Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 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.

Ministry Coordinators

Youth Ministry: Mr.& Mrs. Nick & Ellen Andriacchi Young Adult Ministry: Mr. Joseph Lowe & Ms. Jennifer Sin Religious Education Program: Mrs. Christine Delfin

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Mass Intentions September 13, 2020 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. + + + +	Kent Moy by Margaret Moy & Teresa Lee Anthony Scuito by Marion Roti James Roti, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion Janice McCarthy by Fung family
10:30 A.M. + +	Health & Healing blessing for Delfin Masangcay by family Elaine Louie by Darlene & Chris Lowe Jorge, Virginia, George, Charles Lo, Fillis & Bill, Joe & Albert Wong By Agnes family
12:00 P.M.	SMI Feast Mass
MON. Sept. 14th	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross *(Mass at St. Therese Church)
8:00 A.M. + +	Phyllis Centofanti, Birthday Remembrance by daughter Rose Fr. Julius Walz
TUE. Sept. 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)
8:00 A.M. +	
WED. Sept. 16th	Saint Cornelius, Pope Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs *(Mass at St. Therese Church)
8:00 A.M. +	Dominic Barbaro by Family
THU. Sept. 17th	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)
8:00 A.M.	
FRI. Sept. 18th	Weekday *(Mass at St. Therese Church)
8:00 A.M. +	Vince Briglio by Wife and Family
<i>SAT. Sept. 19th</i> 8:00 A.M.	Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)
5:00 P.M.	*(Mass at St. Barbara Church)

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From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Thanks

Thanks to all who helped with the planning and celebration of the feast of St. Mother Teresa, our parish patroness. From our ministers, to all involved children and families, and to the missionaries of Charity, and to Bishop Casey, all came together to honor St. Mother Teresa and implore for her intercessions. It was a beautiful celebration despite of Covid-19 restrictions.



Catechetical Sunday 2020



Next weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday and this year's theme is "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." This offers all catechists a wonderful opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the Lord and to our parish. It also gives our community a chance to pray and appreciate our catechists.

Our parish is in "Building the New Reality" phase of Renew My Church (RMC). This is a time for our entire community to refocus our energy, time and resources into mission and evangelization and to hand on what we have received from the Lord to those among us and in our neighborhood. As a parish, our vision is "to be Jesus Christ in Chinatown, Bridgeport and beyond." And the vision of the RMC is "to make disciples, inspire witness, and build communities." How are we to achieve these imperatives? What can each of us do to be part of this great mission? The answer is simple and it is from Jesus himself: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:19-20).

Evangelization is a big and abstract word, but it is about "bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. At its essence are the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ and the response of a person in faith, which are both works of the Spirit of God."

In Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States, we are told that all Christians have responsibility to evangelize and we do so "by the way we live God's love in our daily life; by the love, example, and support people give each other; by the ways parents pass faith on to their children; in our life as church through the proclamation of the Word and the wholehearted celebration of the saving deeds of Jesus; in renewal efforts of local and national scope; in the care we show to those most in need; and in the ways we go about our work, share with our neighbors, and treat the stranger. In daily life, family members evangelize each other; men and women, their future spouses; and workers, their fellow employees, by the simple lives of faith they lead. Through the ordinary patterns of our Catholic life, the Holy Spirit brings about conversion and a new life in Christ."

Clearly, we all are commissioned to share with others what we have received from the Lord. Our faith is a great gift to share, to practice and to appreciate. Let's not be afraid to carry on the Mission of Jesus Christ. $Peace \sim Fr. Francis$



Faith Witness #7: Michael Pietrzak

Faith, as I see it, is a belief that all things work together for good. After all, if in the beginning there was only God, and if God created everything, then, in my mind, all things are good - even when they look and feel like they are not. Let me explain.



My parents forced me to take piano lessons in 3rd grade but I had no interest.

Getting me to practice was a battle and they took me to lessons kicking and screaming. While I stopped lessons at the end of that year, I kept playing the

piano and practicing, and at different points after, on and off, I asked for more lessons -- all to my parent's surprise. I even started playing the organ at my home parish.

At the end of my freshman year in college, I was offered a position as a Parish Music Director winch included teaching music in the school. Since I was pursuing my degree in education, I jumped at that opportunity. That same year, Greta Chamberlain (now a Cantor at St. Therese's 8 am Mass) was also hired. She became my friend and mentor coaching me as a teacher and introduced me to gospel music which I never thought I could play! She had faith in me!

Music fell off as I moved into a career in educational administration until a few years ago when the urge to bring music back into my life started gnawing at me stronger and stronger.

Late one evening, a few months later, I got a random call that started with, "Michael, what are you doing Sunday mornings?" Puzzled, I asked, "Who is this?" - thinking: I know this voice.

That call was from Greta - after more than 20 years! She said she cantored at St. Therese and asked if I would play for the 8 am just once a month! I agreed. After all, how could I say no to the person who shaped me as an educator and musician since it was just one Sunday a month! (Little did I know it would become all four!)

So you might be asking: what does this have to do with faith? Going back to the beginning, I hated piano lessons. I did not see them as good. But, those lessons introduced me to the music in my soul that I did not know about which led to my first adult job where I met Greta. And, after 20+ years, it was the music that came from those lessons that reconnected Greta and me and led me to bring that music to the people of St. Mother Teresa I never stop being reminded that faith is unseen and it is an act of faith to be able to step back and know: all things work together for good - even when I cannot see the good. It also reminds me that many people and events are unknowing guideposts along the way!

Next week look out for the backstory of our beautiful new organ.

Is there more to life than this



What is Alpha and how does it work? Alpha is an Archdiocesan approved course built for seekers, those who are beginning to explore more about faith, meaning, and life. In other words, Alpha is designed for those not yet ready to formally join the church, the precatechumens.

Worldwide, over 35 million people have completed the Alpha course. Thanks to God, many have joined a church because of Alpha. Alpha is non-denominational.

Each Alpha session includes hospitality, a short film, and a discussion. *Here at SMTCP our Evangelization committee is launching Alpha on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd at 7p.m.* If you are interested, please contact <u>thoward@sttheresechicago.org</u>

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Saint MotherTeresa of Calcutta Parish Communication News SMTCP Facebook:

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SMTCP New Email System:

Please sign up <u>https://stmotherteresaparish.activehosted.com/f/1</u> 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:

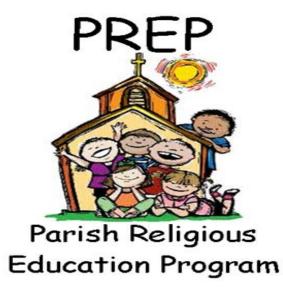
Catholics are still absolved from Sunday obligations. Those who can't yet participate in person can still join us online; our 10:30am Sunday mass is live-streamed via Facebook and YouTube (<u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAgZ6h3s85o_fB3QSYO2VQ</u>)

"Carry on the Mission" Match Appeal

Thank YOU all who have already donated!

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Marilyn Leung	\$300		
Douglas A. Huey	\$125	Nancy Shortino	\$30
Frankie J. Frigo	\$125		
Thomas Wong	\$125	As of 9/11/2020 Total : \$11	1,205
Rita Lim	\$20		
Rose Mary Marasso	\$125		

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish



Religious education for children from 1st to 8th grade.

PREP will begin with Family Orientation at 2p.m. on Sunday, October 4, 2020 via Zoom

For more information contact:

• Chris Delfin at ChrisDelfin@gmail.com

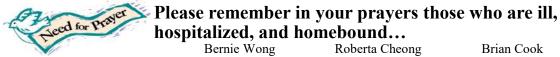
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• Deadline for enrollment is Monday, September 14, 2020.

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<u>Weekly Offering</u> Collection for September 6, 2020						
Sunday Envelopes GiveCentral <u>Sunday Loose</u>	\$1,378 470 <u>463</u>	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$2,2847 July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$2,2000				
Total Collection	\$ 2,311					
Weekly Budget:	\$2,200	% of Budget Attained: 103%				
Please consider giving one hour of your weekly salary as your contribution. <i>May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!</i>						



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Forgive Again and Again by Sr. Caritas

When we are in the process of growing up, our parents begin the important lesson. We are taught the lesson of forgiveness. If you have a brother or sister, it starts there. "Tell your brother you're sorry." Then we are taught how to accept the apology. We may not be happy about it but we learn to deal with the "hurt" or problem and we learn to say we are sorry. It is a lesson which goes with us our whole lives and we gradually really understand both the importance and real process of forgiving. It is one of the most challenging teaching of Jesus. We look at Jesus as the model.

The first reading today talks about having hate, anger, vengeance and other hatefilled feelings in our lives. Peter in the Gospel asks how many times we are to be forgiving. The challenge to be Christian is great. The Our Father prayer reminds us that we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others. Last of all Jesus example of asking God, His Father, to forgive those who were crucifying Him. We are called to have and develop a forgiving heart. As we grow older, we realize WHAT REAL FORGIVNESS IS. It is more than just "saying words."

Walking the way of forgiveness requires great self- knowledge. We need to look into our own hearts and see how much we need to be forgiven. We need to pray daily for the graces we need to lead a life of forgiveness. If we ask, God will give the gift. If, when we go to bed at night, we ask God to forgive us our sinfulness and weakness God will forgive us. We also need to go to rest with a forgiving heart toward others. Being like Jesus is a lifelong task. Holiness requires forgiveness.





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News and Events

Weekly Parish Rosary on Zoom:

You are invited to join our weekly



Mandarin Rosary on Tuesdays at St. Barbara Church: 2:30pm, English Rosary on Wednesdays at 3:00p m 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 Feast of St. Therese of the Child

Jesus is on Oct. 1st. but our faith community will celebrate it on Sunday, Oct. 4th at the 10:30am mass in English at St. Therese Worship Site. Novena to St. Therese begins on Friday, Sept. 25th. The monthly October Cantonese mass is rescheduled to Sunday. Oct. 11th at the 10:30am mass.

Annual Parish Leadership Gathering

Please save the date for our annual Parish Leadership Gathering on Saturday, Oct. 17th from 9am to 12 noon followed by lunch. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this event will be both an inperson and online event. It is open to parishioners at large and registration is required. All CDC and Archdiocese Covid guidelines will be observed. The total number of people for in -person gathering is limited to 50. Location and more details will come soon.



Please Pray for the following Mercy Hospital patients:

Paula, Rhonda, Alicia, Raquel, Mary, Vendrella, Wayne, Cruz, Lucy, Susana, Joyce, Dale, Elijah,

Fannie, Michael, John, Elisha, Renea, Ronda, Sandra, Marnell, Truman, Sharon, Vernell, Roosevelt, James, Charlotte, Cleophus

MASS SCHEDULE

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 占半

Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

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.