

St. Therese Catholic Church

Est. 1924



(Now Celebrating the Centennial of Our Founding (1924-2024))

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When Jesus raised His eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to Him, He said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5).

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.

Rosary: Monday-Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Monday and Tuesday evenings: *7:15 p.m. Mass
(*Monday evening Mass followed by Healing Service;
Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).

Thursday evenings: 7:00 pm Exposition & Adoration

First Fridays: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

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

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.;

Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and

Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm | 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Pastor: Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD: X 1+224

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page
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SACRAMENTS

- Baptisms: Register online
- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

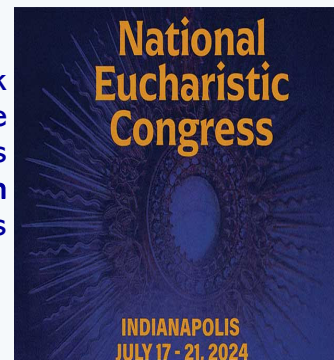
PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

If you did not follow the National Eucharistic Congress that just took place, it was an incredible success and a beautiful revival of devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament! On the last day of the Congress, Bishop Cozzens announced **another National Eucharistic Pilgrimage next summer, beginning in Indianapolis and ending in Los Angeles on Corpus Christi 2025!** This is something to get excited about already!

Let us now finish hearing St. Therese speak about her father's illness.

—Fr. Peter Mary



January 10 (1889), as I have said, was my King's day of triumph. I compare it to the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on the day of the palms. Like that of our Divine Master, Papa's glory of a day was followed by a painful passion, and this passion was not his alone.

Just as the sufferings of Jesus pierced His Mother's heart with a sword of sorrow, so our hearts experienced the sufferings of the one we cherished most tenderly on earth. I recall that in the month of June, 1888, at the moment of our first trials, I said: "I am suffering very much, but I feel I can still bear greater trials." I was not thinking then of the ones reserved for me. I didn't know that on February 12, a month after my reception of the Habit, our dear Father would drink the most bitter and most humiliating of all chalices.

Ah! that day, I didn't say I was able to suffer more! Words cannot express our anguish, and I'm not going to attempt to describe it. One day, in Heaven, we shall love talking to one another about our glorious trials; don't we already feel happy for having suffered them? Yes, Papa's three years of martyrdom appear to me as the most lovable, the most fruitful of my life; I wouldn't exchange them for all the ecstasies and revelations of the saints. My heart overflows with gratitude when I think of this inestimable treasure that must cause a holy jealousy to the angels of the Heavenly court.

My desire for suffering was answered, and yet my attraction for it did not diminish. My soul soon shared in the sufferings of my heart. Spiritual aridity was my daily bread and, deprived of all consolation, I was still the happiest of creatures, since all my desires had been satisfied.

O dear Mother! how sweet our great trial was, since from our hearts came only sighs of love and gratitude! We were no longer walking in the way of perfection, we were flying—all five of us. The two poor little exiles of Caen, while still in the world, were no longer of it. Ah! what marvels the trial worked in my dear Céline's soul! All the letters she wrote at this epoch are filled with resignation and love.

And who could express the visits we had together? Ah! far from separating us, Carmel's grilles united our souls more strongly; we had the same thoughts, the same desires, the same love for Jesus and for souls. When Céline and Thérèse were speaking together, never did a word concerning the things of the earth mingle in their conversations which were already in the heavens. As formerly in the belvédère, they dreamed about things of eternity. To enjoy this endless happiness as soon as possible, they chose as their lot here on earth both suffering and contempt.



2024-2025 COR JESUS YOUTH & FAMILY NIGHTS (Held monthly on Friday nights)

Conquering the Seven Deadly Sins: Deeper Prayer, Virtue, and Carmelite Saints

YOUTH! FAMILIES! FR. ROBERT INVITES YOU TO JOIN! The next event will be on Friday, August 9, starting in the Parish Hall. See the schedule below:



6:15 PIZZA SOCIAL—Meet in the Hall! We will have pizza at the tables in front.

6:45 PM BREAK OUT INTO CENACLES/GROUPS (1. High School-ers, 2. Middle School-ers (6th, 7th, 8th Grades), 3. *Parents, and 4. *Children)

8:15 PM: HOLY HOUR/CONFESSIONS (ALL are welcome!): Helping youth and their families encounter Jesus (traditional benediction, chants, soft praise, music, Gospel reflection, compline).

*Children from three years through 5th Grade will have the "Virtues in Practice" Program. Parents will break out with their own cenacles for reflections on the Sunday Gospels, commitments, intercessory prayer, etc. Bring a Bible and a Rosary!

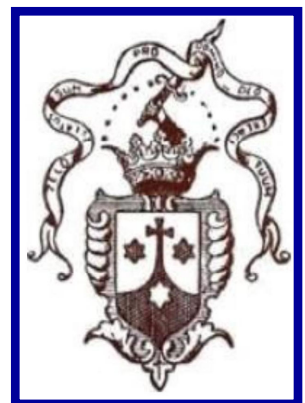


Priestly Ordination

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BROTHERS IN UGANDA:

Fr. Edward Baharagate, OCD

and Fr. Peter Mary Mugwanya, OCD



on being ordained Carmelite priests this weekend in Jinja, Uganda!



Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their priestly ministry!

Seeking a Coordinator for our Women's Annual Retreat

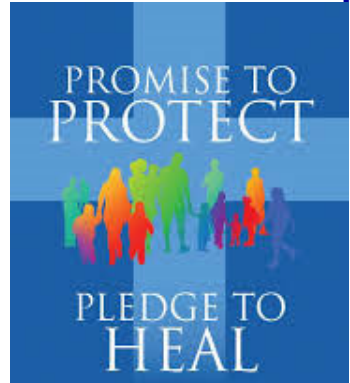


El Carmelo Retreat House is seeking a captain (coordinator) for St. Therese Church's annual Women's Retreat in Redlands. The retreat usually takes place in the Spring during Lent on the second weekend of March. Training can be arranged.

If you feel called to this important ministry, please contact Fr. Philip Sullivan at El Carmelo Retreat House: (909) 792-1047 or elcarmelorch@gmail.com.

Safeguard the Children

Summer camp volunteers: If your child is participating in a summer camp through your diocesan school or church, likely some—or all—of the staff will be volunteers or young people. In the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, all volunteers who have contact with children are required to go through VIRTUS® training to ensure that they are aware of child safety standards and protection from abuse



procedures. Child abuse prevention training programs are critical to ensuring the safety of our children, and volunteer training is one part of this mission. For more information, visit lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

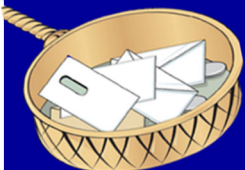
"100th Anniversary of St. Therese Parish" Pilgrimage To Visit Her Basilica in France (and more!) 12 days (October 3rd to 14th, 2024)



St. Therese Parish's Fr. David will be the chaplain for a Special Pilgrimage to France. The Pilgrimage explores where the Little Flower lived, as well as other holy sites in France (Lisieux, Dijon, Lourdes, Mont St. Michel and others), as part of St. Therese Parish's Celebration of our 100th Jubilee Year. The price of this 12-day Pilgrimage is \$3,985.00, L.A. to L.A., which includes round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, breakfasts and lunches, and admission prices. Mass will be celebrated daily.

Itineraries, both for this Anniversary Pilgrimage to France and Fr. David's Marian Shrine Tour in Wisconsin this August (see Page Seven), can be found in the church vestibule by the Baptistry... OR email our Parish Secretary (denisekay@hotmail.com), using PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE in the subject line, to request one or both.

Financial Offerings



July 20 / 21, 2024

Unrestricted..... \$16,354.00
 Restricted \$ 340.00
T O T A L.....\$16,694.00

June 22 / 23 \$19,061.00
 June 29 / 30 \$11,234.00
 July 6 / 7 \$23,906.00
 July 13 / 14 \$14,177.00

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

CENTENNIAL UPDATE FROM FR. STEPHEN

Dear Parish Family:

Greetings from the Sonoran Desert, west of Tucson!

We are halfway through the centennial year of our Parish. This year-long observance was inaugurated on December 16, 2023, with the unfurling of the banners that hang so beautifully on the façade of the church, followed by a lovely reception in the Parish Hall. On January 14, 2024, there was a solemn Mass and Procession with the Blessed Sacrament to commemorate the consecration of the present church on that same day in 1951, followed by a Pancake Breakfast put on by the Knights. This Leap Year we remembered that 1924 was also Leap Year, and we had a special Evening of Recollection to pray for St. Therese Parish, especially to invigorate faith in the Eucharist.

In March there was a Lenten Mission, the first since the Covid outbreak. The Mission was conducted by a Discalced Carmelite priest from our Uganda Mission, Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD, to remind us that our Patroness, St. Therese, is Co-Patroness of the Missions of the Catholic Church and that we are all called to evangelize. In April the First Holy Communion of our children was celebrated. How many First Holy Communions have there been these past 100 years? How grateful the parish is for the dedication of its catechists!

We also acknowledged our gratitude for the Discalced Carmelite Nuns (who always pray for us!) by supporting the annual Shower of Roses put on by their lay Auxiliary members. In May there was the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary by the school children and a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. Our School, which was opened shortly after the founding of the church, has been a great blessing to the Parish. On Pentecost, May 19, we were honored and blessed with the presence of our new auxiliary bishop, Bishop Brian Nunes, who confirmed approximately 50 young people.

On Father's Day, June 16, there was a special Mass concelebrated by all the former pastors of our Parish—from 1984 (the year I was ordained) to the present (forty years worth!). A wonderful Parish Picnic took place in the afternoon at Lacy Park. The next day there was a solemn votive Mass of our patroness St. Therese to commemorate the founding of the Parish in 1924. Archbishop Jose Gomez was the main celebrant and homilist. This month there was a triduum of Masses in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the principal patroness of the Carmelite family—an order that is so well represented on Alhambra Road—

who has served the Parish these past hundred years. The Parish was awed by Handel's Vespers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, on Sunday, July 14, and overjoyed by the solemn Mass on her feast day, July 16.

So what's next? In August there will be another movie night (watch the bulletin for details!). Then, beginning September 23, there will be a novena to prepare for the celebration of the solemn feast of St. Therese, Patroness of the Parish. Fr. Donald Kinney will be giving the novena. In October Fr. David Guzman will lead a pilgrimage to France (including visiting the home of our patroness, St. Therese, in Lisieux). In November we will have a Requiem Mass to honor and pray for the faithfully departed members of our Parish who have gone before us on this pilgrimage of faith. The centennial year will conclude with a GRAND GALA event on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena—in view of the Rose Bowl. Be sure to mark your calendars for that, too!

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE will also be a big year for the Parish. It is the hundredth anniversary of the canonization of St. Therese, whose relics will visit the Parish on October 11 and 12. Other commemorations of our patroness are being planned for the year 2025. The journey continues...



Photo taken by Fr. Steve: "A Sonoran Sunset"

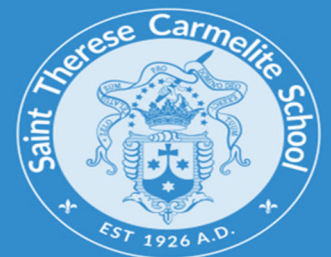




Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When the people saw the sign He had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry Him off to make Him king, He withdrew again to the mountain alone. (John 6:11, 14-15).

Saint Therese Carmelite School

Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School, united with our parents who are the primary educators of their children, seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.



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Mass Intentions

July 27—August 3, 2024

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Mary Strouse, Sr., RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Parents, Gr'parents, & Elderly INT

7:30 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Leon Grimm, 19th B-day, INT

1 pm (Latin): Porpiria Aclaro, INT

5:00 p.m.: Sam and Candida Escobedo, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Frank Muhr, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Tuan & Ngóc Anh Tran, INT

8:00 a.m.: John Vera & Family, INT

7:15 p.m.: Lenore Johaneson, INT

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Bob Meyer, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Tuan Tran & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Marie Ryan, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Fr. Ignacio Bach, OCD, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Ngóc Anh Tran & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Phillip Tittmann, 19th B-day, INT

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Richie & Sara Sia, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Raymond Bueno, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Cecilio Reyes, RIP

First Friday

6:00 a.m.: Felipe Sia, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, B-Day INT

7:15 p.m.: Julius & Carmina Doria, INT

Saturday (Morning):

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

8:00 a.m.: Avelina Fuentes, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel (located at 215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra).**

Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass and the HOMILIES at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m. Masses. Be sure to "tune in"!

Outside the Parish

"IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. JUAN DIEGO AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE," a Pilgrimage from **Sunday, December 8, to Friday, December 13, 2024...** Join us for this inspiring tour to Guadalupe, Mexico, and more! The chaplain will be Fr. Jan Lundberg and the fee is \$2125 double occupancy. To receive a detailed itinerary, call Beth Maddatu at 408-903-6305 or email her at maddatubeth2@gmail.com.

Women! Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) has recently established a new Court at St. Andrew in Pasadena for Catholic women to gather in spirituality and service to our communities (the only C. D. of A. in this area). Come to the **Summer Social (Hawaii theme) next Sunday, August 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at St. Andrew. Andrew Pastoral Center, 140 Chestnut Street, Pasadena, in the St. Patrick's room. Free parking in the church lot. No need to RSVP... just come! Aloha! For more info, call (323) 314-8382.**



Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

+ Lorenzo Angulo

+ Mark Torres

(fiancée of Amber Cantong)

+ Mary Alfano

(sister of Mike Alfano)



Personal Ads

FOR RENT: Alhambra studio with bathroom and small kitchen (2nd floor, furnished, a/c|heating, spacious closets, laundry privileges, secure parking. Woman preferred. Non-smoker. Price negotiable. Please leave a message at (626) 416-1331.

Parishioner would like to purchase a used sectional set in good condition. If you have one you can sell, please call Maria at (626) 416-5703.