

St. Therese Catholic Church

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After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others, whom He sent ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit. He said to them, "Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves" (Luke 10:1,3).

MASSES | CONFESSIONS

Masses—Saturday: 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 and 8:00 a.m.

(the daily 8:00 a.m., the Sunday 11:00 a.m., and the weekday 7:00 p.m. Masses are **LIVE STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube);

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

**Masses on Monday, *Tuesday (*Spanish),
Wednesday & Thursday EVENINGS at 7:00 p.m.**

First Friday Mass: 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE)-Wednesdays from 8:00

to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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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 Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time—and Happy Fourth of July tomorrow!!! We could also say: Happy Freedom Day!!! May you and I and all of us experience the best and truest freedom: freedom from sin and the wounds underneath our sins! Until that happens, no one is truly free! Even if we were in a physical prison, we can be truly free on the inside where it counts the most! I also hope and pray that in the midst of all the suffering that everyone is experiencing in one way or another, you are also experiencing a release of more of our Heavenly Father's Joy at the center of the suffering. That is His promise and the inheritance already being distributed in this life for His beloved sons and daughters, who live from that truest identity as His beloved royal daughters and sons.

We see that in today's Gospel: "Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in Heaven." He is saying, "Don't rejoice in the mighty deeds that you do in My Name (at home, at St. Therese Church, out in public, etc.), but rejoice in your new identity, that you are baptized into My Death and New Life, that as I am in the Father, so you are in Me and I am in you!" (John 14:11). Given this New Life in Jesus, we are called to live as disciples who give a credible, coherent, public witness to our Master and Teacher and Lord.

Here is some food for thought on that subject, in light of the recent Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe vs. Wade*, and the resultant backlash we are experiencing—especially the Catholic Church.

The U.S. Bishops' Statement on the U.S. Supreme Court Ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson* (made on June 24, 2022)

WASHINGTON - In response to the Supreme Court of the United States issuing its ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson* (Women's Health Organization), Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, the President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, the Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued the following statement:

"This is a historic day in the life of our country, one that stirs our thoughts, emotions, and prayers. For nearly fifty years, America has enforced an unjust law that has permitted some to decide whether others can live or die; this policy has resulted in the deaths of tens of millions of preborn children, generations that were denied the right to even be born. America was founded on the truth that all men and women are created equal, with God-given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This truth was grievously denied by the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* ruling, which legalized and normalized the taking of innocent human life. We thank God today that the Court has now overturned this decision. We pray that our elected officials will now enact laws and policies that promote and protect the most vulnerable among us.

"Our first thoughts are with the little ones whose lives have been taken since 1973. We mourn their loss, and we entrust their souls to God, who loved them from before all ages and who will love them for all eternity. Our hearts are also with every woman and man who has suffered grievously from abortion; we pray for their healing, and we pledge our continued compassion and support. As a Church, we need to serve those who face difficult pregnancies and surround them with love.

"Today's decision is also the fruit of the prayers, sacrifices, and advocacy of countless ordinary Americans from every walk of life. Over these long years, millions of our fellow citizens have worked together peacefully to educate and persuade their neighbors about the injustice of abortion, to offer care and counseling to women, and to work for alternatives to abortion, including adoption, foster care, and public policies that truly support families. We share their joy today and we are grateful to them. Their work for the cause of life reflects all that is good in our democracy, and the pro-life movement deserves to be numbered among the great movements for social change and civil rights in our nation's history.

"Now is the time to begin the work of building a post-*Roe* America. It is a time for healing wounds and repairing social divisions; it is a time for reasoned reflection and civil dialogue, and for coming together to build a society and economy that supports marriages and families, and where every woman has the support and resources she needs to bring her child into this world in love. As religious leaders, we pledge ourselves to continue our service to God's great plan of love for the human person, and to work with our fellow citizens to fulfill America's promise to guarantee the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people."

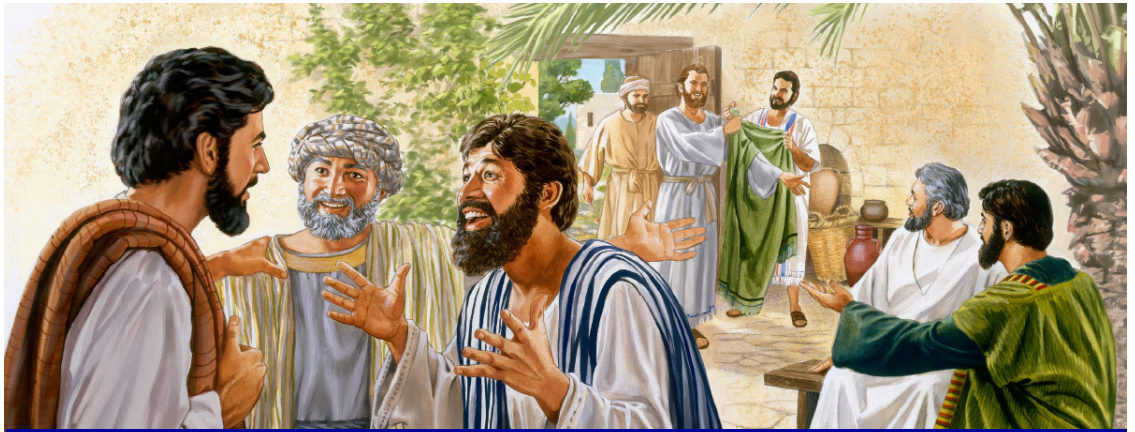
It is possible that in the coming weeks, we will have people who disagree with this [Supreme Court] decision protesting at our parishes. If that is the case, please respond with love and respect. As long as protesters remain on public sidewalks, they have a right to be there and to express their opinion. If protestors come onto our property or disrupt our services, we will call on the assistance of local law enforcement. If that comes to pass, **please do NOT engage with the protesters but, rather, simply pray for them.** We are mindful of the safety of everyone in our community and always want to respond in a truly Christ-like way. Thank you.

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



Shout Joyfully to God, All the Earth!

This week, in the midst of Summer, the Scriptures greet us with joy, peace, mercy, and more peace! Sounds a little like Advent, doesn't it? We often associate the prophet Isaiah with that preparatory season, and our first reading rings with



The seventy-two returned rejoicing and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "...do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in Heaven" (Luke 10:17,20).

such words as exult, comfort, and rejoice. The Israelites had reason to rejoice, for they had returned, come home, to a rebuilt Jerusalem from their exile in Babylon.

The disciples whom Jesus sent were to rely on the hospitality of those whom they served, and above all, to proclaim the kingdom of God. When they returned, like the exiles in Isaiah, they were joyful that so many had been healed through Christ's power. Jesus told them that true joy is to know our names are written in Heaven. In other words, we must keep our eyes fixed on the ultimate goal, to be with God for eternity. In the heavenly Jerusalem, we will find comfort and overflowing nourishment. Our hearts will know joy beyond what we can imagine. St. Paul tells us that knowing the grace of Jesus Christ changes everything, giving new perspective, peace, and mercy. The Good News, the Kingdom of God, is coming, even in summer. As today's psalm reminds us, **"Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!"**

While some of us are called to live as missionaries, visiting places far from the comfort of home, most of us are called to live faithfully in our daily lives, where we are, with family and friends, co-workers, fellow citizens of our local towns and cities, our country, and the world. Whether we go to far-off lands to serve and share Christ's message of mercy or we serve in simple ways at home and in our local place, we must remember that whenever we reach out to heal, forgive, and show compassion, the Kingdom of God is at hand. Christ is with us and will remain with us.

When we do anything for others, we can honestly say that God does the real work. Knowing that frees us from expecting everyone to be happy, everything we do for others to be successful. When our offer of help is rejected, our prayers for a sick friend don't seem to be working, or our good advice is ridiculed, we can be confident that God has something else planned. Instead of being discouraged, we can trust that God's plan is working in ways we just can't see.

Paul has a similar theme in the second reading. You would think he would be proud of all the converts he made or the people he cured. He boasts only about his suffering because that is how he is most like Jesus. He sees all of his accomplishments as the work of God, and he knows that the greatest thing Jesus did was to die for us. All three readings remind us that what changes our lives and changes the world is not how hard we work or how holy we are; what really makes the difference is how much God loves us. **That is the real reason to rejoice.**

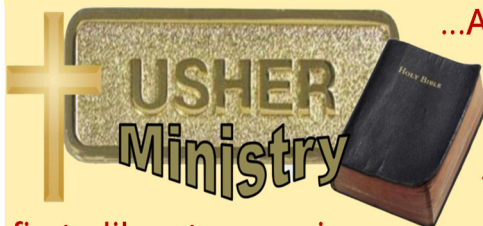


Let Us Pray...
*O God, who in the
abasement of
your Beloved Son
have raised up a
fallen world, fill
your faithful with
holy joy, for on those
you have rescued from
slavery to sin, you bestow gladness.*



*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

HAVE YOU BEEN CALLED TO SERVE...



...As an USHER at our Masses OR as an EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION to the sick? If you would like to be a part of these ministries, or would first like to receive more information, please leave a message for Deacon Gil Vargas at (626) 282-2744, ext. 1 + 333.



NEW PLAYGROUND

After 96 years, a playground is coming to St. Therese! Parishioner Mary Helen Estrada is spearheading a campaign to erect a small playground outside the Parish Hall. We are asking for your prayers for this special project. **The Committee is also looking for help with fundraisers, raffle items, and donations.**

For more information, please contact Vikki Ng at (626) 825-0741. Thank you for your generous support of our endeavor!



IN THE WORLD... BUT NOT OF THE WORLD

Think about a typical day for you. From the time you awake until your day ends, you may be busy, focused on work or family with little time to pause except perhaps a few moments for lunch or dinner. Most of us would say this is an accurate description of life as we know it. And if we are honest with ourselves, we see much good that comes from the attention we pay to the people in our lives and the tasks that we accomplish. We may even be mindful of our call to do these things with and through the Lord as we go about our lives. Yet, we must remember that we are also called to higher things. We are in the world but not of it. **Our ultimate goal is to be with God for eternity, and all our activities, tasks, and interactions must bear this great purpose in mind.**

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 25 / 26, 2022

Unrestricted..... \$ 9,293.00
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Fasting from the Wound of Doubt

PAUSE TO HEAR GOD SPEAK:

"But God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power, love, and self-control."

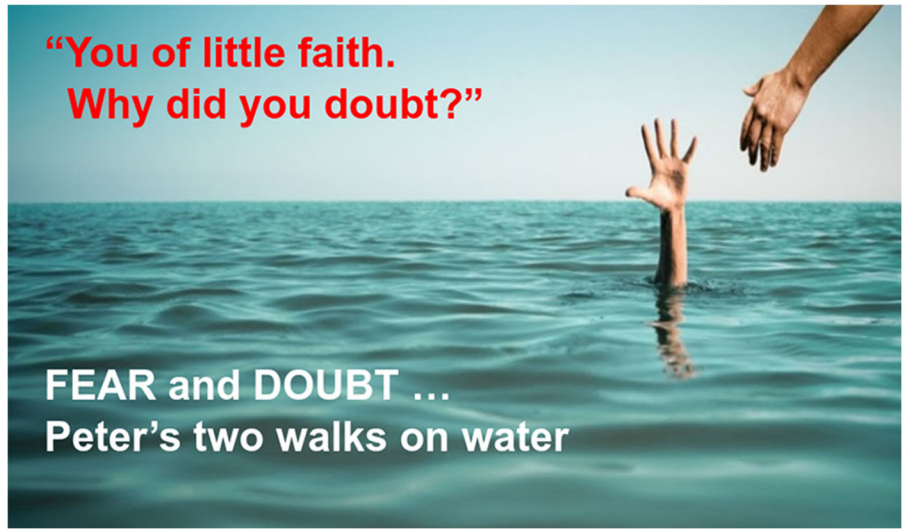
-2 Timothy 1:7

Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your finger here and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving but believe."

-John 20:27

Today, I choose to fast from the wound of doubt. If fear were a building, doubt would probably be the foundation on which it was built. We tend to

treat doubt casually. The phrase, "I doubt that," is commonplace. There are all kinds of board and card games where doubt is an important strategy. But we should not be confused... doubt is a danger to our lives. It may come to us as a simple thought that makes us feel a little bit *off*. The thought may be such as, "What if I'm wrong?" or "What if I make a mistake?" Before long, however, doubt has reduced us to fearful uncertainty. When we recognize doubt and don't allow it to take us to fear, though, it will propel us closer to God. St. Thomas told the other disciples that he would have to see the Risen Jesus before he believed. But he did not allow his doubt to force him back to his old life out of fear. Instead, he brought his doubt to Jesus, where it was transformed into an incredible encounter with the Lord. Let's follow Thomas' example to go to the other side of doubt.



HE WHO HAS CONQUERED DOUBT AND FEAR HAS CONQUERED FAILURE



"For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."
Isaiah 41:13

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TAKE TIME TO ASK YOURSELF:

- What causes me to doubt in life?
- How do I doubt myself?
- How do I doubt God?



PRAY SLOWLY: Heavenly Father, I renounce doubt and repent all the ways in which I have sinned because of it, particularly The ways in which I have doubted you and opened the door to fear. I reject doubt in every area of my life. I reject any lies I have come to believe, including such lies as "I'll make a mistake" or "I'll be wrong." I reject any companion emotions such as fear, mistrust, and unbelief. Send your Holy Spirit to speak the truth to my heart that I am filled with the gift of faith. Amen.

The above is taken from the book, *Lenten Healing*, by Ken Kniepmann—available for sale in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

July 2 to July 9, 2022

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Josie Villacorta, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mary, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Elizabeth Vargas, INT

11:00 a.m.: Marietta Okamoto, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Antonio Holguin, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Judy Johnson, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Sr. Teresa, OCD, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Elizabeth Vargas, INT

8:00 a.m.: Uldarico Piol, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Mary Correnti, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Chun Tsai Yang, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Elizabeth Vargas, INT

8:00 a.m.: Martha Lacayo, INT

7:00 p.m.: Joel Johnson, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Vocations to Carm. Prov. of St. Joseph

*7:30 a.m.: Nida V. Nazareno, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Elizabeth Vargas, INT

7:00 p.m.: Joel Johnson, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Elizabeth Vargas, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Faustina, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Chun Tsai Yang, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Lawrence Johnson, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Claire Jones, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Raymond Reyes, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Helmut Tittmann, RIP

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Eric LeClair, RIP

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel,
215 East Alhambra Road,
Alhambra, California.

The Carmel Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays.

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. weekday Masses are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those unable to attend due to illness, etc.). Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Quiet Listening Prayer

From *THE WAY OF PERFECTION*

by St. Teresa of Avila



Oh, how we fail to know what we are asking for; and how His wisdom provides in a better way! He reveals Himself to those whom He sees will benefit by His presence. Even though they fail to see Him with their bodily eyes, He has many methods of showing Himself to the soul, through great interior feelings and through other different ways. Be with Him willingly; don't lose so good an occasion for conversing with Him as is the hour after having received Communion. If obedience should command something, strive to leave your soul with the Lord. If you immediately turn your thoughts to other things, if you pay no attention and take no account of the fact that He is within you, how will He be able to reveal Himself to you? This, then, is a good time for our Master to teach us, and for us to listen to Him and kiss His feet, because He wanted to teach us, and beg Him not to leave (Chapter 34, No. 10).

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- + Maria Ines Valenzuela (funeral was 7/1/22)
- + Joe Shinn (July 8—Noon)
- + Raul Resendez (July 12—11:00 a.m.)
- + Peggy Centola (July 16—10:00 a.m.)

Personal Ads

Seeking SPANISH-SPEAKING NANNY to take care of twin baby girls (3 1/2 months old). If you can help, call Ernesto at (818) 356-6298 or Viri at (562) 464-7466.

Outside the Parish

Carmelite Pilgrimage with FR. RAYMOND BUENO, OCD, to the Marian Shrines of Wisconsin on October 5-12. \$3,295 (double room occupancy) includes round-trip non-stop AA flights from LAX, land travel by deluxe coach, 3*/4-* hotels with private bath/daily breakfast/dinner, all touring, daily Mass. \$200 Early bird Discount by May 15th. Add \$450 for single room occupancy. For details, call Louisa & Jack Day at (323) 360-5186 or (323) 403-8768

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