Third Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2017

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四旬期避靜-廣東話
Lenten Retreat (Cantonese)

你們要服從天主，對抗魔鬼
（雅各伯書:4:7）

2017年4月1日（星期六）
9:00am - 3:30pm

主講： 袁銘成執事

袁執事於六十年代進入香港仔聖神修院，接受了六年多學術和神修訓練神修院。1992年舉家移民「西雅圖」，完成了三年多的「終身執事」培育。2003年被祝聖爲「終身執事」，並委任服務華人團體至今。亦多次爲其他華人教區舉辦避靜和神修講座，深受支持和鼓勵。

地點： 聖德力教堂- 堂區活動室
報名： $ 15 /人 - 包括早餐和午餐
3/26/2017前到教堂入口簽名或辦公室報名

April 2, Sunday 11:30am Presenatation by Decean Joseph Yuen
Chinese Church History From Yuan's Dynasty To Nowadays
4月2日，星期日 11:30am 袁銘成執事主講中國天主教史簡介

Mass Intentions

March 19, 2017 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 A.M. + Fred Roti - Anniversary Remembrance by Marion
+ Daivd Jarzyna by wife Cookie
+ Vincent Scopacasa by Lena Andriacchi
+ In honor to St. Joseph for V. Briglio, Joseph & Bruno & J. Briglio, L. Spina & Howard Thome by Briglio family

10:30 A.M. Special Intentions by Lily May

MON. March 20th Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 A.M. Special Intentions by Lily May
+ Virginia Pungalan by Gary &Linda Leong & family

TUE. March 21st Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. Special Intentions by Lily May
+ 90th Birthday Remembrance for Rose Marie & Howard Thome By sisters Antoinette & Maria

WED. March 22nd Lenten Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Cary Moy by Lucy Moy
+ Deceased family members of Dominic Barbaro
Special Intentions by Lily May

THU. March 23rd Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:00 A.M. Birthday blessing for Cookie Jarzyna by sister Marion

FRI. March 24th Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 A.M. + James J. Frale by Frale family

6:30 P.M. **Mass / Stations of the Cross at 7pm**

SAT. March 25th The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 A.M. + Deceased friends & relatives of Dominic Barbaro

5:00 P.M. For Family & Friends of St. Therese Parish

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 **Thomas Howard**! Tom just received his Doctor of Ministry Degree from the Catholic Theological Union.

Congratulations to 15 of our 2nd Graders from both our School and Parish Religious Education program. They celebrated their 1st Reconciliation last Saturday. Thanks to all who helped them to be ready for that special Sacrament.

Congratulations to **Addison Ann Lowe**, daughter of Debbie Ng and Phillip Lowe! Addison was baptized last Sunday. We welcome her and assure her and her family of our prayers.

Thanks to all children in our Religious Education program for leading the 10:30am mass in songs and prayers last Sunday, and to all adults who prepared them for that special mass. (Photos- next page)

PRAYER

What are you praying for and whom are you praying for this Lent? I came across the following beautiful prayer for our Pope and Church from Franciscan Media. You may find it helpful as you continue to pray for Pope Francis and our Church.

A Prayer of Blessing for Pope Francis and the Universal Church

BY MICHAEL RUZICKI, LITURGY TRAINING PUBLICATIONS

God of wisdom and love,
you sent your Spirit to call a humble fisherman, Peter,
to follow Christ along the path of discipleship.
On this journey, Peter witnessed the loving power of Jesus
as the storms of life were calmed,
diseases were cured, and demons driven away.
He encountered the compassionate heart of Christ,
as he dined with sinners and prostitutes,
preached of a forgiveness without end,
and washed the feet of his friends,
especially those who would eventually deny and betray him.
As you brought Peter down from the mountaintop of prayer
into the valley of discipleship,
remain upon Peter's humble successor, Pope Francis.
Bless the Church under the care of our Holy Father.
May he be a gentle shepherd called to tend his flock
with your kindness and generosity.

By your love and gentleness,
may Pope Francis inspire us to love God our Father
by returning the sheep gone astray to the flock of the Lord.
May he serve the Church in the image of Christ,
patterned by the faith of Simon Peter, the Rock.
As the keys once presented to St. Peter are entrusted to Pope Francis,
may we ever discover ways to unlock the door of faith
to a world most in need of the spiritual gifts you shower upon us.
We make our prayer with Christ your Son,
and through the gentle yet ever-changing power of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Photos (Tom Howard-Doctor of Ministry, First Reconciliation, RE Led Mass, Baptism of Addison Ann Lowe)

Pope: "Laying off workers for unclear motives is grave sin"

(Vatican Radio March 15, 2017) Pope Francis has told a group of employees of the Italian branch of the TV platform "Sky" that it is a "very grave sin" to fire employees "as a result of economic operations and unclear negotiations".

"Work gives dignity," the Pope said, "and managers are obliged to do all possible so that every man and woman can work and so carry their heads high and look others in the eye with dignity."

He added: "He who shuts factories and closes companies as a result of economic operations and unclear negotiations, depriving men and women from work, commits a very grave sin" he said.

Sky Italy is currently undergoing downsizing and has announced plans to move 300 employees and their families from Rome to Milan.

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/03/15/pope_%E2%80%98

laying_off_workers_for_unclear_motives_is_grave_sin%E2%80%99/1298796

Hospitality Schedule for March 26, 2017:

GREETERS: Agnes Lee, Gemma Wong, Flo Yu
RECEPTION: Lisa, Lushia

Today's Liturgy – March 19, 2017

Readings: GATHER 1022 - Third Sunday of Lent / Year A

PROCESSIONAL: #487 – Again We Keep This Solemn Fast
OFFERTORY: #588 – I Have Loved You (STS Choir leading)
COMMUNION: #486 – Deep Within
***Meditation Song* (STS students): Lord, Let Me Walk**
RECESSIONAL: #644 – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

News and Events

CRS Rice Bowl

Please pick up a bowl at the church entrance table after mass and return it on the weekends of April 1 & 2, and 8 & 9.

2016 Donation Letter

Parishioners with assigned offering envelopes, who need a 2016 Tax Letter for Donations, please contact the parish office.

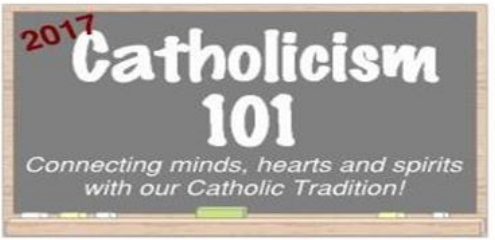
Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients:

Jane, Dallas, Bessie, Laconda, Lin, Andrew, James, Lillie, Jerome, Beverly, Joann, Roberta, Arthur, Joan, Debbie, James, Erica, Harrison, Caroline, Bobby

SPOTLIGHT CORNER

St. Therese Parish would like to thank **HAWTHORNE RACE COURSE,** 3501 S. Laramie, Cicero, IL, for their support of our Winter Wonderland Dinner Dance on 1/7/17. Their generosity helped us raise money to rebuild the Church in HeBei, China that was recently destroyed by fire. Thank YOU!

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**!



March 19	**Liturgy - Why do we have to go to Mass?** Shared by Thomas Howard St. Therese Church Community Room 12:15pm (future times TBA)
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?
September 17	Social Justice - How do I love my neighbor?
October 15	Creed - What do we truly believe?
November 19	The Liturgical Year - Why did we change colors and what page are we on in the new book??

THE LANDSCAPES OF LENT

Sunday, March 26, 2017
11:30 am – 3:30 pm

In Jesus's life journey, he entered the desert, went up the mountain and spent time in the garden. Each place gave him clearer insight into who he was and what his mission in life was.

This Lent, the same can happen to us as we visit these same symbolic places in our lives. So come and explore your desert experiences, your mountain top moments and your graced garden times. Journey with the Lord Jesus and come to know your identity and mission as his follower."

About Our Speaker, FR. RAYMOND CADRAN, MS.

I am a priest with the Missionaries of Our Lady of LaSalette, first vowed in 1974 and ordained in 1978. I have ministered in these years in Parishes, Shrines, as editor of Our Lady's Missionary magazine, as Formation Director of Novices and Theologians, retreat director and am currently the Director of the Theology program for our American LaSalette province and a Provincial Councilor for Mary, Mother of the Americas LaSalette Province.

I love being a religious missionary and serving as a priest in the many ministries God has called me to share with the laity in the Church.

Day Of Reflection

Starts with the 10:30am mass celebrated by Fr. Cadran, followed by a short presentation; lunch at 1:00 pm. Our program resumes at 1:45 pm.

Registration: Sign-Up Sheet at church entrance table or by email to Sr. Caritas at Sistercwchinatow@gmail.com

RSVP

March 19, 2017

Suggested Donation: $10.00

St Therese Chinese Catholic Church

www.sttheresechinatown.org

Weekly Offering:

Collection for March 12, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	$1,421
GiveCentral	190
Sunday Loose	$ 287
Total Collection	$1,898

July 1-To-Present (Actual): $73,620.02
July 1-To -Present (Budget): $74,000

Weekly Budget: $2,000 % of Budget Attained: 99%

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

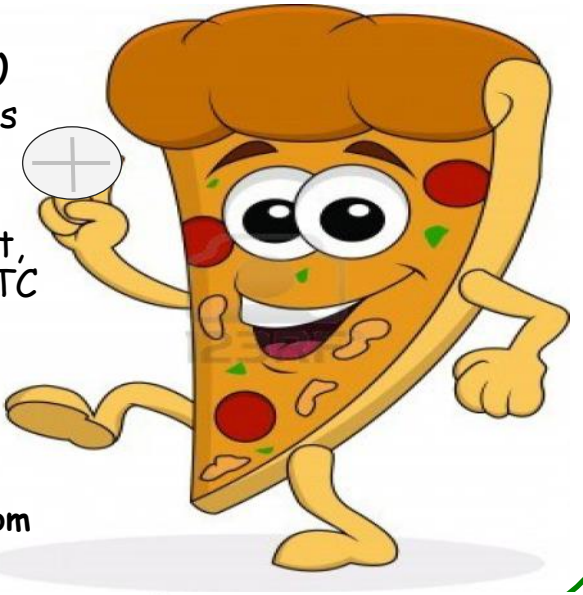
Collection at Indonesian Mass on March 12, 2017: $75.00 Thank YOU!

FREE PIE!

(Pizza Pie and Pie Jesu, that is.)

Youths 11 to 18 and their siblings are invited to our

5pm Mass and **Pizza Social** on **Saturday, March 25th,** to meet, reconnect, and check out what STC has to offer.



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St. Therese Church Community Room

St. Therese Parish Religious Education Program

Presents

&

Brunch!

Sunday – March 19, 2017

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. in the Community Room

Donations are welcome

Proceeds from this event will benefit Corazón a Corazón. This non-profit organization is sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame and provides ESL education, after school tutoring, and Summer education for children in the South Chicago area.

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

Phil Maraldi
Jerry Ecklund
Vincent Thome
Barbara McElroy
Ramona Zavala
Michael Howley
Baby Jessa Piotrowski
Fr. Walter Johnson, MM
Rose Perez
Phyllis Robinson
Bai Xue
John Palenik
Luz Whitehead
Jade Yee
Anthony Scuito
Rev. Anthony Adducci
James Gemkow
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Roberta Cheong
Angelo Iasillo
Mina Preysler Munoz
Ceil Scuito
Woodie Lee
Cookie Jarzyna
Amelia Lorraine Schroeder
Nathaniel Hicks
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Cecila Zastro
Soledad Magay
Dorothy Pascente
Joey Nardi
Mark Donato
Joyce Eng
Lan Ying Yee
Ching Shiu Yau
Henry F. Wong
Matthew Mantia
Phyllis Centofanti
Susan Zibricky
Barbara Metzinger
James Rak
Benjamin N. Lucas

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

"Meeting By Chance"

Sometimes in our ordinary lives, we meet someone for the first time. The meeting seems much unexpected and by chance. Sometimes we never meet the person or see the person again. Other times, our chance meeting of that particular person develops into a lasting relationship and a life changing experience.

The gospel tells us of the encounter of the Samaritan woman and Jesus. Jews did not speak to Samaritans and yet Jesus spends time with her. The Samaritan woman does not know who Jesus is but He knows who she is. She begins exploring why He is doing and saying the things that He is. Gradually she begins to discover who Jesus is. He asks the Samaritan woman to bring her husband. When she answers that she has no husband He responds to her honesty. She now recognizes that Jesus "is a prophet." She does not fully understand who He is but she has taken another step toward faith. Next she turns to her faith traditions and talks of the Messiah. Jesus reveals Himself to her. He says, "I am He." The Samaritan woman goes and tells everyone in the village whom she has discovered. She becomes an evangelizer. She tells others to come to Jesus and meet whom she has come to know. In the end the people of the town come to believe who Jesus is.

Each of us has come to know who Jesus is. We have been told as a child or we have read scripture or have come to believe because of meeting someone who truly believes and their faith leads us to believe in Jesus. As in any other relationship it requires spending time with Jesus, getting to know more about Jesus, trying to do what He has said. We are asked to love others and to love God. We are to be like Jesus in the way we treat other people. We can be witnesses in our everyday lives. Gradually through growth and prayer, Jesus becomes the center of our lives. Like the Samaritan woman we become His faithful followers. Sister Caritas

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2017 Updated

To Teach Who Christ Is

Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 7:00P.M. in Church preceded by **Mass at 6:30 P.M**. ***NO FISH FRY this year!***

Holy Hour and Benediction
Takes place on 1st Fridays of April (7) immediately following the Stations of the Cross

CRS Rice Bowl
Distribution on March 4th and 5th and Returning on April 1st and 2nd, 8th and 9th

RCIA---Scrutiny Rites
will be celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent.

Parish Religious Program
Students will sponsor their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday March 19th.
Reconciliation will take place on Sunday, April 2nd after the 10:30A.M. mass.

Catholicism 101
"Why do I have to go to Church on Sunday?" March 19th at 12:30pm

Parish Lenten Retreat
On March 26th following the 10:30am mass

March Mandarin Mass
On March 26th at 12:00 noon followed by a Lenten Recollection

Cantonese Lenten Retreat
April 1st from 9:00am to 3:30pm in the Community Room

Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School
Sunday April 9th at 1:30pm in Church

"Day after day, both in and around the temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach Jesus Christ." **-Acts 5:42**

Lenten Regulations
(from March 1st, 2017, Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.