

# Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018

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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**

***December 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent***

**8:00 A.M.** + Bernadette Zito by Briglio Family

**10:30 A.M.** Special Intention by Darlene Chan-Lowe  
+ Bernadette Zito by Tony & Mary Nudo  
+ Virginia Fong by Elaine, Wendy & Jennifer Sin  
+ Gary Pionke by Bryan, Peggy & Brandon Lowe & The Lowe Family

**12:00 P.M. Indonesian Mass**

***MON. Dec. 10th***

***Advent Weekday***

**8:00 A.M**

***TUE. Dec. 11th***

***Saint Damasus I, Pope***

**8:00 A.M.**

***WED. Dec. 12th***

***Our Lady of Guadalupe***

**8:00 A.M.**

***THU. Dec. 13th***

***Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr***

**8:00 A.M.**

***FRI. Dec. 14th Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church***

**8:00 A.M.**

***SAT. Dec. 15th***

***Advent Weekday***

**8:00 A.M.**

**5:00 P.M. Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese**

+ Jimmy Annoreno by Family  
+ Gary Pionke by Bryan, Peggy & Brandon Lowe & The Lowe Family



## 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 helped with Church Cleaning last Saturday. Members of the Mandarin Group took the lead and they cleaned not only our Church but also all the restrooms.

Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas mailing last Monday. Not pictured are **Edy Gunawan** and **Jing Zhang** who spent hours to help to produce the mailing labels.



Thanks to all who helped and participated in this year's Liturgical Minister Gathering. Our panelists did a great job and **Joe Delfin** was a fantastic interviewer. **Tom Howard** and members of the Liturgy and PPC worked hard to plan and execute for the event.



### Eucharist helps me to \_\_\_\_\_.

The theme for this year's Liturgical Minister's Gathering was, **The Gift We Receive and We Share: Cultivating a Spirituality of the Eucharist**. Fr. Ronald Rolheiser wrote, "The Eucharist is not intended to be simply a ritual prayer within which we participate regularly, but is also meant to be something that touches and colors every area of our lives."

During the Gathering, I invited the participants to share how the Eucharist helps them personally. Below are some insights from them for your reflection and prayer.

*Eucharist helps me to receive God's gifts that help me sustain myself until next time I receive it. It gives me patience when I am stressed, friendship when I am lonely, hope when I am worried, strength when I am tired, love when I am judgmental.*

*Eucharist helps me to emphasize my strengths and tame my weakness and deal with them everyday.*

*Eucharist helps me to deepen my love for Jesus, to share my love for Him with others, and to nourish my soul abundantly. (Perry)*

*Eucharist helps me to be prudent, humble, and thoughtful in my expressions.*

*Eucharist helps me to be a better witness to others of God's works in my life.*



*Eucharist helps me to grow in love for the Lord and His beautiful mother, to appreciate His creation, to live for today and place my trust in Him completely, and to prepare my soul for the end of my life where I will one day meet Him. (Elizabeth M.)*

*Eucharist helps me to be accountable to myself and God for my faith and actions. (Kim)*

*Eucharist helps me to love and able to help others who may need my help.*

*Eucharist helps me to be thankful always.*

*Eucharist helps me to cultivate my behaviors of being a God's loving child.*

*Eucharist helps me to get the strength to receive my blessings, give thanks to God, break the chain that is holding me down and to share my love of God with others. (John Lin)*

Thanks to all who shared, and hope their wisdom is a help to you. This will continue next weekend.

*Peace ~ Fr. Francis*

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### **Parish Ministry Series --- Outreach Ministry**

My name is **Stephen Lee** and I lead the Outreach Ministry. The Outreach Ministry will work with organizations like the St. James food pantry. I am an alumnus of St. Therese School and was in the Cub Scouts when St. Therese Church hosted our troop a long time ago. I enjoy volunteering which led me to be part of the Outreach Ministry. I volunteer because I like to help others, meet people, and learn about the diversity of God's world. People who know me know I like to learn about my Chinese heritage and ancestry. I find it interesting how we are all connected in some way. I have taken my children, friends, and my mother to help volunteer at St. James food pantry. I believe volunteering helps us understand more about ourselves and others. I strongly believe that our children should do volunteer work to help them understand the world around them so they can become responsible citizens and leaders in the future. I continue to volunteer at our Youth Ministry, at my work for the Workplace Diversity committee, CPR and First Aid training.

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### *Hospitality Schedule for December 16, 2018:*

**GREETERS: Marian Torrez & STS Students**

**RECEPTION: Adrienne, Daron & Nicole**

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### **Today's Liturgy - December 9, 2018**

**READINGS: GATHER 996 / Second Sunday of Advent / C  
YAM Led Mass**

**PROCESSIONAL: #398 – Prepare! Prepare!**

**OFFERTORY: #396 – Comfort, My People**

**COMMUNION: #928 – Take and Eat This Bread**

**RECESSIONAL: #423 – Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn**

## News and Events

### Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious today!

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

### St. Michael Ministry (Safety Training)

As part of St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church's secured facility training process, **this is a gentle reminder for our training sessions TODAY after both the 8am & 10:30 am Sunday services.** Special THANK YOU goes to **Peter Pon** for repeating these sessions for those who were unable to attend the earlier ones.

### Medical Emergency Care @ 9 AM Front Line 101 @ 11:30 AM

Parishioners who would like to join this volunteer group should contact Chris Lowe (630)660-6410 or the church office at (312)842-6777.

### MEETINGS:

**Finance Council** will meet on Monday, Dec. 10th at 6pm followed by the **Liturgy Committee** at 7pm

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30pm

**Fun Friday** will be on Dec. 14th for our School students from 4:30pm to 6:30pm in the Community Room.

**2019 ENGLISH CALENDAR** is now available on the church entrance table. Please take one copy per family.

Our **December Mandarin Mass** is rescheduled to Sunday, Dec. 16th at 12 noon. There will be no Mandarin Mass on Sunday Dec. 23rd.

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) offers a four year scholarship, renewable annually in the amount of \$1000 per year, to a deserving Catholic woman, currently a High School Senior, who can successfully articulate "What it Means to be a Catholic Woman in the World Today.". Criteria/rules and the scholarship application are available for download on our website, [www.accwchicago.org/scholarship](http://www.accwchicago.org/scholarship). The deadline for submission of completed application is March 20, 2019. If you have any questions, you may call the ACCW Office at 312-534-8330 /25.

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The Grand Prize, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize drawings will be held on December 17, 2018 at St. Therese Church. An Early Bird Drawing will be held on October 30, 2018 for a chance to win \$1,000, and the winning ticket will be returned into the Grand Prize Drawing. All prize amounts are based on the number of tickets sold and St. Therese reserves the right to adjust prize amounts based on actual ticket sales. Winners need not be present. Winners are subject to all federal and state laws and taxes.

## 2018 Baby Bottle Project for The Women's Center

Our parish will be again participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved almost 40,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.



Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

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## You are invited to be a part of this time honored tradition: Children's Nativity Play.



**ALL children are invited to join this event.**

**Sign-up sheet located at the entrance of our church  
or contact [Bridget.P.Lee@gmail.com](mailto:Bridget.P.Lee@gmail.com).**

**Rehearsals will be on Sundays December 2,9,16, & 23  
from 11:45 am to 1pm**

**Play will be performed during the 5pm Family Mass  
on Christmas Eve**



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*"What makes St. Therese a Blue Ribbon school...is that all students are well-prepared for the future because of the great community we have here," Justin, 8<sup>th</sup> grader and Student Youth Council President, at our Blue Ribbon Celebration*

Dear Alumni, Neighbors, Parents of Graduates, and Friends,

*Have you heard? St. Therese Chinese Catholic School won a second National Blue Ribbon! This prestigious award is just the latest recognition for St. Therese. Our commitment to providing an excellent academic education in a culturally-immersive Catholic environment remains as strong as ever. We are so proud of the hard work by our students and staff – and are honored to count you among the St. Therese School friends who have supported us along the way.*



St. Therese is dedicated to continuing our mission to provide the best learning environment for our students. This year, donations to the Annual Fund will support our **continued expansion of the Learning Lab concept into additional classrooms.** This student-centered, high-tech classroom facilitates more collaborative class work, improves integration of technology tools, and better reflects the students' future work environment.

*Students work in the new 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Learning Lab.*

**This year, I am excited to announce that a very generous alumnus of the school will be MATCHING ALL GIFTS to the Annual Fund up to \$20,000!** This means that your gift to the 2018-2019 Annual Fund Appeal **will be DOUBLED!**

**May we count on your gift to the Annual Fund so that we can earn this \$20,000 matching gift?** Creating each Learning Lab classroom requires new furnishings, technology, and training – funds that are not covered by student tuition.

Thank you for your past support of St. Therese School. We all wish you and yours a very happy Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Sincerely,

Lisa Deborah Oi, Principal

*"What I found tucked away in this building hidden in the middle of Chinatown is a school community with an incredible work ethic and an even bigger heart," Social Studies Teacher Jeff Chrusciel at our Blue Ribbon Celebration*



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

Lois Payton  
Helen Moy  
Katherine Culen  
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### ***"COME, LORD JESUS" by Sister Caritas***

If we listen to the radio and watch TV, we hear all kinds of opinions and statements. When we go on social media, twitter or Wikipedia, we get all kinds of information and statements, some which are not true. We have to be careful what we accept. We do not want to build our lives on lies.

The Gospel today speaks of "a voice crying out in the desert." It is a voice foretold by the prophet. The voice is clear and direct. It tells us, "Prepare His way, make strait His path." When we give directions to someone to come to our homes, we try to give them the most direct and clear directives so they will reach us easily. Jesus often calls out to us in the signs of the times in the voices of our friends or family members, or through prayer and scripture and through the directives of our Church. We do not live always with a clear, open heart, ready to listen and follow the words or requests of God.

We are called to prepare for this coming of Jesus, born anew in our lives, in our hearts. What one thing can you do this Advent, these next three weeks, to prepare for the coming of Jesus in your life right now? Would you take time to listen more closely to the voice of Jesus coming through scripture and in prayer? Would you be willing to come to Mass on a few more days besides Sunday? What will you do these weeks to make yourself, your spiritual self, be open to Jesus in your life, in your heart, in your relationships, in your everyday actions? NOW IS THE TIME. Come Lord Jesus, transform us.

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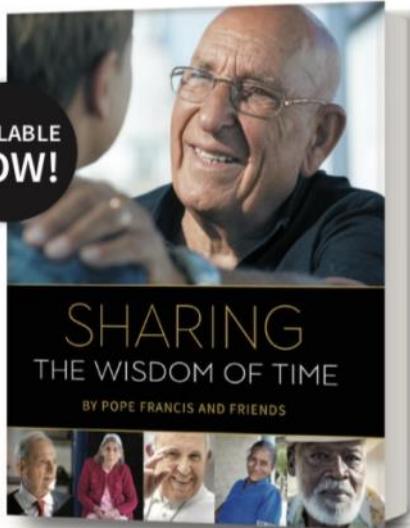
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