Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 2019

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Baptisms: Parents and Godparents must attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled.

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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

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8:00 A.M. + Loraine Pon by Florence & Shu Man Yu

+ Mabel Chan by Family

10:30 A.M. For Roberta's Healing by Regina & Roque & Family

+ Diane Marie Chan by Family

+ Kok Gee Young, Birthday Remembrance by Jean Wong

+ Yiu Lin Au by Family

+ Loraine Pon by Chris & Darlene Lowe

+ Mabel Chan by Darlene Chan-Lowe

12:00 P.M. Mandarin Mass

+ Maria Wong by Bi Jiang

MON. Aug. 26th Weekday

*(Mass at St. Therese Church)

8:00 A.M. + Loraine Pon by Marie Chan

TUE. Aug. 27th Saint Monica

*(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)

8:00 A.M.

WED. Aug. 28th Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

*(Mass at St. Therese Church)

8:00 A.M + Loraine Pon by Matthew & Amy Chan

+ Mabel Chan, Birthday Remembrance by Family

THU. Aug. 29th The Passion of Saint John the Baptist *(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)

8:00 A.M.

FRI. Aug. 30th Weekday *(Mass at St. Therese Church)

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8:00 A.M. + Anthony Marra by SMI

SAT. Aug. 31st Weekday

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M. *(Mass at St. Barbara Church)

+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

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

Congratulations and Thanks

Congratulations to **Dominique Feng** and **Olivia Pon**, recipients of this year's St. Therese College Scholarship Award. Dominique and Olivia have served our community so well as altar server, cantor, and event volunteers. We are proud of them and wish them continued success in their respective colleges.

Thanks to our Young Adults for a wonderful camping event. It was a beautiful day to connect with each other, to relax, and to celebrate the Eucharist together.

Thanks to Holy Name Society for another successful Car Show. Many of you worked so hard to make it possible. Special thanks to all sponsors, donors and volunteers.

Thanks to St. Rocco Society for an amazing celebration of the Feast of St. Rocco. St. Therese Church was beautifully decorated and packed for Mass. The procession on the streets in our neighborhood offered people a wonderful opportunity to pray and to interact with each other, even with strangers.



Peace Circle

A Peace Circle is a way of bringing healing and creating deeper relationships for small groups. It is used in different institutions, including Churches. In the last few weeks, our new parish has looked into the possibility of having a Peace Circle for our parishioners. Thanks to **Kim Casey** who volunteered to lead the group and to all who signed up so far. We still have a few spots to be filled if you are interested to join.



This past Tuesday, our staff had an experience of Peace Circle. For many of us, it was the first time we participated in a Peace Circle. Thanks to Cathy Waltz and her helper Fernando for leading us. It was a wonderful gift for us to be part of it. Two questions we shared are: who are one of the person in your life helped you to know God better? And how would you share your faith with others as

missionary disciples? Many of them mentioned a family member or a priest or a religious Sister. Some of the values and qualities can help us to be missionary disciples were mentioned as follows: listening, care, empathy, mercy, persistence, presence, and kindness.

These are good questions for us all to reflect and to pray about as we continue the Renew My Church journey. Being missionary disciples are our call from Jesus. Our new parish patron St. Mother Teresa is a powerful example. I would like to conclude by sharing the following wisdom from St. Mother Teresa:

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

~Peace, Fr. Francis

Hospitality Schedule for Sept. 1, 2019:

GREETERS: Kim Casey, Dan Rak/ RECEPTION: Adrienne, Daron, Nicole

Today's Liturgy - August 25, 2019

Gather 1154 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/C PROCESSIONAL: #848 - Gather Us In OFFERTORY: #658 - Seek Ye First COMMUNION: #943 - Bread of Life from Heaven RECESSIONAL: #743 - Sing a New Church

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 ChrisDelfin@gmail.com
Or 312-842-6777.

Catechists are also needed!

St. Therese Chinese Catholic School starts on Tuesday, Aug. 27th.

Relevant Radio - Fr. Francis will be interviewed on Thursday, Aug. 29th from 8:30-9:00am.

Holy Hour Our First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place on Friday, Sept. 6th at 7pm in Church. We will pray the Chaplets of the Divine Mercy and have Benediction. All are welcome.

SMI Feast Celebration will be on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 11:00am. Our regular 8am and 10:30am masses will be combined to a 9:00am mass.



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Ruth, Charmayne, Lorez & Family, Audrey, Alice, Veronica, Barbara, Elaine, Joseph, Walter, Melinda, Wul-

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Sharon, Sandra, Patricia, Tyrone, Otis, Modies, Sierra, Richard

St. Michael Schedule:

Sept. 1st: 9am: Chris; **10:30am:** Edy, Joey, Tony

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:

Weekends:

Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM, and Mandarin Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month at 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:

Mass from August 2019 – January 2020 at Divine Word Mission in Techny, IL

Mandarin Mass 國語:

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

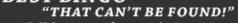
Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

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FEAST OF SAINT MOTHER TERESA - MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Thursday, September 5, 2019



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Respect Life Corner

Who's In Charge? - On July 11 this year we learned that a man, Vincent Lambert, paralyzed and disabled by a car accident over 10 years ago, died in France not of disease or gun shot or other fortuitous circumstance or by virtue of a criminal sentence. He died from judicially-sanctioned execution by starvation and dehydration – the result of the sovereign wills of a wife and of a state working together to deprive a man of the good of existence, against the wills of his parents and siblings. The next day we learned of a decision (thereafter overturned) by an English court to authorize the forced late-term abortion of a woman (called AB) with learning disabilities against her wishes. Where's this train going? Ed Condon, DC bureau chief for Catholic News Agency, put it this way: "In our post-Enlightenment age of total philosophical autonomy, in which our own Supreme Court famously declared that 'the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life,' we each decide for ourselves the value of a life. In the cases of Lambert, AB, and many others, judges decided for them—not according to an objective set of truths or moral norms, but according to their own best lights, however barbaric we may find the results." In our country the trajectory of this rejection of once shared common morality was unmistakable when a handful of judges in Roe v Wade decided that man, not God, is the arbiter of when life begins and ends, that a mother has a personal "right" to kill her unborn child. The court ordered death by dehydration of Terri Schiavo tracked this trajectory. http://www.cnn.com/2005/LAW/03/25/schiavo.qa/ So, we're telling God to sit out while we decide who lives and who dies and do so without reference to the inextinguishable, transcendent dignity given each of us reflecting God's image and likeness. What will this kind of mindset bring us in the end? Pope Francis commented on Twitter on July 11: "May God the Father welcome Vincent Lambert in His arms. Let us not build a civilization that discards persons those whose lives we no longer consider to be worthy of living: every life is valuable, always." (https://catholicherald.co.uk/ commentandblogs/2019/07/12/vincent-lamberts-death-sets-a-terrifying-precendent/? platform=hootsuite & https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2019/07/vincent-lambert-andrelative-justice.)

"O God, you are faithful, and you never abandon those who hope in you. I know that my redemption from sin and death has been purchased at the cost of your Son's blood. In return for this priceless gift, I resolve today to renew my trust in your unfailing mercy." — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Trust in God's Mercy" Prayer.

Weekly Offering				
Collection for August 18, 2019				

Sunday Envelopes \$1,033
GiveCentral 235 July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$11,195
Sunday Loose 261 July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$15,400
Total Collection \$1,529

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Seek the Kingdom of God—By Sr. Caritas

Many times when I am teaching children there is an effort among the children to be first in line. Sometimes in the effort to be first other children are almost knocked over. I had a system for getting in line so no one got hurt. Sometimes I would appoint a line leader for the week. Then there was no problem as through the year everyone got a chance to be first.

In the beliefs of the Jewish community, the Jews were the "chosen people". This relates to Abraham and his descendants. WE know Jesus came to save all people. Jesus is asked, "Are there many who are saved?" Jesus then reminds us that it is not an absolute sure thing that we are saved. We know personal choice, our belief, and how we live our life, also come into our reaching the kingdom of heaven.

Sometimes we are very concerned about being the most important, the most powerful in our work position. Sometimes in families one child will say, "Mother always loved you best." This can exist even as adults. The real concern of Jesus about being first is whose life, whose heart is the most completely centered on God, completely turned toward God and His will. Will you make as much effort to be pleasing in the eyes of God as you do please others or gain position in your job? Those who are so sure they are pleasing to God and will be in the kingdom of God may be mistaken. "The first may be last and the last first."



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