Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9, 2020

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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, 4:15-4:45 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

August 9, 2020 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. + + + +	Phyllis Centofanti by George Lee & Family Kent Moy by Moy Family Jimmy Annoreno by Family David Keane by Nora Gonzalez		
10:30 A.M. + + +	Michael Schiml by Mona & Jim DiFazio Lonnie Ng by Torrez Family Sr. Ivy Paula Ann Minwegen by Jing & Mimi		
MON. Aug. 10th 8:00 A.M. +	Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr *(Mass at St. Therese Church) Anniversary for Jimmy Annoreno by Family		
TUE. Aug. 11th	Saint Clare, Virgin *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)		
8:00 A.M.			
WED. Aug. 12th	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious *(Mass at St. Therese Church)		
8:00 A.M. +	Elimiana K. Ho by Perry and Rose		
THU. Aug. 13th	Saints Pontian, Pope; and Hippolytus, Priest and Martyr *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)		
8:00 A.M.			
FRI. Aug. 14th	Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr *(Mass at St. Therese Church)		
8:00 A.M.+	(Manage and and American Comment)		
7:00 P.M.	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
SAT. Aug. 15th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
8:00 A.M.	*(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)		
5:00 P.M.	*(Mass at St. Barbara Church)		

+

Wu Shuet- Kin Lau & Michelle Mary Lau by Perry and Rose



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks and Congratulations

Thanks to our liturgical ministers. Since our churches reopened at the end of June, many of them have been so helpful to be part of our liturgical celebrations. While some have decided not to return to in person mass yet out of abundance of caution, others have offered to assist as many times as needed. Their commitment and participation are greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our RCIA friends! Seven of them celebrated their Sacraments of Initiation; one of them was received into full communion with the catholic faith; and one had Confirmation and First Communion on Sat. Aug. 1st. After weeks of prolonged studies and waiting, they were joyfully welcomed into our Church. We rejoice with them; we welcome them and assure them of our continuous prayers: YoYo Edith Wu, Fiona Alice Duan, Wen Kai Joseph Lu, Wen Hua John Lu, Juan Francis Jimenez, Chon Heong Maria Ng, Traji Francis Morris, JaDonna Bernadette Kendricks, and Shannon Kelly Genevieve Doran





Congratulations to **the class of 2020**! They had their Baccalaureate Mass last Sunday at St. Barbara Church and will have their graduation this Sunday. We thank God for their achievements and pray that they will continue to succeed in their respective high schools.





Congratulations to **Lucas Leobardo Chavez**, child of Rudy Chavez Jr. and Diana Gaona! Lucas was baptized last Sunday at St. Barbara Church.

Peace ~ Fr. Francis



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100th Anniversary

AUG. 16, 2020

10:30 Mass - 4:30 Benediction

Due to the pandemic, room at church is limited.

A Social Distanced

LIVE MASS VIEWING

will be held at the

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Doors open at 10am. Transportation is available from church.

Non Stopping Procession

St. Rocco will travel the traditional route on a float directly to the O.N.I.A.C.

All Are Welcome

St Rocco will remain at O.N.I.A.C. until 4pm.

Social distancing and face masks are required.

Thank you in advance for your understanding, cooperation and devotion.

St. Rocco Society Di Simbario

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St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish Chicago

***Our regular 8am mass and 10:30am mass will be combined to a 9:00am mass on Sunday Aug. 16th.

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish Communication News



SMTCP Facebook:

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

SMTCP New Email System:

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.

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/UCzAgZ6h3s850 fB3QSYO2VQ)

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

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Socialism? (II of II) - 6. Socialism promotes atheism. Belief in God, who unlike us is infinite, omnipotent and omniscient, clashes head-on with the Socialism's principle of absolute equality. Socialism therefore rejects the spiritual, claiming that only matter exists. God, the soul, and the next life are illusions according to socialism. 7. Socialism promotes relativism. For socialism there are no absolute truths or revealed morals that establish standards of conduct that apply to everyone, everywhere, and always. Everything evolves, including right and wrong, good and evil. There is no place for the Ten Commandments, no traditional morality view, neither in the private mind nor in the public square. 8. Socialism mocks religion. According to Karl Marx, religion is "the opium of the people." Lenin, founder of the Soviet Union, agreed: "Religion is a sort of spiritual booze in which the slaves of capital drown their human image, their demand for a life more or less worthy of man." In short, socialism advises how to redistribute wealth, but not how to create it. It banishes God, starves the soul, stifles initiative, dismantles the family, and has shipwrecked many nations. Of course, we cannot hold that all the above criticisms are applicable to all future socialism ideas, as socialism may evolve just as what capitalism has done throughout the years. A point we want to make is that God gives us a complete freedom to choose to be with him or to be forever banned from him. And that freedom comes with a responsibility to seek the truth and the will to do good. Any decision we make has consequences. With that in mind, the country that governs should give as much freedom as possible to the peoples so they all are able to choose how they live their lives with responsibility. Note that many socialism ideas in various forms have been proposed in attempts to solve modern society problems, while our Church has been working hard to address the same problems with her concepts of social justice and dignity of human life derived from her traditional beliefs. It is our duty to put these teachings of our Church into practice. (https://tfpstudentaction.org/blog/10-reasons-toreiect-socialism)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – The Solemnity of the Assumption (8/15/2020) celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. Her "yes" to life shows us how precious God's gift of human life indeed is. Throughout her life, she continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She inspires us how we should live our lives today. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

CONGRATULATIONS to St. Therese Chinese Catholic School Class of 2020



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).

SPECIAL PARISH CELEBRATIONS

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.*

RENEW MY CHURCH UPDATE

Dear Parishioners and Friends.

We would like to give you a quick update on the RMC status in our Parish. We just finished a fiscal year which was the first year of the unified parish operating under the supervision of RMC. At the end of this fiscal year, RMC began transmitting the parish supervision to regular Archdiocese offices and ministries. This process will take longer than expected due to the COVID-19 situation but does not affect daily parish operations.

The only area where we are not transitioning out of RMC supervision is our building/property situation. As you all know, our parish has many buildings in different technical conditions and degrees of use. The most urgent and important problem is that the majority of these buildings have utility systems (heating, water, sewer) long past their expected service life and are in need of replacement. The age of these systems makes the monthly operation cost very high. The majority of the buildings also require major renovations and improvements both interior and exterior.

The Parish has been working intensively with RMC to create a plan for parish buildings and their use. Due to the parish's financial situation, there is no simple solution to renovate these buildings. We think that now we must work on a Master Plan for our parish and each campus. The Master Plan will result in a concept of which buildings and spaces are needed to fulfill the parish mission and provide quality and efficient space for all parish ministries (including school). The Master Plan will include a study of existing and planned parish ministries and services, their possible development, and each building's situation including: their condition, degree of space use, and repair cost vs. new construction. Right now, we are looking for an architect firm to prepare this Master Plan for us. We are working closely with and under the supervision of RMC on this because RMC has experience in this area and ultimately acts in the name of the property owner which is the Archbishop of Chicago.

We hope that the Master Plan will help us make the best decision regarding our building situations. Until today, it was not possible to develop a single and coherent concept for the future of the buildings. Everyone agrees that we cannot continue in the current situation for a long time due to the buildings' conditions and extremely high utility and upkeep costs. Therefore, it is necessary to conduct an in-depth and professional analysis of our needs in order to make the best decision for the future. Again, no final decision regarding any of our buildings has been made until today. We are performing only necessary maintenance and repairs.

We will keep you informed on the progress of the study and, at the proper time, include your involvement in the discussions about our Master Plan.

Weekly Offering Collection for August 2, 2020				
Sunday Envelopes GiveCentral Sunday Loose	\$ 950 520 741	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$11,369 July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$11,000		
Total Collection	\$ 2,211			
Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 103% 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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God's Presence by Sr. Caritas

One of the basic things we know is that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God. Every time I hold a young baby, I see tiny fingers, nose and lips so perfectly formed. For me, holding a newborn child is a time of being very close to God. In creating each of us God has given us a deep longing, a sense of God. We long to be close to God.

In the first reading today, Elijah goes to God's special mountain, Horsebox. He found a cave for shelter. God came to Elijah and told him to stand at the entrance of the cave. God would pass by. As Elijah stood there a sting wind came "but God was not in the wind". An earth-quake came and later fire but "God was not in the earthquake or the fire". Lastly there was a "tiny" whispering sound and Elijah covered his face with His cloak as he recognized God's coming

In the last part of today's Gospel we see the disciples in the boat in a storm and Jesus came walking on the water toward them. The disciples realized that Peter was no different than Peter wanted to walk on water when Jesus was walking toward them. Peter, at Jesus response began walking on water too and then became fearful crying out to be saved. Jesus saves Him. Peter and Jesus get into the boat and the disciples respond in faith "beyond doubt you're the Son of God."

It takes faith to recognize the presence of God. In faith the disciples recognized Jesus as the "Son of God." Elijah recognized God in the tiny sound. What are the ways you recognize God in your life? Where are the visitations and times which deepen your faith and help you believe? When you recognize God, does your fear go away? When you recognize God does your faith deepen? How do you feel and what are you willing to do when you recognize God and God's presence in your life?

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You are invited to join our weekly



Mandarin Rosary on Tuesdays at 2:30pm, English Rosary on Wednesdays at 3:00pm and 5:30am Every Sunday Rosary Prayer at St. Barbara

Church. If you are able to join, please contact Jing Zhang

at jzsttherese@gmail.com for details.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass: St. Therese Church will

have a 7pm Vigil Mass on Aug. 14th and St. Barbara will have the 8am Mass on Aug. 15th in church.

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 inperson for now and we kindly invite you to join our online masses.

Please Pray for the repose of the souls of the following parishioners & friends:

Kent Moy, husband of our long time parishioner Catherine Moy, was baptized in the hospital by Fr. Francis Li on July 15th and then he passed away a week later.

Anthony Scuito, twin brother of Frank Scuito, passed away on July 28th.

Francis Parrilli, long time parishioner, was buried through St. Therese Church on Tuesday, Aug. 4th.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

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 粤語:

1st Sunday of each month at 10:30am

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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

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Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Mandarin Mass 國語

Next Mandarin mass will be on Sunday, Aug. 23rd at 12:30pm.