

St. Therese Catholic Church

March 26, 2023

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

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MASSES | CONFESSIONS

Masses: Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. & Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

And Traditional Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday Masses: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
(Tuesday's evening Mass is in Spanish).

Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:00 p.m.,
and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE**

STREAMED on Facebook AND YouTube)

Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS (INSIDE & OUTSIDE)-**Wednesdays**
from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; **Saturdays** from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
and **Sundays** from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page
or on the Church's website >Our School > Videos



SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Register online

Weddings: Register online at least six
months in advance

• **Anointing of the Sick:** Call the office

Letter from the Pastor

Blessed Fifth Sunday of Lent, everyone!

First of all, thank you to all of you who made the St. Joseph Solemnity so special, and thank you to Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA, for giving us our Lenten Parish Mission on Divine Mercy, St. Faustina, and St. Michael!

Just a reminder that we are now officially underway with our **Called to Renew Campaign** for renewing the Archdiocese and our own Parish. Please pray and ask the Blessed Trinity and Joseph and Mary how they are guiding you to help out through prayer and through sacrificial giving of time, talent, and treasure. If anyone has the time and desire to help with making phone calls to their

fellow parishioners, please contact Denise, the Parish Secretary, at (626) 282-2744, Ext. 1+223, for further information. Thank you to all of our volunteers who are already helping with this important campaign!

Let me make a brief note on today's Gospel: the Raising of Lazarus involves the whole family, with his two sisters both engaging Jesus and asking Him to help them with their brother who has died. And then, after Mary intercedes on her brother's behalf, St. John writes (in the Greek, which the English translation

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, **He became perturbed and deeply troubled**, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept (John 11:33-35).

unfortunately doesn't reflect) that Jesus, seeing her and the other Jews with her grieving, became as angry as a snorting horse and deeply shaken with fear. Why this strong detail?? Is Jesus angry at Mary and the Jews?? NO!!! He is angry and afraid in the face of death—His friend's death and His upcoming death! He is showing these strong emotions to help every human being down through history until the end of time who gets angry and afraid in the face of death.

So, let us not shove down our anger and fear, but share it with our Lord Jesus and ask Him to guide us in the midst of it all.

**Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph,
—Fr. Thomas of the Trinity, OCD**





A Historic Moment

Announcing a campaign to strengthen our parish and ministries.

We are all Called to Renew

Your life has a purpose: to love God and to spread hope and light in a world desperately in need of both. The Church, too, has a responsibility: to boldly witness to the power of grace and healing through Christ – in our families, our parishes, and our communities.

The *Called to Renew* campaign gives us the opportunity to renew not only our spirit, but the ways in which we live out our faith in our parishes. The campaign will allow us to:

- Renovate facilities to ensure they are safe spaces for families to learn, grow, and worship
- Reaffirm our support for priestly vocations
- Reinvigorate our ministries to serve those who are sick, dying, and imprisoned, as well as their families
- Reimagine faith formation so people of all ages can grow in their Catholic faith

The campaign will also benefit our parish.

Our Parish Needs

Fifty percent (50%) of all funds raised up to goal will remain with our parish to address the following needs:

- **Church Interior Renovations**
- **Painting the Church Interior**
- **Stained Glass Windows**
- **Church – Tile Roof**
- **Lighting/Wiring**
- **Parish School and Rectory**



One hundred percent (100%) of funds collected over our parish campaign goal will remain in our parish to address local needs.

In the coming weeks, our Ambassadors will be calling families to explain the campaign and answer your questions. We hope you will welcome their invitation to meet with open hearts. **Thank you**

Our Goal

\$1,000,000

Amount Raised to Date

\$55,462

Number of Gifts

13

Average Gift

\$4,266

Percent of Goal Raised

6%



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Faith Academics Virtue

Don't Give Up on the Liberal Arts! *Excerpts from Bishop Robert Barron*

Why do we refer to religion, philosophy, history, literature, and art as "liberal"? We do so because they are free (liber in Latin) precisely from utility. And this is to say that they are the highest sort of disciplines, for they are subordinated to nothing outside of themselves. They exist for their own sake, endowed with intrinsic value. In this, they are to be differentiated from the practical arts and sciences, which exist for the sake of something else. So, one studies engineering in order to construct machines that accomplish some useful purpose; or one studies architecture in order to erect buildings; or one studies mechanics in order to get a car to run; etc. But one reads Shakespeare because it is beautiful so to do, and one watches a baseball game because baseball is good, and one gazes at the Sistine Chapel ceiling because it elevates the soul. Our machines and computers and cars and iPhones are great, but they are designed ultimately to make the experience of intrinsic value more readily available. One should never, of course, denigrate the practical sciences, but one should have the sense to subordinate them to those disciplines that are properly liberal. Much of our culture is suffering from the effects of turning this hierarchy on its head.

(continued next week)

Soup Night This Friday!

It is a Lenten custom of the parish to hold a meatless meal on Fridays in Lent to promote fellowship in the school and parish. Friends of STCS will be hosting Soup Night this Friday, March 31, at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

All are invited to attend! Admission is free.
Free-will donations are gratefully accepted.

Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the church.



LIVING Stations of the Cross

**Friday, March 31,
11:30 a.m.**

All are welcome to join our school for our annual Living Stations of the Cross. This beautiful memorial of Our Lord's Passion is lovingly presented by the 8th grade class, who have worked tirelessly to prepare this Lenten meditation for you.

Parent Formation Nights

"Awake or Woke:

Care of Our Souls Amidst a Culture War"

With Fr. Robert Barcelos, O.C.D.

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall



Due to fraudulent ticket purchases, this event is now password-protected. Please call the school office to obtain the password.

"Healing the Heart's Brokenness: Building an Intimate Relationship with Christ"

With Fr. Robert Barcelos, O.C.D.

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Visit SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com/ParentFormation to RSVP.

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Five First Saturdays Devotion



Mark your calendar for our next Five First Saturdays Devotion on April 1, and join us to pray the Rosary and to meditate for 15 minutes after the 8:00 a.m. Mass that day! For any questions, please contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 282-2744, Ext 235.

The Second and Third Apparitions of the Angel in Fatima (Summer 1916): The Angel of Peace appeared when the three children were playing near a well, asking, *“What are you doing? Pray, pray incessantly. Offer prayers and sacrifices to the Almighty.”* Lucy asked him how, to which the Angel answered: *“In everything you do, offer a sacrifice to God to make up for the sins by which God is offended... Above all, accept and endure with submission the suffering which God will send you.”* Toward the end of the Summer, the Angel came to them while they were praying. In his hand he held a chalice, and over it, a bleeding Host. Kneeling, he offered the prayer:

“Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I adore Thee profoundly, and I offer Thee the most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.”

After giving the Host to Lucy and the contents of the chalice to Francisco and Jacinta, he said: *“Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God.”* It was the last time the children saw the Angel of Peace.

Easter Flowers



Please help us beautify the church for Easter by giving a donation in one of the **Flower Offering envelopes** (in your envelope packs and in the pews).

"...Come to Believe..."

Death does not have the final say. This is the great mystery we ponder on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. Jesus' good friends, Martha and Mary, did not hide their confusion and grief from the Lord; they voiced their conviction that if Jesus had been with them during their brother's illness, he would not have died. Jesus entered into their grief and more—He overturned it. Lazarus' death became the occasion for Jesus to show all who had gathered the mercy of God who cries out, "Oh, my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them." The world was given a sign of the new life to come.



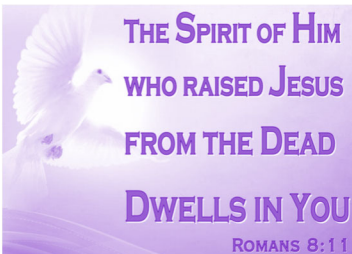
Eventually, we will all grapple with the death of a loved one—a parent, sibling, spouse, or dear friend. We also begin to come to terms with our own mortality. Our Lenten readings have invited our reflection on the big questions of life and faith. We have resolved to turn away from sin and toward God, listening to the Lord and responding with open minds and hearts. Today, we journey from death to new life, reflecting on the mystery of Christ who is the Resurrection and the Life.

Martha had a uniquely personal relationship with Jesus. She spoke with Him honestly, baring her heart to Jesus, openly expressing her confusion and sorrow at her brother's death. Jesus' response led Martha to a deep declaration of faith, **"I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."** We, too, can have a uniquely personal relationship with Jesus. We can speak honestly to the Lord, baring our hearts, expressing the truth of each moment of our lives, whether in joy or sorrow, happiness, grief, confusion, or times of fulfillment. In such honesty and trust, we may find deeper faith as well, coming to believe that Christ is our all, our Way, Truth, and Life.

We are Raised to New Life

When Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus, he knew that he was going to raise Lazarus from death to help his disciples believe. So why was he "perturbed and deeply troubled"? It could be that he was disappointed that his friends did not seem to believe that he could do

this. Like Ezekiel, the people of Jesus' time did not expect him literally to raise the dead. But God used the prophet's message to prepare for Jesus' message that not only would he rise from the dead, but we will also. And like the friends and relatives of Lazarus, we too may question how it could be



possible. Fortunately, Jesus helps with that, too.

Look at the second reading from the Letter to the Romans. Because we have God's Spirit living in us, we who are sinners can be raised to new life by that Spirit. When our sins are forgiven, we begin to live a new life by loving the people we hurt by our sins, forgiving people who have hurt us, being more concerned for the poor than for our own comfort. We are freed from worrying about the future, all because we have experienced the new life of God's Spirit and know that God is the Lord.

Shower of Roses Annual Benefit Luncheon



The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary invites you and your guests to attend this year's Shower of Roses, **"Nourish Your Heart's Garden."** It will feature a lecture by Mr. Randy Shulman, the Vice President of Advancement & External Relationships at Huntington Library & Gardens, entitled, **"Behind the Scenes at Huntington Library."**

The date of this event is **Wednesday, April 26**, beginning with a social hour at 10:30 a.m. (includes Raffle Drawings | Opportunity Prizes | Silent Auction), followed by the Luncheon at 12:00 p.m. It will be held at San Gabriel Country Club, 350 East Hermosa Drive, San Gabriel (hosted valet parking) The cost of admission is \$65 each. **To make your reservation, please call Kathy Cardoza at (626) 570-9012.**

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- Traditional Values
- Carmelite Spirituality

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Schedule for Lent

SOUP NIGHTS: Every Friday in Lent we have **Soup Nights** in the Parish Hall from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** (donations accepted). The **FINAL** Soup Night will be on **March 31st**, which will be hosted and sponsored by Parishioner Margaret Blackwell & Family and Friends.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Also on the Fridays of Lent we pray the Stations. **The new time is 6:30 p.m.** Join us in the church!

THE DAILY CELEBRATION OF MASS: Mass is celebrated Monday through Friday at 6:00 and 8:00 a.m., and at 7:00 p.m. Consider making daily Mass a part of your Lenten observation.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



March 18 / 19, 2023

Unrestricted..... \$10,487.00
 Restricted \$ 130.00
T O T A L.....\$10,617.00

February 18 / 19 \$10,509.00
 February 25 / 26 \$19,701.00
 March 4 / 5 \$17,080.00
 March 11 / 12 \$17,798.00

CHECK USERS:
 Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

Mass Intentions

March 25—April 1, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Russian Protestors, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m. (Carmel): Sr. Dolores Bailey, OCD, RIP

7:30am: Alex, Lauren, and Emily Cheah, INT

9:00 a.m.: Philip Cronin, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Makayla Torres, INT

1:00 p.m.: Aliwarga Family, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Sr. Cecilia of the Child Jesus, OCD, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mariam Joseph, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ebner Sobalvarro, Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Felicitas Dela Vega Aquino, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Otto & Martha Lacayo, Anniv. INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mariam Joseph, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Lucy Tittmann, 20th Birthday INT

7 p.m.: Vinja Vargas & Robertina Mendoza, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Sr. Cecelia of the Child Jesus, OCD, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Jasmine Marie Whitney, INT

8:00 a.m.: Mark Jensen, INT

7:00 p.m.: Georgia M. Townsend, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Sr. Cecelia of the Child Jesus, OCD, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Grace Lowenberg, INT

8:00 a.m.: Patrick Swift, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Zenaida Bernardo, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Patrick Swift, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Grace Lowenberg, INT

8:00 a.m.: Sr. Cecelia of the Child Jesus, OCD, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Tranquilina Banton, RIP

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Maria Soledad Reyes, INT

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel.**

The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and major holidays.

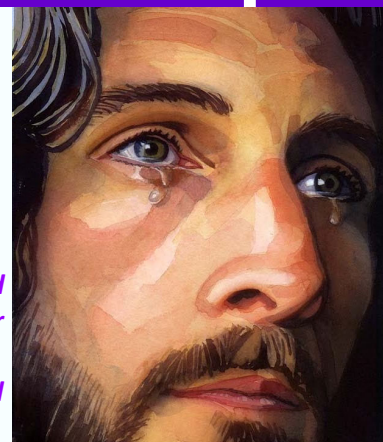
LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Jesus Wept.

There is infinitely more in these two words than any sermonizer, or student of the Word, will ever be able to bring out of them.

Come, Holy Spirit, and help us to discover for ourselves the wealth of meaning contained in these two words!



We read of other men in Scripture who wept. Abraham, when he buried Sarah, wept; Jacob had power with the angel, for he wept and prevailed; of David, we are continually reading that he wept. His friend Jonathan and he once wept together, and were not unmanned, but were the more truly men for weeping. Of Hezekiah, we read that he wept sore, and of Josiah, that he poured forth tears over the sins of Judah. Jeremiah was a weeping prophet; and I might continue the list, but if I did, it would not be at all remarkable that the sons of a fallen father should weep.

With all the sin and sorrow that surrounds us, it is no marvel that it should be said of any man, "He wept." The earth brings forth thorns and thistles, and the heart brings forth sorrow and sighing. Is there a man or woman who has not wept? Have we not all, sometimes, felt a sweet relief in tears? The marvel is that the sinless Son of God should, in the days of His flesh, know the meaning of strong crying and tears. The fact worthy to be noticed and recorded is that "Jesus wept."

First, "Jesus wept" because He was truly man and was not ashamed of His human weakness; He wept for the pain of His friends. "Jesus wept" for the disciples' lack of faith. Lastly, He wept for His coming suffering because Lazarus' death and resurrection reflected His own.

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

+ John Rodriguez