.

Eucharist helps me to remember that Jesus sacrificed so much for us that I should receive Him with unconditional love and to share that love with everyone I encounter. (Darlene)

Thanks to all who shared. It will continue next weekend.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

Upcoming Special Events and Schedule---2018 & 2019

Nov. 25th-Dec. 23rd	Baby Bottle Project to benefit The Women's Centers
December 16th	Family Mass at 10:30 A.M. Book Signing by Dominic Lai from 11:30A.M. to 1P.M. Mandarin Mass at 12 noon followed by Luncheon & Christmas Cantata
December 17th	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
2019	
January 1st	New Year's Day Mass at 10:00 A.M.

Hospitality Schedule for December 23, 2018:

GREETERS: Rose Lau, Agnes Lee, Irene Lee
RECEPTION: Ellen, Emily, Kim

Today's Liturgy - December 16, 2018

READINGS: GATHER 999/ Third Sunday of Advent /C
Family Mass

PROCESSIONAL: #398 – Prepare! Prepare!

OFFERTORY: #396 – Comfort, My People

COMMUNION; #415 – My Soul in Stillness Waits

Meditation Song : Advent Peace Canon

RECESSIONAL: #423 – Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

News and Events

St. Michael Ministry

As part of St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church's need to have a secured facility for our community, parishioners who would like to join this volunteer group should contact Chris Lowe (630)660-6410 or the church office at (312)842-6777.

2019 ENGLISH CALENDAR is now available on the church entrance table. Please take one copy per family.



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Deandre, Diane, Charlene, Muriel, Angeline, Ora, Oliver, Mary, Eduarda, Danielle, Jesse, Willie, John, Christine, Barbara, Judy, Beverly, Leon, Pamela, Joyce, Teria, Karen, Betty, Susan, Elvira, Sandy, Elena, Delcia, Germana, Helena, Curtis, Maria

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) offers a four year scholarship, renewable annually in the amount of \$1000 per year, to a deserving Catholic woman, currently a High School Senior, who can successfully articulate "What it Means to be a Catholic Woman in the World Today.". Criteria/rules and the scholarship application are available for download on our website, www.accwchicago.org/scholarship. The deadline for submission of completed application is March 20, 2019. If you have any questions, you may call the ACCW Office at 312-534-8330 /25.

Youth Ministry

Our next youth event will be on Saturday, Dec. 22nd. They will clean our Church from 9am to 11am and then go to sing Christmas caroling at a senior home. All youth are invited.

Christmas Decoration

Will take place on Sunday Dec. 23rd after the 10:30am mass.

Have you purchased a 50/50 Raffle to help support our school? This is your LAST CHANCE to be the lucky winner!

The Drawing is MONDAY, December 17th after the Christmas concert.

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The Grand Prize, 1st Prize, 2nd Prize and 3rd Prize drawings will be held on December 17, 2018 at St. Therese Church. An Early Bird Drawing will be held on October 30, 2018 for a chance to win \$1,000, and the winning ticket will be returned into the Grand Prize Drawing. All prize amounts are based on the number of tickets sold and St. Therese reserves the right to adjust prize amounts based on actual ticket sales. Winners need not be present. Winners are subject to all federal and state laws and taxes.

2018 Baby Bottle Project for The Women's Center

Our parish will be again participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved almost 40,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.



Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of **Dec. 15th and 16th and Dec. 22nd and 23rd.**

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

You are invited to be a part of this time honored tradition: Children's Nativity Play.



ALL children are invited to join this event.

**Sign-up sheet located at the entrance of our church
or contact Bridget.P.Lee@gmail.com.**

**Rehearsals will be on Sundays December 2,9,16, & 23
from 11:45 am to 1pm**

**Play will be performed during the 5pm Family Mass
on Christmas Eve**

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Messengers of God's Love by Kimberly Baker

Since the news about numerous abuse scandals broke this summer, it has been a very difficult time for Catholics in the United States. In response, efforts for increased dialogue have been organized at many different levels: diocesan-wide events, parish meetings, and personal gatherings to talk, pray, share, and—especially important—to listen.

These efforts to listen and be attentive to others who are hurting should remind each one of us that we can express respect for those we encounter in our daily routines. These events might lead us to reflect on our personal wounds, even in our brokenness we can place ourselves at the service of others. It is an encouraging and beautiful experience to be a messenger of God's love to one another, especially during difficult times.

Inspired by Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast Day: December 12th) and St. Juan Diego, these sentiments are reflected in the 2018-2019 Respect Life theme, "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent." No matter how unprepared or inadequate we may feel, God's grace can work through us to positively impact the lives around us in ways we may never fully realize. That is why it is helpful to remember that each of us is *cherished* in God's eyes, and we are created with a great capacity to love and be loved. We must never forget that each of us is *chosen* by God. Each life has profound purpose and meaning, and each of us has a unique mission in this world. So that we may fulfill this mission, we are *sent*. Each of us is called to reflect God's love in how we treat others, use our God-given gifts, and help others understand their own dignity and worth.

God can work through each of us to be messengers of his love as we aid in others' healing. How do we respond to those around us who are hurting? How do we show—in our actions, words, and behavior—that each life is precious, that each life is sacred? Whether or not we personally know someone who has experienced abuse, we can educate ourselves on how to respond in compassionate ways and learn what resources are available in our local area.

During this turbulent time in the Church, let us renew our efforts to respect and cherish the life of each and every person, to listen attentively, and to remind one another of our God-given dignity—including family members, friends, coworkers, and others we may encounter. Let us remember all victims and survivors of abuse and pray for their protection and healing. Let us always seek, in whatever circumstances people cross our paths, to be messengers of God's love.

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/life-issues-forum/life-issues-forum-messengers-of-gods-love.cfm>

Weekly Offering

Collection for December 9, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,161	
GiveCentral	205	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$46,677
Sunday Loose	361	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$52,800
Total Collection	\$1,727	

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 88%

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

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

Collection at Indonesian Mass on 12/09/2018: \$75 Thank YOU!

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"What makes St. Therese a Blue Ribbon school...is that all students are well-prepared for the future because of the great community we have here," Justin, 8th grader and Student Youth Council President, at our Blue Ribbon Celebration

Dear Alumni, Neighbors, Parents of Graduates, and Friends,

Have you heard? St. Therese Chinese Catholic School won a second National Blue Ribbon! This prestigious award is just the latest recognition for St. Therese. Our commitment to providing an excellent academic education in a culturally-immersive Catholic environment remains as strong as ever. We are so proud of the hard work by our students and staff – and are honored to count you among the St. Therese School friends who have supported us along the way.



St. Therese is dedicated to continuing our mission to provide the best learning environment for our students. This year, donations to the Annual Fund will support our **continued expansion of the Learning Lab concept into additional classrooms**. This student-centered, high-tech classroom facilitates more collaborative class work, improves integration of technology tools, and better reflects the students' future work environment.

Students work in the new 6th Grade Learning Lab.

This year, I am excited to announce that a very generous alumnus of the school will be **MATCHING ALL GIFTS to the Annual Fund up to \$20,000!** This means that your gift to the 2018-2019 Annual Fund Appeal ***will be DOUBLED!***

May we count on your gift to the Annual Fund so that we can earn this \$20,000 matching gift? Creating each Learning Lab classroom requires new furnishings, technology, and training – funds that are not covered by student tuition.

Thank you for your past support of St. Therese School. We all wish you and yours a very happy Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Sincerely,

Lisa Deborah Oi, Principal

"What I found tucked away in this building hidden in the middle of Chinatown is a school community with an incredible work ethic and an even bigger heart," Social Studies Teacher Jeff Chruscil at our Blue Ribbon Celebration



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

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"Rejoice, Wait, The Lord is Coming!" by Sister Caritas

Several days ago, I again found a holy card I have kept for a long time. I like the saying, "We do not know what the future holds but we know who holds the future." St. Teresa of Avila wrote this saying.

Our readings today on "Rejoice Sunday", are filled with many important words from scripture, words important for us here at St. Therese to hear, take to heart, deeply ponder, and pray over in these trying times in our country and in our Church. The first reading tells the people of Israel and the people of Jerusalem, "the Lord is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear." God will "rejoice over you and renew you in His love."

St. Paul tells us, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.." The Alleluia verse says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." These readings and our daily present situations in life call us more intensely and directly to pray. Pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit to lead and anoint us with the gifts of the Spirit. Jesus told us in John's Gospel, if we ask in the name of Jesus, the Father will give us what we need and what we ask for in the name of Jesus.

We know God hears our cry, God will hear our prayers for He loves us and cares for us. He will give us what is best for us. He has gifted us with the coming and presence and love of His Son, Jesus. Offer your prayers and sufferings to God for your needs and intentions and for those of St. Therese. We know if we come together and ask God continuously, persistently, and trustfully with hope, God will hear us. Then we will truly rejoice and give thanks for God is faithful Jesus is coming. Jesus will be born anew in us.

God is powerful. Mary conceived and was a virgin. Elizabeth was too old and her son, John the Baptist was born. God, in the Old Testament, defeated a whole arm with a person using only the jaw bone of a donkey. God can do anything. He can make a caterpillar become a butterfly. God can and will do what we cannot accomplish. God loves us so, that He gave us His only Son. Christmas is coming! Like the Jewish community we must wait and pray and seek God and His will.

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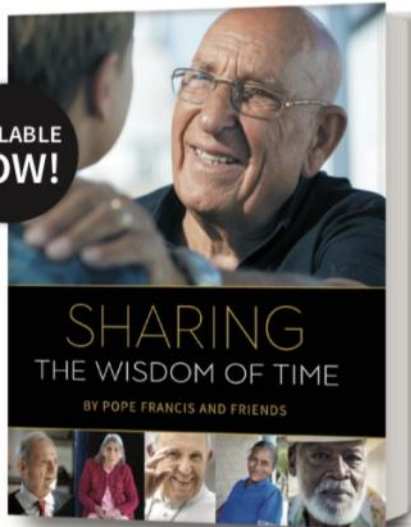
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