

Second Sunday of Lent  
March 17, 2019

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# 四旬期避靜-廣東話

## LENTEN RETREAT (Cantonese)

### 真真假假，真的假不了

2019年4月6日（星期六）

9:00am - 3:00pm

主講：袁銘成執事

袁執事於六十年代進入香港仔聖神修院，  
接受了六年多學術和神修訓練。  
1992年舉家移民「西雅圖」，完成了  
三年多的「終身執事」培育。  
2003年被祝聖為「終身執事」，並委任  
服務華人團體至今。亦多次為其他華人教  
區舉辦避靜和神修講座，深受支持和鼓勵。



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April 7, Sunday 11:30am Lenten Sharing Deacon Joseph Yuen

4月7日，星期日 11:30am 袁銘成執事分享四旬期反思

# Mass Intentions

## *March 17, 2019 Second Sunday of Lent*

**8:00 A.M.** + Sau Fong Yuan by Chris & Darlene Lowe  
+ Vince Briglio by Wife & Family

**10:30 A.M.** + Jenping J. Chan by Daughter Darlene  
+ Harry Wu by Torrez Family  
+ Ismael Fiscal by Torrez Family  
+ Philip Tom by Laura Tom  
+ Charles Tun by Annie Lowe  
+ Albert Wong by Regina Cheong & family

## *MON. March 18th Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

**8:00 A.M.** + Young D. Chin by June Moy  
+ Albert Wong by Lily & Richard May  
+ Joseph Li by Lin Bi Jiang

## *TUE. March 19th Saint Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary*

**8:00 A.M.** + Sau Fong Yuan by Teresa & Gene Lee  
+ Josephine Nudo by Mary Anna Nudo  
In Honor of St. Joseph for all + Deceased & Living members of the  
Briglio family by Briglio family

## *WED. March 20th Lenten Weekday*

**8:00 A.M.** + Rita Lee by Lee & Leung Families  
+ Poor & Forgotten Souls in purgatory by Dominic Barbaro

## *THU. March 21st Lenten Weekday*

**8:00 A.M.** +

## *FRI. March 22nd Lenten Weekday*

**8:00 A.M.** + Cary Moy by Lucy Moy  
+ Deceased family Members & Friends of Dominic Barbaro

## *SAT. March 23rd Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

**8:00 A.M.**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese and St. Barbara**  
Special Birthday Blessings for Cookie by Sister Marion Roti  
+ David Jarzyna by Wife Cookie  
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family  
+ Howard Thome by Joe & Rena  
+ Bernadette Zito by Joe & Rena



## *From the Desk of Fr. Francis*

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

### **Thanks**

Thanks to all youth who participated at our March gathering on Sat. March 9<sup>th</sup> and to all adults who helped with the event.

Thanks to our Young Adults who taught the guests at the Sister house on how to make dumplings. It was a wonderful event!



### **St. Mark Ji Tian Xiang**

This year's theme for our community is Chinese Saints: Examples of Courage and Consistency for Us All. Our Parish Pastoral Council has planned *Catholicism 301* formation series in order for us to know more about Chinese Saints. Throughout the year we will have at least five sharing on five different saints. I hope that by knowing more about their lives, we are inspired to be holy as our Heavenly Father calls us to strive for.



I was happy to speak on St. Mark Ji Tian Xiang last Sunday as the first sharing on Chinese Saints. I found St. Mark Ji's life very relatable to many. He was born into a devoted Catholic family and he himself was very devoted. He was a leader in his parish and a doctor by profession. He helped many people without any compensation. Unfortunately he was a notorious opium addict. After so many Confessions, he still couldn't change his addiction to Opium and

then he was banned from receiving Communion for about 30 years. However, he never gave up on God. During the boxer rebellion, he and his entire family were arrested and forced to apostasy. Under his encouragement, the whole family accepted martyrdom. He was provided the opportunity to save his earthly life by renouncing his Catholic faith but refused. It is said that he was singing hymns to the Blessed Virgin Mary as they led him to the place of execution.

He was canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 1, 2000. His life reveals that sainthood is possible for everyone. What a hopeful story for us all during this season of Lent.

***May you have a holy and blessed Lent!***

***Peace ~ Fr. Francis***





Sacraments of  
Healing

Please pray for the following students who  
received their First Reconciliation on  
Saturday, March 16

Michael Casey  
Ryan Delfin  
Rossella Folino  
Emma Garcia

Luis Martinez  
Wendy Martinez  
Javier Ng-Ortega  
Sergio Reyes

Autumn Lopez

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**\*Sun., March 10\***

4:00 PM

Note Date Change!!

**Sun., April 7**

10:30 AM to 3:00 PM

**Sat., May 18**

5:00 PM to ??

**Chinese Cooking Lesson**

for the SisterHouse women seeking  
recovery from substance abuse. Share our  
culture and skills for healthy eating!

**Mass + YAM Retreat w/ Sr. Jaime**

Is your spiritual tank low? Fill up with  
holiness!

**Mass + Mahjong & Karaoke**

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*Hospitality Schedule for March 24, 2019*

**GREETERS:** Agnes, Irene, Rose

**HOSPITALITY:** Earl, Jorge

*Today's Liturgy - March 17, 2019*

**READINGS:** GATHER 1021 - Second Sunday of Lent/C - Family Mass

**PROCESSIONAL:** #487 – Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

**OFFERTORY:** #659 – I Lift My Soul to You

**COMMUNION:** #486 – Deep Within

**RECESSIONAL:** #644 – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

# News and Events

## CRS RICE BOWL

If you haven't picked up a rice bowl, you may do so after mass this weekend. It is a good way to do charitable works during this special Lenten season.

## PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Albert Wong. We mourn his sudden passing. He dedicated the last 50 years as a caring, hardworking, and loving husband, father, grandfather and community servant. When his wife Bernie was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer in February, Albert became her full time caregiver - driving her to treatments, cooking, cleaning and never leaving her side. Albert will be deeply missed by Bernie, their daughter Jacinta and grandchildren, Tiana and Matthew.



## Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Mary, Alice, Ronald, Antonio, Walter, Dennis, Patrice, Melissa, Melinda, Lee, Tawan, Walter, Stephen, Marie, Rena, L.C., Nancy, Zemma, Charlie, Desiree, Mary, Rolando, Guadalupe, Maria, Velma, Miguel, Sylvia, Jason, Kenneth, Vernon, Panfilo, Arturo, Sean, Lisa, Patricia, Shuyra, Thomas, David, Earl, Frank, Chloe, Joe, Tina, Beverly, Heidi, Christine, Ella



Sr. Jaime Mitchell is a Religious Sister with the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago. She lives and serves the poor on the westside of Chicago at the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels and collaborates weekly with the

Young Adult Engagement Team at the Archdiocese of Chicago. Prior to living in Chicago, she lived in Connecticut and Arizona. She graduated from Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI in 1999 with a BA in Hospitality Management and from University of St. Mary of the Lake in 2018 with MA in Pastoral Studies. Before entering her community in 2013, Sr. Jaime worked in various areas in the Hospitality Industry. She recently professed her final vows on September 22, 2018.

## YAM Spiritual Retreat

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 12noon-3pm  
St. Therese Community Room  
Lunch will be provided

*We invite you to join our young adults in a spiritual conversation with Sr. Jaime Mitchell.*

Topics of discussion include:  
Talks on prayer, finding joy in the mundane, growing in holiness, trusting in God and much more!



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# MEET & GREET



**“AS A BODY IS ONE THOUGH IT HAS MANY PARTS, AND ALL THE PARTS OF THE BODY, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY, SO ALSO CHRIST.”**

1 Corinthians 12:12



**St. Therese Parish thanks all who helped with and who came to our first Meet & Greet on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**“It was joyful and inspiring,” says a participant.**

Fr. Francis Li and Fr. Artur Marat would like to invite all staff, leaders, and parishioners, and school families of the faith community of St. Therese to the next gathering:

**St. Barbara Parish | 2859 S. Throop, Chicago, IL  
Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m.**

St. Barbara will host an evening of fellowship for St. Therese's people. The evening includes a light dinner, learning about St. Barbara Church ministries and School life, and a tour of the facilities. Please contact the St. Therese parish office (StTherese@archchicago.org or 312-842-6777) to let us know by Sunday March 24 if you plan to attend this event at St. Barbara.



These gatherings will be opportunities to begin the journey of knowing each other and building up relationships and planning for our bright future together.

## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

**Taking Another Look at Racism** - On this his feast day, the Apostle of Ireland begins his *Confessions* with these words: "I am Patrick, yes a sinner." For centuries the great American sin has been racism. For too many of us it remains so today. That's why last November the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued yet another pastoral letter on the evil of racism, *Open Wide Our Heart: The Enduring Call to Love*.

Too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered. Racism can often be found in our hearts - in many cases placed there unwillingly or unknowingly by our upbringing and culture.

Racism can also be institutional, when practices or traditions are upheld that treat certain groups of people unjustly.

What is needed, and what we are calling for, is a genuine conversion of heart, a conversion that will compel change, and the reform of our institutions and society. In this regard, each of us should adopt the words of Pope Francis as our own: let no one "think that this invitation is not meant for him or her" (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 3). All of us are in need of personal, ongoing conversion. Our churches and our civic and social institutions are in need of ongoing reform. If racism is confronted by addressing its causes and the injustice it produces, then healing can occur.

Although our nation has moved forward in a number of ways against racial discrimination, we have lost ground in others. Despite significant progress in civil law with regard to racism, societal realities indicate a need for further catechesis to facilitate conversion of hearts. Too many good and faithful Catholics remain unaware of the connection between institutional racism and the continued erosion of the sanctity of life. We are not finished with the work. The evil of racism festers in part because, as a nation, there has been very limited formal acknowledgement of the harm done to so many, no moment of atonement, no national process of reconciliation and, all too often a neglect of our history. Many of our institutions still harbor, and too many of our laws still sanction, practices that deny justice and equal access to certain groups of people. God demands more from us. We cannot, therefore, look upon the progress against racism in recent decades and conclude that our current situation meets the standard of justice. In fact, God demands what is right and just.

As Christians, we are called to listen and know the stories of our brothers and sisters. We must create opportunities to hear, with open hearts, the tragic stories that are deeply imprinted on the lives of our brothers and sisters, if we are to be moved with empathy to promote justice.

Most people would not consider themselves to be racist. A person might admit to being prejudiced but certainly not racist. As Christians, we know it is our duty to love others. St. Paul reminds us that we live by the Spirit, and the "fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5:22-23). We must be honest with ourselves. Each of us should examine our conscience and ask if these fruits are really present in our attitudes about race. Or, rather, do our attitudes reflect mistrust, impatience, anger, distress, discomfort, or rancor?

How about consider this Lent asking someone you really trust and is wise in this area to guide you in self-examination about how you score on the evil of racism. It may be difficult or even painful. Done well, the exercise will produce only winners.

### Weekly Offering

#### Collection for March 10, 2019

|                        |               |                              |          |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday Envelopes       | \$ 1,707      |                              |          |
| GiveCentral            | 200           | July 1-To-Present (Actual):  | \$74,946 |
| Sunday Loose           | 334           | July 1-To -Present (Budget): | \$82,000 |
| <hr/> Total Collection | <hr/> \$2,241 |                              |          |

Weekly Budget: \$2,200                      % of Budget Attained: 91%

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

***May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!***

***Collection at Indonesian Mass on 3/10/2019: \$75 Thank YOU!***



## US-CHINA CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION MISSION APPEAL AT ST. THERESE, MARCH 30-31



The weekend of March 30-31 representatives of the US-China Catholic Association (USCCA) will speak at all the Masses at St. Therese Chinese Catholic Mission.

The USCCA was founded 1989, during the post-Maoist era, after China had reopened to the world. It was a collaborative effort of the US bishops, Maryknoll, the Jesuits, and other religious orders who sought to build fraternal ties between the Churches in the U.S. and in China, to aid the Church in China to get back on its feet, and to provide Americans with an informed understanding of circumstances facing the Church in China.

- Mary Sluka, a native Chicagoan and long-time member of the China Association Board, will speak at the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass.
- Fr. Hugh O'Donnell, CM, who has served as Superior of the Vincentians' Midwest Province and their China Province, as well, will speak at the Sunday 8:00 AM Mass.
- Fr. Michael Agliardo, SJ, executive director of the China Association, will speak at the 10:30 AM Mass.

Over the years the USCCA has run national conferences to bring together people concerned about the Church in China, operated study tours to bring American Catholics to China to understand the realities of the Church there first-hand, and maintained various other forums (a website, a newsletter, and a speaker series) to keep U.S. Catholics informed of the inspiring story of the witness to the faith of our brothers and sisters in China.

Fr. Francis Li serves on the Board of Directors of the USCCA and has been a guiding voice as the China Association expands its work to meet the challenges of a new era. This includes greater outreach to Chinese here in the United States and providing the resources that the Church in China requires in this new era.

Find out more about the vital mission of the USCCA by visiting its website: [www.uscatholicchina.org](http://www.uscatholicchina.org)



Fr. Michael and sisters of the Congregation of Holy Hope in front of the retreat center they built.

### SINO-VATICAN TALKS AND THE CHURCH IN CHINA TODAY

On Sunday, March 31 at 11:45 AM Fr. Michael Agliardo, executive director of the US-China Catholic Association, will speak in the parish hall of St. Therese Catholic Church about the recent accord between the Vatican and Beijing on the naming of bishops. He also will offer remarks on the wider circumstances of the Church in China today.

The Sino-Vatican accord has raised deep concern among Catholics overseas because it comes at a time when the Beijing authorities have launched a drive requiring all religions to limit outside influence and conform to the Chinese norms. Many have criticized the accord as naïve, as a betrayal of the "underground Church" (Catholics who do not cooperate with government officials), or as a capitulation to Beijing. What are the issues at stake?

Fr. Michael is a sociologist who has taught at Boston College and Loyola University Chicago. He has also taught at the Chinese Catholic National Seminary and met with faithful Catholics throughout China.





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

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

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Gerard Phillips  
Joey L.  
Joel Rivers  
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Nathaniel Hicks  
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Rosemary Moy  
Sister Noel Devine  
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Cecila Zastro  
Soledad Magay  
Dorothy Pascente  
Mina Preysler Munoz  
Mia Rose Faciana  
James Rak  
Lan Ying Yee  
Ching Shiu Yau  
Henry F. Wong  
Matthew Mantia  
Phyllis Centofanti  
Susan Zibricky  
Barbara Metzinger  
Victor Roa  
Joseph Caruso  
Anthony Valentino

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### *"Listen to Jesus" by Sister Caritas*

When we see something amazingly beautiful such as a magnificent sunset in the Arizona sky or a sunrise over Lake Michigan, we can be speechless. When standing at the edge of the Grand Canyon, there are no words to describe what we see. Sometimes when we experience God's presence in our lives, or in ourselves, we have no way to tell or explain the experience.

Two of our three readings today, describe experiences that Abraham, Peter, James, and John had. Jesus has been speaking of His coming suffering and death. The apostles find this difficult and unbelievable. Jesus finds encouragement to endure with the presence of Moses and Elijah. The cloud comes over them and they enter into the cloud. The Cloud in the story of Exodus is a presence of God with the people. In the cloud, the three apostles see the glory of Jesus.

After they hear the voice, the cloud and vision is gone and they see only Jesus. That experience is as "good for us to be here." Just as at His baptism, the voice of the Father is heard. The voice says, "This is my Son. Listen to Him." After they hear the voice, the cloud and vision is gone and they see only Jesus. They go down the mountain in silence.

Who could say anything about what they experienced? Where do they find the words?

We are about to begin our second week of Lent. These stories can be sources of encouragement to help us fully participate in the six weeks. We are told of the glorious appearance of Jesus. His death is great suffering but there is the joy and glory of Easter. Jesus rose. We too will rise. We are given the key to walking this journey and the experiences of our lives.

"Listen to Him." In Jesus' words we will find all that we need for our lives, for our faith, hope and love, for our encouragement, support and growth. Take these words of the Father to heart. Each day, each hour, "Listen to Him" (Jesus).

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*Saints: Examples of Courage and Consistency to Us All!*

**Ash Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> (Fast and Abstinence)**

Distribution of ashes at 8:00am mass and 7:00pm mass in Church

**Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 7:00pm in Church

**Student Fun Fridays**

March 8<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at School

**Youth Events**

March 9<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> beginning with the 5pm Mass

**Young Adult Ministry**

Serving at Sisterhouse on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

Lenten Retreat on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 3pm

**CRS Rice Bowl**

Distribution on March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and Returning on April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

**Catholicism 301: Chinese Saints**

First session will be on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:45am to 12:45pm.

**Indonesian Mass---March 10<sup>th</sup> at noon**

**First Reconciliation**

For School and R. E. students will take place on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

**RCIA--- Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

\*Sending Rite for Election will take place at the 10:30am Mass.

\*The Rite of Election will be at 2:30pm at Holy Name Cathedral.

\*Scrutiny Rites will be celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent.

**March Mandarin Mass and Lenten Faith Sharing**

On Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00noon followed by luncheon and faith sharing

**Meet & Greet at St. Barbara---Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

**Holy Hour and Benediction**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of April (5) immediately following the Stations of the Cross

**Service---We will help out at St. James Food Pantry on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Parish Religious Program**

Students will lead the 10:30am mass on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Reconciliation TBA

**US China Catholic Association Mission Appeal---weekend of March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Cantonese Lenten Retreat---April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Parish English Lenten Retreat---Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School Students**

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am in Church