

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.

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

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday evenings: *7:15 p.m. Mass
(*Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).

Thursday evenings: 7:00 pm Exposition & Adoration
Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: The daily 8:00 a.m., Monday 7:15 p.m., and
Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all

LIVE STREAMED on Facebook AND YouTube.

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.

The Feast of Christ the King

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

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See our VIDEOS on the School's Facebook page
or on the Church's website >Our School > Videos



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:

Today we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the *Solemnity of Christ the King*. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 (the same year he also beatified and canonized St. Therese) with his encyclical, *Quas Primas*, as a response to growing secularism and atheism in the world. Here is the explanation of this feast, given to us by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), which quotes from the encyclical:

“Pope Pius XI recognized that attempting to ‘thrust Jesus Christ and His holy law’ out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. During the early twentieth century—in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe—militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI’s encyclical gave Catholics hope and assurance that—while governments around them crumbled—Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ ‘is very truth, and it is from Him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind’ (*Quas Primas*, 7).”

As *Quas Primas* goes on to say about Christ’s kingship in our lives: “He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things and cleave to Him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls or, to use the words of the Apostle Paul, ‘as instruments of justice unto God.’”

The USCCB concludes by saying: “Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our Faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our Faith in public. ‘Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed, and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King’ (*Quas Primas*, 26).

“For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.”

Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Friday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, a holy day of obligation to attend Mass.

Mass times will be as follows: Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7, at *6:00 p.m.

(*NOT at 7:15 pm), followed by a Holy Hour and Benediction; and Masses on the Feast day, Friday, December 8, at 6:00 & 8:00 a.m., and 7:15 p.m. The Immaculate Conception was the moment that our Blessed Mother was conceived in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, free from the stain of original sin on her soul—the effects of the sin of Adam, with which all other people are born.

ADVENT CHORAL VESPERS

You are invited to an Advent Choral Vespers Service in the church at 4:00 p.m. **NEXT SUNDAY, December 3, the FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

Vespers will be sung by the Schola of Saint Therese Carmelite School and the Credo Catholic Choir (directed by Charlotte Lansberg).



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SAVE THE DATE!

...of Saturday, December 16, for our Parish Wine and Cheese Social, part of our Parish Centennial Celebration! At this event, the official **Centennial Banner** will be unfurled! We hope to see **MANY** of you here!

Safeguard the Children - Did You Know?

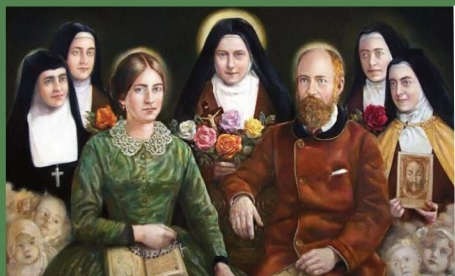
How do groomers work? Groomers start by picking out a potential victim, often a child who is emotionally vulnerable, isolated, or with low self-esteem. Then, groomers will start to slowly build a relationship—bonding over an alleged shared interest and expanding relationships out to build trust with the victim’s family and friends.

Groomers work hard to make themselves appear trustworthy and safe, to gain better access to their victims. From there, they can isolate their victims and perpetrate abuse. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article **“The Many Stages of Grooming”** at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith Academics Virtue



Becoming Like the
Martin Family:
STCS Parent
Formation Nights

Talks will be held in the Parish Hall.
Admission is free.

Please note: these talks are for adults only.
Childcare is provided.

STCS is proud to host

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.

Speaking on

“How to Live Holy Purity”

Thursday, December 7, 7:00 pm



Tamale Sale

Sunday, December 3

after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Masses

The school will be hosting a tamale sale on Sunday,
December 3 to benefit the school.

\$4 per tamale
\$40 per dozen

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while supplies last



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of this
fundraiser!



Pancake Breakfast Sale

Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus
Sunday, December 10
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Knights of
Columbus will be
hosting a pancake
breakfast sale on
Sunday, December 10,
to benefit the school.

\$7 per child
\$10 per adult
\$10 for pozole

Pancake
Breakfast



First Saturdays Devotion



Mark your calendar for our next **First Saturdays Devotion** on **December 2** to pray the Rosary and have a 15-minute meditation after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. **This will be the 20th month of having this devotion at St. Therese** (we started it here on May 7, 2022). **A 20-MONTH MILESTONE CELEBRATION** will be held in the **Guadalupe Courtyard** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on **December 2nd**, with a

Brunch Potluck. For any questions, please contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236

1925-1929 Three Appearances by Our Lady to Lucia—December 10, 1925 ~ Our Lady Requests First Saturdays Devotional: Our Lady appeared to Lucia in her room at the convent of Sisters of St. Dorothy, where she later joined as a novice. Our Lady said to Lucia, "Do at least try to console me and announce in my name that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour while mediating on the mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to me."

Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers



All of our parish Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be commissioned at this morning's 9:00 a.m. Mass.

After today, November 26, Holy Communion will **no longer be distributed in individual pyxes during Mass** at Communion time. Contact Liccia Beck at liccia.labeck.beck44@gmail.com to arrange Communion for the homebound outside of Mass.

Be sure to keep the Extraordinary Ministers in your prayers as they work to spread deeper devotion to our Eucharistic Lord while giving others His precious Body and Blood.

Sunday Potluck

All parishioners are invited to the next Parish Potluck at 3:00 p.m., NEXT Sunday, December 3rd. It will be held in the Guadalupe



the Guadalupe Courtyard in the Parish Office building (510 North El Molino Street; may also enter from the parking lot side of the building).

The Theme for this potluck will be CHURROS & COCOA.

Be ready to play "Catholic Trivia"!

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

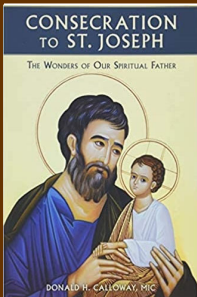
May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, this bulletin was printed before the weekend of November 19, 2023. Those totals will be in the December 10th issue.

October 21 / 22\$17,181.00
 October 28 / 29\$11,725.00
 November 4 / 5\$17,352.00
 November 11 / 12 ...\$18,468.00

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CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

The Consecration will take place on the SOLEMNITY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Friday, December 8, at the 7:15 p.m. Holy Mass. This is for all those who have been attending the current program at St. Therese or who have been doing the preparation on their own using Fr. Calloway's book. It is also for those who have already made a consecration to St. Joseph and who would like to renew it.

If you were not in the current program but would like to take part, call Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236.

FINGERPRINTING

If you work or volunteer in St. Therese Parish or School, you need to be fingerprinted in order to comply with the *Protecting the Children* program. Members of the Fingerprinting Department of the Archdiocese will be here at St. Therese (Avila Room in the Parish Offices) on Tuesday, December 12, from Noon until 6:40 p.m. You MUST call for an appointment at (626) 282-2744, ext. 1 + 223. Allow approximately twenty minutes for your appointment.



ONGOING MEETINGS AND MINISTRIES

AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (Ages 21—39, singles/couples): For more info, go to Avila Outreach on Facebook OR contact the Coordinator, Blake Taylor, at AvilaYoungAdults@gmail.com.

DETENTION MINISTRY: A program for those 21 and older to visit youth in the Juvenile Detention Center in detention in L.A. To sign up or for more info, contact Tom Bleich at tombleich@mac.com

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, this group of faithful Catholic parents support one another and their loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meets monthly in the LA Archdiocese with a chaplain in a safe confidential setting. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for parents: EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR Courage LA for persons struggling with same sex attraction: CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com.).

FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION: This group was formed, in response to Our Lady's requests at Fatima, to honor and make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Join us **after the 8:00 a.m. Mass every first Saturday of each month** to pray the Rosary and meditate for 15 minutes. For any questions, please leave your contact information for Maria Alejandra at the parish offices.

FLAME OF LOVE: Learn about the Blessed Mother's messages of grace to seer Elizabeth Kindelmann. 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 6:45 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.

GPS (GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services): Assists mothers from "Pregnancy to Preschool" Phone/Text: (626) 238-5476.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY: Teams of Lay people trained in Healing Ministry pray for your healing. **Held after the Monday evening Mass in the church.** They also offer private in-person sessions, phone sessions, and are available for outside events. For more info, send an email to: HpmStc1@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: A fraternal order of Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church and community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight at (888) 869-3124.

ROSARY MAKERS: This group makes rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on **Mondays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. All are welcome to join!

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP: A Spanish prayer group within the community of St. Therese that unites in prayer for the purpose of serving God and the priests and families of St. Therese. The group also trains intercessors committed to serving St. Therese Church. **Meets at 6 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.** For more info, call Adriana Valle at (323) 448-5316.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Meets **in the church every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.** to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at (626) 281-3706.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Annual weekend retreat for women **held during Lent** at El Carmelo Carmelite Retreat House in Redlands, California. Contact the Captain, Louisa Day, at (323) 360-5186.

Mass Intentions

November 25—December 2, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): Parishioners

7:30 a.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Lidia and Marco Roman, INT

11:00 a.m.: Deacon Otto Lacayo, INT

1:00 p.m.: Monastery of Cristo Rey Nuns INT

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

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Danielle Hanne, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Michael Alexander Cheah, INT

8:00 a.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Mary Frances Magaña, 97th B-Day

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Sunny Liawati Solichin, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Mike Marikian, RIP

7:15 pm: (Spanish): Rod Latner, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Silverio Reyes, RIP

*7:30 am: Gil & Maru Lazatin, 39th Anniv INT

8:00 a.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP

NO EVENING MASS—Confessions 7-9 p.m.

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary Rose and Patrick, INT

*7:30 am: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Denise McMaster, B-Day INT

NO EVENING MASS—Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m.

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Cecilia Hardjasmita, B-Day INT

*7:30 a.m.: Jacqueline Marie Arenas, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Rosie Zamora, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Our Lady of Fatima Apostolate, INT

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Camille Macedonio, RIP

***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 7:15 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).

He's the King of the World!

By Father John Muir



Last May, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king," is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in Him. We are, and we will be, as long as He is. **And since He will be our Risen King forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and His Church will endure forever.**

What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one—the one whose Kingdom never ends.

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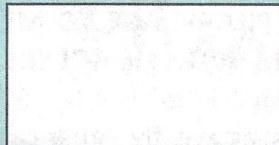
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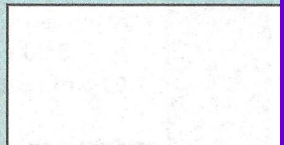
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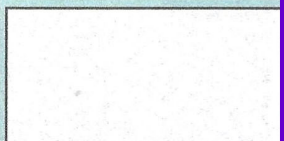
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