

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 30, 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

*July 30, 2017 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8:00 A.M.** + Young D. Chin by Brian Chan

**10:30A.M.** For Family & Friends of St. Therese Parish  
For Healing Comfort for Lai I. Fan by Regina Cheong & Family  
+ Woodie Lee by Marsha & Michael Lowe  
+ Young D. Chin by Nicole D. Yong  
+ Joyce Eng by Susan & Danny Lee

**MON. July 31st** *Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

**8:00 A.M.** + Joyce Eng by Gertrude Chan

**TUE. Aug. 1st** *Saint Alphonsus de Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

**8:00 A.M.** + Joyce Eng by Marilyn Leung

**WED. Aug. 2nd** *Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop*  
*Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest*

**8:00 A.M.** Special Intentions by Briglio Family  
+ Joyce Eng by George Lee & Family  
+ In Loving Memory of Joseph Spina by Briglio Family

**THU. Aug. 3rd** *Weekday*

**8: 00 A.M**

**FRI. Aug. 4th** *Saint John Vianney, Priest*

**8:00 A.M.** In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Dominic Barbaro

**SAT. Aug. 5th** *The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, BVM*

**8:00 A.M.** In Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Dominic Barbaro



## *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 attended the *1<sup>st</sup> Asian Community Mass*, especially those who helped with a particular liturgical role during the Mass. Almost 30 of us from St. Therese attended the procession and mass in honor of Mary last Sunday at St. Henry. Despite the short rain, we had a beautiful procession on the streets carrying Mary's statues depicted in different Asian cultures. Cardinal Blasé Cupich proudly assured all participants how diverse the Archdiocese is, yet we are united by faith. He also challenged our Asian communities to intentionally foster vocations to priesthood and religious life. We need to pray for vocations and to encourage our boys and girls to consider religious vocations. So please keep this intention in your daily prayers.



Thanks to **Wendy Sin** for her last ten years of service as our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) chairperson! Wendy has shown her dedication and leadership in many ways in our parish life. A good example is her leadership during our Parish Transformation process. She has continuously led the sub-committee for implementation. Due to personal reasons, Wendy decided to step down from PPC and lector ministry. She will continue to be involved with other parish ministries and events.

PPC is pastoral, not administrative. It identifies the parish vision and the implications of that vision, and it studies the life, activities, and ministries of the parish. The PPC evaluates how well the parish is achieving its goals, and recommends policies and programs that will help the faith-life of the parish come alive.

PPC members are responsible for discerning and advising the pastor on issues as they pertain to the parish vision and mission, and act as a channel to exchange information, news, concerns, and assistance between the pastor and parish. Members attend regular bi-monthly PPC meetings, organize and facilitate regular bi-monthly Commission meetings, and plan and execute parish-wide events as needed.

If you would like to join PPC or if you would like to recommend a parishioner for PPC, please let me know.

*Peace ~ Fr. Francis*

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***Hospitality Schedule for July 30, 2017:***

**GREETERS: Allison, Jean Ng, Regina**

**RECEPTION: Amy, Eva**

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**Today's Liturgy – July 30, 2017**

**Readings: GATHER 1140 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year A**  
**GATHER HYMNAL**

**PROCESSIONAL: #848 – Gather Us In**

**OFFERTORY: #828 – Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

**COMMUNION: #781 – Lord, When You Came**

**RECESSIONAL: #734 – Bring Forth the Kingdom**

## News and Events

**HOLY HOUR** Our monthly First Friday devotion will take place on Friday, August 4th at 7pm in Church. All are welcome!

**CANTONESE MASS:** Our August Cantonese Mass will be on Sunday, August 6th at 10:30am with Fr. John Cuff.

### Mass Schedule for Aug. 13th:

Our Annual St. Rocco Feast will take place on Sunday, Aug. 13th at 10:30am and on that Sunday our regular 8am mass and 10:30am mass will be **combined to a 9:00am mass. Please mark your calendar and attend either the 9am mass or the 10:30am mass on Aug. 13th.** Thank YOU!

### Mass Schedule for Sept. 9th and 10th:

Our Annual SMI celebration will be on Sunday, Sept. 10th at 11:00am and on that Sunday our regular 8:00am and 10:30am mass will **be combined to a 9:00am mass. Please mark your calendar and attend either the 5:00pm mass on Sept. 9th or the 9:00am or 11:00am masses on Sept. 10th.**

### Sunday 5pm Vigil Mass

Our 5pm Vigil Mass resumes on Sat. Sept. 2nd.

### The St. Therese Parish Religious Education Program



is looking for Catechists and assistant catechists. You provide the enthusiasm and we'll provide the training. Classes begin on

September 17, 2017



### Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Alexander, Enriqueta, Jack, Belinda, Marion, Helena, Sandy, Dollie, Barbara, Louise, Mattie, Pearlie, Marion, Linda, Pamela, Jorge, Vernon

### Free Community Health Fair – 8/12/17

Catholic Charities is hosting a free community health fair on Saturday, Aug. 12, at St. Gall Parish, 5500 S. Kedzie Ave. in **Chicago**. The health fair offers free medical screenings & physical exams for adults and children; free back to school physicals for children. Registration for all participants: 8am-10:30am. All health fairs: 9am to noon. All of the screenings are done by medical professional volunteers, many of whom are bilingual. For more info: (312) 655-7441.

### The Future of Chicago:

#### Chicago, Violence, and the Catholic Church

on August 11, 2017, 7:30-9:30am at Venue Six10, 610 S. Michigan Ave. Cardinal Blasé Cupich will discuss his efforts to use his pulpit to bring attention to the gang violence fracturing some of Chicago's neighborhoods and his new philanthropic foundation,, The Instruments of Peace Venture Philanthropy Fund, to fight it. Joining him in conversation will be MacArthur Foundation President, Julia Stasch. The largest private grant maker in Chicago, MacArthur supports local efforts to prevent violence, reduce incarceration, build trust between police and the communities they serve, and improve the effectiveness of the criminal justice system. Tickets: \$28 (includes program, coffee reception & conversation. 7:30am Registration 8:00am Welcome remarks & Program 9:00am Coffee Reception 9:30am Conclusion



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## Parish Religious Education Program

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 17, 2017  
for children in Grades one to eight.  
Registration forms are located at the entrance of the church.

For more information contact  
Chris Delfin at [ChrisDelfin@gmail.com](mailto:ChrisDelfin@gmail.com)  
or call the rectory at 312-842-6777.



## Fruits from the RCIA TEAM at St. Therese



### **Ice Breakers for Recruiting RCIA Candidates**

The most effective way to promote the RCIA is to have what is called a “threshold conversation.” The goal of threshold conversations is not to preach, catechize, judge, or defend a particular Church dogma or doctrine, but rather to listen lovingly and carefully to “the seeds of faith” in others.

While threshold conversations bear great fruit, how does one begin one with a stranger?

This summer we have been encouraged to embrace strangers as friends we have not met yet. During the past two weeks I was able to have several threshold conversations at the summer fair and at the Asian Mass this past Sunday at St. Henry’s. Here are a few questions I used during threshold conversations:

*“If you could ask God one question that you knew he could answer right away, what would it be?”*

*“If God is good, then why is there so much injustice (poverty, racism, exploitation) in the world?”*

What I love most about these questions is that they are open-ended. There is no right or wrong answer.

In summary, threshold conversations, unlike a business deal, should always end open-ended. Never portray yourself as someone seeking to close a deal. This is always a turnoff to those interested in the faith.

God Bless! ~ *Thomas M. Howard*

## **St. Therese College Scholarship Award – Sunday, July 30, 2017**

Through the generosity of an alumnus of the St. Therese School, we have been able to award scholarship grants since 2001, to help young people advance their studies. The donor of this scholarship fund, who wants to remain anonymous, grew up in Chinatown during the 1950s and was helped by the Catholic Church. After achieving professional and financial success in his life, in year 2000, he made a significant donation to set up this scholarship fund to help others at St. Therese, especially those who have demonstrated a spirit of sharing and service.

**Congratulations to Matthew Wong, and Lauren Yee**, this year’s award winners. Both Matthew and Lauren are parishioners and have been altar servers for many years. They have also volunteered their time at various church functions and fund raising events over the years. Thank you for your services, Matthew and Lauren. We wish you the best of luck with your college studies at Marquette University, and at Malcolm X College, respectively.





## 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  
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Lan Ying Yee  
Ching Shiu Yau  
Henry F. Wong  
Matthew Mantia  
Phyllis Centofanti  
Susan Zibricky  
Barbara Metzinger

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

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### "THE GREAT TREASURE"

No matter who we are or where we come from, most of us have some few things, a special experience, or a special person whom we treasure. Whatever it is that we treasure, we do not want to lose it, forget it, or be separated from that which we treasure.

In today's Gospel, Jesus places before us images telling what the "Kingdom of God" is like. One of the things all three images have in common is that the person who finds the treasure was looking for the "treasure." If you are not open to finding or recognizing the "treasure" you may not find it. The "treasure" could be right by you and you might miss it if you are not open or looking for the treasure.

A treasure is something we hold close. We try to protect it. We place it in a special place. We may even keep it hidden or keep it a secret. If it is a person who is special to us, we make time for that person. We treat that person with reverence and love. We try not to do anything to hurt that person. We want to bring good things into the life of that person. If it is an experience or situation we treasure, we try to remember it and we go back to that situation or experience often. We recall it and by doing that, the feelings and ideas around that experience become stronger and stay with us.

Jesus tells us the Kingdom of God is like a treasure, a pearl of great worth and a large catch of fish. In each case, the person finding the treasure is willing to give up EVERYTHING in order to have the treasure. He is calling us to have that kind of dedication and generosity for the Kingdom, for our faith. What will you do, what will you give for the Kingdom of God?

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