

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26, 2020

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Baptisms: Parents and Godparents must
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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 26, 2020 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. + Phyllis Centofanti by Linda Myers
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family

10:30 A.M. Health Blessing for Delfin Masangcay by Wife
+ Rose Bertucci by Rosetta Palumbo
+ Jorge & Virginia Lo by Bernie Wong
+ Bill Lee by Berine Wong
+ Michael Schiml by Mona & Jim DiFazio
+ Phil Belty Heymans by Tom and Family

MON. July 27th

Weekday

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

8:00 A.M.

TUE. July 28th

Weekday

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

8:00 A.M.

WED. July 29th

Saint Martha

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

8:00 A.M. + Frank Barbaro Sr. by Rosetta Palumbo

THU. July 30th Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
****(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)***

8:00 A.M.

FRI. July 31st

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

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

8:00 A.M. +

SAT. Aug. 1st Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 A.M. ****(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)***

Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick

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.

Called to Building up the Kingdom of God

In the last two weekends, we heard Jesus teaching us about the Kingdom of God in parables. Once again in today's Gospel Jesus continues to instruct us about the Kingdom of God by employing more parables. Yes the Kingdom of God is dynamic, is growing, and is our mission now. Our internal openness and experiences of the external attacks can affect its growth. The message is clear and Jesus kindly reminds us that "whoever has ears ought to hear."

Do we take time to hear God's voice in our lives? How do we hear it? As we continue the work on Renew My Church, our new parish has begun the preparatory work of "Building the New Reality." Some of you have volunteered to be part of the team, others are still discerning, and still others who haven't heard about this mission. I want to invite all to be open to and to be involved in this mission. If you are not sure yet, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

The mission of building up God's kingdom belongs to us all as baptized Christians. Just this week on July 20th, the Prefect of the Congregation of Clergy issued a new **"Instruction: *The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelising mission of the Church.*"** In it, we are reminded that "in the church there is room for all and everyone can find their place' in the one family of God, respecting each person's vocation."

This letter speaks about Pastoral Care, Parish Community, Parish Priest, and the role of Laity. While knowing all baptized are entrusted with Jesus' evangelizing mission, I would like to highlight the texts referring to LAITY below for your reflection.

The Parish community is composed in a particular way of the lay faithful^[127], who, by virtue of their Baptism and the other Sacraments of Christian initiation, and in many cases by matrimony^[128], participate in the evangelising action of the Church, since "the essential vocation and mission of the lay faithful is to strive that earthly realities and all human activity may be transformed by the Gospel"^[129].

In a particular way, the lay faithful, who have a specific secular character, "seek the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God"^[130]. They "can also feel themselves called, or be called, to work with their pastors in the service of the ecclesial community for its growth and life, by exercising a great variety of ministries according to the grace and charisms which the Lord is pleased to give them"^[131]. 86. The lay faithful are called upon in our present age to make a generous commitment to the service of the mission of evangelization, first of all through the general witness of their daily lives, lived in conformity with the Gospel, in whatever environment they are in and at every level of responsibility; in a particular way, they are called to place themselves at the service of the Parish community^[132].

Clearly we all have the responsibility of being part of the mission of building up the Kingdom of God. We have to start it with ourselves, our friends, and our neighbors; we have to do so in our families, churches, and workplaces.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

Respect Life

Popes' Words on Socialism – From Leo XIII to Benedict XVI, nine popes have consistently condemned socialism. In short: destructive, wicked, perverted . . . that's how the popes describe it. The following is a list of the popes' statements on socialism. **Leo XIII** (1878-1903): "*Overthrow is Deliberately Planned*" (Encyclical *Humanum Genus*, April 20, 1884, n. 27); "*Debasing the Natural Union of Man and Woman*" (Encyclical *Quod Apostolici Muneris*, December 28, 1878, n. 1); "*The Harvest of Misery*" (Encyclical *Graves de Communi Re*, January 18, 1901, n. 21). **Saint Pius X** (1903-1914): *The Dream of Re-Shaping Society Will Bring Socialism* (Apostolic Letter *Notre Charge Apostolique* [Our Apostolic Mandate] to the French Bishops, August 15, 1910, condemning the movement *Le Sillon*). **Benedict XV** (1914-1922): "*Never Forget the Condemnation of Socialism*" (Encyclical *Ad Beatissimi Apostolorum*, November 1, 1914, n. 13). **Pius XI** (1922-1939): *Socialism Cannot Be Reconciled with Catholic Doctrine* (Encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno*, May 15, 1931, n. 117); *Catholic Socialism is a Contradiction* (Ibid. n. 120). **Pius XII** (1939-1958): *The Church Will Fight Socialism to the End* ("Radio message to the Katholikentag of Vienna," September 14, 1952 in *Discorsi e Radiomessaggi*, vol. XIV, p. 314); *The All-Powerful State Harms True Prosperity* (Encyclical *Summi Pontificatus*, October 20, 1939, n. 60). **John XXIII** (1958-1963): "*No Catholic could subscribe even to moderate socialism*" (Encyclical *Mater et Magistra*, May 15, 1961, n. 34). **Paul VI** (1963-1978): "*Christians Tend to Idealize Socialism*" (Apostolic letter *Octogesima Adveniens*, May 14, 1971, n. 31). **John Paul II** (1978-2005): *Socialism: Danger of a "simple and radical solution"* (Encyclical *Centesimus Annus* - On the 100th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*, May 1, 1991, n. 12). **Benedict XVI** (2005 - 2013): "*We do not need a State which Controls Everything*" (Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, December 25, 2005, n. 28). We'll explain more why socialism should be rejected in future issues (<https://tfpstudentaction.org/blog/what-the-popes-really-say-about-socialism>.)

Glimmers of Hope – Two US Supreme Court's rulings on July 8 granted the Little Sisters of the Poor exemption from the Contraceptive Mandate and re-affirmed the autonomy of religious institutions' certain internal management decisions. Let us continue to pray hard for religious freedom. More in: <https://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/supreme-court-delivers-two-important-victories-for-religious-freedom>.

Quote – "Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more in www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations. — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing".

Our Prayer – For all those nearing death: That their faith will ever grow stronger, as they prepare in hope to share eternal life with Christ; *We pray to the Lord*:

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/UCzAgZ6h3s85o_fB3QSYO2VQ)

Remember to "like" our new SMTC Facebook page to receive the latest news about the parish: <https://www.facebook.com/StMotherTeresaParish/>

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish Communication News



SMTCP Facebook:

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

<https://www.facebook.com/StMotherTeresaParish/> to receive the latest news about the parish."

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 Witness #3: Special Times Together, Part 1 by Thomas Howard

Can a wedding anniversary witness the peace of Christ? Tom and Libia Howard think so. For the next two weeks, they share how their Christian marriage is capable of bearing a silent witness of Christ crucified in today's noisy and often turbulent world.

My wife, whose love for me has been consistent, agreed to take an afternoon stroll with me through Ping Tom Park a couple of days before our 33rd wedding anniversary. A few weeks later, during the Alpha online marriage course, we were asked as a couple to reflect on this question: *Tell your partner what has been the most special time you have shared together as a couple.* Amazingly, we both chose our recent afternoon Ping Tom walk as our special time together, but for very different reasons.



In between the train horn blasts coming from the commuter and commercial rail lines and the strong wake coming in from barges and recreational boaters from the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, two distinct and yet complementary horizons suddenly fused together on one park bench.

My wife's consciousness always seems to be more fixated on temporal rather than theoretical priorities. What most impresses me about her contemplations is how pure they are. Unlike me, Libia tends not to add abstract concepts or theories to how she chooses to describe her journey with Jesus.

What follows represents what was going on in her consciousness while we sat on the park bench together. The flow of our love together was momentarily caught in a snapshot. Zoom into the mind of the female member of a middle-aged couple that found peace in the beauty of God's creation, on a Sunday afternoon, right in the middle of a global pandemic. For one fleeting moment, love wrapped itself into an organic whole. As her head rested on my shoulder, my spouse recalled a scripture reading from our wedding:

Love is patient and kind, It is not jealous and pompous or inflated. It is not rude and does not speak of its own interests. It is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.....So faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor 13: 4-7, 13

What made this moment truly special for her was gratitude. In spite of all the ups and downs, misunderstandings, and clarifications, she knows that Jesus remains in the center of our relationship, even after thirty-three years. The snapshot of her head on my shoulder provided a silent testimony to anyone passing by our bench that afternoon in Ping Tom Park. Made in God's image, a Catholic marriage mirrors how love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

SPECIAL PARISH CELEBRATIONS

RCIA Sacraments

Our RCIA celebration is rescheduled to Saturday, Aug. 1st at 5pm at St. Therese Church. We will celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation- Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion- for our RCIA catechumens and candidates.

Attendance is by invitation only. Please keep them in your prayers.

8th Grade Confirmation

Our Confirmation Mass is rescheduled to Saturday, Aug. 22nd at the 5pm Mass at St. Barbara Church. Please keep our Confirmandis in your prayers.

First Communion

Our First Communion is rescheduled to Saturday, Aug. 29th at 5pm at St. Therese Church. ***Attendance is by invitation only. Please keep them in your prayers.***

St. Rocco Feast

Our annual St. Rocco Feast Day Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, Aug. 16th at 10:30am at St. Therese Church. Novena Prayer to St. Rocco will take place on Sat., Aug. 15th at 7:30pm. On that Sunday, our regular 8am mass and 10:30am mass will be combined to a 9am mass. ***Attendance to St. Rocco Feast is by reservation only. For details and other festivities, please contact St. Rocco Society.***

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PRAYER IN ACTION IS LOVE, LOVE IN ACTION IS SERVICE! – – ST. MOTHER TERE-

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

Weekly Offering

Collection for July 19, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,415	
GiveCentral	475	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$7,136
<u>Sunday Loose</u>	<u>125</u>	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$6,600
Total Collection	\$2,015	

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 108%

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...

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Rose Perez
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Lucy Wong

The Kingdom of God by Sr. Caritas

Each of us, as we go through our lives, find things, places and people who become very special to us. Maybe it is something that reminds you of home. Perhaps it is a gift someone gave you that has special meaning. Maybe it is a picture of your Mother or Father. Many events and things in our lives become special. We take special care of them. We keep them in a particular place. Relationships become important. The friendship is something we nurture and work at continuing. It grows and can continue for many years.

In the last weeks, Jesus has told parables about sowing seeds, a field with good plants and weeds sown among them, the mustard seed that grows into a larger bush and yeast that permeates the dough it is mixed with. In our Gospel today, Jesus continues His parables about the Kingdom of God. "The Kingdom of God is like a treasure buried in a field. It is like the "pearl of great price." It is like a net thrown into the sea." The treasure is so special the person sells everything and buys the field. The pearl is so precious, the person sells everything and buys the pearl. The net is thrown into the sea and gathers all kinds of fish which are sorted into the bad and good fish.

Today's Gospel places emphasis on the value of the things used in the parable. The treasure was valued enough to sell everything and purchase the field where the treasure was buried. The pearl was so special that the person sold everything and purchased the pearl. The yeast goes through the entire dough. *Do you value the kingdom of God so much that you are willing to give up everything? Do you value the Kingdom of God as the person who gave up everything to buy the pearl of great price? Like the yeast, do the values of the Kingdom of God permeate your whole life? Would you give everything for the Kingdom of God?*



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News and Events

Welcome St. Therese 2017 Alumni:

We warmly welcome members of 2017 alumni to celebrate with us at the 10:30am mass. This Fall they will attend to their respective colleges. We congratulate them and assure them of our prayers.

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.

First Friday Devotion:

There will be a Holy Hour on Friday Aug. 7th at 7pm in Church with Divine Mercy Chaplets prayer and Benediction. All are welcome!

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:

Rose, Nancie, Donna, Kathleen, James, Francisca, Jessica, Michelle, David, Kellie, Dawn, Elliott, Walker, Clementine, Darryl, Elaine, Ruth Anne, Maria, Jennifer, Fred, Tony, Richard, Paula

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.