The Ascension of the Lord June 2, 2019

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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

June 2, 2019 The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 A.M. + Sau Fong Yuan by Teresa & Gene Lee

10:30 A.M. + Anniversary Remembrance - Camille Marie & Coco Damico by Marano Family

+ Joanna Wai Nin Law Wan by Law Family

+ Albert Wong by Bernie, Jacinta, Tiana & Matthew

MON. June 3rd Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs 8:00 A.M.

TUE. June 4th Easter Weekday 8:00 A.M.

WED. June 5th Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 A.M. + Poor and Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro

THU. June 6th Saint Norbert, Bishop 8:00 A.M.

FRI. June 7th Easter Weekday

8:00 A.M. In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Dominic Barbaro

SAT. June 8th Easter Weekday

8:00 A.M.

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

+ Bernadette Zito by Joe & Rena

+ Jimmy Annoreno 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 **Anthony Tong** and **Maritza Aceves**, who celebrated their matrimony at St. Therese last week. We rejoice with them and wish them well.

"Change is Necessary!"

With the incoming new mayor in our city, there has been much talk about the need to make changes in Chicago: changes from things that are not working well to effectiveness, changes from old ways of doing business to new possibilities, and changes from corruptions to talking moral responsibilities. All the new changes are with good intentions and good hope for betterment.



As a faith community, we too are in a historical moment of change. Our parish is going to be united with St. Barbara effective July 1st, 2019. This transition calls for celebrations of thanksgiving, of openness to changes. Our Liturgy Committee has planned a weekend of masses of "*Thanksgiving and Hope*" on June 29th and 30th, a moment for us to look back with deep gratitude to all who have been part of our unique history and a moment also for us to look forward with faith and hope to our future. I hope you and your families and friends can join us for this special and historical weekend.

One of my favorite theologians Cardinal Newman says, "To live is to change, and to change often is to become more perfect." Discipleship is a lifelong ongoing change. To put it in religious term, change is conversion. Constant conversion is necessary for us to grow in our love for God and our neighbors.

So let's not be afraid of change. Rooted in our traditions, we work hard to make changes in our lives and we strive to be open to experiences of conversions in our discipleship.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

Mass of Thanksgiving and Hope:
Continuing the Mission...
Saturday, June 29, 2019, at 5:00pm
Sunday, June 30, 2019,
at 8:00 am & 10:30am

感恩與希望主日聖祭: 使命的延續…

六月二十九日 星期六 下午五時正 六月三十日 星期日 上午八時正和十時三十分

All those who have celebrated, mourned, or worshipped at St. Therese are invited to join us in giving thanks to God for over a century of faith in our unique church and in praying for continued blessings for our newly unified parish.

邀請所有在聖德力教堂參與過慶祝、悼念或崇拜活動的教友參加 這台感恩彌撒,感謝天主對這堂區一世紀以來的垂顧,

並為新融合的教堂祝福。

Parishioners will share their thoughts on thanksgiving and hope, and a reception will follow in the Community Room after the 5:00pm and 10:30am masses.

这区教友将在弥撒中进行以"感恩与希望"为主题的分享! 五時及十時半彌撒後會在堂區活動室茶聚。

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Hospitality Schedule for June 9,, 2019:

GREETERS: Kim Casey, Daniel Rak RECEPTION: Emma, Teresa

Today's Liturgy - June 2, 2019
Gather 1079 / Chinese - □□□ 223/500 - The Ascension of the Lord
Cantonese Mass

PROCESSIONAL: #354 - 奔赴主前 Before God

OFFERTORY: #448 - 天上神聖食糧 Sacred Food

COMMUNION #635 - 天主聖神 God Holy Lord

RECESSIONAL: #466 – 西雍讚揚救主 Zion, Praise your Savior

Annual Second Collection for the Fund for

Retired Priests will take place next weekend June 8 and 9. Please be generous.

Holy Hour: Our First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place on Friday June 7th at 7pm in Church. We will pray the Chaplets of the Divine Mercy and have Benediction. All are welcome.

2019 St. Therese College Scholarship Application



Through the generosity of an alumnus of St. Therese School, we have been able to award scholarship grants since 2001, to help young people advance their studies. The donor of this scholarship

fund, who wants to remain anonymous, grew up in Chinatown during the 1950s and was helped by the Catholic Church. After achieving professional and success in his life, in year 2000, he made a significant donation to set up this scholarship fund to help others at St. Therese, especially those who have demonstrated a spirit of sharing and service.

Each award is a \$1,000 lump sum payment. The Scholarship Application Form with detailed criteria is available at the church entrance table. *Service at St. Therese Church is a requirement.*

Deadline for Application and supporting documents: July 10, 2019.

2019 EASTER DONATIONS

Thank You to all who contributed!

Donation Received after 5/26/2019

Kalina & Cameron Pon

\$100.00

Total as of 5/29/2019: \$20,902

St. James Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed Saturday, June 8th from 8:30am to 11:00am. Please consider sharing your time and talents to serve others Sign up at the church entrance table.

MINSTERS OF CARE. Have you ever felt a desire to visit some of our sick parishioners at home or in the hospitals? We are looking for some people who would like to be trained as *Minsters of Care*. You would visit our sick parishioners, and bring them communion. If you are interested, please sign up at the church entrance table or contact Sister Caritas at caritaswehrman@gmail.com Some training would be required. Thank you for your concern and interest.

Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Kimberly, Tony, Susie, Kyle, Walter,



Jeffery, Christopher, Syreeta, Debbie, Olivia, Paula, Leslie, Joe, Tiiffany, Margette, Ralph, Cheryl, Thomas, Laura

St. Therese Church's 2019 Faith Formation Series June 9, 2019 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Presented by Fr. Thomas Gao Community Room



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CATHOLICISM

Dear Parishioners of St. Barbara and St. Therese,

Easter Season blessings and unity greetings to you and your loved ones!

With unanimous support from all Unification Council Members, we have completed the work necessary to provide us with a Mass Schedule for our new Parish that will be effective July 1. We will monitor the Mass schedule and adjust, if necessary, based on the spiritual needs of the community after a year.

Existing Mass schedules were reviewed for both Parishes. Currently eight (8) Masses are offered each weekend, with 2 daily Masses between the two Parishes Mon-Sat. The unification team has prayerfully considered many critical points including traditions, special needs of the faith communities, along with current attendance at each Mass.

We are blessed with the ability to use two beautiful sanctuaries, located close to one another and encourage everyone to worship at both. Masses have been combined and located across our unified parish, with the goal of full pews and a vibrant spiritual energy. The 5pm Sunday Vigil Masses will be combined to a 5pm Mass at St. Barbara site. All pre-requested Mass intentions for the 5pm Sunday Vigil Mass at St. Therese will be transferred to the 5pm vigil Mass at St. Barbara site unless you call the parish office to make other arrangements. The 9:30am Mass and 11:30am Mass on Sunday morning at St. Barbara will be combined to a 9:30am Mass at St. Barbara and the pre-requested Mass intentions for the 11:30am Mass will be transferred to the 9:30am Mass unless you call the parish office to make other arrangements. There will be one weekday Mass rotated between the two worship sites. The worship schedule offered is forward looking to create a renewed spiritual and evangelical focused Parish reality.

So the following new Mass times at each worship site are scheduled to take effect following the unification on July 1st, 2019.

St. Barbara Church

Weekends: Sunday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 6:00 AM & 9:30AM

Weekdays: 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

St. Therese Church

Weekends: Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM & 12:00 PM (Twice a month)

Cantonese Mass, 1st Sunday, 10:30 AM; Indonesian Mass, 2nd Sunday,

Noon; Mandarin Mass, 4th Sunday, Noon.

Weekdays: 8:00am Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

The Liturgy Committee will address details related to schedules and participation of servers, various ministries, including music, Feast Day Mass schedules, and locations.

School Mass schedule will be decided in July or August of 2019.

The schedule and location for Mandarin, Cantonese, and Indonesian Mass will be further evaluated in the next few months.

New Mass schedule reminders are planned for bulletins, websites, banners and signs.

We thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to journey on our calling together as pilgrims to build the exciting new reality the grace of our Lord offers each of us through Renew My Church.

Fr. Francis and Fr. Arthur

Respect Life Corner

The Church and the scandal of sexual abuse – On April 10 this year Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI published his thoughts on the Church and the Scandal of Sexual Abuse. In his view the scandal stems from a loss of belief in God. The context for this unbelief, he asserts, is the replacement of the natural law in moral teaching by a hypothesis that morality is to be exclusively determined by the purposes of human action. Hence, there are no absolute goods or evils and the end justifies the means. The first fundamental gift of faith is "the certainty that God exists." Benedict said, "A world without God can only be a world without meaning. For where, then, does everything that is come from? In any case, it has no spiritual purpose. It is somehow simply there and has neither any goal nor any sense. Then there are no standards of good or evil. Then only what is stronger than the other can assert itself. Power is then the only principle. Truth does not count, it actually does not exist." He expands his point: "A society without God — a society that does not know Him and treats Him as non-existent — is a society that loses its measure. In our day, the catchphrase of God's death was coined. When God does die in a society, it becomes free, we were assured. In reality, the death of God in a society also means the end of freedom, because what dies is the purpose that provides orientation." Why did pedophilia reach such proportions, he then asks? "Ultimately, the reason is the absence of God." "God is regarded as the party concern of a small group and can no longer stand as the guiding principle for the community as a whole. This decision reflects the situation in the West, where God has become the private affair of a minority." Thus, the path forward in Benedict's view: "[W]e ourselves [must] once again begin to live by God and unto Him." It is simple and clear, but not necessarily easy, as the Pope Emeritus also notes: "Today's Church is more than ever a 'Church of Martyrs'." Martyrdom comes in many forms. Keep that in mind next time you try voicing his take on the scandal in public.

https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/full-text-of-benedict-xvi-the-church-and-the-scandal-of-sexual-abuse-59639

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Weekly Offering	
Collection for May 26, 20	119

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,013		
GiveCentral	180	July 1-To-Present (Actual):	\$95,685
Sunday Loose	320	July 1-To -Present (Budget):	\$104,000

Total Collection \$1,513

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 92%

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

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!

Collection at Mandarin Mass on 05/26/2019: \$235 Thank YOU!

♥ 主講人:

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→ 時間: 6/15(星期六)

9:30am-3:30pm;

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"Come Among Us. Fill Us Holy Spirit" by Sister Caritas

Each class, by the time it is ready to graduate, has its own particular spirit. Sometimes the spirit of a class appears very early in the grades. A class that is out of order early on in the second or third grade, continues to be that kind of class in different ways all through grade school. It takes different forms as the grade levels change. Some classes have a spirit of service or care for each other. Some schools develop a "School Spirit" and it is a visible thing people experience. Different people help create that spirit. The characters in the classes make the spirit and the experiences and the teachers form that spirit. The surrounding neighborhood, the families, the town recognizes that Spirit.

Jesus promises that if He goes He will send the Holy Spirit. Without the Apostles knowing, a sprit has developed among them. It is not a clear experience before Jesus dies and rises. They stay together after His death and during His Easter appearances. Jesus comes but at first they do not recognize Him but shortly after He is with them, they know it is Him. That recognition is a sign that this special spirit is growing in them. They are told to wait and stay together for the Spirit Jesus will send is to come to them and "teach them everything." In the Acts of the Apostles we find that the Spirit fills them unites them, strengthens them, removes their fears, and makes them ultimately willing to lay down their lives for Jesus and what they believe He taught them.

WE are called to live out this Spirit. We have been given this Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation. We are filed with this Spirit. We are preparing to celebrate Pentecost, in our tradition, the Feast of the Holy Spirit's coming upon the Apostles and Mary. We have a week to prepare for the Spirit's special coming upon this community, St. Therese and St. Barbara, NOW and coming to make us ONE. THAT is the work of the Holy Spirit. That is what we are called to pray for this week. We have a Novena to the Holy Spirit asking the Holy Spirit to come and make us ONE. Come and fill us with the many gifts the Spirit comes to give, especially the ones we need most. "Ask in Jesus' Name and we will receive. COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.



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