

# Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 2020

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# The Leader Within

## St. Mother Teresa Parish 2020 Leadership Retreat

All CDC and Archdiocese COVID-19 guidelines must be observed - masks, social distancing, 50 persons maximum.

The Coronavirus created extraordinary challenges for everyone and every organization in our parish.

In the midst of this, our leaders have been called on to continue to lead and move our parish forward - often without knowing what's best.

But, what does it take *for the leaders* to keep going even when we aren't certain about what to do?

How do we provide leadership when it feels like everything is in chaos? How can I be a leader when I feel like I don't have what it takes to just keep up? How do I keep my faith *and* help others keep their faith during these uncertain times?

**Join us at our 2020 Leadership Retreat** to explore these ideas, support each other, and grow in faith and leadership.



**FACILITATOR**  
**Mike Pietrzak**

Mike is one of our parish musicians, and he has held a variety of leadership positions in Catholic Schools, Public Schools and Districts, and at the State Level. He now provides leadership support and other programs through his company, Advanced Strategies for Professional Development.



### Am I one of the leaders?

You are a leader, and you are welcome if you are staff, a committee member, a liturgical minister, a regular volunteer, a "sometime" volunteer, or if you ever thought about being a potential leader in the future.

**SIGN UP NOW**



**WHEN**

Oct 17 • Saturday  
9 AM to 12 PM  
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Box lunch provided

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# Mass Intentions

**October 4, 2020 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 A.M.** Health Blessing for Joe Ruic by Deborah Annoreno  
+ Sau Fong Yuan by Margaret & Teresa  
+ Kathleen Roti, Birthday Remembrance by Marion Roti  
+ Cookie & David Jarzyna by Marion Roti  
+ Leona Johnson by Rose Marie
- 10:30 A.M.** Health Healing for both Living & Deceased  
Family Members and Friends of the Cheong Family by Roberta Cheong  
Healthy Blessing for Lucy Wong by the Cheong Family  
Special Intention by Darlene  
+ Elaine Louie by George & Family  
+ Joanna Wai Nin Law Wan by Law Family  
+ Jorge, Virginia, George, Charles Lo, Fillis & Bill, Joe & Albert Wong  
By Agnes & Family  
+ Therese Ryan Lee by Darlene Chan-Lowe  
+ Mr. Andreas Wardhana by Katharina & Family

**MON. Oct. 5th** *Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*  
*\*(Mass at St. Therese Church)*

**8:00 A.M.**  
**TUE. Oct. 6th** *Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*  
*\*(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)*

**8:00 A.M.**

**WED. Oct. 7th** *Our Lady of the Rosary*  
*\*(Mass at St. Therese Church)*

**8:00 A.M.** + Catherine Gurgone, Birthday Remembrance by Daughter  
+ Ceil Ballzano by SMI

**THU. Oct. 8th** *Weekday \*(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)*

**8:00 A.M.**

**FRI. Oct. 9th** *Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John  
Leonardi, Priest \*(Mass at St. Therese Church)*

**8:00 A.M.**

**SAT. Oct. 10th** *Weekday*

**8:00 A.M.** *\*(Mass at St. Barbara Chapel)*

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



## *From the Desk of Fr. Francis*

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

### **Congratulations and Thanks**

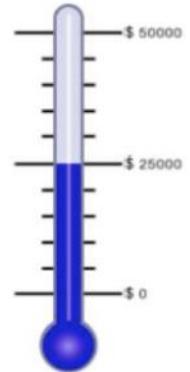
Congratulations to **Juan Jimenez** and **Maria Szczech** who celebrated the Sacrament of matrimony last Saturday at St. Barbara Church. We wish God's abundant blessings upon their marriage.

Thanks to all who have donated towards our **"Carry on the Mission Appeal."** Your generosity is making a double-impact for our community. We have three more weeks to fully benefit from the \$50,000.00 matching grant challenge. Please help us to reach our goal.



# Matching Grant Challenge!

We are halfway to our goal of \$50,000 for our Matching Grant Challenge. Our deadline to reach our goal is Sunday, October 18th.



### **Mission and Prayer**

This weekend our community celebrates the feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus at St. Therese Church. St. Therese's official feast day is on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and she is the Patroness of the Missions, not because of her vast missionary activities, but rather through her prayers and support for missionaries and her tireless love for saving souls for Jesus. Obviously St. Therese has a lot to teach us about MISSION and PRAYER.

First of all, we all can be missionaries and we don't have to venture into foreign lands to do so. We can spread God's love and build up God's Kingdom in the ways how we do "small things" with "great love" in our everyday lives. St. Therese's "little ways" can help us to cultivate a spirituality of mission and compassion for all. Jesus came and preached about the Kingdom of God and sends his disciples out to teach and baptize: "The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel;" "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." St. Therese responded to Jesus' call with extraordinary zeal and love. Through her, many came to believe in Jesus and many others are continuously being assisted by her examples and intercessions.

Secondly, St. Therese teaches us that prayer is a powerful weapon for missionary work. Through prayer we connect ourselves with God and assist others to be closer to God and to bear good fruits with their works and lives. Do you pray every day? The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. St. Therese shows us the importance of prayer. So let's make prayer part of our



daily habit and take at least a few minutes of our day to consciously talk to our God. In prayer, we receive God's grace to live out our calls and we learn how to love and be loved.

Speaking of mission and prayer, I would like to share a powerful experience I had with the Missionaries of Charity this past Monday. Four Sisters came to our parish and two by two they went around Chinatown spreading the Good News by praying the Rosary and greeting people on their way. I joined two of them and walked around for about one hour and along the way we had good conversations with people and prayed the rosary while we weren't conversing with others. Then we ended with one hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church. **The Sisters plan to do this every Monday and they want to pray in your homes if you invite them by calling our parish offices; they also want to invite you to join the Holy Hour on Mondays from 5pm to 6pm in St. Therese Church.** What a powerful example of mission and prayer!

*Peace ~ Fr. Francis*

## Faith Witness #9: Roberta's Faith Story— Part 2

At the nursing home, I share a small room with a 77-year-old woman who loudly and continuously screams "Help!!!" day and night and curses. Almost every day, she screams in her sleep too! Her screams are a piercing kind of scream and I constantly need to cover my ears. One very early morning at 2 am, she woke up and started screaming again, disturbing me and the patients living in nearby rooms. I told her to press the nurse call button if she needs help (we don't call for help here by screaming). She immediately fired back at me with an angry "Shut up!!!" In an instant, I lost my temper and yelled back at her. Of course, she fired back with more furious words. Caught by how suddenly I had lost control of my own temper and patience, I immediately ended the argument and prayed the rosary, asking for God and Mary's help to help me be more patient, kind, and loving. I wouldn't be able to bring God's love to her if I was upset at her and she wouldn't be able to see Jesus through me if I was not holy and if I did not die unto myself. Even though I prayed for my roommate every day, I knew God wanted me to be more merciful and charitable towards her. I resolved not to lose my temper anymore with my roommate, but I needed to put something in place so that I WON'T lose my temper again. I asked myself, "What should I do next time she starts screaming again INSTEAD OF losing my temper?" I decided to press MY nurse call button so that a nurse can come and solve my roommate's issues and help her stop screaming. This method has been working beautifully and I have been able to maintain a peaceful disposition even when my roommate is screaming.



Many sins can be overcome and kept from repeating itself if we plan in advance what to do instead of sinning when we face the same temptation in the future. This way, we will not be caught by surprise, we will have seen it coming, and will be better prepared for it. This method even works to help us avoid the near occasions of sin. For great creative ideas, we can ask God, "God, what do you want me to do? What is the most holy and loving thing to do?" It's helpful to regularly remind ourselves of The Ten Commandments, the 7 deadly sins (lust, greed, gluttony, envy, anger, pride, sloth), and the 7 lively virtues (chastity, generosity, moderation, kindness, patience, humility, diligence). There is no temptation we will ever face that humanity hasn't already faced, because there is no originality in the devil. Satan merely repeats the same tactics to tempt people to sin. The strategies that Satan used on Adam and Eve to tempt them to sin are the same strategies he uses on us today. But God is capable of helping us overcome and resist every temptation and sin, especially when we pray the "Our Father."



Also, I have noticed that whenever I am playing an audio version of the rosary or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy or the Mass on YouTube, especially if it contains Gregorian chant music, my roommate calms down and stops screaming. Fellow parishioner Janice recently gave me some fantastic advice. She told me that when people are focused on something else, they focus less on themselves and the pain they're experiencing. So giving my roommate some activities to do, like adult coloring, might be helpful to her.

The Lord teaches us to forgive as God forgives us each time we come to Him and repent of our sins. God has forgiven me countless times! So I, too, must forgive my roommate every time she wakes me up with her screaming or when I can't hold conversations on the phone because I can't hear the person talking over my roommate's screams.

I have both heart failure and kidney failure (end-stage renal disease) and I receive dialysis treatments on premise for 3 hours at a time, 3 days a week. Dialysis is not a pleasant experience, so I've been offering this suffering up for souls in Purgatory, to make reparations for my sins and the sins of others, for the conversion of all souls, and for an end to abortion. While I undergo dialysis, I spend the time praying for the salvation of souls, many world issues, and for everyone I have ever met and will ever meet in the future. Know that you are all in my daily prayers! After all of my prayers have been said, I spend the remaining time in dialysis thinking of all the blessings God has given me and just keep thanking Him. God has been so extremely good to me and I am incredibly blessed! Those 9 hours are God's special gift to me, because He has allotted that time for me and Him to spend together in conversation without interruption. I thank Him for giving me the opportunity to grow closer to Him.

You know, when we fill our life with God, we realize that He alone is sufficient. Though I live in a tiny space without being able to go outside and all of my belongings fit in one cabinet, I still feel like I have way too many things and that God spoils me. The closer I grow towards Jesus, the more I realize how little I truly need and what I do need, God has always and will always provide for me at the perfect time. The real gold in life worth pursuing is not money, earthly pleasures, power, control, expensive foods, vacations, human praise and adoration, fame, Facebook "likes," Twitter followers, trends, awards, promotions, big houses, nice cars, cool phones, physical beauty, winning, or getting everything we desire. These are all vanities—worthless and meaningless. The real gold is Jesus, knowing Him, having an intimate relationship with Him through prayer, eternal life in Heaven with God, loving Him with all of our heart, mind, and soul, loving other people as ourselves, obeying God's commandments, serving Him, the sacraments, the Bible, the Catholic Church, the 7 gifts and the 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit, and doing His will.

I am eager to see our parish family again in person and being able to participate in the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Confession, but thank God I can see Fr. Li and some of you through the live-streamed Sunday Masses and the Wednesday rosary sessions. I know that we are always united as the family of God through our Baptism and through our prayers for one another. I pray that we can all receive the sacraments very soon and celebrate Mass together! Until then, let's keep each other in our prayers! Thank you so much for your prayers for me! I need many prayers! May God bless all of you!

***Your sister-in-Christ,  
Roberta***

**“Carry on the Mission” Match Appeal**  
**Thank YOU all who have already donated!**

Katherine Moy	\$1,000	Pamela M. Eng	\$125
Teresa & Gene Lee	\$250	Peter Kelty	\$350
Margaret & William Moy	\$200	Zhiwei Niu	\$500
Anonymous	\$150	Chris & Frances Lee	\$250
Marilyn Lee	\$125	Teresa Au	\$300
Gertrude Leung	\$100	Richard & Mary Lou Warfield	\$25
Shiu-Mei Sim	\$125	Monica Lam	\$100
Andrew Toy	\$125	John & Sheila Lin	\$150
Lucy Moy	\$125	Patricia Lee	\$125
Sacred Heart Ladies	\$125	Gemma Wong	\$250
Anonymous	\$125	Teresa & Shelly Moy	\$250
Peter Tse	\$150	Kee Chung Leong	\$125
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Theresa Latham	\$250	Anthony & Anita Spina	\$250
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Anna Eng	\$150	Agnes Lee	\$150
Richard & Rita Young	\$200	Dorothy Albanese	\$125
Rita Lim	\$20	James Flannery	\$150
Chris Wong & Alexandra Lee	\$200	Vincent Gallelli	\$250
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Frankie J. Frigo	\$125	Joe & Rena Zito	\$150
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Lucille Salerno	\$125	Tzu Kuo	\$125
Rose Mary Marasso	\$125	Ray Perpignani	\$50
Marion Roti	\$125	Paul Spalla	\$1,000
Catherine Chang	\$125	Paul Lau	\$3,000
Annie Lowe	\$200	Pat Culen & Wendy Sin	\$200
Nancy Shortino	\$30	王世彬	\$125
Laura Wu Chu	\$200	王利中 & 李飞雯	\$130
Ruth Schkil	\$50	王凯	\$125
R. Krach & J. Barrett	\$100	Rose Lee	\$130
James & Ramona Chin	\$200	Izabel Sheh	\$125
John Moy	\$125	Shao-Chen Lin	\$125
Ching Li	\$125	Larry & Theresa Wong	\$150
Mimi & David Chin	\$130	Fr. Francis Li	\$150
Elizabeth & Michael Velten	\$100		
Lani Chen & Chuck Lee	\$500		
Larry Pusateri	\$350		
Laurence & Theresa Wong	\$150		
Mark Miller	\$200		
		<b>Grand Total as of 10/02/2020</b>	<b>\$22,286</b>

# ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS



Join our St. Therese Chinese Catholic School students at our weekly school Masses.

October Masses:

October 5 (STW)

October 13 (SBW)

October 19 (STW)

October 27 (SBW)

All Masses will be Live-Streamed (STW; 8am) or recorded and uploaded the next day (SBW) to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish's Youtube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StMotherTeresaofCalcuttaParishChicago>

## Join us for an Open House

**Date:** Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

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

**Location:** St. Barbara Campus,  
2859 S. Throop St.

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!

**Congratulations** to **Joseph Ramoran** (left), 5th Grade, and **Reagan Tong** (right), 7th Grade, who were named State Grade-Level Winners in the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest.



## Weekly Offering

### Collection for September 27, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 685	
GiveCentral	295	July 1-To-Present (Actual): \$ 27,468
<u>Sunday Loose</u>	<u>254</u>	July 1-To -Present (Budget): \$ 28,600
Total Collection	\$ 1,234	

Weekly Budget: \$2,200                      % of Budget Attained: 96%

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



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

Cita Orendain	Bernie Wong	Roberta Cheong	George Lee
Lois Payton	Anne Pataka	Victor Roa	Hu Bin
Shiu Wah Leung	Gerard Phillips	Felina Li	Barbara Metzinger
Lan Ying Yee	Dolly Roti	Debbie Annoreno	Ali Powers
Amelia Lorraine Schroeder	Marie Panozzo	Richard Shew	Jose Cardenal
Karl Schroeder	Lai I Fan	Mia Rose Faciana	John Palenik
Phil Maraldi	Xue Ying Mou	Matthew Mantia	Lucy Wong
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Sister Noel Devine	Gyna Gazzzi	Bai Xue	David Leung
Barbara McElroy	Joseph Rubin	James Gemkow	Luz Whitehead
Ramona Zavala	Ken Barber	Frank Karagianes	James Longo III
Michael Howley	Kay Siani	Levi Kirkland	Rose Perez
Mina Preysler Munoz	Ted Sin	Phyllis Robinson	June Moy
Michael Tobar	James Rak	Susan Zibricky	Brian Cook
MAD & Rose Marie Donato	Mark Donato	Delfin Masangcay	
	Florence Yu	Rose AnnFormusa	

### Bearing Fruit by Sr. Caritas

As we watch the present news each day, we see more destruction. Forests are burning in the west. People have lost their homes and towns have been destroyed. The virus has affected so many jobs and businesses. All peoples' plans and dreams are being damaged. Much of these events are beyond our individual control. Yet responsibility can be laid at the feet of individuals and groups for inactivity or lack of preparation.

Our readings today present us with the images of landowner and vineyards. Jesus tells a story of a vineyard owner who rents his property and wants the fruits of the produce grown on his land by others. When he sends out his servants to gather his products, the workers kill the servants and thus he gets no produce from his vineyard. He sends more servants, more in number, to gather his produce and the same thing happens. They kill all the servants. He decides to send his loved son and they throw him out and kill him also so they can own the land. "What will the master do to these evil servants?" Those listening say the owner will kill them and rent his property to others. Ending the parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of God will be taken from the Chief Priests and Scribes and given to others. They were hearing the parable. The call to being of the kingdom of God is to bear fruit.

God is patient and merciful. He gives us opportunities over and over to bear fruit. We are called to be holy, like Jesus, like St. Therese. We are to be filled with the grace of love and kindness. We are to care for others and follow the word of God. Being filled with grace and bearing fruit begins at Baptism. We always have the opportunity to grow in holiness and grace each day. When each of us is finally called to the kingdom of God, in, the kingdom of heaven, will we be ready?



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# News and Events

## Weekly Parish Rosary on Zoom



You are invited to join our weekly **Mandarin Rosary on Tuesdays** at 2:30pm, **English Rosary on Wednesdays** at 7:00p m and **5:30am Every Sunday Rosary Prayer at St. Barbara Church.** If

you are able to join, please contact Jing Zhang at [jzsttherese@gmail.com](mailto:jzsttherese@gmail.com) for details.

## RCIA Programs

Our English and Cantonese RCIA will start on Sunday Oct. 11th and our Mandarin RCIA will start on Sunday Oct. 25th. Please invite interested parties to join our programs.

## Our Parish's Live-Streamed 10:30am Sunday Mass

Catholics are still absolved from Sunday obligations. Those who can't yet participate in person can still join us online; our 10:30am Sunday mass is live-streamed via Facebook and YouTube ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAgZ6h3s85o\\_fB3QSYO2VQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAgZ6h3s85o_fB3QSYO2VQ))

**Religious Education (RE) for children from 1st to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. PREP will begin with Family Orientation at 2pm on Sunday, Oct. 4, via Zoom**

PREP



Parish Religious Education Program

For more information contact: **Chris Delfin at: [ChrisDelfin@gmail.com](mailto:ChrisDelfin@gmail.com)**  
Parish Office at 312-842-6777

## Please Pray for the following **Mercy Hospital patients:**



Nicole, Lorine, Stephen, Antonio, Gina, Carol, Justine, Valerie, Jose, Darlene, Mary, Jacqueline, Cynthia, Regina, Margaret, Laura, Bobby, Catherine, Louise, Kevin, Mary, Katie, Jose, Maria, Richard

## MASS SCHEDULE

### 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 2nd Saturday at 4pm;

and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30PM

### **Cantonese Mass 粵語:**

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:**

2nd Sunday of each month at

St. Barbara Chapel at 11:00am

### **Mandarin Mass 國語:**

2nd Saturday of each month at 4pm

4th Sunday of each month at 12:30pm

每月第二周六下午四点和第四主日中午十二点半

#### Weekdays:

8:00AM Mass: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

### REMINDER:

If you are considered as “vulnerable population;” or if you are having pre-existing health conditions; or if you are experiencing any health issues, out of 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.