



St. Therese Catholic Church

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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 7:15 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 7:15 p.m.,
and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE**

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

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.;

Saturdays 3:00 to **5:00 p.m.**

and **Sundays** from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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"God forbid,
Lord! No such
thing shall
ever happen
to you."

Matt. 16:22

"Get Thee
Behind Me,
Satan!
You are an
obstacle
to me."

Matt. 16:23

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months in advance

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The Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese, Below is a continuation from last week's entry about Therese and the Virgin of the Smile. —Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

MANUSCRIPT A, The smile of the Virgin 29v-31v (Part 1)

My greatest consolation when I was sick was to receive a letter from Pauline. I read and reread it until I knew it by heart. Once, dear Mother, you sent me an hourglass and one of my dolls dressed as a Carmelite; it was impossible for me to express my joy. Uncle wasn't too happy, and said that instead of making me think of Carmel, it would be better to remove it from my mind. I am quite convinced, on the contrary, that the thought of one day becoming a Carmelite made me live.

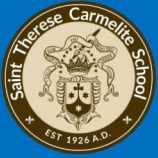
I enjoyed working for Pauline. I made her little things out of cardboard and my greatest occupation was to make crowns for the Blessed Virgin out of daisies and forget-me-nots. We were at the time in the beautiful month of May, and nature was adorned with flowers and was bursting out with joy. The "little flower" alone was languishing and seemed forever withered. However, she had a Sun near her, and this Sun was the miraculous statue of the Blessed Virgin that had spoken to Mama twice, and the little flower often, very often, turned her petals toward this blessed Star.

One day I saw Papa enter Marie's room where I was in bed. He gave her several pieces of gold with an expression of great sadness and told her to write to Paris and have some Masses said at Our Lady of Victories so that she would cure his poor little girl. Ah! how touched I was to see my dear King's faith and love! [30r]. I would have loved to be able to tell him I was cured; but I had already given him enough false joys, and it wasn't my desires that could work a miracle, and a miracle was necessary for my cure.

A miracle was necessary and it was our Lady of Victories who worked it. One Sunday during the Novena of Masses, Marie went into the garden, leaving me with Léonie, who was reading near the window. After a few moments, I began calling in a low tone: "Mama, Mama." Léonie, accustomed to hearing me always calling out like this, didn't pay any attention. This lasted a long time, and then I called her much louder. Marie finally returned. I saw her enter, but I cannot say I recognized her and continued to call her in a louder tone: "Mama." I was suffering very much from this forced and inexplicable struggle, and Marie was suffering perhaps even more than I. After some futile attempts to show me she was by my side, Marie knelt down near my bed with Léonie and Céline. Turning to the Blessed Virgin and praying with the fervor of a mother begging for the life of her child, Marie obtained what she wanted.

Finding no help on earth, poor little Thérèse had also turned toward the Mother of Heaven, and prayed with all her heart that she take pity on her. All of a sudden the Blessed Virgin appeared beautiful to me, so beautiful that never had I seen anything so attractive; her face was suffused with an ineffable benevolence and tenderness, but what penetrated to the very depths of my soul was the ravishing smile of the Blessed Virgin. At that instant, all my pain disappeared, and two large tears glistened on my eyelashes, and flowed down my cheeks silently, but they were tears of unmixed joy. "Ah!", I thought, "the Blessed Virgin smiled at me, how happy I am, but never will I tell anyone for my happiness would then disappear." Without any effort, I lowered my eyes and I saw Marie, who was looking down at me lovingly; she seemed moved and appeared to surmise the favor the Blessed Virgin had given me. Ah! it was really to her and to her touching prayers that I owed the grace of the Queen of Heaven's smile. Seeing my gaze fixed on the Blessed Virgin, she cried out: "Thérèse is cured!" Yes, the little flower was going to be born again to life, and the luminous Ray that had warmed her again was not to stop its favors; the Ray did not act all at once, but sweetly and gently it raised the little flower and strengthened her in such a way that five years later she was expanding on the fertile mountain of Carmel.





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Altar Server Training

All current and new altar boys are invited to attend a training on September 9, 16, and 23rd from 10am - 12:30pm. Attendance at all three trainings is mandatory for new altar servers and all boys who have received their First Communion are eligible to serve. Pizza and basketball will be provided at the conclusion of the training on September 23rd. Please meet at the Hall at the beginning of training. Contact Nancy Canter 202-322-9226 or nkcanter@gmail.com with any questions.

TREATS FOR SALE!

Our P.E. Department will be selling treats after the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 Masses **today!**

Funds will support new equipment for our students.

We appreciate your generosity!



Attention: Fr. Robert Barcelos invites **ALL BOYS FROM 3RD GRADE AND UP** to join him for the next **Altar Server Training Seminar**, presented over three Saturdays—**September 9, 16, and 23—from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day.** PARENTS, ESPECIALLY DADS, ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND WITH THEIR SONS. The third session will conclude with lunch and basketball—starting at 12:30 p.m.

This seminar is for **ALL new & continuing** Altar Servers! **Servers must be in the Third Grade or above and have made their First Holy Communion.** Registration forms will be available at the training. We hope to see a big group there! For more information or questions, please contact Fr. Robert at fremercy@gmail.com.

Catechists Needed!

Our Religious Education program is seeking catechists (religion teachers) for its non-Sacramental elementary grades.



Catechists must be practicing Catholics who enjoy working with children. Must be willing to be fingerprinted and attend a Virtus training session.

If you are interested, please email the coordinator, Florence Goh, at stcreligioused7@gmail.com.

The Real St. Therese

While Therese was dying in mid-autumn, flowers were never wanting, and almost every day the sisters would bring some to the infirmary. One brought along periwinkles, another violets (“Ah! the scent of violets!”), wild flowers, cornflowers, roses, dahlias. Often a parable would spring to mind as she contemplated these gifts: the ears of corn were symbolic of the graces that filled her soul, the little white flower her father had given her spoke to her of her own destiny, and the dead leaf suspended in the air by a spider's web that would fall the day she died was a sign of her life that had been cut

short. We find something of the Franciscan spirit even in her attraction towards animals. The sight of a white hen hiding its chicks beneath its wings was, for her, a parable of God's love that moved her to tears. A little sparrow fed by its parents reminded her of the story of her own life. Therese did not want anyone to take life. As an example, she begged her sister not to pull out a rhododendron. She protected a wounded mouse and the little birds that spoiled the fruit in the garden. These latter seemed grateful to her for this, for, on the anniversary of her profession, a robin came and hopped on to her bed, and during her agony countless birds sang outside the infirmary window. She would not even let anyone kill the flies that bothered her in the hot summer. The day before she died, she did not want to kill an insect that got caught in her sleeve. It is not difficult to see here once again the little girl of Les Buissonnets, the friend of birds, gold fish, silk worms, rabbits and, especially **Tom, the family's faithful Spaniel**, who is unexplainably missing from MS A.

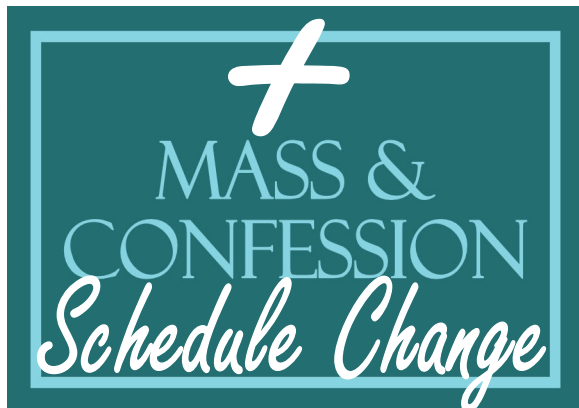


An installment from *The Passion of Thérèse of Lisieux* by Guy Gaucher, OCD



Small Change to Mass and Confession Schedule

After discernment, discussion and agreement in our community of friars here at St. Therese, we have decided to restore **Wednesday Confession hours from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, and to **no longer offer a Mass on Wednesday evenings.** The first Wednesday that this will be implemented will be **THIS WEDNESDAY, September 6th.** For the Mass intentions which have already been scheduled for the evening Mass on Wednesdays (September 6 and after), be assured that these intentions will be offered at Mass, albeit privately by one of our priests in residence.



Also, as published last week, **confessions times on Saturday are now from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.,** (NOT until 6:00 p.m.) so that the focus will be on the celebration of the Mass at 5:00 p.m. Also, all confessions will be heard **inside** the confessionals in the church. **Thank you! —Fr. Peter Mary**

Cloistered Nuns' Auxiliary Seeks Young Adult Volunteers

The Alhambra Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary is **seeking YOUNG ADULTS TO JOIN AS AUXILIARY ASSOCIATES.** Volunteers will be called to assist in fundraising events for the benefit of the Nuns. Your help will be needed twice a year—in the Spring and Fall—as well as with other special projects throughout the year. Volunteers need not attend the monthly meetings but will receive the minutes via email. Your time commitment would be flexible. For more info, please contact Jessica Morgan at jessica.morgan@gmail.com.



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.



The printing schedule of this bulletin was advanced due to vacation schedules. The collection results for August 26/27 will be posted in the September 17 bulletin.

July 29 / 30	\$12,753.00
August 5 / 6	\$16,172.00
August 12 / 13	\$20,129.00
August 19 / 20	\$17,442.00

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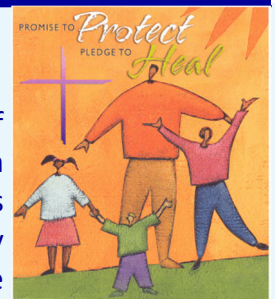


It's that time of year again! **CLASSES WILL START NEXT SUNDAY!** To register, download the appropriate registration form from the website (Rel. Educ.) and then bring it to the office with the registration fee (cash or check) and, if applicable, a copy of each student's Baptism and First Communion cert. The schedule is also on our website.

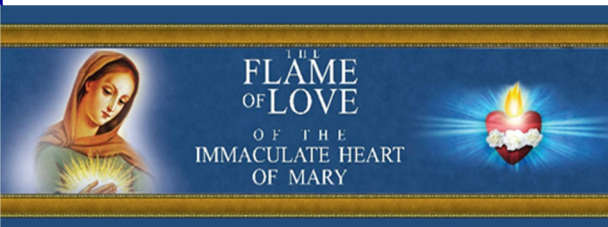
Registration is for non-sacramental and Sacramental classes (First Holy Communion 1 & 2 and Confirmation 1 & 2), as well as for **RCIA for Adults**.

Safeguard the Children - Did You Know?

How can we combat human trafficking? Human trafficking is the forced exploitation of people — it is estimated that 27 million people are enslaved across the world. This can include sweatshop labor, sex work, forced marriage, and more. Every state in the US. has documented instances of human trafficking. Spreading awareness about the immensity and pervasiveness of this problem is the first step in fighting back. Learn about the resources available, such as the National Human Trafficking Hotline (1-888-373-7888) and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Human Trafficking Awareness" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



The Flame of Love: The Greatest Gift of Grace for Our Time



Living in the Flame – Weekly Agenda ~ Tuesday: For the Family Night Vigil: Jesus said: "Make spiritual communions for each member of the family. Offer each person, one by one, to our dear Mother. She will take them under her protection. You will also offer that evening vigil for them."

The following prayer was composed by Saint Alphonsus Ligouri in the 18th century and is a beautiful prayer of spiritual communion, which can be adapted like this for each member of your family: **My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire that (PERSON'S NAME) receive you into (his / her) soul. Since (he / she) cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into (his / her) heart. Have (him / her) embrace You as if You had already come, and unite (him / her) wholly to You. Never permit (him / her) to be separated from You. Amen.**

Join the Cenacle: Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room every **Monday**. One from Noon to 2:00 p.m., the other one from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the parish offices.

If you have any questions, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.



Mass Intentions

Pilgrimage

September 2—September 9, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Mary Rose and Patrick, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): All Humanity

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Sarita Comyns, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Ursulina Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Bridget Frei, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Leo J. Lacangan, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Kim Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Nicole Tittmann, 4th Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Chris Holman, Birthday INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Ronaldo Cuarto, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Kim Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Leo J. Lacangan, RIP

7:15 p.m.: John Doyle, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Leo J. Lacangan, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Corazon Aclaro, INT

8:00 a.m.: Fidelina Adan, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Nicolas & Chistina Yang, INT

*7:30 a.m.: John Doyle, INT

8:00 a.m.: Epifania Fuente, RIP

7:15 p.m.: John Velasquez, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Exuperto Tijero, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Therese Huyen-Duong Vu, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Kay Tittmann, Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Fr. Matthias of the

Immaculate Heart of Mary, INT

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT

8:00 a.m.: Jessica & Rodolfo Valientes, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and holidays.**

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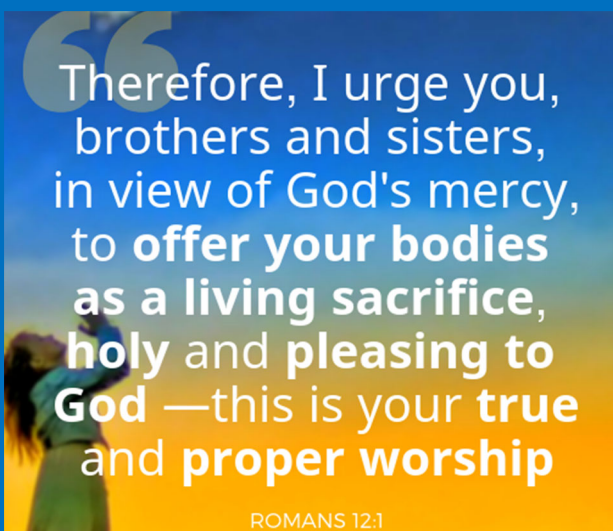
The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:15 p.m. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Pilgrimage



Join the Carmelite Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Elizabeth of the Trinity," from Sept 28-Oct 11, incl. Paris, Lourdes, Ars, etc. Chaplains are Fr. Mark Kissner, OCD, and Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD.

Contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 | maddatubeth2@gmail.com.



Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God —this is your true and proper worship

ROMANS 12:1

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
+ Gloria Adair
(wife of David Adair)

Gloria's funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, September 5, at 10:00 a.m., followed by burial at Rose Hills, Whittier.

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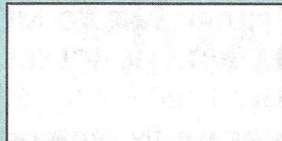
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