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Saint Therese Church

February 1, 2015 **Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars** Established 1924

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(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code.)

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (226) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD (222) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD * **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333) **Vocations:** Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocesan: (213) 637-7515

Masses & Services: Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am; Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm; Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm; Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm

Devotions: Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass; Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm; Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm; Fatima Devotion: 13th of the month from May through October

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession): Wed., 7-9 pm;
and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Baptism: Register at 284-0020 (1)

Weddings: Call 6 months before

RCIA: Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

Other Ministries / Programs:

Grief Support, 2nd/4th Wed.,

2:30-4 pm: Deacon Couple 333)

Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias

(323) 724-6443

First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer Vigil—

7:30 pm-6:00 am

Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight—

Mike Pulciano 641-0870

Legion of Mary: Tues., 7:00 pm

Natural Family Planning—

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

Respect Life Ministry / Foot Soldiers:

Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942

Rosary Makers/Mondays, 6-8 pm: Ed

William 975-1838 tieknt@gmail.com

St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wednesdays,

6:15 pm - Albert Grana 576-0872

“Tea at Therese” Women’s Group:

(2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10 am)

Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



Parish Mission Statement:

St. Therese Church is an active and Eucharistic Parish Community dedicated in faith and service to a loving and merciful God under our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux. We are committed in our ministries to providing discipleship through evangelization and fostering a contemplative life, resulting in Christian formation and spiritual growth of our members.

Parish Secretary:

Denise McMaster-Holguin (223);

denisekay@hotmail.com

Finance: Noralyn Cailan (228)

Christian Services:

Bridie McDermott (224)

Choir Directors:

9:00 a.m.: Marcia Martinez-Bateman

(775) 771-4992

11:00 a.m.: Paula Grimm

(909) 703-1284 / pgimm.dir@gmail.com

Coordinator for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Altar:

Fr. Leonel Varela (222)

Coordinators for Ministry to the Sick: Fred & Margaret Padilla

282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

rhondalstorey@gmail.com

* Pre K through 8th Grade

* Adult Religious Ed

Youth & Adult Confirmation

Programs: Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)

Email: rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-

3364 - Principal: Carmela Lovano (661)

clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org

Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please come to the Parish Office to register.

510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra—**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 to 5:00 pm; 6:00 to 8:00 pm—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm** **Eucharistic Adoration** - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson – 289-0388

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 1, 2015

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us. —Psalm 95:6

CATECHESIS Q & A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

By Denise Holguin-McMaster, Parish Secretary

1) How Should I Prepare to Come to Mass? 2) Should I Receive Holy Communion at Mass?

“How Should I Prepare to Come to Mass?” Preparing to attend Mass should begin at home. First, each person who plans to receive Holy Communion must observe the fasting requirement, which is to refrain from food and drink for at least for one hour before receiving. Some people mistakenly believe the Church has done away with the fasting rule; however, it is still required—though greatly modified. Before Vatican II, Catholics were required to fast beginning at Midnight before receiving Holy Communion!

Next, it is important that we be in the proper frame of mind and truly contemplate what we are about to do. The Daily Roman Missal tells us that, in preparation for Mass, we can contemplate the fact that the Eucharistic Sacrifice is the most important event that happens each day—the most pleasing reality we can offer to God. It also

recommends praying that the Holy Spirit will guide the priest’s words and actions, and that He will enlighten the members of the congregation to “open their ears” to receive the Word of God and accept its meaning. While there are many ways to pray in order to prepare for the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the point is to orient our minds toward God, to join with our brothers and sisters in the congregation, to have the right intention, and unite ourselves to the Sacrifice of Jesus.

Second, we should prepare for Mass in the way we dress—both **modestly** and **respectfully**. Sunday is a special day, and God’s House is a special place; and so our clothing ought to reflect this truth. In the Scriptures we read, “*Worship the Lord in holy attire*” (1 Chronicles 16:29, Psalms 29:2, 96:9). Also, the Catholic Catechism teaches that our clothing “ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of the moment when Christ becomes our guest” in Holy Communion (CCC 1387). The exterior reflects the interior, and God definitely deserves the best we have—inside and out! This is also why altar dressings and priests’ vestments, etc., are normally the best the church can manage. However, we have to remember that our souls should also be “dressed nice,” which leads to our second question...

“Should I Receive Holy Communion at Mass?” In order to respond to the Lord’s invitation to eat His Body and drink His Blood, we must first examine our consciences. St. Paul says, “*Therefore, whoever eats the Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord unworthily shall be guilty of the Body and the Blood of the Lord*” (1 Cor. 11:27). This means that if we have committed a serious (mortal) sin, we **must not** receive until we have gone to Confession. If this is the case, in lieu of receiving you may come forward and tacitly ask for a blessing by simply crossing your arms over your chest. Those who are not Catholic or who are not in full communion with the Church (professing and believing in all the Church’s teachings) are also not permitted to receive. The reason is simple: To receive while not being a practicing Catholic is to witness to something that we do not actually believe. In essence, each person who receives Holy Communion is proclaiming publicly that “*I am a practicing member of the Catholic Church and I believe and follow all its teachings.*”



PROCESSION TO TRANSFER THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TO THE NEW ADORATION CHAPEL

You are invited...

to join  *us for a*
Solemn Procession
of the Blessed Sacrament

The procession and transfer will be held immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass this Monday, February 2 (the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple).

Please join us!

BIBLE STUDY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY All adults are invited to our Bible Study, held every Wednesday through June 3—from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. We are studying Fr. Robert Barron's DVD series, **PRIEST, PROPHET, KING**. Come join us for this deeply biblical presentation, wherein Fr. Barron weaves high theology with his accessible teaching style to present Jesus' three-fold mission. Please call Debbie Robles at (626) 679-6370 for more information.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STRE: Next scheduled classes will be February 8 and 22. Please remember that all families are required to attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass together.

RCIA Adult Faith Formation



Please pray for the catechumens, candidates and confirmandi who continue on their faith journeys. The next classes will be on Thursdays, February 5, 12, and 26, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

Your Journey
Begins at
St. Therese

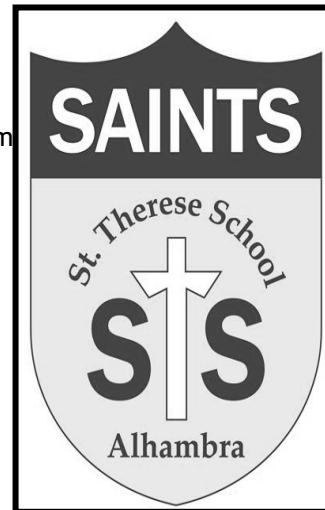


The next classes will be on February 5 and 22, including attendance at the 5:00 p.m. Mass for all students and their families.

ST. THERESE SCHOOL is proud to be a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.

Please join us as we celebrate our 100th Day of School!

- Feast of St. Blaise Prayer Service on February 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the Hall
- 100th Day of School on February 5
- **Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser** on February 6 in Monrovia between 3:00 and 9:00 p.m.
- No School on February 13 (WASC Meeting) or February 16 (Presidents' Day)
- Lenten Prayer Service on February 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the Hall
- Ash Wednesday Mass on February 18 at 10:00 a.m.
- Stations of the Cross on February 20 and 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church
- Family Mass on February 22 at 9:00 a.m.
- **El Pollo Loco Fundraiser** (Feb. 25 in SG on Las Tunas between 2:00-9:00 p.m.)
- Ongoing New Student Registration for TK - 8th Grade
- Ongoing Student Guest Program - Your child can experience a day at school!
- Ongoing Collection of Non-Perishable Food for our Christian Services Pantry
- Ongoing Collection of Box Tops for Education



We encourage you to visit the school office or our website www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org for important information and updates. Please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Carmela Lovano, by phone at 289-3364 or by email at clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org to schedule a tour. We look forward to hearing from you!

ADORATION CHAPEL



"What Christ gives us is quite explicit if his words are interpreted according to their Aramaic meaning. The expression 'This is my Body' means "This is Myself."

--Karl Rahner

To sign up for an hour every week, please call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below you will find the total collections for last weekend and for the previous four weekends.

January 24 / 25, 2015

Unrestricted.....	\$13,003.00
Restricted	\$ 547.00
T O T A L.....	\$13,550.00

December 27 / 28	\$17,861.00
January 3 / 4	\$34,184.00
January 10 / 11	\$18,633.00
January 17 / 18	\$13,105.00

WOMEN'S RETREAT!

Is coming to El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands on March 13, 14, and 15. Call one of the Captains for information and to reserve your room: Ernie O'Conner at 445-4333; Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186; or Cecilia Tweedy at 712-3478.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN (Feb. 18-Mar. 29)

By the grace of God, since its launching as a worldwide movement in 2007, *40 Days for Life* has achieved a stunning track record, as follows: 650,000 Pro-Life Volunteers Assisted in 3,336 Pro-Life Campaigns, which were held in 559 Cities in 27 Nations Resulting in: 9,699 Lives Saved * 107 Abortion Workers Quitting * 59 Abortion Centers Being Closed!

THANK YOU! The *2nd Annual TREE OF LIFE* was a great success! Your gifts helped LAPS (Los Angeles Pregnancy Services), located near Downtown Los Angeles with 9 abortion facilities within 1 mile of it. By the Grace of God, LAPS has confirmed that 403 babies were saved from abortion in 2014! Your kind generosity towards the babies and mommies helps LAPS continue their life-saving work. If you are interested in volunteering with LAPS, have a friend who has a crisis pregnancy, are interested in parenting classes, etc., call them at (213) 382-5643.

MONTHLY MEETING: Our monthly Respect Life meeting will be this Monday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mount Carmel Room in the Parish Offices. We will be discussing the upcoming 40 Days for Life Campaign, new weekly Post Abortion Counseling info, and FSL Boot Camp! Call Catherine Contreras at (213) 435-3942.

"VALENTINES 4 LIFE" BABY

SHOWER: Come join us for the "Valentines 4 Life" Baby Shower to support The Pregnancy Help Center of San Gabriel Valley, Inc. It will be held in the Parish Hall on February 21, from 10:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m. With the Ultrasound machine that was purchased from the 2013 Gala, the PHC has experienced a 500% increase in clients choosing Life for their babies!



"Word of Life" Quote of the Week:

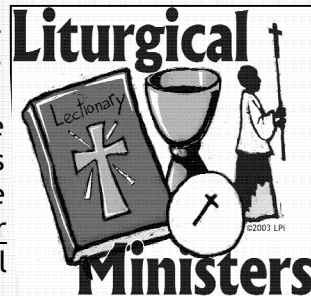
Every child conceived by in vitro fertilization is truly deserving of respect and love. Each is a human person, regardless of the manner of conception. The problem is that the way they are brought into the world does not live up to their dignity. ~"Life Matters: Reproductive Technologies," Respect Life Program 2011-2012

GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES

Are you pregnant? Do you need help? Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (GPS) counselors are available to help you with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are offered privately and confidentially. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email gps.pregnancy@gmail.com.

LITURGICAL CATECHESIS RETREAT/TRAINING

There will be a MANDATORY liturgical ministry retreat/training day for ALL current & new Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Sacristans, and Ushers this coming Saturday, February 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the church. This training is required to remain on the serving schedules. Our goal is to come together as liturgical ministry groups for the purpose of prayer and reflection, as well as to review procedures for each ministry so that we can all be on the “same page” of instructions. If you cannot make this date, contact Fr. Leonel or Rhonda to arrange a private training session before continuing. Reflections will be led by Fr. Leonel & Fr. Philip. The RE staff will lead the training sessions. Please mark your calendars now and save the date. We’ll see you there!



BAPTISM MINISTRY

Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, Ext. 225 - In order to take part in our Baptism Program, PARENTS & GODPARENTS are required to attend a class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library (next dates are Feb. 3 and April 7). The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday (next open Baptisms are February 14 and April 25—both at Noon). Note: There are no Baptisms in March because of Lent.

SELECTING THE GODPARENTS:

Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) is at least 16; 2) has been Confirmed; and 3) is a practicing Catholic. A form attesting to this will need to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

ONGOING MINISTRIES & CLASSES

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group, formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro, is for anyone who is grieving for a loved one—no matter how long or for whom. We meet in the Parish Offices from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. The next meetings will be February 11 and 25. For additional information, please contact Deacon Joe and Lorraine Mizerski at 282-2744 (333).



WOMEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP:

Come join us for a prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats! Children are welcome (play area available). We hold these meetings at 10:00 a.m., on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (In the Avila Room in the Parish Offices, 510 North El Molino Street). Our next meetings will be on February 12 and 26. For more information, contact Dara Barbosa at (301) 542-9701.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES:

Join us for these Irish Dance classes—for adults AND kids ages 4 and up. The classes are taught by Kelly Mohun and are held in the Parish Hall every Wednesday from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m. To sign up or for more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548, or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.



ST. THERESE 90TH ANNIVERSARY DESKTOP CALENDARS FOR SALE!

This is a beautiful, customized desktop calendar. It contains over 35 historical photos from when our current church was first built. While it is definitely a collector's item, it is also very practical as you can schedule your events and appointments during 2015. You may purchase yours at the Religious Goods Counter after the Sunday Masses or in the Parish Offices during our open hours. They are \$10 each or two for \$15!

Mass Intentions

For the Week of 1/31/15 to 2/7/15

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Lorenza Sanchez INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Aroon Seeda INT
 7:30 a.m.: Tim & Susan Halpin, 40th Anniv. INT
 9:00 a.m.: Joseph & Paul Tassi RIP
 11:00 a.m.: Eli Ayuso RIP
 1:00 p.m. (Latin): Don McMaster RIP
 5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Melissa Whiteman RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Dr. Oscar Adiao RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Cornelio Piol INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Melissa Whiteman RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Gilbert Guerrero RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Betty Soderlind INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Rosa & Uldarico Piol RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Dorina Militante RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Roger Boles RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Rosa & Uldarico Piol RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Louie Mazzilli INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary Rose Go INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Al Martin INT
 8:00 a.m.: Erlinda De La Cruz RIP
 7:30 p.m.: Norbert Mizerski RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m. Huo Chen Yu Mei & Huo Kuo Shung RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
 8:00 a.m.: Grace Lowenberg INT

*Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road—open to the public every day except on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.

Floral Dedication

This week's floral dedications are:
 In Honor of Timothy & Susan Halpin's
 40th Wedding Anniversary

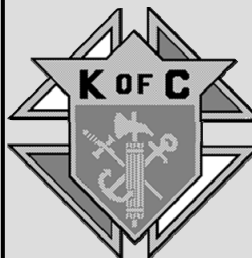
And

In Loving Memory
 of Gloria Lima



To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. Bouquets are \$40 and up.

MEN! CONSIDER BECOMING A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS!



For more information, call Mike Pulciano, the Grand Knight for the Alhambra Council, at 641-0870.

Outside the Parish

Twin brothers, Fathers Dick and Bob Gielow, both Vincentian Priests, will give a Parish Mission at Assumption Parish, 2640 E. Orange Grove Blvd. Pasadena, from Feb. 9 through 11, at 7 pm each night (reception on last night). All are welcome to hear these popular preachers. The theme is: Pope Francis' Teachings.

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Spain (with attendance at Teresian Int'l Mtg in Avila) with FR. LEONEL & FR. ROBERT BARCELOS from Aug. 3-18, 2015 (16 days, 14 nights). Price reduced to \$4,170 each (dbl occ), includes airfare, lodging, 14 b'fasts/dinners, and 13 lunches. SPACE IS LIMITED! Contact Angela Yang, Avenue of Travel, at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

13-DAY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE with Fr. Darrin Merlin, CMF, June 23-July 5, 2015, for \$4379 (all inclusive). For more info, call Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at 285-6687 or email remembertoptl@sbcglobal.net

Intentions of our Holy Father for February 2015:

1) That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity; and 2) That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

L e c t o r s

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Lucy Lopez / Rebeca Willis

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Aurora Dolores / Florence Goh
 9:00 a.m. Rosa Natividad / Elena Muhr
 11:00 a.m. Andy Zepeda / Ignacio Verduzco
 5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches / Vickie Blair

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