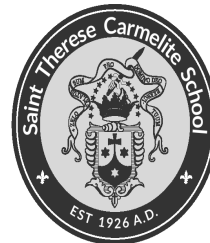




Saint Therese Church



March 6, 2016

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

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(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code).

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (332) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD and Deacon Bro. Charles Nawodylo, OCD **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333) **Vocations:** Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocesan: (213) 637-7515

Sacraments:

Confessions: Wednesday: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday
Weddings: Fill out an application (on the website) at least six months in advance.
Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

Other Ministries/Programs:

- ***Annulments:**
Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)
- ***Avila Young Adult Group:**
Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284
- ***Bible Study:** Debbie Robles 679-6370
- ***Carmelite Spiritual Reading Group**
Mondays, Jim Gillette (213) 448-1039
- ***Detention Ministry:** Sonia Macias (323) 724-6443
- ***Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4p.m.**
- ***Knights of Columbus:** Grand Knight Tom Quintana: (626) 863-7061
- ***Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
- ***Natural Family Planning:**
Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906
- ***OCDS:** Stan Interrante 714-996-4164
- ***Respect Life Ministry:**
Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942
- ***Rosary Makers:** Mondays, 6-8 p.m.
Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776
- ***St. Joseph Prayer Group:** Wed, 6:15 p.m., Albert Grana 576-0872
- ***Tea at Therese Women's Group:**
Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



“Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.”
— St. Thérèse de Lisieux

Masses & Services:

Monday-Saturday:

6:00 & 8:00 a.m.

Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday:

7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.

Holy Days:

6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Devotions:

Rosary: After Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass;
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00p.m.; Intercessors for Priests:
Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.; First Friday Mass
and All-Night Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

St. Therese Carmelite School:

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Parish Secretary:

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Bridie McDermott (224)

Choir Directors:

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11:00am: Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284
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Ministry to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla (626) 282-0943

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Youth & Adult Confirmation

Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)
rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

Parish Vision Statement:

To be a spiritual Catholic Family focused on prayer as well as service to the Gospel through a Sacramental life. We envision our Parish as a community of stewards dedicated to building up the Body of Christ through active ministry while living the example of simplicity, humility, confidence and love of our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.



Saint Therese
Carmelite School

Black and White Masquerade

A silent auction,
dinner and dance.

Saint Therese Carmelite School invites everyone to our Annual Silent Auction, "*Black and White Masquerade*," on April 8, 2016, at Almanson Court in Alhambra. Tickets are \$75 per person, which includes dinner, dancing, the silent auction, and entertainment.

For tickets, contact (626) 289-3364 or
sainttheresecarmeliteschool@gmail.com.

“Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible” (Facilitated by Ruben & Rhonda)



If you'd like to know more about what the Church teaches about the Holy Eucharist and the roots of the Mass in the Bible, you are invited to attend this series! It will deepen your knowledge of the Last Supper, Communion, and the Great Feast. Jesus said *“This is my Body”* and *“This is my Blood.”* Some say they're merely symbols of remembrance. Others, that they're really the Body and Blood of Christ, but can't explain how that's possible. The Eucharist is the center-point of the Mass – *but why?* The



Dr. Brant Pitre

answers are here. Renowned teacher Dr. Brant Pitre guides us through Scripture, history, and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and miracle of the Eucharist. With deep insight, Dr. Pitre gives a fresh perspective for understanding the mystery that is the Eucharist. Classes began February 9 and will continue to meet on **Tuesday evenings in the Parish Library from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., on the following dates: March 8 and 22, April 5 and 19, and May 10 and 24.** For more information, contact the class facilitators, Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (235) OR Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (225).

LEGION OF MARY CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP TONIGHT, SATURDAY, MARCH 5



“Joyful Family Life and the Rule of St. Benedict” will be the topic for the next session, held TONIGHT, Saturday, March 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Library. Learn and Defend the

Catholic Faith through Mary while just listening or adding to the conversation. Bring a friend or meet new people! Refreshments served.

For more information, contact 457-1564 or placenci@sbcglobal.net.

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Help us beautify the church for Easter by making a donation in one of the Easter Flower envelopes available in the pews. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 29, for all those whose names are entered on the envelopes.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

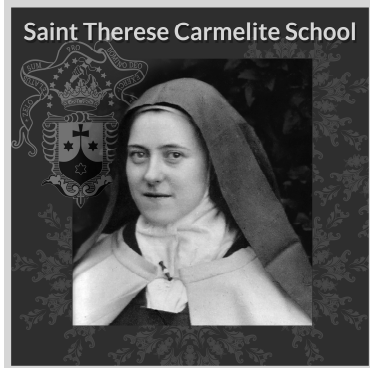


- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
- Monday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
- Tuesday: St. John of God
- Wednesday: St. Frances of Rome
- Friday: Day of Abstinence from

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

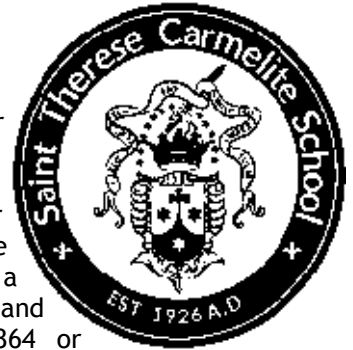
Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Theresse Carmelite School seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.

“For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven.” – St. Thérèse de Lisieux



- School Mass on Friday, March 11, at 8:00 a.m.
- Stations of the Cross on March 11 at 1:30 p.m.
- Chaplet of Our Lady of Sorrows on Mar 16, 1:30 p.m.

Saint Theresse Carmelite Parish School invites you to our Annual Silent Auction, *“Black and White Masquerade,”* on April 8 at Almanson Court. It is our hope that you can support this extraordinary event to benefit our school by your prayers, by donating an item or a service to our auction, by sponsoring the event through a monetary donation, and/or by coming with your family and friends. Please feel free to contact us at 289-3364 or sainttheressecarmeliteschool@gmail.com.



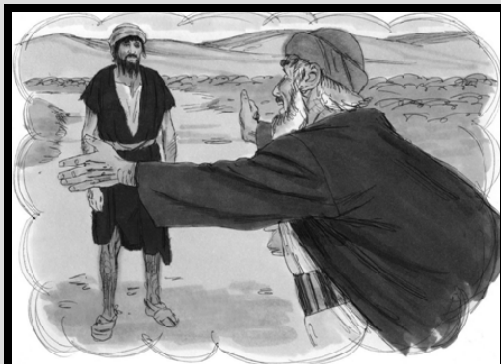
We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our school.

A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING

Today's Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father's initial grief over his young son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over.



We are
A
new
creation.

In
this
we
rejoice.

BAPTISM MINISTRY



In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to attend a class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Library. The next classes for which you can enroll are April 5 and May 10 (no classes or baptisms in March). The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Upcoming open baptism dates are Saturdays, April 16 and May 28—both at 11:00 a.m. For more info, call Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (X225).

LENTEN SOUP NIGHTS and STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Soup Nights are held in the Parish Hall on all the Fridays of Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (through March 18). There will be a free-will offering basket available for donations for our Christian Services program. Upcoming sponsors are: March 11—Knights of Columbus & RCIA; March 18—The Scouts.

Stations of the Cross are held in the church every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m., following Soup Night. There will also be a Children's Stations of the Cross at 5:00 p.m. (before Soup Night).

For details about the rules for fasting and abstinence, please see the Events section of our website.

CONGRATULATIONS, Bro. Charles Nawodylo, OCD, for being approved for ordination to the priesthood!

Be sure to **SAVE THE DATE** of his ordination! It will be held here at St. Therese Church on Saturday, June 18, at 10:00 a.m., followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Please pray for him as he prepares for this beautiful rite!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STRE: Classes are in session today, Sunday, March 6, and Sunday, March 20—from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. For any questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to our 2nd-year Eucharistic students, who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 5.

SOUP NITE: The Soup Night on Friday, March 11, will be sponsored by STRE. Please bring a pot of soup to the Hall at 5 p.m. that evening and help to serve until 7:00 p.m. Please stay to help clean-up afterwards.

RCIA Adult Faith Formation

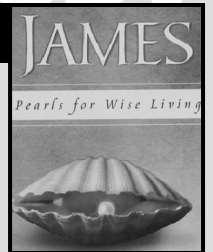
The next RCIA classes are on Thursdays, March 10 and 17.

RCIA, along with the Knights will sponsor Soup Nite on Friday, March 11. Please bring a pot of soup to the Hall at 5:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY!

All are invited to join us for our next Bible Study, featuring the video series, "JAMES: PEARLS FOR WISE LIVING," an 11-part study with author Jeff Cavins—held every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room, beginning this week on March 9 (and continuing through June 1). There is a \$20 fee per person, which includes a workbook. James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Like the book of Proverbs, it is a book of wisdom, a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. These teachings speak loudly to all those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith. This study offers "pearls for wise living" by applying the wisdom of James to the present day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances.



Through this study, you will find an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life; learn how just a few small words can change your entire life; see how God's wisdom helps us face suffering; learn the secret to finding joy in the midst of trials; and find value in suffering. For any questions, please contact Debbie Robles at 679-6370 OR debrobles@me.com.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION



Classes are in session today, Sunday, March 6, as well as the 13th and 20th.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Bishop O'Connell will be here at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Therese on Sunday, May 22, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. For questions, contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2) or rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com.

Be one with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration



"O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I would like to be filled with love for You; keep me closely united with You, may my heart be near to Yours. I want to be to You like the apostle John. O Mary of the Rosary, keep me recollected when I say these prayers of yours; bind me forever, with your rosary, to Jesus of the Blessed Sacrament. Blessed be

Jesus, my love.." - St. Pope John XXIII

To sign up as a committed adorer, please contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (235) or rubenconfirmatio@yahoo.com.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below you will find the total collections for last weekend and for the previous four weekends.

February 27 / 28, 2016

Unrestricted.....	\$11,986.50
Restricted	\$ 927.50
T O T A L	\$12,914.00



January 30 24.....	\$15,417.00
February 6 / 7.....	\$20,605.00
February 13 / 14.....	\$16,050.00
February 20 / 21.....	\$13,139.00

"...for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY FAMILY CELEBRATION!



The Avila Young Adult Group invites you to "put on the green" and come to the Parish St. Paddy's Day celebration—for all ages! It will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, March 17, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

The celebration will consist of a potluck dinner, drinks (including beer), Irish Step-Dancers, Irish bands, songs, and Ceili (group Irish dancing) lessons and dancing for everyone!

THE COST TO ATTEND IS EITHER 1) the *DINNER (items listed below) OR 2) \$10 PER PERSON.

FOR THE *IRISH POTLUCK DINNER: Please bring CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE OR POTATOES—enough for your family and four other persons.

In addition to all the above fun, we will also have TWO COMPETITIONS: 1) an Irish-themed baking competition and 2) a St. Patrick-themed art competition for kids (more info to come!).

TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFO, contact Paula Grimm at (909) 703-1284 or pgrimm.dir@gmail.com. If you're interested in entertaining, contact Kelly Mohun at (626) 940-5180 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.

ON-GOING MEETINGS/CLASSES

YOUNG ADULTS (Ages 21–39, singles and couples): Join us most first Saturdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard, as well as for social events (movie/pub nights, sports events, concerts, dances, etc.). **NOTE: We will NOT meet on March 5;** instead, the group is organizing and hosting the St. Patrick's Day party on Thursday, March 17. If you'd like to help, contact Paula Grimm (909-703-1284 or pgrimm.dir@gmail.com).

CARMELITE SPIRITUAL READING GROUP: All are invited to join us every Monday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Library. Lectio Divina is practiced on the 1st/3rd Mondays; Spiritual reading is on the 2nd/4th. For more info, contact Jim Gillett at 213-448-1039 or jimgillett@me.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro) is for those grieving a loved one—no matter how long or for whom. We meet in the Parish Offices from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. The next meetings will be March 10 and 24.

WOMEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Join us for prayer and discussion, along with tea and treats! (Play area for children!). Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. The next meetings will be March 11 and 25. For more info, contact Dara at (301) 542-9701.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES: Irish dance classes are held on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (for 45 minutes to one hour). Classes are for kids 4+ and for adults. For more information, please contact Kelly Mohun at (805) 421-7548 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

For the Week of 3/5/16 TO 3/12/16

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Frank Leon RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Mai Tran & Hoang Nguyen INT

7:30 a.m.: Arthur Lowenberg RIP

9:00 a.m.: Victor Montez RIP

11:00 a.m.: Larry & Martha Campos RIP

1:00 pm (Latin) Nicholas Hisoire/Victor Gabriel INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Socorro Hernandez INT

*7:30 a.m.: Concetta Frattarelli RIP

8:00 a.m.: Letty Sebastian INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Juan Gomez RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Patricia Berger RIP

8:00 a.m.: George Sebastian RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Wendy, Warren, Tim, and Mary Chang INT

*7:30 a.m.: Charles DeCarlo INT

8:00 a.m.: Varkey Kalapura RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Genaro & Adelaida 60th Anniv. INT

*7:30 a.m.: Charles DeCarlo INT

8:00 a.m.: Marie Valdez RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Glenn & Helen Thomas RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Charles DeCarlo INT

8:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Thresia Kalapura RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Robert Esquer RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road.
Open to the public every day except Sundays/holidays.

Intentions of our Holy Father for March 2016:

- 1) That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments;
- 2) That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Lucy Lopez

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Jackie Johnson / Blanca Ruvalcaba

9:00 a.m. Rosa Natividad / Beatriz Pelayo-Garcia

11:00 a.m. Andy Zepeda / Ignacio Verduzco

5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches

Floral Dedications

During Lent we will not have flowers on the altar. However, you may make arrangements for a Floral Dedication for a



Sunday after Lent. This can be in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one. To do so, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. Bouquets are \$40 and up.

Personal Ads

FOR RENT: Beautiful single family home (3 BR, 2 BA) in great location (2-car garage, forced air/heat, complete kitchen—stove, refrigerator, microwave). Available April 1st for \$2,400 per month (pay first and last). Contact Pedro at 487-5312.

Outside the Parish

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend for Healing after Abortion... for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat is designed to help work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential. Next dates are April 1-3 in Duarte. Cost \$215 per person. To register, contact 1-866-272-2435 or www.rachelsvineyard.org

Join us for **World Youth Day in Poland**—including a tour of Auschwitz and a Pilgrimage to Rome. Includes round-trip airfare, lodging, all meals, tips. For more info, go to prorometours.com or call 570-309-1346 or email reservations@prorometours.com.

Pasadena Community Orchestra presents their third concert of the season on Friday, March 18 at 8 pm. The program includes Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream Overture; Saint-Saens' Cello Concerto No. 1 featuring Catherine Biagini, soloist; Khachaturian's Sabre Dance; Debussy's Cortège and Air de Danse; and Griffes' Pleasure Dome of Kubla Khan, with Music Director and Conductor Bethany Pflueger. **Admission and parking are free!** At the First Church of the Nazarene, 3700 East Sierra Madre Blvd. in Pasadena, one block west of La Salle High School. More information at pcomusic.org.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. PAUL KOENIG, OCD: Travel to Poland & Italy in the steps of St. John Paul II, the great "Mercy Pope," from **April 13 - 26**. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or Jack Day at (323) 722-9339. Details available at <http://www.syversentouring.com/carmel>.

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