

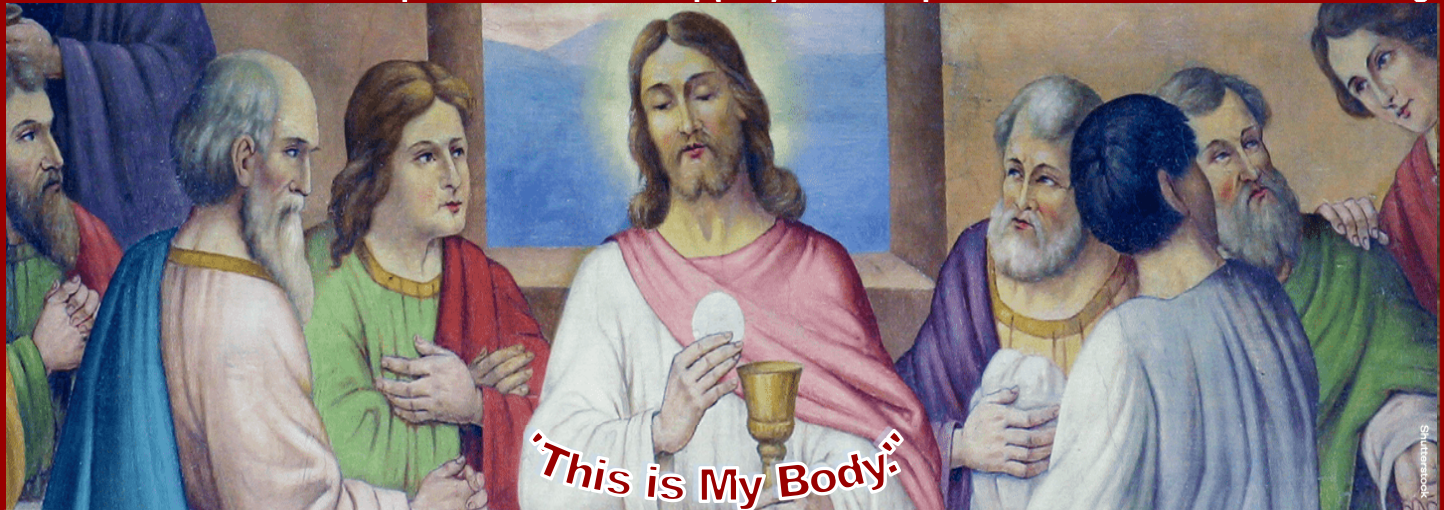
# St. Therese Catholic Church

June 19, 2022

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

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## FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



### 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.**

### OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

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

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

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Fr. Godfrey Chandya, OCD

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

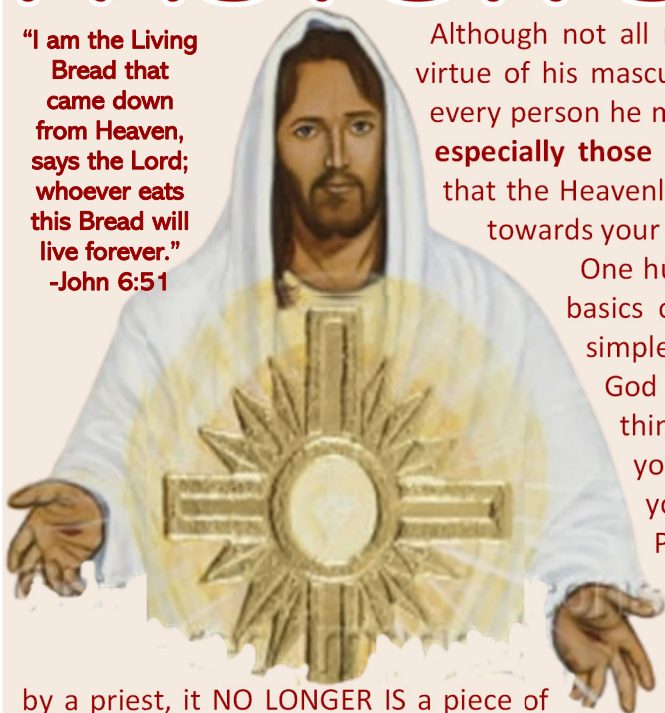


### SACRAMENTS

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

# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"I am the Living Bread that came down from Heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this Bread will live forever."  
-John 6:51

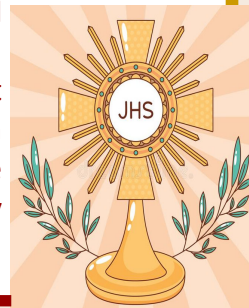


Although not all men are called to be biological fathers, every male—by virtue of his masculine genius/charism—is called to be a spiritual father to every person he meets... so, **I would like to wish ALL the men out there—especially those in our parish—a Happy Father's Day!!!** I hope and pray that the Heavenly Father will renew you in your fatherly heart—especially towards your own family members who are hurting.

One hugely important aspect of your fatherhood is to teach the basics of the Catholic Faith to those around you. Here is one simple way to do that: Ask someone this week, "Do you think God knows everything? Well, believe it or not, there is one thing that God does not know. He does not know how to give you anything greater than He gives us in the Eucharist." Then you could go on to talk about how the Eucharist is Jesus in Person, really and truly present, though looking like a piece of bread. From there, you could go on to point out that although you said, "looking like a piece of bread," it's NOT REALLY a piece of bread since, after the consecration bread; it only keeps *looking* like a piece of bread. **It is the Most Blessed Sacrament** (Latin for the Greek word "mysterion" or mystery). Jesus is NOT PHYSICALLY present, but sacramentally present. And guess what: By an amazingly-timed grace, the powerful **Eucharistic Miracles exhibit is in the Hall TODAY! DON'T MISS IT!!!** (see next page). And thank you so, so much, **Richard and Pat Bernatchez**, for helping all of us to be even more in awe of this Greatest of All Gifts!!!

Let me conclude by passing along this moving story of the Eucharistic conversion of the atheistic son of one of the founding members of the French Communist Party. **In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph -Fr. Thomas**

"Having entered a chapel in the Latin Quarter of Paris at 5:10 in the morning to look for a friend, I—a skeptic and an atheist—left at a quarter after 5:00 in the company of a friendship that was not of this earth. I was standing by the door, looking around for my friend, and my gaze passed from the shadows to the light; from the faithful gathered there to the altar...and came to rest above the second candle burning to the left of the Cross (unaware that I was standing before the Blessed Sacrament). At that point, a series of miracles unfolded whose force shattered in an instant the absurd being that I was, to bring to birth the amazed child that I had never been. At first, the hint of the words 'Spiritual Life' came to me—as if in a whisper—then came a great light that in one stroke cast our world among the fragile shadows of unfulfilled dreams, capable of breaking the hardest stone and that which is even harder than stone: the human heart. Its overflowing eruption was accompanied by a joy which is the exultation of the saved, the joy of the shipwrecked who is picked up just in time. These sensations, which I find difficult to translate into a language which cannot capture these ideas and images, were all simultaneous... Everything is dominated by the Presence...of Him of Whom I would never be able to write His name without fear of harming its tenderness, of Him before Whom I have had the good fortune to be a forgiven child who wakes up to discover that everything is a gift... God existed and was present. One thing only surprised me: The Eucharist! Not that it seemed incredible, but it amazed me that Divine Charity would have come upon this silent way to communicate Himself, and above all that He would choose to become bread, the staple of the poor and the food preferred by children. O Divine Love, eternity will be too short to speak of You." **(André Frossard, Istituto San Clemente, 2006)**



# EUCCHARISTIC EXHIBIT CONCLUDES TODAY

## Eucharistic Miracles

*Why are consecrated hosts changing into tormented heart tissue in church after church throughout the world today?*

*Explore miracle stories, scientific study, and Scriptural basis for belief in the Real Presence.*

**Vatican Exhibit highlighting 1800 years of miracles was created by Blessed Carlo Acutis - as seen on EWTN.**



Our Eucharistic Exhibit on the Eucharistic Miracles continues in the Hall through this weekend. You may view it on **Saturday, June 18, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, and on **Sunday, June 19, from 9:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.** Don't miss it!



# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

We wish all the fathers in our Parish a very Happy Father's Day! May God reward you for all that you do for your children and all those who know you.

**NOVENA OF MASSES:** It's not too late to enroll your loved one in the Father's Day Novena of Masses. **Just pick up a card from one of the tables in the church to give to him and then return the offering envelope to the church or the office.** You will be giving your Dad an out-of-this-world gift—one you can't put a price on! Each day from June 20 through 28 a Mass will be offered for all those who have been enrolled (both living and deceased).

**God bless all fathers!**

# 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!



# Mission Co-Op Speaker | Special Collection

THIS WEEKEND, JUNE 18 and 19, is the annual Mission Cooperation Appeal in our Parish. Sr. Jane Ann Cherubin, SC, will be speaking at all the Masses and sharing the good news of the mission works of the SISTERS OF CHARITY OF SETON HILL IN CHINA, KORIA, AND ECUADOR.



As the Sisters continue to bring the love of the Lord to those they serve, they need our help. **Please give from your hearts during the collection to help spread the Gospel and assist the Sisters. Your prayers and donations will bring blessings of hope and healing. Envelope are in the pews.**

## PAUSE TO HEAR GOD SPEAK:

"I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go."  
-Joshua 1:9

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me." -Psalm 23:4



## Fasting from the Wound of Fear

Today, I choose to fast from the wound of fear. Our initial reactions to fear are always the same—fight, flee, or freeze. Our heart pounds inside our chests. We sweat and we breathe rapidly. Our body and mind are on some kind of high alert to danger. If we are being stalked by a cougar while hiking in the mountains, this is the perfect response. It springs from an actual event. But when our fear is based on the perception that something bad might happen, we are experiencing the wound of fear. If you've ever been involved in a serious car accident, you probably experienced fear the first few times you got back in a car. If it becomes entrenched, you might experience fear every time you get in a car, even to the point of refusing to get in one. We all have fears. Yours might be public speaking, death, or poverty. Our fears often become ingrained because of hurtful or traumatic events. Fear can keep us from living God's plan for us. We either rush ahead of God parentheses (fight), run away (flee), or stand still (freeze).

I encourage you to take heart. Fear will try to stop you. Do not be deferred!

### TAKE TIME TO ASK YOURSELF:

- What is going on in my life when I experience fear?
- How do I react when I feel afraid?



Pray slowly... Heavenly Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce fear and repent all the ways in which I have sinned because of it, particularly the ways in which I have not trusted you in the midst of my fear. I reject every form of fear in my life. I renounce any lies that I have come to believe, including lies such as "Bad things happen to me," "I cannot trust others," or "I'm vulnerable." I renounce any companion emotions such as doubt, mistrust, and unbelief. Send your Holy Spirit to speak the truth to my heart that I am protected, cared for, and loved. Amen.

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

# Serve God 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.

# Total Consecration

Join us for the final session of this four-week program given by Fr. Ed Broom: "Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary."

It began on June 2nd and will conclude this Thursday, June 23rd. Mass begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by the talk from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m., with group sharing from 8:15 to 8:45 p.m.

Our Healing Ministry will follow at 8:45 pm.



[www.FatherBroom.com](http://www.FatherBroom.com)

**Thursdays**  
**June 2, 9, 16 & 23**

Mass: 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Talk: 7:15 - 8:15 pm  
Groups: 8:15—8:45 pm

Registration is not required. Copies of the Fr. Broom's book—with assigned daily meditations—*Total Consecration to the Mysteries of the Rosary*, are available after the talk for \$15 each.

**Mary is the quickest, easiest, and most efficacious path to Jesus**  
- St. Louis de Montfort -

# 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.

**NOTICE:** Due to the bulletin editor being on a Holy Land pilgrimage until June 20, the totals for June 11/12 and 18/19 will not be published until the issue of July 3, 2022.

May 14/15 .....	\$ 9,330.00
May 21/22 .....	\$16,498.00
May 28/29 .....	\$12,037.00
June 4/5.....	\$15,102.00

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



# THE GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST

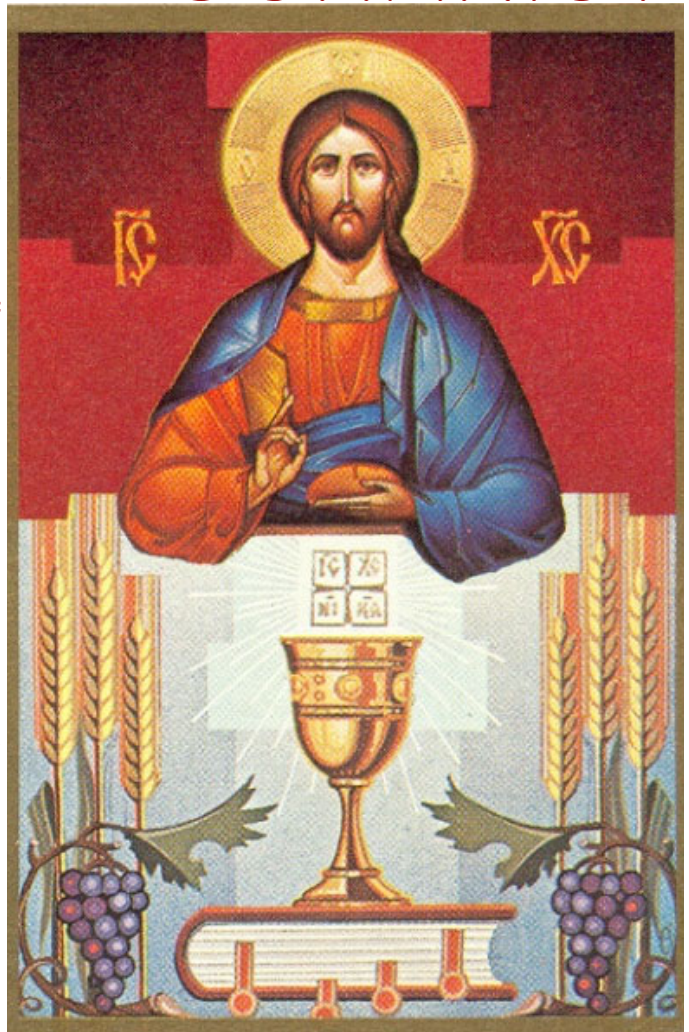
Today we hear how Abram encounters Melchizedek, “king of Salem . . . and a priest of God Most High” (Genesis 14:18). Melchizedek appears nowhere else in Scripture, but is nonetheless significant. Psalm 110 declares of the great King David, “You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek,” a description later given (in the letter to the Hebrews) to Christ as High Priest. Early Christians saw in Melchizedek’s bread and wine the bread and wine of the Eucharist; Paul’s account of the Last Supper (in today’s second reading) is the oldest one in Scripture. In the Gospel, Luke describes Jesus providing bread for a crowd in words similar to Paul’s, words still used by the Church: Jesus takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it. Together, these three readings reveal how the priesthood, Christ’s Real Presence, and the call to serve those in need are all found in the gift of the Eucharist.

The crowd that followed Jesus to the deserted place was fed, body and spirit. Jesus wanted them to know that in His presence they would find care and compassion. He would not let them go hungry. Like Abram who encountered God in the bread and wine offered by Melchizedek, they experienced first-hand the abundance of God’s love. These sacred meals prefigured the Last Supper on the night before He died, the feast in which we share in the Eucharist. Today, we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy

Body and Blood of Christ. On this day, we appreciate anew the great love of Jesus Christ for us and for the world and experience first-hand the presence of Christ in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Notice that Jesus sent His disciples to give the crowd the food they needed. Jesus could have done this alone. We could say He didn’t need the disciples to participate in the feeding of the great crowd. But Jesus did not act alone then, and Christ relies on us now, to feed those who hunger and thirst physically, spiritually, and emotionally. When we grow weary and want nothing more than to satisfy our selfish and self-centered impulses, it is good for us to remember who we are and whose we are. It is crucial that we hear in the depths of our hearts, “Give them some food yourselves,” and be ready to do so. Let us celebrate Christ’s living presence with and for us and recognize our call to share that presence with others.

Jesus came to change people’s hearts, to show them God’s love and how to love one another. The miracle of the loaves shows us that Jesus can feed millions with his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. The miracle of changing bread and wine into His Body and Blood is not just so we can feel good about having Jesus so near to us. It is meant to strengthen us to do our best as His disciples. As food and drink help us to keep on working, His Body and Blood help us to keep on loving. Look around as the Communion procession goes by and think about how many are united with Jesus. Let the broken bread and poured-out wine remind you of how Jesus gave Himself up to death on the cross.



# Mass Intentions

## June 18 to June 25, 2022

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Lillian Teng, Birthday Intention

Sunday:

\*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Thien & Family, INT

7:30 a.m.: Goh & Cheah Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD, INT

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

5:00 p.m.: Virgilio Lopez, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 1

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

8:00 a.m.: Dorca Sanchez, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Sr. Teresa, OCD, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 2

\*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Robert Elias, OCD, Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: Mary Sebastian, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Fr. Robert Elias, OCD, Birthday INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: John Li, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 3

7:00 p.m.: Sr. Teresa, OCD, INT

Thursday:

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

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

8:00 a.m.: Virgil & Maria Odonon, Anniv, INT

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

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 5

\*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Peter & Moira Kretschmer, Anniv.

Saturday Morning:

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Ricardo L. Alfonso, RIP

\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel,  
215 East Alhambra Road,  
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The Carmel Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays.

### LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

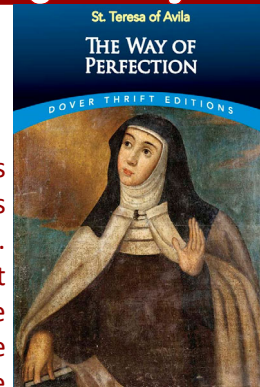
The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. weekday Masses are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those unable to attend due to illness, etc.). Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

# Quiet Listening Prayer

## From *THE WAY OF PERFECTION*

### by St. Teresa of Avila

If we don't want to be fools and blind the intellect, there's no reason for doubt. Receiving Communion is not like picturing with the imagination, as when we reflect upon the Lord on the cross or in other episodes of the Passion, when we picture within ourselves how things happened to Him in the past. In Communion, the event is happening now, and it is entirely true. There's no reason to go looking for Him in some other place farther away. Since we know that Jesus is with us as long as the natural heat doesn't consume the accidents of bread, we should approach Him. Now, then, if when He went about in the world, the mere touch of His robes cured the sick, why doubt that miracles will be worked while He is within us and that He will give what we ask of Him, since He is in our house? His Majesty is not accustomed to paying poorly for His lodging if the hospitality is good (Chapter 34, No. 8).



## 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

14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land (September 28 to October 11, 2022, led by Fr. Darrin Merlino, CME, for \$4,989). For more information, contact Parishioners Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 285-6687 or rememberto@sbcbglobal.net.

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