

# St. Therese Catholic Church

June 18, 2023

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

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Then he summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed Him (Matthew 10:1-4).

## 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.

## OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

**Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm; 2:00 pm-5:00 pm**

**Pastor:** Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD X222

**Associate Pastor:** Fr. David Guzman, OCD X232

**In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD, Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD; and Fr. Godfrey Chandya, OCD

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## ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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



## SACRAMENTS

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



# Letter from Fr. Thomas, Pastor

Blessed 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time, and Happy Father's Day, everyone!



I hope and pray that you have the most wonderful, visible father and that you are able to celebrate Father's Day with him today! But even if you can't celebrate with your father today, or if you don't have a great relationship with your visible father, today and this whole week is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your *Heavenly* Father and His love for you.

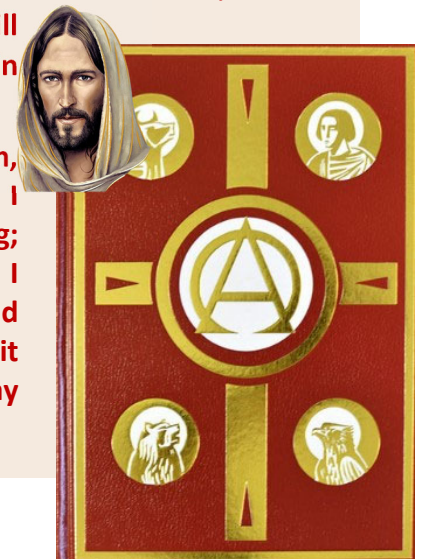
We could rephrase today's Gospel: "At the sight of the crowds, His heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like children without a Father." Yes, our society too often overlooks or denigrates or devalues the

importance of the Father, but not so Jesus, Who connects us with His and our Father again and again and again. I encourage you to meditate this week on some of these passages from the Gospels:

"Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive every one who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation" (Luke 11:1-4).

"Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also...In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you" (John 14:9-20).

"If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and We will come to him and make our home with him. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, He may give it to you" (John 15:15-16).



Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, —Fr. Thomas, OCD





## How do we choose a school for our children?

God has given you, as parents of your children, the graces to raise your children. Part of that task is choosing the very best school for your children. The Carmelite friars at St. Therese and the school administration have put together some basic guidelines for parents to ensure that the souls of our children will not be harmed.

- 1) The school should not teach doctrines that are contrary to our faith or morals.
- 2) Catholic schools must be faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.
- 3) The teaching staff must be comprised of practicing Catholics.
- 4) The school must aim for excellence in academics.
- 5) The school should use pedagogies in accord to a child's natural stages of development, and which lead children to the Good, the True, and the Beautiful!

These guidelines provide a good starting point, and the goals are optimal, but does such a school exist?

Saint Therese Carmelite is the best school for your children!

At Saint Therese Carmelite School, the souls of our children are most important. Because of that, we do not teach or embrace anything that is contrary to faith or morals. Our curriculum is faithful to the Magisterium. The faith is beautifully and flawlessly interwoven into every aspect of the curriculum. Our staff members are all practicing Catholics and we teach in service to God and because we love Him. This love leads to striving for excellence in all we do and to guiding our students to do the same. Therefore we strive for excellence in faith, academics and virtue! At Saint Therese Carmelite School, we use the Classical methods of educating children because these methods are proper to a child's natural stages of development and they lead children to seek the Good, the True, and the Beautiful.

In addition, we have full support from the Carmelite friars. First and foremost, they pray and sacrifice daily for our students. They are also teaching in the classrooms. Imagine your student being taught art by Fr. Robert! Art is the medium by which Fr. Robert reaches the souls of our students and evangelizes. Imagine your children being taught religion and history by Br. Jason. Then imagine that your children are part of the school with excellence in faith, academics, and virtues. Your children can be part of the Saint Therese Carmelite School family! Your prayers and financial sacrifices together with the prayers and sacrifices of our Carmelite School and Church communities can make that a reality.

Don't delay. Become a Saint today!

Applications are being accepted.

Call TODAY for a personalized tour!  
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B e c o m e a S a i n t !



## Father's Day Novena



We wish all our fathers (and father figures) a happy and blessed day!

If you haven't already, pick up a Father's Day Novena card today and enroll your father (and uncles, brothers, son, etc.), both living and deceased, in our Novena of Masses (begins this Monday, June 19).

If the cards are gone, you may still make an enrollment. Just use your own envelope and write the names of those you wish to enroll on it, enclose an offering, and drop it in the collection or bring it to the office (you may also drop it in the office mail slot).

## Winning Ticket Drawn Today!

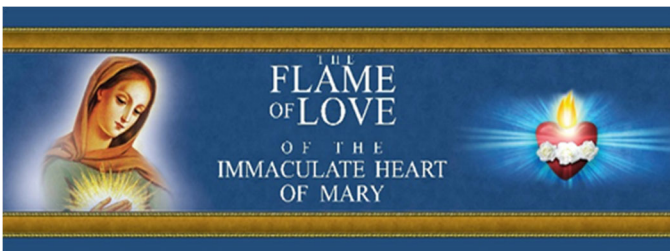


The Winning Ticket for the "Sleeping Joseph" statue will be drawn after today's 11:00 a.m. Mass. Before then, be sure to get your ticket at the religious goods counter (\$3 each, \$5 for two, or \$10 for five).

The image of St. Joseph as he's sleeping is a powerful reminder of his peaceful surrender to God's divine plan for his life. The statue is 16LX3W inches. The statue teaches us two valuable lessons: God calls us to rest and reflect in our lives—to break away from our busy lives. And when God gives us a message, we must act on it. *ITE AD SANCTUS IOSEPH!*

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT THE ST. THERESE PARISH FAMILY!

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



Living in the Flame – Fasting: According to the diary, we are asked to fast on bread and water on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. Our Lady explained the fast: "We can eat abundant bread with salt. We can take vitamins, medicines, and what we need for health. We can drink abundant water. We should not eat to enjoy. Whoever keeps the fast should do so until at least 6:00 p.m. In

this case [if they stop at 6:00 p.m.], they should recite five decades of the Rosary for holy souls." Fasting brings about humility, helps us to be detached from the things of this world, and deepens our dependency on God.

When we fast, we follow holy examples. Moses and Elijah fasted forty days before going into God's presence. Anna the Prophetess fasted to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Jesus fasted forty days in the desert. The Apostles continued to fast, long after Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension. For those who cannot fast because of age, illness, medical conditions, or other restrictions, please do not be discouraged. You can find another way to keep the spirit of loving sacrifice intended by the fast.

Join the Cenacle: Two cenacle sessions are available every Monday. One from Noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Avila Room; the second, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.—both in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices. The Flame of Love books are available for sale there.

If you have any questions, please call Maria Alejandra at (626) 282-2744. When the recording comes on, enter 1 + 235.



# QUIET LISTENING PRAYER THE INTERIOR CASTLE By St Teresa of Avila

Let us recognize our misery and desire to go where no one will taunt us, for sometimes I recall having heard these words the bride says in the Song of Songs. And indeed I don't find in all of life anything about which they can be more rightly said. It seems to me that all the contempt and trials one can endure in life cannot be compared to these interior battles. And disquiet and war can be suffered if we find peace where we live, as I have already said. But that we desire to rest from the thousand trials there are in the world and that the Lord wants to prepare us for tranquility and that within ourselves lies the obstacle to such rest and tranquility cannot fail to be very painful and almost unbearable. So, Lord, bring us to the place where these miseries will not taunt us, for they seem sometimes to be making fun of the soul. Even in this life, the Lord frees the soul from these miseries when it reaches the last dwelling place, as we shall say if God wills (IV, 1,12).



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*We are his people,  
the sheep of his flock.*

Psalm 100:3c



# 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.



June 10 / 11, 2023

Unrestricted.....	\$17,262.00
Restricted .....	\$ 120.00
<b>T O T A L.....</b>	<b>\$17,382.00</b>

May 13 / 14 .....	\$17,735.00
May 20 / 21 .....	\$14,351.00
May 27 / 28 .....	\$12,891.00
June 3 / 4 .....	\$12,736.00

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

# ATTN: Businesses! The Real St. Therese

Consider placing your ad on the back of our bulletin! Our bulletin is furnished to us for FREE by the printer. Their only payment comes from the revenue generated by the ads on the back of the bulletin. This is a great way to get more exposure for your business.

Bulletin readers! Please sponsor the advertisers on the back of the bulletin!

The person who takes care of our bulletin ads will be in our offices this Wednesday and Thursday to try to get more businesses in this area to advertise their companies. We invite you to come by!

## AVAILABLE NOW!

### PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

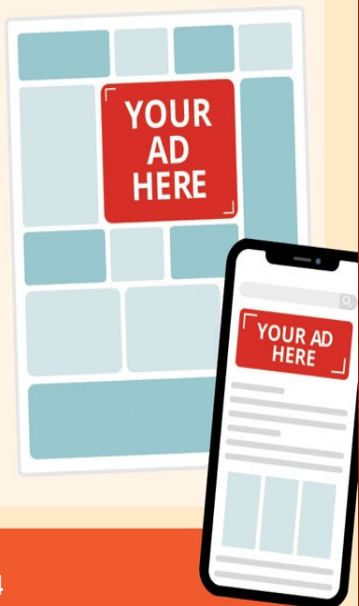
#### The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Cynthia Duran from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church the week of **June 19, 2023**. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

#### Church bulletin advertising

is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

**Digital advertising** allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on [ParishesOnline.com](http://ParishesOnline.com) — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



Cynthia Duran  
Direct: 951-515-3884  
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Therese's sister Céline (Sr. Genevieve) knew of Therese's suffering. She even questioned her, who merely answered: "If only you knew! If you only had these trials of mine for just five minutes."



An installment from *The Passion of Thérèse of Lisieux* by Guy Faucher

Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart, in her testimony at the Processes, said that she did not know about her goddaughter's temptations against the faith: "In an intimate conversation with her on Easter, 1897, she asked me if I sometimes had temptations against the Faith. Her question surprised me, for I did not know about her trials against the Faith. I only learned of them later when I read *Story of a Soul*. I then asked her if she had any herself, but she gave me a vague reply and changed the subject. I understood then that she did not wish to say anything, for fear of passing her temptation on to others."

Despite a few differences, all these witnesses were of the same opinion: Therese wanted to bear this trial alone. She received no real help from her superiors, and she was prudent with those on whom she felt that she might be a burden. God alone could understand her. But, from this side also, she experienced a great solitude. It was not that she was seeking sensible consolations, for her very sure faith had always sought its strength in the sacraments, which are external signs of divine action and support. Hence her insistence to receive Extreme Unction, and her joy when it was finally administered July 30.

Likewise, her disappointment when Abbe You could not come to hear her confession. We can understand that her not being able to receive communion from August 19 until her death was a very severe trial for her. And it must have been all the more so, since it was due rather to her extreme weakness than to the very strict canonical legislation of the time: she was not able to endure the long ceremony involved in taking communion to the sick.



# Mass Intentions

June 17—June 24, 2023

**Saturday Evening:**

5:00 p.m.: Randolph Reyes, INT

**Sunday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): Victor H. Arenas, Birthday INT

7:30 a.m.: Jose Munoz, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Alma Eduema, INT

11:00 a.m.: Albert Grimm, 12th Birthday INT

1:00 p.m.: Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Lillian Teng, INT

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Dec'd Relatives of Crispino Mancao

\*7:30 a.m.: Mauro Robles, Sr., RIP

8:00 a.m.: Raymond Anthony Cuevas, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Father's Day Novena 1

**Tuesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Dec'd Relatives of Crispino Mancao

\*7:30 a.m.: Dorca Sanchez, INT

8:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 2

7:00 p.m.: Francisco Martin, INT

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 3

\*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Robert Elias of Div. Mercy B-day INT

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Robert Elias of Div. Mercy B-day INT

7:00 p.m.: Francisco Martin, INT

**Thursday:**

6:00 a.m.: Dec'd Relatives of Crispino Mancao

\*7:30 a.m.: Joe Paulson, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Noel & Lily Edusma, Anniv. INT

7:00 p.m.: Father's Day Novena 4

**Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Dec'd Relatives of Crispino Mancao

\*7:30 a.m.: Belen Juarez Family, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 5

7:00 p.m.: Belen Juarez, RIP

**Saturday Morning:**

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

8:00 a.m.: Flame of Love Apostolate

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

# Filled with Compassion

Jesus' teaching and miracles have drawn huge crowds. Some have travelled great distances to see Him. Jesus looks at the crowds of people and is filled with compassion for them. These are the children of Israel. These are the people of God. Instead of flourishing, Jesus sees that they are harassed and helpless. If Matthew had stopped there, we might think Jesus' sympathy for them had to do with Roman occupation. Instead, Jesus feels compassion for a specific kind of misery: symbolized by the image of lost sheep.

Instead of shepherding the people of Israel with kindness and mercy, the Pharisees and the other religious leaders judge, intimidate, and bully the people into following rules and procedures not even found in the law of Moses. The people are helpless against these leaders, since their participation in the worship of God and life of the community is dependent on the approval of these men.

## Outside the Parish

**French Canada Pilgrimage September 14-21, 2023:**

Discover Quebec's Shrines honoring the Mother of God and the Guardians of the Holy Family, St. Joseph Oratory, and St. Anne Beaupre. Cost is \$3350 (double room occupancy | add \$395 for single room occupancy), which includes roundtrip flights from LAX and land travel by motorcoach, guesthouses/hotels with private bath, daily breakfast & dinner, all touring, and daily Mass. **For more info, call Louisa & Jack Day at (323) 360-5186 / (323) 403-8768 or Sacred Heart Tours at (845) 594-2222 | www.sacredhearttours.com**

Come 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.

## Personal Ads

**SEEKING A ROOM TO RENT:** A former long-time Alhambra resident and alumnus of St Therese School would like to move back to the area. If you have a spare room, call Dennis at (626) 703-3780.

**SEEKING AN EXPERIENCED CAREGIVER** to care for my mom in El Sereno. Contact Martha by phone or text at (310) 877-2201 or by email at hallvasquez@aol.com.