

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES AND SERVICES

ALL SERVICES ARE OUTDOORS

Saturday Vigil: 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.

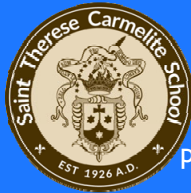
Monday-Friday: 6:00 and 9:00 a.m.—the 9:00 a.m. Mass is live streamed on our Facebook page AND on our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnvT2tTus0wnxlypGOeuf0g>

Confessions under the red umbrellas on Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and on Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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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: Call the office.



This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals. I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:7-11).



New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please register online: www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

We have a mail drop in front of the office at 510 North El Molino Street. It is located on the right side of the door.

FROM FR. THOMAS, Pastor



Blessed Christmas-Epiphany Season of Light, everyone!

How are your heavenly wedding day preparations—with God!—coming along? I say this because of how the Church sees this season of Epiphany: "Today the Bridegroom claims His Bride, the Church, since Christ has washed her sins away in Jordan's waters; the Magi hasten with their gifts to the royal wedding; and the wedding guests rejoice, for Christ has changed water into wine, alleluia" (Canticle of Zechariah, Antiphon for the Solemnity of Epiphany, Morning Prayer, Liturgy of the Hours).

Do we take these words from the Liturgy seriously? After all, St. Teresa, St. John of the Cross, St. Catherine of Genoa, and others were mystically married to God *in this life!!!* Well, even if it is hard to take the Lord's invitation completely seriously for various reasons (poor self-image? not soaking in Scripture and quiet listening prayer

long enough?), it still is worth struggling and aiming for that goal, don't you think?

Fr. Thomas of the Trinity, OCD

"As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you! And as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you!" (Isaiah 62:5).

Quiet Listening Prayer Formation



"O Lord, take into account the many things we suffer on this path for lack of knowledge! The trouble is that since we do not think there is anything to know other than that we must think of You, we do not

even know how to ask those who know nor do we understand what there is to ask.

Terrible trials are suffered because we don't understand ourselves, and that which isn't bad at all but good we think is a serious fault. This lack of knowledge causes the afflictions of many people who engage in prayer: complaints about interior trials, at least to a great extent, by people who have no

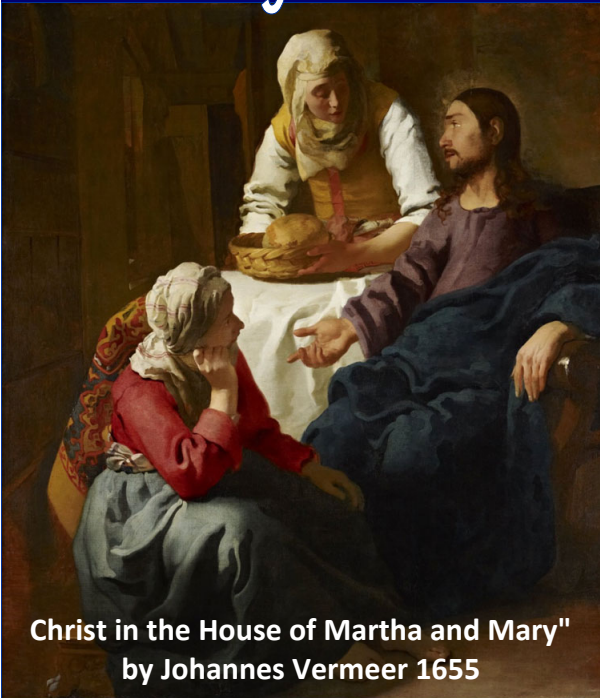
learning; melancholy and loss of health; and even the complete abandonment of prayer. Such persons don't reflect that there is an interior world within us.

Just as we cannot stop the movement of the heavens, so neither can we stop our mind; and then the faculties of the soul go with it, and we think we are lost and have wasted the time spent before God. But the soul is perhaps completely joined with Him in the dwelling places very close to the center while the mind is on the outskirts of the castle suffering from a thousand wild and poisonous beasts, and meriting by this suffering.

As a result we should not be disturbed, nor should we abandon prayer, which the devil wants us to do. For the most part, all the trials and disturbances come from our not understanding ourselves" (St. Teresa of Jesus, *Interior Castle*, Mansion IV, Chapter 3, No. 9).

Beauty Will Save the World

By Cardinal Godfried Danneels (May 2001)



Christ in the House of Martha and Mary"
by Johannes Vermeer 1655

Young students discuss and study courses on questions of dogma (the True) and morality (the Good). But after a performance of the “Passion According to Saint Matthew” by Johann Sebastian Bach, they are disarmed and left speechless.

The Church has so many beautiful things to say and to show to the world, not only in its artistic heritage, but also in so many saints who shone with beauty. There is much more here than aesthetics. For those who would still doubt, allow me to remind them that beauty has everything to do with Truth: “Beauty is the splendor of truth.” And beauty has everything to do with the Good. The Greeks even made it into one single word: *Kaloskagathos*. Beauty can make a synthesis of the true and the good.

Truth, Goodness, Beauty. Here are three names and three access roads to God. But Beauty has as yet been explored very little in theology and catechesis in our day. Is it not time to attend to this lacuna?

Healing-Prayer Ministry

Mindful that Christmas is for those who know they need to be saved from sin—and *from their own sins and wounds first of all*—here are the seven capital wounds that set us up for one or more of the seven capital sins: **confusion leads to sloth, abandonment leads to pride, shame leads to envy, fear leads to gluttony, hopelessness leads to greed, rejection**

leads to anger, and powerlessness leads to lust (from *Lenten Healing* by Ken Kniepmann, JPiihealingcenter.org).

Let us ask our Lord to shine His Light into one of those wounds/dark areas of our life during this special Season of Light.



THURSDAY NIGHTS FOR YOUR SOUL!

DRESS WARM!
BRING A BLANKET!

VIEWING OF AN EPISODE OF THE CHOSEN, CANDLELIGHT MASS, ADORATION

Join your Parish Community every Thursday evening to refresh your soul! The schedule is as follows:

6:30 p.m.: Viewing of Episode Seven of The Chosen (Jan. 14)

7:00 p.m.: Mass

7:30 p.m.: Adoration

Episode 7: “Invitations” - As Matthew struggles to make logical sense of the miracles he has witnessed, Jesus tells His followers that they will start moving from town to town. Mary Magdalene tells Jesus that Nicodemus wants to meet with Him. Jesus explains His mission to Nicodemus—comparing Himself to the bronze serpent in Moses’ day, and telling him that people must be born again. The next day, as Jesus walks past the tax booth, He calls Matthew to follow Him.



You can also watch *The Chosen* on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

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

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the previous four weekends.

NOTE: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month for our School.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



December 26 / 27, 2020
 Unrestricted.....\$20,260.00
 Restricted\$ 807.00
T O T A L \$21,067.00

December 5 / 6..... \$14,691.00
December 12 / 13..... \$30,255.00
December 19 / 20..... \$16,230.00
Christmas Eve/Day.... \$22,596.00

Check Users:
 Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

The Baptism of the Lord



It may seem obvious that the theme for the Baptism of the Lord is "water," but when one spends time with the readings today, one can see many different connotations for that water and its power. Isaiah (55:1-11) calls the poor who are thirsty and tired to come to the water and take the spiritual food and drink that will be provided if we but seek the Lord. Here, God is both destination and consolation. The Responsorial Psalm (29:1-4, 9-10) follows suit with the image of drawing water from the springs of salvation. The second reading (1 John 5:1-9) takes us to the reality of Christ as Eucharist: not only Jesus' birth and baptism, but also His death, as we hear that Jesus came "by water and by blood." The Gospel (Mark 1:7-11) depicts John baptizing Jesus with water, and the Spirit baptizing Jesus. We experience both the humanity and the divinity of Christ. Indeed, water has much power to save us.

When we go to a pop music concert, there is often an opening act. Usually they are a young group on their way up, or older musicians who are past their prime and still hanging on in the business. This is indeed a hard job. In the comedy world, it is the same thing. You have to warm up the crowd. You are not who they are coming to see, and audiences may be unresponsive, come in late, or not pay a lot of attention. Yet John had no problem being the opening act, the messenger, the harbinger of faith for Jesus. He was very devout in his faith and knew what his role was. Many Jews were actively seeking a messiah, and he was quick to let them know that he was not the one for whom they were waiting. "I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Yet he conducted his ministry with faith and hope.

As John humbly carried out his mission and Jesus accepted this simple baptism by John, the Holy Spirit indeed came down upon Jesus, and God proclaimed for the first time, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Thus Jesus began His formal ministry. As He responded "yes" to the Father over and over, His thirst was quenched and His spirit strengthened. How many times do we witness baptisms? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message, experiencing the call, again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water or participated in a sprinkling rite? Yet in these days, when church fountains are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times. We need to trust in God and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God's saving action through our own baptisms and our own lives.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis has dedicated the year from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021, to St. Joseph. December 8, 2020, was the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. Along with the holy year, the Apostolic Penitentiary also issued a decree granting special indulgences for the duration of the special year, which is “to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Custodian of Jesus.”

During this period, the faithful will have the opportunity to commit themselves “with prayer and good works, to obtain, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the Holy Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations that besiege the contemporary world today.” The decree signed by Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, the Major Penitentiary of the Apostolic Penitentiary, and the Regent, Fr. Krzysztof Nykiel, notes that devotion to St. Joseph has grown extensively throughout

the history of the Church, “which not only attributes to him high reverence after that of the Mother of God, but has also given him multiple patronages. St. Joseph, an authentic man of faith, invites us to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, and to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God’s will.” Therefore, the gift of an indulgence granted through a decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary by mandate of the Holy Father “will be of great benefit to the perfect attainment of the appointed purpose.”

Amid the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis, the gift of **the plenary indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying, and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes**, if they are detached from any sin and have the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions and recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, offering to God the pains and hardships of their lives.

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Conditions for the plenary indulgence: The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions—1. Sacramental confession, 2. Eucharistic Communion, and 3. Prayer for the Pope’s intentions— to those who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph by doing any of the following things:



- Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord’s Prayer;
- Take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph;
 - Perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy in honor of St. Joseph;
 - Recite the Holy Rosary in his honor and seeking his intercession;
 - Entrust one’s daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph;
- Invokes the intercession of St. Joseph for the unemployed so they can find dignifying work;
- Recite the Litany to St. Joseph or any other prayer to St. Joseph proper to the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution;
- Recite any legitimately-approved prayer In honor of St. Joseph, especially on March 19 or May 1.



Mass Intentions

For the Week of January 9 through 16, 2021

Saturday:

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

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Adam Gonzales, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Victor San Lucas, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Peter Vu V. Hien, RIP

11:00 am: Alvin Cailan, B-Day INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Parishioners

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

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Sarah Determan, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Anita Catalano, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Don Christensen, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Victor San Lucas, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Adam Gonzales, OCD, INT

9:00 a.m.: Dolores "Mickey" Kearney, RIP
And Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Victor San Lucas, RIP

*7:30 am: Jennifer Nguyen, B-Day INT

9:00 a.m.: Anita Catalano, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Victor San Lucas, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Frances Meyer, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Javier Olvera, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Victor San Lucas, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Lori Duardo, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Zeferina Gomez, RIP

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

9:00 a.m.: 1) Milad Shokir, RIP

2) Avelina Fuentes, RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel,

215 East Alhambra Road

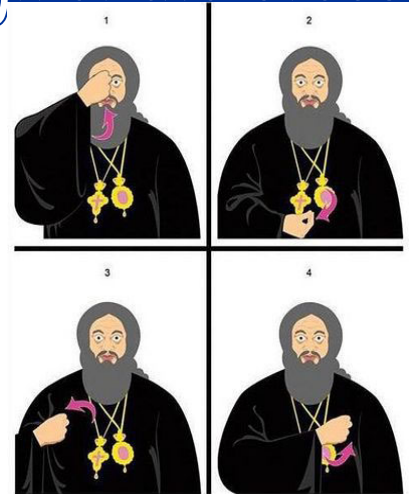
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LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday–Saturday) and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass are both live streamed on **Facebook AND YouTube** (for those not attending).

The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the Sign of the Cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels.



We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the Cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the names,” but “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” — three persons, one God.

The Sign of the Cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptisms, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the Cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the Sign of the Cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of His Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to Him, our first profession of faith.

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