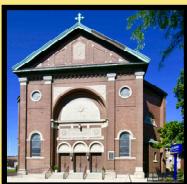


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**THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sept.  
27,  
2020**

**WHICH OF THE TWO DID THE FATHER'S WILL?**



**Have in you the same attitude  
that is also in Christ Jesus.**

**— *Philippians 2:5***

## Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus

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 10:30 am mass in English at the St. Therese Worship Site. The Novena to St. Therese begins this Friday, Sept. 25th. The monthly Cantonese mass is rescheduled to Sunday, Oct. 11th, at the 10:30 am mass.

## Annual Parish Leadership Gathering

Please save the date for the annual Parish Leadership Gathering on Sat., Oct. 17th, from 9am to 12 noon followed by lunch. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the event will be both an in-person 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.

## RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA classes will begin in October. If you would like to become a Catholic, or if you are a Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, this class is for you! There is an information sheet on the table at the entrance to Church. Please fill out the sheet and give it to an usher or, if you need additional information, call the rectory.

## Save the Date; St. Therese School Open House

Join us for an Open House at St. Therese School!

**Date:** Friday, October 9th

**Time:** 1:00 - 2:00 pm

**Location:** St. Barbara Campus  
2859 South Throop Street

Please email [admissions@sttheresechicago.org](mailto:admissions@sttheresechicago.org) to sign up.  
A mask will be required for the Open House,

Thank you! We look forward to meeting you!

## St. Therese School News

Congratulations to Joseph Ramoran, 4th grade, and Reagan Tong, 7th grade, who were named State Grade-Level Winners in the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest!



Joseph Ramoran



Reagan Tong

## **"CARRY ON THE MISSION APPEAL"**

Our "Carry On The Mission Appeal" is ongoing. Our goal for this appeal is \$100,000. If we can raise \$50,000 by World Mission Sunday, October 18th, a generous donor has volunteered to match this amount. This appeal will help with continuing to run all ministries, opening our doors for Sacraments in a safe manner, and spreading the Good News to those who cannot come to church during the pandemic

The suggested amount per family is \$125; however, please donate whatever you can to help us meet our goal.

To date, the following donations have been received:

### **\$150 and Above**

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Sierzega - \$300  
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Mr. Sylvester Maryas - \$25  
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Ms. Christine Encina - \$20  
Mr. & Mrs. Hector Feliciano - \$20  
Mr. Joe Boniewicz - \$10  
Mr. & Mrs. Juan Herrera - \$10  
Anonymous - \$10

Thank you for your support.



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## THANKS

Thanks to all catechists and teachers who have so committed themselves to hand on our faith as we have received from the Lord. Their examples and dedication have made a difference in our school and church. Many came to believe in Jesus because of their faith and teachings in words and actions.

This year's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will again be offered in English, Mandarin and Cantonese. Classes will start in October. Please invite possible candidates in your families and in our neighborhood to consider joining our RCIA. For more information, please see our weekly bulletins and/or contact our parish offices.



## WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2020

This Sunday Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> is World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis in his message for this special day highlights that we as Christians must grow in our care and support for all migrants and refugees by understanding them better, promoting this message, and welcoming, protecting, and integrating them into our societies. The following excerpt is for your reflection and prayers:

At the beginning of this year, in my Address to the members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See, I pointed the tragedy of internally displaced people as one of the challenges of our contemporary world: "Situations of conflict and humanitarian emergencies, aggravated by climate change, are increasing the numbers of displaced persons and affecting people already living in a state of dire poverty. Many of the countries experiencing these situations lack adequate structures for meeting the needs of the displaced" (9 January 2020).

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Displaced people offer us this opportunity to meet the Lord, "even though our eyes find it hard to recognize him: his clothing in tatters, his feet dirty, his face disfigured, his body wounded, his tongue unable to speak our language" (*Homily*, 15 February 2019). We are called to respond to this pastoral challenge with the four verbs I indicated in my Message for this Day in 2018: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. To these words, I would now like to add another six pairs of verbs that deal with very practical actions and are linked together in a relationship of cause and effect.

You have *to know* in order *to understand*. Knowledge is a necessary step towards understanding others. Jesus himself tells us this in the account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus: "While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him" (*Lk 24:15-16*). When we talk about migrants and displaced persons, all too often we stop at statistics. But it is not about statistics, it is about real people! If we encounter them, we will get to know more about them. And knowing their stories, we will be able to understand them. We will be able to understand, for example, that the precariousness that we have come to experience as a result of this pandemic is a constant in the lives of displaced people.

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I would like to conclude with a prayer suggested by the example of Saint Joseph at the time he was forced to flee to Egypt to save the child Jesus.

*Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked.*

*Grant that we may experience his protection and help. May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places.*

*Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials.*

*Grant to those who welcome them some of the tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way.*

*May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will. Amen.*

For the full text, please visit: [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco\\_20200513\\_world-migrants-day-2020.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20200513_world-migrants-day-2020.html)

Peace

Fr. Francis

## 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 at <https://stmotherteresaparish.activehosted.com/f/1> to receive the weekly bulletin 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 10:30 am Sunday Mass:** Catholics are still absolved from Sunday obligations. Those who can't yet participate in person can still join us online; our 10:30 am Sunday mass is live-streamed via Facebook and Youtube ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAgZ6h3s85o\\_fB3QSYO2VQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAgZ6h3s85o_fB3QSYO2VQ))

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

**Reminder:** If you are considered as part of the "vulnerable population;" if you have 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.

## **ROBERTA'S FAITH STORY---PART I**

As many of you know, I have been living in either the hospital or a nursing home for the past 20 months. I've bounced back and forth from hospital to a new nursing home, and now I am in my third nursing home.

All of the patients here at the nursing home have been in lockdown since around March 15th. That was the last time I saw my parents or anybody from the outside. Now we only see the other patients and the staff. No one is allowed to come inside except the staff. There are nurses and nurses' assistants here 24/7. No one here is allowed to even go outside to get fresh air or sunlight, so my vitamin D level has dropped dramatically low and now I need to take vitamin D in tablet form. We pretty much have to stay in our rooms all the time and we are not even allowed to eat in the dining room. We all eat separately in our own room. My entire living, sleeping, and dining area combined is the same size as the bathroom in my parents' house where I used to live. We are not allowed to see any visitors who come to visit us, but they can drop off things for us at the front door and we can receive mail. It makes my day even brighter when I receive mail or a package from loved ones. It means so much to me to hear from them!

One might think that this is all very restrictive, but it has only given me more time to pray and meditate on the Bible and on the Catechism of The Catholic Church. I don't mind my tiny room, because I have more than everything I need (except for Holy Communion). When the lockdown first started, I felt very hopeful and excited, because I figured that perhaps thinking more about the possibility of death would remind people how short our lives on Earth are, help them be more concerned about the state of their soul and about eternal life, understand that material things and earthly pleasures and power don't matter, seek God, see the error of their ways, care more about obeying God rather than pleasing other people or satisfying their own selfish desires, want to make amends with God, repent, seek out Confession, do penance, and try to remain in a sinless state of grace. With most people staying at home, they could no longer say they didn't have time for God. This was a great opportunity to grow in our faith and grow closer to God! I actually heard many testimonies of conversions that happened during this time and even more testimonies of people renewing their prayer life and their studying of the Bible. Some are even praying the rosary and reading the Bible with their family members!

2020 has been an extraordinary blessing! I have used this grace-filled opportunity to grow in my Catholic faith, to know God better so that I can love Him more, and to better prepare for the coming judgment of God that each of us must inevitably face at the end of our life. Every day I pray the rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, prayers before and after meals, and the Auxilium Christianorum prayers in addition to my personal prayers said throughout the day, fast from around 12 am to 12 pm, listen to Catholic radio broadcasting and Catholic podcasts, watch Catholic YouTube channels, and read Catholic-related literature and articles in addition to all of the daily Mass readings. I have also recently started studying at the St. Paul School of Evangelization (online), learning Catholic prayers in Latin—returning to the root of our faith, and am working on developing a daily routine of doing an Examination of Conscience at the end of the day and then writing down anything I need to confess for my next Confession. There is so much more I have yet to learn about God, His Word, and Catholicism, and so much more I can grow in holiness and in closeness to the Lord.

I have not felt one moment of sadness, despair, anxiety, fear, worry, or loneliness at all. Quite the opposite, in fact! This is what happens when we have an intimate relationship with God that is rich in prayer and scripture-reading and when we put our complete trust in God—He blesses us with complete peace and joy! And this is the true peace and joy from God that does not change with our circumstances. Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid” John 14:27.

The Church, our nation, and our world is being attacked hard by Satan and we must pray even harder and more frequently. Satan knows he is running out of time to deceive, scare, and distract people and to take souls away from God, so he is working nonstop. Therefore, we must not stop praying, receive the Eucharist, and stay in a sinless state of grace, going to Confession if we do sin. I recently heard this wise saying, “If we STAY ready, we don't have to GET ready.” There is no better time to return to God, follow Jesus Christ, and to prepare our souls for Heaven than now. There is no time to waste being lukewarm. We must be ON FIRE for Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit! “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few” Matthew 7:13-14. Yes, the Bible tells us there is a Hell and many people go there. I pray that the world repents and walk on the narrow path to Heaven.

Look forward to Part 2 of this faith story!



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, September 26 - Vigil of The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Linda Duddleston (Bette Pienta)  
+ Josephine Campione (Lenny Blake)  
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

### Sunday, September 27 - The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Gary Bronder (Christine Krupa)  
+ Birth, Rem.: Geri Gibbs (Christine & Jim Bertucci)  
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)  
9:30 a.m. + Lucille Helma (B. Glabicki)  
+ Joan Bartkowski (B. Glabicki)  
+ Barbara Czerniak (B. Glabicki)  
+ Virginia Pienta (Ken Ricci & Eva Mrgan)  
+ Teresita Villafuerte Holcomb (Angelica, Emmanuel & Jeremy King)  
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)  
+ Ann.: Nick Paolino (Wife, Mary)  
+ Daniel Nawracaj (Mr. & Mrs. Stan Nawracaj & Family)

### Monday, September 28 - Weekday; St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

### Tuesday, September 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:00 a.m. + Special Intention (Spalla Family)  
+ Charles Palumbo (Wife, Rosetta Palumbo)

### Wednesday, September 30 - St. Jerome

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

### Thursday, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00 a.m. + Robert Hijar (Family)  
+ Michael Parulski (Mr. & Mrs. Stan Nawracaj & Family)

### Friday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church  
7:00 p.m. First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (at St. Therese Church)

### Saturday, October 3 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. All Souls' Day Remembrance  
Healing Mass

### Saturday, October 3 - Vigil of The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Frank J. Cervantes (Family)  
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

### Sunday, October 4 - The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Birth. Rem.: Rosemary Gleason (Christine & Jim Bertucci)  
9:30 a.m. + Ed Drumm (B. Glabicki)  
+ Joan Bocian (B. Glabicki)  
+ Roger Lech (B. Glabicki)  
+ Virginia Pienta (John & Sue Levato)  
+ Fred Stronczek (Wife, Rose)  
+ Teresita Villafuerte Holcomb (Angelica, Emmanuel & Jeremy King)

## Collection - Week of September 19th - 20th

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,242.00
Sunday Loose:	\$ 266.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 1,508.00</b>
Catholic Education Collection:	\$ 90.25
Give Central Donations in August	\$ 2,240.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,200.00
July 1st to Present (Actual):	\$ 18,262.00
July 1st to Present (Budgeted):	\$ 26,400.00

## ALL SOULS' ENVELOPES

The Feast of All Souls is Monday, November 2nd. All Souls' envelopes are on the table in the back of church.

This is a way of remembering and praying for your deceased loved ones.

Special All Souls' Mass intentions will be celebrated throughout the year. These envelopes can be placed into the donation box or returned to the rectory.



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

#### 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski  
Lector: E. Kroner

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

#### 6:00 a.m.

Altar Server: G. Vanderford  
Eucharistic Minister: TBD  
Lector: J. Bertucci

#### 9:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: TBD  
Lector: P. Saletta

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday and Wednesday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and Friday: 9:00 am - Noon. At the present time, the office is closed on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Baptisms:** Parents must be registered practicing parishioners and attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled. Call the rectory office for further information.

**Communion Calls:** Please contact the Rectory when someone who is homebound or in the hospital wishes a visit to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing of the Sick is for anyone seriously sick and not only for those near death.

**Ministry of Care:** Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to those who are sick and unable to attend Mass. Notify the Parish Office when this service is needed.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith.

**Weddings:** Weddings need to be scheduled at least six months in advance. Couples are reminded to secure the Church date before the reception hall.

Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers:

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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **WEEKEND LITURGIES**

St. Barbara: Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 6:00am, 9:30am  
St. Therese: Mandarin Mass on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 4:00 pm followed by Bible sharing and food.  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am; and Mandarin Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

#### **WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

St. Barbara: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: 8:00 am  
St. Therese: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am

#### **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

St. Barbara: Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm; Holy Day Masses: 6:00 am, 8:00 am

St. Therese: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR:** St. Therese - 7:00 pm

**FIRST SATURDAY HEALING MASS:** St. Barbara Chapel - 8:00 am

#### **CONFESION**

St. Barbara: Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm or by appointment  
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#### **THE ROSARY**

St. Barbara: The Rosary is prayed on Sunday at 5:30 a.m. before 6:00 am Mass.



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