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He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor... and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, He said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Excerpted from Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

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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. (Tues. and Thurs. are preceded by a showing of The Chosen, Season 2, from 7:00 to 7:15 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 Cloister: 7:30 a.m., Monday-Saturday

MASSES | CONFESSIONS

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

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

FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings and salutations to one and all on this Third Week of Ordinary Time (officially) and Fifth Week of Christmas/Epiphanytide (unofficially)!

Sadly, yesterday was yet another anniversary of the Roe vs Wade decision. However, there is more hope this year than last year, with the recent Supreme Court rulings. Let us all keep praying "in the power of the Spirit" (taking our cue from Jesus in today's Gospel) and spreading the word about the Culture of Life. With that end in mind, here are some thoughts from George Weigel.

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

P.S. Next week we will include an article with some very helpful and practical pro-life insights and encouragement from the late Fr. Blair Raum (who was a priest from the Archdiocese of Baltimore).



The Vatican's Unread Newspaper and the U.S. Bishops (Published on Dec. 15, 2021) By George Weigel

When I began working with some regularity in Rome thirty years ago, my elders and betters taught me that no one paid much attention to the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*. The exception to that rule was the daily section with the charming title, *Nostre Informazioni* ("Our Informations"), in which papal audiences, episcopal appointments, and other tidbits of interest to those obsessed with "Who's Up?" and "Who's Down?" are recorded. (The most famous of these nuggets was the brief line, "The **Rev. Louis Billot, SJ**, as received in audience today by His Holiness." Billot (pictured in the top left corner) had entered a 1927 meeting with Pope Pius XI a cardinal and emerged a lowly Jesuit priest, the pontiff having blown his stack over Billot's tacit criticism of Pius' smackdown of the extreme right-wing French movement, Action Française. *L'Osservatore Romano* has improved its appearance over the past three decades, but insofar as I can tell, no serious person inside or outside the Vatican pays it much attention.

The reason why was demonstrated by the paper's November 18 edition. There, on page 8, we find a story about the annual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in which this sentence appears (I translate from the original Italian): "In it [i.e., the bishops' teaching document on the Eucharist] there is no mention of the prohibition of Communion to Catholic politicians, nor is there any explicit mention of abortion." That is simply not true. The bishops cited the Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World and its description of abortion as an infamy. The bishops also cited Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, which sharply criticizes treating anyone as "disposable," including "the unborn."

As for politicians who facilitate elective abortions, the bishops reiterated their teaching in 2006: "If a Catholic in his or her personal or professional life were knowingly and obstinately to reject the defined doctrines of the Church, or knowingly and obstinately to repudiate her definitive teaching on moral issues...he or she would seriously diminish his or her communion with the Church. Reception of Holy Communion in such a situation would not accord with the nature of the Eucharistic celebration, so that he or she should refrain."

Correctly distinguishing between one's subjective moral condition and one's public actions in the matter of receiving Holy Communion, the bishops also cited St. John Paul II's teaching in the encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*: "The judgment of one's state of grace obviously belongs only to the person involved, since it is a question of examining one's conscience. However, in cases of outward conduct which is seriously, clearly, and steadfastly contrary to the moral norm, the Church, in her pastoral concern for the good order of the community and out of respect for the sacrament, cannot fail to feel directly involved. The Code of Canon Law refers to this situation of a manifest lack of proper moral disposition when it states that those who 'obstinately persist in manifest grave sin' are not to be admitted to Eucharistic communion."

Finally, the bishops underscored their own responsibility for the Church's eucharistic discipline: "It is the special responsibility of the diocesan bishop to work to remedy situations that involve public actions at variance with the visible communion of the Church and the moral law. Indeed, he must guard the integrity of the sacrament, the visible communion of the Church, and the salvation of souls. (Continued on the next page)

CONCLUSION TO THE ARTICLE ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE

So, for the sake of L'Osservatore Romano correspondent Salvatore Cernuzio, his editors, and other confused brethren, let's try this one more time: In "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church," adopted by a vote of 222 to 8, the U.S. bishops taught the following:



- Facilitating the grave moral evil of abortion is a public act that fractures one's communion with Christ and estranges one from the Church.
- Those who are not in full communion with the Church because of their public actions should not present themselves for Holy Communion. To present oneself for Holy Communion is to state, publicly, that one is in full communion with the Church. If that is not the case, then the lie of presenting oneself for Holy Communion compounds the evil of the public acts that estrange one from the Church.
- The bishops have a solemn obligation to inform estranged Catholics of their situation and work to catechize them in the truth. If that catechesis fails and the estranged Catholic obstinately continues to facilitate grave evil, then he or she must be told not to present himself or herself for Holy Communion.

Clear enough?

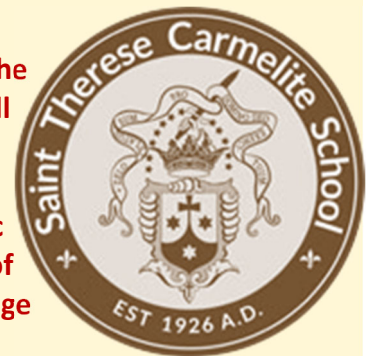
George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of Washington, D.C.'s, *Ethics and Public Policy Center*, where he holds the William E. Simon Chair in Catholic Studies.)

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 30!

Saint Theresse Carmelite School and the Carmelite friars invite you to attend the School's **OPEN HOUSE** on Sunday, January 30th. Start your tour in the Parish Hall anytime between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on that Sunday.

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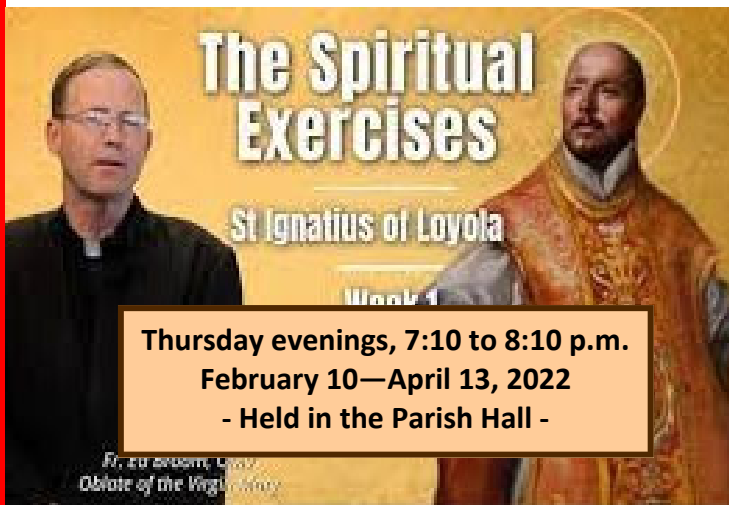
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SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS

You are invited to attend this FREE ten-week course, conducted by Fr. Ed Broom. It will be held in our Parish Hall on Thursday evenings from February 10 through April 13 from 7:10 to 8:10 p.m. each evening (following the evening Mass, which will be held at 6:00 p.m. during the ten weeks).

You MUST pre-register by sending an email to StcLENT2022@gmail.com (include your name and your phone number). If you don't have email, leave a voice mail with Maria Alejandra by calling (626) 282-2744, ext. 1-235.

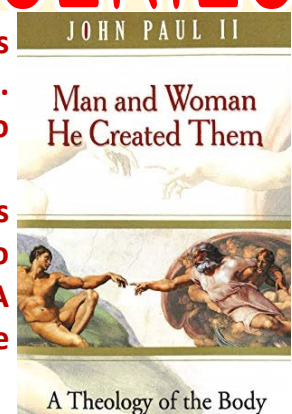
(You can see details on the flyers posted in the church and on our website.)



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY SERIES

Everyone is invited to come and learn more about St. John Paul's Theology of the Body by attending this series, facilitated by Fr. Thomas. We meet on the SECOND and FOURTH Fridays of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard of the Parish Offices.

Included in the series is audio, video, and Power Point presentations, as well as discussion and prayer. Feel free to bring food and/or drinks to share! For those who would prefer, you are also welcome to join us VIA ZOOM. The Personal Meeting ID Number is 846 381 4560 and the Passcode is yaCsG6.



YOU MUST BE VIRTUS COMPLIANT BY FEB. 3

In keeping in line with the Archdiocesan policies for the Protecting God’s Children Program, Fr. Thomas states that **anyone working or volunteering with or around children in the school or church is required to be certified in the Virtus program and to have their fingerprints on record with the Archdiocese** (NOTE: children are present in most liturgical ministries, i.e., altar servers, etc.) **Fr. Thomas says that each person needs to be in compliance by the last class on February 3, 2022, or he or she may not continue in his or her ministry.** This includes everyone involved in ANY PARISH MINISTRY, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, etc. The following classes will be offered via ZOOM (you **MUST pre-register by the Friday before the class you need to take!!**):



- **Protecting God’s Children**, the initial full three-hour course required for those who need to be certified for the first time within the L.A. Archdiocese, will be offered TWICE, as follows: **Thursday, January 27, and Thursday, February 3—both from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.,** via Zoom.
- **Keeping the Promise Alive**, the recertification course for those recertifying within five years of their first certification (2016), will also be offered TWICE, as follows: **Tuesday, January 25, and Tuesday, February 1—both from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.,** via Zoom.

For questions or to register for any of the four classes, you must email rhondalstorey@gmail.com. Once you do that, you will receive a confirmation e-mail, followed by the Zoom link the day before the session for which you register.

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT EL CARMELO IN REDLANDS



Join us for our annual Women’s Silent Retreat from **Friday, March 11, through Sunday, March 13**, at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands. Please note that there will be **NO bus transportation** in 2022. You must drive or carpool to El Carmelo Retreat House, 926 East Highland Avenue, Redlands, California. To join us, **mail the filled-out form below, along with your \$60 non-refundable DEPOSIT check to the retreat captain: LOUISA DAY**, 600 West Gleason Street, Monterey Park 91754 (the balance is due on March 1, 2022). For more info, e-mail

Louisa at louisaeday@yahoo.com or text her at (323) 360-5186. Include the filled-out form with your check.

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Fasting from the Sin of Self-Promotion

PAUSE TO HEAR GOD SPEAK:

"We put pride into everything, like it was salt. We like to see that our good works are known. If our virtues are seen, we are pleased; if our faults are perceived, we are sad."

-St. John Vianney

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

-Luke 14:11

Today, I choose to fast from the sin of self-promotion. If you're really honest with yourself, you've probably thought or said something like, "When will it be my turn? I've waited long enough. I've been faithful. I've done all the right things." We become agitated in the waiting of life, believing that nobody is looking out for us. When we don't get the things we think we deserve, our frustration can lead us to arrange events and relationships that will promote ourselves. Often, that frustration exposes things we believe about God, even though they are not true. We might believe that He isn't good because He won't give us what we desire or that He's not capable because He isn't giving us what we deserve. Self-promotion may be at work in you if you find yourself seeking recognition at the expense of others, boasting, or striving for admiration through your actions. You can even be tempted to self-promotion around something good, like a vocational call, but doing so will simply cause you to move ahead of God's timing. God often allows us to glimpse His plans

for us through our own desires, which are meant to encourage us. But God rarely gives us a detailed roadmap. Our impatience with God in the journey can lead us to move ourselves forward instead of trusting God's timing. Now that we can identify this particular form of pride, let's reflect on eliminating it from our lives.

Take time to ask yourself... What am I seeking when I attempt to promote myself? What in me wants to be admired and respected by others? Why?

Pray slowly... Heavenly Father, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce self-promotion and repent all the ways in which I have acted out of it. I reject every form of self-promotion in my life. I ask you, Father, to forgive me, and I forgive myself for my self-promotion, and all the times that it has tempted me to sin. Holy Spirit, make me aware of any self-promoting thoughts, feelings, and actions. Amen.

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



"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

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.



January 15 / 16 , 2022	
Unrestricted.....	\$13,014.00
Restricted	\$ 518.00
TOTAL.....	\$13,532.00

December 18/19	\$26,602.00
December 25/26	\$24,261.00
January 1/2	\$ 6,640.00
January 8/9	\$61,621.00

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Mass Intentions

Quiet Listening Prayer

January 22 to 29, 2022

Saturday evening:

5:00 p.m.: Doris Marikian, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: In Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy

7:30 a.m.: Dolores Gicaro, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Teresa Olivas, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Catherine Yong Yik Khean, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Sr. Laurence Marie, OP, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Francisco Villalobos, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: John Kenneth Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Raymond Tittmann, 50th B-Day INT

7:00 p.m.: Bro. Lawrence Blake, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Teddy Yang, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Aurora Garcia, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Maria Elena Arando Paredes, RIP

7:00 p.m.: John McCadden, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Julie Tran, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Emma Lowenberg, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Maria Elena Arando Paredes, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Jian Hua, B-Day INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Nicholas & Christina Yang, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Julia Munoz, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Thomas Kalapura, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Sebastian Thottathil, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Honor of St. Jude for Souls in Purgatory

8:00 a.m.: Mary Frances Magana, INT

7:00 p.m.: Julius & Carmina Doria, INT

Saturday Morning

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Josefina Villacorta, RIP

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

*Although Mass is still being celebrated at the chapel for the above intentions, it is temporarily closed to

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).

From *The Living Flame of Love*

By St. John of the Cross

Once individuals have begun to enter this simple and idle state of contemplation that comes about when they can no longer meditate, they should not at any time or



season engage in meditations or look for support in spiritual savor or satisfaction, but stand upright on their own feet with their spirit completely detached from everything, as Habakkuk declared he was obliged to do in order to hear what God spoke to him:

"I will stand on my watch and fix my foot upon my fortress, and I will contemplate what is said to me" (Hb. 2:1). This is like saying: "I will raise my mind above all activity and knowledge belonging to my senses and what they can retain, leaving all below, and will fix the foot of the fortress (my faculties), not allowing these faculties to advance a step as regards their own operation that they may receive through contemplation what God communicates to me; for we have already asserted that pure contemplation lies in receiving" (Stanza III, Nos. 34-35).

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

† Mary Cassidy

(Active Parishioner for over 60 years)

† Ed Morales

(Husband of Gloria Morales)

† John Li

(Sacristan / Member of the Altar Society)

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