

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 15, 2017

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Mass Schedule 彌撒時間

English Mass 英語彌撒

Daily Mass 平日彌撒:

Monday - Saturday at 8:00am 每日 上午八時

Sunday Mass 主日彌撒:

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

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

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- 8:00 A.M.** + Peter Nutini by Rosemarie Centofanti
- 10:30 A.M.** + Sister Lorraine Pratt, SSND, by Sister Caritas
+ Elizabeth Cullerton by Darlene Chan-Lowe
+ Mary Ann Catuara by Darlene Chan-Lowe
+ Mary Chan by Marian, Leann & Vince Torrez
+ Baula Yun by Lushia & Tim Tie

MON. Oct. 16th *Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*

8:00 A.M. For God's Mercy and Graces by Joel Rivera

TUE. Oct. 17th *Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr*

8:00 A.M. + Yam Tong Tse by Lucy Moy
+ In Loving Memory of Vince Briglio by Wife & Family

WED. Oct. 18th *Saint Luke, Evangelist*

8:00 A.M. + Deceased Family Members of Dominic Barbaro

THU. Oct. 19th *Saint John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues,
Priests & Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 A.M.

FRI. Oct. 20th *Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest*

8:00 A.M.

SAT. Oct. 21st *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + William Hong Hing Lam by Monica Lam & Family

5:00 P.M. For Family & Friends of St. Therese Parish
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family
+ John Bowers by Cita, Nicole & Simone Orendain
+ Frank Roti, Jr., Anniversary Remembrance by Marion
+ David Jarzyna by wife Cookie
+ Lauren Mandel by Joe & Rena Zito



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Come to the Feast

Today's readings remind us that God is the host of the banquet we all are invited to be part of and God provides for all people for their hunger. These rich images certainly bring us a lot of comfort and hope as well as questions and challenges.

It is comforting to know that God invites all to the banquet. Sometimes we come to the celebration well-prepared; other times, we may not be as prepared as we should; and still other times we use our freedom to refuse God's invitation.

This image of God providing for all can be also challenging to us, especially at times of natural disasters and suffering. When hundreds of people are victimized by hurricanes, earthquakes, and gun violence, we question God. When innocent people suffer from unbearable illness, we question God. How does God provide to innocent victims? Certainly there are different responses. What is your response?

I think the question at issue is not solely about God, but our human freedom. God gives us the freedom to say yes or no to justice, mercy, compassion and life. When we choose ignorance or violence, God's banquet will be left with empty seats. When we choose not to wear the proper wedding garments, it is not God the host who refuses us, but actually we ourselves have chosen to be left outside.

As human beings, we are fundamentally destined to God by our nature. As St. Augustine succinctly tells us that we are restless until we rest in God. So even though we may not understand God's will at times of suffering, but our faith tells us that our God is always with us and provides for all.

Like the King in the Gospel story, God has new a new invitation to all. Unlike the King, who grew angry at people's refusal of his invitation and people's bad behaviors, God always has compassion and God constantly offers us new invitations.

What is God inviting you to do now? Are you free to respond? God's invitation is always free, but there is a cost to our proper response---repentance.

This reminds me of a recent conversation I had with a young man. He told me that he is interested in joining our Mandarin RCIA, but he is busy on Sundays. He has to work on weekends. Our schedule doesn't fit into his schedule. I asked him if there is any possibility that he can go to work an hour later. He simply responded by saying that he doesn't want to lose his job.

I totally understand this young man's fear of losing his job. His job also made him not free to begin a journey to inquire more about faith and God. Sometimes we too are burdened with things in life that render us not free to respond to God's invitations, things, such as sin, addictions, anger, and other unhealthy habits.

Your presence at Mass today says that you have accepted God's invitation. Are you doing your best to cooperate with God's invitations in your life?

Peace ~ Fr. Francis



Mission at the Heart of the Christian Faith

As Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God's people, St. Therese Parish will continue the message of **World Mission Sunday** by hosting special events & fundraisers to benefit the ongoing efforts to complete the re-building of **Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church in China** that was destroyed by an electrical fire shortly before Christmas 2016.

October 29 | Taste of Summer & Restaurant Raffle

Hosted by the Hospitality Committee
Lunch served after 10:30 AM mass only.

November 5 | Bake Sale

Hosted by the Young Adult Ministry

November 12 | Pancake Breakfast

Hosted by Girl Scouts GCNWI Troops 25527 & 25656

Events held after both 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM masses unless noted otherwise.



If you can help with the events, please contact:
Youth Ministry – Nick & Ellen Andriacchi
Young Adult Ministry – Joey Lowe or Jen Sin
Right: Rendering of new church design

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Little Sheep
Mongolian Hot Pot
Joy Yee Noodle
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Grand Palace Rest.
Kung Fu Tea
And more!



Hospitality Schedule for October 22, 2017:

GREETERS: Jennifer Sin, Gemma Wong, Florence Yu
RECEPTION: Ellen, Emily, Kim

Today's Liturgy – October 15, 2017 Family Mass

Readings: GATHER 1173- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year A
Gather Hymnal

PROCESSIONAL: #850 – All Are Welcome

OFFERTORY: #951 – This Is the Body of Christ

COMMUNION: #943 – Bread of Life from Heaven

Meditation Song: (STS students) - Paz (Peace)

RECESSIONAL: #807 – We Are Called

News and Events

ANNUAL SECOND COLLECTION to SUPPORT WORLD MISSION

Next week (October 22nd), we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. The entire Catholic Church is invited to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders accompany the poorest of the world. Like Renew My Church, *missio ad gentes*, or proclaiming the Gospel to those who do not know Christ, reminds us that we have a responsibility to those outside our parish boundaries, our archdiocese, and even our nation. Please be generous and **please make checks payable to St. Therese Church with notation 'World Mission'**. Thanks.

PRAYER GROUP

The St. Therese Prayer/Faith Sharing Group will meet on Friday, October 20th at 7pm in a designated PREP room. Draw closer to God, deepen your faith and nurture your relationship with Jesus. All are welcome!



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital patients:

Michael, Emily, Yvonne, Demerius, George, Mary, Mary, Raymond, Mable, Georgia, Senta, Charles, Viola, Robert, George, Justina, Louis, Theresa, Mary, Raymunda, Lucio, Charles, Ezekiel, Rosa, Virginia, Tomicka, Silas



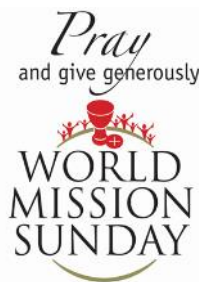
Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on **Saturday Oct. 28th at the 5pm Vigil Mass** and **Sunday, October 29nd at the 8am & 10:30am**

Masses.

We encourage all of our ill members to come, if possible to participate in the **special healing sacrament**. We will need help! *Can you give someone a ride if they cannot get here? Will you invite some of our Catholic shut-ins? Please reach out!* We are able to assist people who are physically challenged with our Elevator LIFT! If you can be in front of Church to offer your help we would be grateful. Thanks!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY- October 22

To celebrate 'WMS', as Catholics committed to building a better world for all God's people, St. Therese Parish's **Youth and Young Adult Ministries**, along with our **school's Girl Scout Troop**, will host special events for ALL to participate beginning Sunday, Oct. 29th for 3 consecutive Sundays. These events will benefit the ongoing efforts to complete the re-building of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church in China.



If you, or someone you know, are between the ages of 12 and 35, please contact the **Youth Group** (Nick or Ellen Andriacchi) or **Young Adult Ministry** (Joey Lowe or Jen Sin) and see how you can help with the preparations! Sign up sheets for both groups can be found on the church entrance table. If you would like to make a donation to help support our *Mission Day* events, please contact the church office at 312-842-6777.

St. Therese Religious Education

2017-18 Parent Formation Series

Where:

**St. Therese Parish
Community Room
218 W. Alexander St.**

When: SUNDAYS

9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

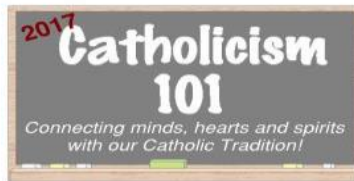
1. 10/15/17--Topic:
***A Catholic Response
to Bullying***
2. 11/19/17--Topic:
***A Catholic Response
to Peer Pressure***
3. 1/21/18 --Topic:
Sacraments
4. 2/18/18 --Topic:
Eucharist



Why: Want to learn more about Jesus? Are you interested in resources that could assist you in becoming more Christ-like with your children and spouse?

Who: Catholic families with children preparing for Sacraments (Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation) are required to attend. **All families are invited.**

Feeling a little rusty on your catechesis? Brush up on what it means to be a Catholic in an hour on a handful of Sundays with St. Therese Church's **Faith Formation Series!**



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| March 19 | Liturgy - Why do we have to go to Mass? |
| April 30 | Sacraments - Why do we need them? |
| May 21 | The Bible - Everything in the Bible is true...and some of it actually happened! |
| June 11 | Moral Life - How do I love God? |

Please note the new dates below!

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| October 15 | Creed - What do we truly believe?
Shared by Deacon Martin Enciso
St. Therese Church at 11:45 a.m. |
| October 29 | Social Justice - How do I love my neighbor? |
| November 12 | The Liturgical Year - Why did we change colors and what page are we on in the new book?? |

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Young Adult Faith Night



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Join St. Therese Church's **Young Adult Ministry** at (re)ENCOUNTER! The registration fee for the first 30 young adults to sign up will be covered by St. Therese. Please reach out to the young adults in your life for a night of faith!

Sign up by Monday, October 16, 2017, with
Naomi Lowe - nchanlowe@gmail.com or
Jen Sin - jennifersin@gmail.com



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StThereseYAM>

Weekly Offering:

Collection for October 8, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 884
GiveCentral	190
Sunday Loose	262
<hr/> Total Collection	<hr/> \$1,336

July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$28,654
July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$33,000

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 86%

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

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Invite your friends, Catholics and non-Catholics, for a night filled with live music, laughter, and meaningful conversations. Connect with friends and make new ones. Let our thought-provoking speakers inspire you. And prayerfully worship our God with the community gathered.

We are excited to announce that Cardinal Blasé J. Cupich will be hosting a number of special guests at (re)ENCOUNTER! He will join **Mark Wahlberg**, renowned actor, producer, father, husband, businessman, on stage for a discussion on the importance of repentance and rebirth, how Mr. Wahlberg discovered truth through his own reconciliation in the Catholic faith, and the role of the Bible and Jesus Christ play in his everyday life.



Fr. Paul Mueller,
SJ, Vice Director
of the Vatican
Observatory



Sr. Bethany
Madonna of the
Sisters of Life



Joe Melendrez
Catholic Musician



Dina Bair
WGN-TV

WHEN

Friday, October 20, 2017
Doors open at 6 p.m.
Event starts at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE

UIC Pavilion
525 South Racine Avenue
Chicago, IL 60607

REGISTRATION

\$15 per person | Ages 18-39

www.reencounterchicago.org



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

Lois Payton
Rosetta Roti
Katherine Culen
Amelia Lorraine Schroeder
Karl Schroeder
Phil Maraldi
Jerry Ecklund
Vincent Thome
Barbara McElroy
Ramona Zavala
Michael Howley
Baby Jessa Piotrowski
Fr. Walter Johnson, MM
Rose Perez
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Matthew Mantia
Phyllis Centofanti
Susan Zibricky
Barbara Metzinger
Suzanne Lynch

If you wish to add a name or remove your name from this list, please call the parish office.

"Put On the Wedding Garment" ~Sister Caritas

When we are in school and are participating in a team activity, a captain for each team may be chosen. Then the captain chooses the team members. Some children are always chosen right away. Others stand in line wondering and hoping someone will pick them for their team. Then there are the last few who get a place kind of by default. It is a very difficult position to be in over and over. Eventually it may encourage someone to not participate at all. Sometimes it can also be like that in Church groups.

This is not how God acts toward us. He invites all people at one time of their life or another, to come to "The Wedding Feast". We are all invited to be part of the celebration of the oneness of Jesus with His Church, the Body of Christ. We, the members, are Jesus visibility here on earth. We are called and chosen by God through the Sacrament of Baptism. Why were you and I chosen and not some other people? Perhaps they were not able to hear the invitation. Perhaps they had not been open to the invitation or no one asked them to come and join the Body of Jesus, the Church. Perhaps they were not ready. Maybe like the people in the Gospel, they had excuses for why they could not come.

Each Sunday and Holy day we are invited by Jesus, by God, to come to the Wedding Feast. We are called to wear our "Wedding garment", the life given to us through baptism and the other sacraments. We are called to come and celebrate and be actively a part of the Body of Christ. When you think about coming to Church on Sunday, think about it as coming to a worship celebration. Think about it as a time to come together and rejoice in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Come together to be nourished by the Eucharist and give thanks for that blessing and all the other graces and gifts God gives us. Reach out and invite others to come to the celebration of the wedding feast. Invite others to be baptized and put on the "Wedding garment" and come to Jesus' celebration. WE celebrate the invitation. We celebrate God's welcome. We celebrate His Word. We celebrate His sacred Body and Blood and we celebrate the support, love and joy of being together in the family of God. We celebrate we are CHOSEN by God.

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