Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 11, 2019

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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 11, 2	019 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
8:00 A.M. + +	Sau Fong Yuan by Margaret & William Moy Yiu Lin Au by Family			
10:30 A.M. + + +	For Roberta's Healing by Regina & Roque & Family Maxine Kroner by Chris & Darlene Lowe Gloria Rodriguez by Gertrude Chan Eugenie de Medeiros by Ana Zimpel & Laura Rellinger			
MON. Aug. 12th	Saint Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious *(Mass at St. Therese Church)			
8:00 A.M. +	Emiliana Ho by Perry & Rose Lau			
<i>TUE. Aug. 13th</i>	Saint Pontian and Hippolytus, Priest; Martyrs *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)			
8:00 A.M.				
WED. Aug. 14th	Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Saint Cajetan, Priest *(Mass at St. Therese Church)			
8:00 A.M. + +	Joseph Lin by BiJiang Lin Poor & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro			
7:00 P.M.	Feast of the Assumption - Vigil at St. Barbara Church			
THU. Aug. 15th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)			
6:00 A.M.	St. Barbara Church			
8:00 A.M. + +	Both at St. Therese & St. Barbara All Deceased Family Members of Marion Roti Shuet Kin Wu and Michelle Lau by Perry & Rose Lau			
7:00 P.M.	St. Therese Church			
FRI. Aug. 16th	Saint Stephen of Hungary *(Mass at St. Therese Church)			
8:00 A.M. +	Vincent Briglio by Wife & Family			
<i>SAT. Aug. 17th</i> 8:00 A.M.	Weekday *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)			
4:00 P.M. 7:30 P. M.	*(<i>Mass at St. Barbara Church</i>) Novena to St. Rocco at St. Therese			



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 all who attended the annual Asian Mass last Sunday and participated in readings and songs. Our new parish was well represented. It was such a joyful celebration of our unity and gifts in diversity. Indeed, Mary is the Mother of all cultures and we all love her and always ready to rely on her intercessions.

Congratulations to Francis Michael Velazquez III, son of Wilfredo Velazquez and Natalie Balestri, who was baptized last Sunday at St. Therese Church of SS. Barbara and Therese Parish. We rejoice with Francis and his family and assure him of our prayers.



Be Vigilant!

Last weekend's readings remind us of the danger of wealth and the uncertain nature of death. Today's Gospel urges us to be vigilant.

First of all, Pope Francis says, being vigilant means "living for others." When a person lives a vigilant life, he/she pays attention to the needs of others and shows appreciation to God for all the gifts God has given to our world and places one's trust and hope in the Lord. A vigilant person does not waste one's time and talents. Pope Francis states:

The vigilant person is the one that receives the invitation to watch, namely, not to let himself be overcome by the sleep of discouragement, of lack of hope, of disappointment and, at the same time, rejects the solicitation of the many vanities that overflow in the world and behind which, sometimes, personal and family time and serenity are sacrificed.

Secondly Pope Francis wisely says that being vigilant allows God to "break into our lives." When people are constantly aware of God's presence in our lives, it helps us to be close to God rather than getting lost in our sins and in our infidelities. There is a genuine openness in the people who are vigilant about God's work in our lives. This allows God's grace to be effective and fruitful.

I think this call to be vigilant is a timely reminder for us all as we continue the journey of Renew My Church in our new parish. If we agree with Pope Francis' wisdom on the importance of being vigilant as a way of living for others and being closer to God, this call to be vigilant can help us to work for unity and peace and to seek God's will for each of us and for our community collectively. Being vigilant can empower us to realize that God is working in and through Renew My Church. Although we may not totally understand or be ready to truly accept all the changes; vigilance helps us to believe that God is present in all, and calls us to renew ourselves and our Church.

What does it mean for you and for our community to be vigilant? ~ *Peace, Fr. Francis*

Building a New Reality

Mary Magdalene, the first witness of the resurrection, is a perfect saint for our parish at this critical juncture of building a new reality.

The Apostolic challenge of *Renew My Church* challenge is threefold: **to build community, make disciples and inspire witness.**

I guess you could say that these last three points represent the 'New Reality' of life in Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago. After Mary Magdalene returned to announce the news of the resurrection with the rest of the dis-



ciples, community life radically changed. As you can tell, things are also changing here!

The following two Archdiocesan events will undoubtedly help us during this time of transition.

On Friday, Sept. 6th, a handful of us will be gathering at St. John Brebeuf Parish Ministry Center with the Renew My Church team to explore this theme of building the new reality. We hope to bring back a skill set to share with everyone on how to make new disciples at our parish. Please pray for us. Father Li has already selected his team to attend.

On Wednesday, September 18th, from 5:30-9 p.m., a larger group of us are invited to go to St. Mary of the Angels for *Vitality Day*. This evening is sponsored by the Office for Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship. Please consider coming. If you are able to come, please email me at <u>Thoward@sttheresechicago.org</u> or Father Li at <u>Flisttherese@gmail.com</u>. We hope that at least 40 of us can attend on September 18th.

St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us, as St. Barbara/St. Therese Parish builds the new reality.

God Bless, Tom Howard

<u>St. Michael Schedule:</u> August 11, 2019 8am: Chris Lowe; 10:30am: Earl Hokens, Peter Pon August 18, 2019 9am: Chris Lowe; 10:30am: Tim, Enrique, Angelo

<u>Hospitality Schedule for August 18, 2019:</u> GREETERS: Marian Woo & STS Students / RECEPTION: Lushia

Today's Liturgy - August 11, 2019 Gather 1148 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time/C PROCESSIONAL: #607 – Sing a New Song OFFERTORY: #658 – Seek Ye First COMMUNION: #728 – Eye Has Not Seen RECESSIONAL: #641 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

News and Events

Parish Religious Education Program

Registration forms can be found at the entrance of the church. See registration materials for more details or contact Chris Delfin at <u>ChrisDelfin@gmail.com</u> Or 312-842-6777.

Catechists are also need-

ed!

St. Rocco Feast will be on Sunday, Aug. 18th at 10:30am mass. Our regular 8am and 10:30am masses will be combined to a 9am mass. Also Novena to St. Rocco will be on Sat., Aug. 17th at 7:30pm.

Classic Car Show at St. Barbara

Saturday, August 17th from 1:00-8:00pm (12pm Registration / \$20 Car Registration) LIVE MUSIC - FOOD & DRINKS -

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The Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary is this Thursday, Aug. 15. Our Mass schedule is as follows: 7pm Vigil, 6am, and 8am at St. Barbara Church; 8am and 7pm at St. Therese Church.

MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019: St. Barbara Church:

Weekends:

Saturday: Anticipated Mass: 5:00PM Sunday: 6:00AM & 9:30AM

Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

St. Therese Church:

<u>Weekends:</u>

Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM And twice a month—-12:00PM

Cantonese Mass 粤 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:(TBA) 每月第二主日 中午十二時

Mandarin Mass 國語:

4th Sunday of each month at 12:00noon 每月第四 主日 中午十二時

<u>Weekdays:</u>

8:00AM Mass: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

ATTENTION: For those who make your offering in the form of a check, please continue to make checks payable to your respective Worship Site Churches until it is announced otherwise.



Welcome to St. Barbara Campus Night

Parents, students, neighbors and friends! Join us for a peek of the St. Barbara Campus of St. Therese School on Tuesday, August 20th from 6-7pm! Join us in the Lower Hall of St. Barbara Campus for light refreshments, a chance to catch up with everyone after the summer, and to meet this school year's St. Barbara Campus teachers and staff. Tours of the building and classrooms will follow the gathering.

All are welcome - students, parents, parishioners and friends!

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Respect Life Corner

Sts. Louis and Zelie, models for holy family life - St. Therese of Lisieux said, "God gave me a mother and a father more worthy of heaven than of earth. I have had the happiness of belonging to parents who have no equal." Just four years ago, Pope Francis made history when he canonized a married couple together at the same Mass, the parents of St. Therese: Louis and Zelie Martin. Prior to their marriage to each other, both Louis and Zelie tried unsuccessfully to enter religious life. Instead, Louis became a watchmaker and Zelie was a lace maker. The two met and fell in love, and they were wed on July 12, which is now celebrated as their feast day in the Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Matthew Bunson, Catholic professor, theologian, and author of over fifty books, said, "For those two, the theological virtues, particularly faith and love really shine forward. Not only are they the first married couple to be canonized but they are vital role models for lay saints, parents, married couples, and for families."

The Martins also knew loss – though they had five daughters who survived childhood, they lost four other children who died very young. Saint Zelie had amazing perspective on the pain of losing her children as witnessed in a letter to her sister-in-law who experienced a miscarriage: **"I do not think that the sorrows and the troubles endured could possibly be compared with the eternal happiness of my children with God. Besides, they are not lost to me forever; life is short and filled with crosses, and we shall find them again in Heaven,"** she wrote. "Above all, it was on the death of my first child that I felt more deeply the happiness of having a child in Heaven, for God showed me in a noticeable way that He accepted my sacrifice. Through the intercession of my little angel, I received a very extraordinary grace."

Louis and Zelie were shining examples of faith for their family. Of their five daughters who lived into adulthood, all five entered religious life. During their Canonization Mass in 2015, Pope Francis said, "The holy spouses Louis Martin and Marie-Azelie Guerin practiced Christian service in the family, creating day by day an environment of faith and love which nurtured the vocations of their daughters, among whom was Saint Therese of the Child Jesus."

If you're a layperson, especially a spouse and parent, look to Sts. Louis and Zelie for guidance and intercession. Raising a holy family isn't easy, but they are excellent models of faith.

Weekly Offering Collection for August 4, 2019						
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,281					
GiveCentral	210	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$8,741				
Sunday Loose	879	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$11,000				
Total Collection	\$2,370					
Weekly Budget:	\$2,200	% of Budget Attained: 79%				
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Faithful Servants—By Sr. Caritas

During summer vacation, when we were growing up, my Mother would tell my brother and I to clean the house. He would have two rooms and I would have two rooms. She would promise us that when we were done she would make a large pot of popcorn and we could watch the Cubs baseball game together. My brother and I would work hard and get it done. My Mother would keep her promise and It was always fun and is a happy memory now.

In our readings today, we are reminded that we are entrusted with many graces, gifts, blessings and tasks. We are reminded of Abraham's following and trust in God. Despite what seemed contrary to what God promised, Abraham kept following and being faithful. He was waiting for the fulfillment of the promises about being a father and having a new land. In the Gospel we are told of the Master who goes away and leaves his servants in charge. The good servants continue to treat the other servants well and fulfill their tasks and the Master finds them ready and waiting for him when he returns. The Master is pleased and rewards the faithful servant.

At our Baptism, we made promises to God or our parents made them for us if we were too young. God made promises to us too. *"Fear not little flock for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom."*

We are given grace and many blessings as well as tasks and sufferings during our lives. If we are faithful, like Abraham and like the good servants, God's promise to us will come true. We will receive everlasting life and the kingdom of heaven. Jesus will lead us to the Father and the Holy Spirit will guide us throughout our lives. God expects us to be faithful especially if we are "given much." God wants us to be in the kingdom. God calls us to follow Jesus and His way of life. God keeps His promises. What about us?



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