

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

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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, 4:15-4:45 pm at St. Barbara Church 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

July 12, 2020 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. + Phyllis Centofanti by Naomi & Joseph Lowe
+ Christ John Blaseos by Rose Marie Centofanti
+ Jimmy Annoreno by family

10:30 A.M. Heath and Healing Blessing for Betty Fung by Fung Family
Health and Healing blessing for Lai I. Fan by Regina Cheong
+ Gordon Lee by Darlene & Chris Lowe
+ Michael Schiml by Darlene & Chris Lowe
+ Maria Lanh Nguyen by Sr. Caritas

MON. July 13th

Saint Henry

****(Mass at St. Therese Church)***

8:00 A.M. + Dorothy Lee by Lucy Moy
+ Irene Tukich by SMI club
+ Jerry McCarthy by Lucille Salerno

TUE. July 14th

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

****(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)***

8:00 A.M.

WED. July 15th ***Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church***

****(Mass at St. Therese Church)***

8:00 A.M. Special Intentions for Children & Grandchildren of the
Briglio Family by Mom
+ Dorothy Lee by Lucy Moy
+ All forgotten souls in purgatory by Rosetta Palumbo

THU. July 16th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

****(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)***

8:00 A.M.

FRI. July 17th

Weekday

****(Mass at St. Therese Church)***

8:00 A.M. + Dorothy Lee by Lucy Moy
+ Vince Briglio by Wife & Family
+ All Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by the Family of Dominic Barbaro

SAT. July 18th

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest; BVM

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M.

****(Mass at St. Barbara Church)***



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Friendship



I recently had a talk with our Mandarin Group titled "Being Friends with the Lord." In our contemporary time, the word friend has been used for many things. A person can claim she/he has over a thousand Facebook friends. Another person can tell you that he/she just eliminated some of his/her friends. What is a friend? What does our Bible say about friendship? I am not going to details here, but to offer a few quotations for your reflection.

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit-fruit that will last-and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other (John 15: 12-17).

*Pleasant speech multiplies friends, and gracious lips, friendly greetings. Let those who are friendly to you be many, but one in a thousand your confidant. When you gain friends, gain them through testing, and do not be quick to trust them. For there are friends when it suits them, but they will not be around in time of trouble. Another is a friend who turns into an enemy, and tells of the quarrel to your disgrace. Others are friends, table companions, but they cannot be found in time of affliction. When things go well, they are your other self, and lord it over your servants. If disaster comes upon you, they turn against you and hide themselves. Stay away from your enemies, and be on guard with your friends. Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a treasure. Faithful friends are beyond price, no amount can balance their worth. Faithful friends are life-saving medicine; those who fear God will find them. Those who fear the Lord enjoy stable friendship, for as they are, so will their neighbors be (Sirach 6: 5-17).

***Friendship** describes a **relationship** in which both "friends" demonstrate **beneficence** toward each other, become **better people**, and share a level of **mutuality and reciprocity** in the process. ----Laurie Brink

*Thomas Aquinas believes the unimaginable; in fact, he insists on it. Thomas believes we can, are called to be, and must be friends of God. That is what our life is, a life of ever-deepening friendship with a God who is our happiness, a colloquy of love given and love received, a sharing in which each friend delights in the goodness of the other, seeks their good, desires their happiness, and finally becomes one with them.

Jesus calls us friends. What kind of friends are we to our Lord? *Peace ~ Fr. Francis*

Highlights for Daily and Sunday Mass Guidelines:

Preparation

1. Greeters should meet the participants outside the church or in the vestibule to ensure all have masks or face coverings, offer hand sanitizer and register participants. They should remind worshippers that anyone who is ill or having symptoms of illness should not enter the church.
2. All hymnals, missalettes, loose papers or envelopes are to be taken out of the pews and stored. They may not be used at all until further notice.
3. Masks should be worn for the entire time the faithful are in the church. Social distancing must be observed.

Celebration of the Liturgy

1. No congregational singing is allowed at this time. A cantor and accompanist can be used but both must be separated from other ministers and congregants by 10 feet.
2. The procession with the gifts is omitted. The gifts are to be on the credence or side table and the priest (or deacon if there is one) can bring them to the altar.
3. For the collection there should be no baskets passed, nor should the baskets on the pole be used. Donations should be placed in a designated receptacle that does not move.
4. Holy Communion is to be distributed only under the form of the consecrated Host, and only in the hand, with the priest and ministers sanitizing their hands immediately before and immediately after distributing Communion.

Procedure for reception of Holy Communion

- a. Move forward in single file maintaining six feet between each person (look for markers on the floor).
- b. Sanitize hands from table or from sanitizer offered by usher. Do not move forward to the priest to receive the Host until you have vigorously rubbed the sanitizer on your hands and the sanitizer has dried on your hands.**
- c. Do NOT touch your face, clothing or any other surface after sanitizing your hands.
- d. As you approach the priest or extraordinary minister, after you have sanitized your hands, receive the Host in your hand ONLY.
- e. Step six feet to the side, remove strap from one ear of your mask or face covering, and, letting it hang from the other ear and uncovering your mouth, consume the Host.
- f. Replace the mask over your mouth and nose and return to your seat.

Procession out of the Church

For the procession out of the church, the participants should be dismissed row by row, allowing for appropriate social distance on the way out.

Our Parish's Live-Streamed 10:30am Sunday Mass:

Catholics are still absolved from Sunday obligations. Those who can't yet participate in person can still join us online; our 10:30am Sunday mass is live-streamed via Facebook and YouTube

(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAqZ6h3s85o_fB3QSYO2VQ)

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Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish Communication News



SMTCP Facebook:

"If you haven't done so already, please "like"

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SMTCP New Email System:

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to sign up

<https://stmotherteresaparish.activehosted.com/f/1> to receive weekly bulletins and news from the parish.

SMTCP New Bulletin Design:

We are working to unify our parish bulletins. If you would like to share your designing talent, please let Fr. Francis know.

SMTCP New Website:

We have been working on a unified website. Thanks to all who have helped so far. We need volunteers to assist with the content and translation (from English to Chinese).

If you would like to be part of this ministry, please let Fr. Francis know.

St. Therese Chinese Catholic School NEWS

2020 Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Ceremony

- **Baccalaureate Mass** will be at 11:00 am at St. Barbara Worship site on Sunday, August 2.
- **Commencement Ceremony** will be at 11:00 am at the St. Barbara Worship site on Sunday, August 9.
- **Students** are asked to come promptly at 10:30 am to practice for both events. Doors will open at 11:00 am.

*Please note: **the above two events are by invitation only, not open to public.**

Please keep our 2020 graduates in your **prayers**.

St. Therese School Student Registrations for the 2020-2021 School Year:

St. Therese School, two-time National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence winner, is accepting student registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. We continue to anticipate reopening our school doors for in-person classroom teaching this fall. St. Therese School has an advanced core curriculum, innovative classroom technology, one-to-one student devices, along with Mandarin and Spanish instruction for all students from PK3 to Grade 8. For more information, contact us by phone (312-326-2837), email (admissions@sttheresechicago.org), or visit our website (<http://www.sttheresechicago.org>).

Faith Stories 1 by Thomas Howard

The purest, original, and most fundamental way for a Christian to intentionally act is to bear witness. We are called to bear witness to Christ crucified, no matter where we are, even in a barbershop.

Christopher Lee, one parish member who recently attended an orientation meeting for our evangelization team, shared the following insights:



“The other day, while getting my hair cut at a barbershop in Chinatown, several members of CCUC, all wearing shirts emblazoned with their church logo, walked in, greeted the manager, and provided him with a COVID-19 care package of face masks, face shields, and hand sanitizer.

This practical, public faith witness led to two thoughts. First, I thought what a nice gesture this was for members of their faith community to make. Second, I thought it would be great for us to do something similar. Hearing about the exciting possibilities that Alpha will soon offer our community was inspiring!”

Thanks to God. 25 missionary disciples recently showed up to learn about Alpha and consider playing a small role to coordinate it here at SMTCP. Please pray for these individuals, as each of them are personally discerning their call to inspire witness through our Evangelization Team. This team, led by Jing and Tom, is dedicated to providing a soft landing spot like Alpha, specifically for people who do not know Jesus in our community.

In the coming weeks, feel free to return to this evangelization section of the bulletin, where we hope to publish one faith witness story each week by different leaders and parishioners. If you have one you would like to share, please pass it along to Tom Howard! thoward@sttheresechicago.org. God Bless.

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PRAYER IN ACTION IS LOVE, LOVE IN ACTION IS SERVICE! – – St. MOTHER TERESA

“IF YOU WANT PEACE, WORK FOR JUSTICE.”—POPE PAUL VI

Respect Life Corner

Free and Happy – The annual celebration of our nation’s independence day reminds us the deeply cherished freedom in our society, and our nation’s quest for greatness and happiness. Note that even Jesus’ disciples themselves once wanted to know from Jesus who would be the “greatest” in heaven. And Jesus, who came to testify to the Truth and only the Truth, said: “... *unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*” (Mt 18:3-4) After all, our Good Shepherd was fully human too and knew all about our broken humanity and sinfulness. Even though He was perfect and never sinned, He understood our sorrows and struggles. What is Jesus teaching us here? In His eyes, we must strive to live with the simple joy of a little child in order to achieve greatness in heaven, our ultimate destination. Little children are free of sinful and malicious motives, pure, innocent, and trusting of all that is good, true and beautiful in this world. God challenges us to shed our adult pride and ego and to live life with the innocence of a little child. The forces of the world may urge us to achieve more, earn more, run faster, and be the best at all costs, but at the end of our earthly lives, what will it matter? “*For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?*” (Mk 8:36). The lesson here is that living a life of childlike simplicity and humility will make us truly free and happy, and it is what makes us greatest in God’s Kingdom, where it will truly matter the most. May we rejoice in the love of that atmosphere and may all our choices and decisions be driven by the desire to seek and do God’s will; it is only then that we are truly free and happy. **Make It Plain** – Here’s what’s plain about the Black Lives Matter Movement (BLMM). Its leadership avowedly supports “reproductive justice”, i.e. a “right” to abort the unborn, including unborn black lives. Consistent with this view, hundreds of thousands of young black lives were taken last year by abortion, a number reported to exceed those lost to HIV, homicide, diabetes, accident, cancer, and heart disease combined. So, to make it plain, the BLMM leadership is saying that lots of black lives don’t matter. Catholic orthodoxy, on the other hand, ardently proclaims that *all* lives matter, whether black or any other color and whether born or unborn. When we say *Black Lives Matter*, it is said *without qualification, without exclusion*; and, for clarification, we can emphatically add: “UNBORN BLACK LIVES MATTER TOO!” It is a reality of enormous significance. **Quote** – “Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God’s power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.” Read more at www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory. — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-life Activities, “An Adoption Love Story”. **Our Prayer** – For families considering adoption: May the Lord guide and bless their journey, and grant them peace along the way; *We pray to the Lord*:

Weekly Offering

Collection for July 5, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 2,093	
GiveCentral	850	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$3,074
Sunday Loose	131	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$2,200
<hr/> Total Collection	\$3,074	(Actual vs. Budget doesn’t include Sundays from March 15 to June 21st.)
Weekly Budget:	\$2,200	% of Budget Attained: 139%

Please consider giving one hour of **your weekly salary as your contribution.**
May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!



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

Cita Orendain
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June Moy

The Seed and the Word by Sr. Caritas

Today in our lives we see many people protesting. As these protests go on, we receive more and more information about the conditions people face. George Floyd was not the first African American treated badly by the police. People have been saying things about this for many years. Words have been written and spoken. Finally, people have gone to protests. Dr. Martin Luther King said that protest is the language of those whose words are not heard. Even in our families sometimes our spoken word is not heard or understood. Parents often feel their children do not “hear” what they are telling them to do. Teenagers often or continually use the phrase to their parents or families “You don’t understand. You don’t hear me.” Communication is at the basis of many of our human problems. We need to speak a shared language to really communicate.

In our first reading today Isaiah is telling us, God is speaking about His creation and His word. God uses the image of rain and snow falling and watering the earth so things will grow as a perfect image of what His Word is meant to do. God assures us that His word WILL do what it is meant to do. In the Gospel today we have Jesus using the image of a seed being planted and cared for and how it is spread through the world by the “sower.” The sower may be God, Himself, or those God appoints to spread the Word of God. Jesus’ parable talks of the different ground and places the word falls upon. Some grows in the end of the story, to produce much fruit.

To answer the questions of the Apostles, Jesus explains to them the meaning of the parable about the seed and the Word of God. There are other questions too. What kind of soil are we? Are we “rocky soil” or the soil of the path where things get “walked on?” Are we good soil? I think we are all of these at different times. No matter what, God wants the Word to bear fruit in us. Another question is where do we find the Word of God? Is it only in the Bible? Is the Word of God spoken in Church? Is the Word of God spoken by our lives so others can see the good works we do and glorify God? God’s Word will bear fruit. Is the Word of God being spoken by the protestors? They speak of justice and injustice. They speak of equality and inequality. They speak of ways to peace. Is this the Word of God. Is the Word of God spoken by the circumstances of our times and everyday life experiences? What is God saying to us and do we hear? We are called to hear the Word of God, to reflect, read and study the Word of God. WE are called to embrace the Word of God with open arms, open minds, most of all, with open hearts. God wants and is determined that His Word will bear fruit in our time, in our world and in each of us.



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News and Events

Thank YOU Fr. Lukas

Fr. Lukas has applied to be reassigned to another parish. Due to COVID-19, as of today he doesn't know his assignment yet, and he is expected to start his new assignment on July 15th. We want to thank him for his service to our community. We will keep you informed about his new parish. Please extend your personal appreciation and support to Fr. Lukas.

Weekly Parish Rosary on Zoom:

You are invited to join our weekly



Mandarin Rosary on Tuesdays at 2:30pm and **English Rosary on Wednesdays** at 3:00pm.

If you are able to join, please contact Jing Zhang

at jzsttherese@gmail.com for details.

REMINDER:

If you are considered as "vulnerable population;" or if you are having pre-existing health conditions; or if you are experiencing any health issues, out of super abundant caution and pure love for yourself and others, we strongly encourage you not to join our mass in-person for now and we kindly invite you to join our online masses.



Please Pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Julia, Kenneth, Luis, Catherine, Patricia, Jesse, Edward

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Barbara Church:

Weekends:

Saturday: Anticipated Mass: 5:00PM

Sunday: 6:00AM & 9:30AM

Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

St. Therese Church:

Weekends:

Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM, and Mandarin Mass on 2nd Saturday at 4pm; and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30PM

Cantonese Mass 粵語:

1st Sunday of each month at 10:30am

每月第一主日 上午十時三十分

Indonesian Mass 印尼語 :

2nd Sunday of each month at St. Barbara Chapel at 11:00am

Mandarin Mass 國語 :

2nd Saturday of each month at 4pm
4th Sunday of each month at 12:30pm

每月第二周六下午四点和第四 主日中午十二点半

Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Mandarin Mass 國語

Will resume on Sunday, July 26th at 12:30pm.