

St. Therese Catholic Church

Est. 1924

(Now Celebrating the Centennial of Our Founding (1924-2024))

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So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!" But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! (Numbers 11:27-29).

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward" (Mark 9:39-41).



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 and Tuesday evenings: *7:15 p.m. Mass
(*Monday evening Mass followed by Healing Service;
Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).

Thursday evenings: 7:00 pm Exposition & Adoration

First Fridays: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

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.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm | 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Pastor: Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD: X 1+224

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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,

We are in the heart of the St. Therese Novena right now, and I hope you're enjoying Fr. Donald's presentations! He literally "wrote the book" on Therese. If you haven't had a chance to attend one of his evening Masses, there is still time! In the spirit of this novena, I give you **the climax of St. Therese's "My Vocation is Love."** Enjoy! And Happy Solemnity of St. Therese on Tuesday!

—Fr. Peter Mary

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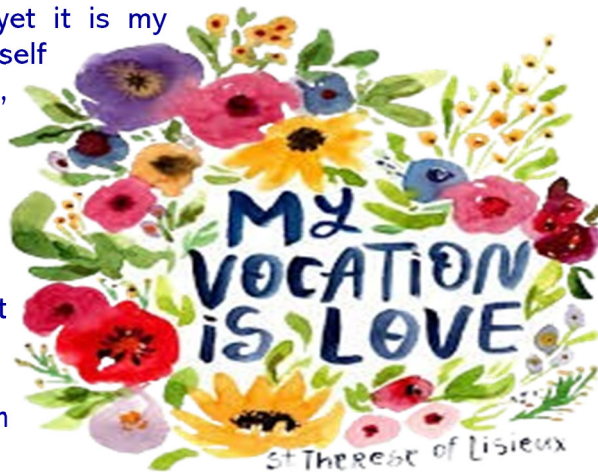
I finally had rest. Considering the Mystical Body of the Church, I had not recognized myself in any of the members described by St. Paul, or rather I desired to see myself in them all. Charity gave me the key to my vocation. I understood that if the Church had a body composed of different members, the most necessary and most noble of all could not be lacking to it, and so I understood that the Church had a Heart, and that this Heart was BURNING WITH LOVE.

I understood it was Love alone that made the Church's members act, that if Love ever became extinct, apostles would not preach the Gospel and martyrs would not shed their blood. I understood that LOVE COMPRISED ALL VOCATIONS, THAT LOVE WAS EVERYTHING, THAT IT EMBRACED ALL TIMES AND PLACES.... IN A WORD, THAT IT WAS ETERNAL!

Then, in the excess of my delirious joy, I cried out: **"O Jesus, my Love.... my vocation, at last I have found it.... MY VOCATION IS LOVE!"** Yes, I have found my place in the Church and it is You, O my God, who have given me this place; in the heart of the Church, my Mother, I shall be Love. Thus I shall be everything, and thus my dream will be realized.

Why speak of a delirious joy? No, this expression is not exact, for it was rather the calm and serene peace of the navigator perceiving the beacon which must lead him to the port.... O luminous Beacon of love, I know how to reach You, I have found the secret of possessing Your flame.

I am only a child, powerless and weak, and yet it is my weakness that gives me the boldness of offering myself as a VICTIM of Your Love, O Jesus! In times past, victims, pure and spotless, were the only ones accepted by the Strong and Powerful God. To satisfy Divine Justice, perfect victims were necessary, but the law of Love has succeeded to the law of fear, and Love has chosen me as a holocaust, me, a weak and imperfect creature. Is not this choice worthy of Love? Yes, in order that Love be fully satisfied, it is necessary that It lower Itself, and that It lower Itself to nothingness and transform this nothingness into fire.



The Feast of St. Therese: October 1st

To prepare for the feast of our patroness this Tuesday, Fr. Donald Kinney has been here celebrating a daily Novena Mass and preaching on St. Therese. **Tonight, September 29, and tomorrow, September 30, will be the last two days of the Novena** (at 7:15 p.m.) followed by her feast on Tuesday, October 1st, which includes a special evening Mass—also at 7:15 p.m.

While he's here, Fr. Donald will also promote **next year's visit of the RELIQUARY OF ST. THERESE.** The magnificent reliquary of St. Therese has been touring the world since 1994, with great crowds and great graces everywhere. It first came to Alhambra 25 years ago in 1999-2000. Now the reliquary will return to the United States in the fall of 2025. **It will visit ten dioceses of California in October, and will come here to St. Therese Church on October 11-13, 2025.** The year 2025 is also the 100th anniversary of the Canonization of St. Therese and a Jubilee Year in the entire Church.

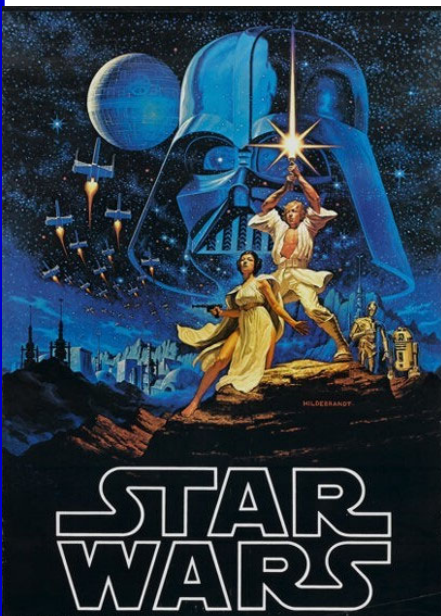


If you missed any of Fr. Donald's Novena talks, you can still watch them on our YouTube Channel & Facebook Page!

The reliquary of St. Therese visits Belarus, formerly part of the Soviet Union

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

S T A R W A R S



Our next PARISH MOVIE NIGHT will be on Saturday, **October 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m.** We will show the original Star Wars from 1977!

Dinner will be provided by our Parish Ministries! Both adults and children are invited to come dressed in a **STAR WARS COSTUME!**

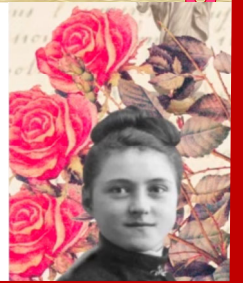
The best costume overall will win a prize of \$100... the runner-up will win \$50!



100 Years of Walking with St. Therese | Meeting

We will conclude the celebration of our centennial year with a **GALA at Brookside Country Club** in Pasadena on **Sat., January 11**. More details to come but—for now—please put the date in your calendar!

If you'd like to help plan and organize that special day, come to a meeting with Fr. Steve **THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the **Avila Room** in the Parish Offices at 510 North El Molino Street.



The Little Way Dinner & Benefit Auction

benefitting the
SAINT THERESE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Friday, October 18, 2024
6:00 PM

RSVP by Friday, October 4

Please visit onecau.se/stcs
or text **STCS to 44834**
for online registration and
more information

Want to sit with your favorite friar?

NEW THIS YEAR!

You can purchase a table for you and eight guests to sit with Fr. Peter Mary, Fr. Stephen, Fr. Robert, or Fr. David.

Purchase now before they sell out!

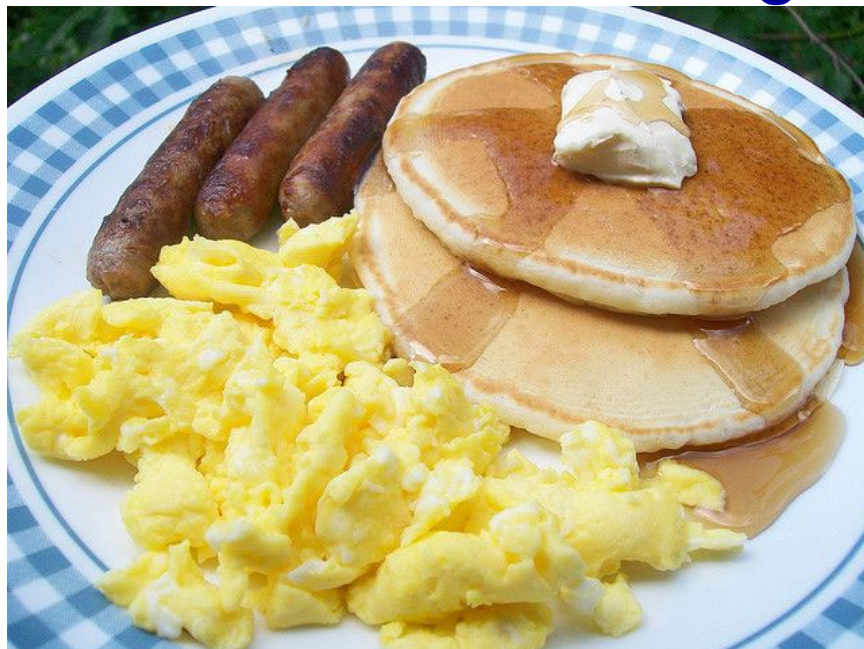
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

DID YOU KNOW? STAR safety for parking lots—Consider using the STAR method to keep your children safe in parking lots. The organization Connecting for Kids offers the STAR method to remind children of simple steps when they are in a parking lot. **S: STOP** as soon as you get out of the car. **T: TOUCH** a safe space on your car and do not move. **A: Pay ATTENTION** to the cars around you and the directions an adult gives you. **R: Wait** for an adult to tell you that you are **READY** to go! For more tips, visit bagintheback.org.

PROMISE TO
PROTECT

PLEDGE TO
HEAL

Pancakes with the Knights!



Today, Sunday, September 29, after the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Masses, the Knights of Columbus invite you to the Hall for a delicious pancakes "and more" breakfast.

Snack Sale October 6 to Benefit Our School

Stop by the tables in front of the church after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. morning Masses and the 1:00 p.m. Latin Mass on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**, to purchase your choice of:

- Nachos
- Lemonade
- Candy

All proceeds will benefit our School.



FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

to honor & make reparation to the

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



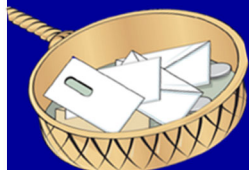
Mark your calendar for our next First Saturdays Devotion on October 5, 2024, and join us for the Rosary and a 15-minutes meditation after the 8:00 a.m. Mass! For any questions, contact the office at (626) 282-2744.

Pope Benedict XV (Nov 21, 1854 – Jan 22, 1922). Papacy of 7 Years (1914 – 1922)

The apparitions at Fatima are closely linked to the Popes since the 20th century, intertwining with their personal biographies. Pope Benedict XV, amidst the horrors of World War I, decided on May 5, 1917, to add the invocation "Queen of Peace, pray for us" to the traditional Litany of Loreto recited after the Rosary. The gracious Virgin responded quickly to the urgent pleas of the Pope: only eight days later, on May 13, she appeared at Fatima and gave to the Pope and humanity a plan for peace. However, this plan first required the obedience of the people and especially of Christ's Vicar on earth, the Pope. Thus, from the beginning, the Holy Father has had a specific role in the Message of Fatima.

This event coincided with the day Pope Benedict XV consecrated Bishop Eugenio Pacelli in the Sistine Chapel, who would later become his second successor, Pius XII. Pope Benedict XV re-established the ancient diocese of Leiria in Portugal on January 17, 1918, and in an April 29, 1918, letter to the Portuguese bishops, he referred to the occurrences at Fatima as "an extraordinary aid from the Mother of God."

Financial Offerings



September 21 / 22, 2024

Unrestricted..... \$17,140.00
 Restricted \$11,735.00
T O T A L.....\$28,875.00

August 24 / 25 \$21,459.00
 Aug 31 / Sept. 1 \$16,325.00
 September 7 / 8 \$14,977.00
 September 14 / 15 \$17,628.00

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

"LET ME INTRODUCE YOU..." By Fr. Stephen F. Watson OCD



Justin
Senneff



Ryan
Senneff

Some weeks ago, I was approached by **Justin Senneff**. You know him as the Organist for the Sunday 1:00 p.m. Latin Mass. He asked me if I'd like to interview him for a bulletin story. I confess I was a little hesitant. I appreciated Justin's contribution to the worship here at St. Therese, but I was not sure how a story about a parish organist fit in with celebrating the families and people who make up the history of St. Therese Parish. Thinking it over, I concluded that an organist is a significant part of a parish community. Still, I was hoping there was more to connect Justin to our Parish's history. Indeed, there was. This is the story of Justin Senneff.

Justin's parents are Richard Senneff and Melanie Mosgrove. Justin and his twin brother Ryan, now thirty years old, are their only children. Ryan was with Justin when I conducted my interview on the last day of summer. The first time Justin went to Mass at St. Therese was in August of 2005. He was staying with his paternal grandparents, Harold "Red" and Lucille Senneff, and he requested to be taken to Mass. Red and Lucille (who weren't Catholic) moved to Alhambra in the 1950s, first living on Curtis Street, then later on 4th Street. Red Senneff was very active in the community, coaching little league and serving as President of the Almansor Golf Course. All three of their sons graduated from Alhambra High School, and the eldest son Gregory (Justin's Uncle) taught at St. Therese School in the 1970s. Gregory was married in this church in 1975 (by Fr. Matthew McKeogh, OCD—pastor from 1972 to 1978) to Margaret (Peggy) Foran. The Forans were a big Catholic family who lived on Westhaven Road in San Marino. Peggy and her siblings attended St. Therese School like their father Robert before them. She and her youngest brother were both baptized here.

Justin went to his first Catholic Mass in 2003 at Mission Santa Ines in Solvang. (It was for the funeral of his father's cousin's husband, Al Gionfriddo, a Brooklyn Dodgers outfielder who, in 1947, made one of the greatest catches in World Series history, robbing Joe DiMaggio of a home run.) Justin and his mother Melanie both became interested in exploring the Catholic faith. They started attending Sunday Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 2004, at St. Dorothy in Glendora. After going through RCIA, Melanie became Catholic in 2005, Justin in 2006. His twin Ryan became Catholic a few years later, taking St. Therese as his patroness at Confirmation. Ryan regularly attends our 1:00 p.m. Latin Mass and serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at St. Dorothy in Glendora.

After converting, the twins loved all things Catholic—watching *The Sound of Music* many times and any movies that had Catholic priests as characters. Justin had a mentor at St. Dorothy named Wayne Barton who helped him grow in his love for the Church's liturgy and music. The twins began visiting Catholic churches and fell in love with the organ at Mass. Justin and Ryan both graduated from Glendora High School. Justin eventually majored in music at Citrus College and later at Cal State Fullerton, where he is graduating this December.

On September 16, 2007, Fr. Robert Bishop, CMF, celebrated the first Latin Tridentine Mass at St. Therese. When Justin got wind that the Latin Mass was being celebrated at St. Therese, he began attending. He was only a teenager. Later, he started singing in the choir when Stephen Grimm was still the choir director. When Fr. Bishop celebrated his last Mass here before retiring in 2019, Justin was honored to play a postlude on the organ. Justin would go on to play the organ at the Latin Mass for big Feasts. In 2021, Paula Grimm, the Parish Music Director at that time, asked Justin if he would play the organ at the Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass, which he did until this last August. He will be on hand to play as a substitute whenever needed.

Recently, Justin was offered a full-time position as music director at St. Gregory Catholic Church in Whittier. However, he will continue as a registered parishioner at St. Therese. He is committed to helping me organize an **organ concert at the conclusion of our centennial year on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 12, 2025**. Justin's last *regular* organ playing at the Latin Mass will be next Sunday, October 6.

The Senneff Family is part of the rich 100-year history of St. Therese Parish.
Let us all walk with St. Therese as we journey together in faith during our Centennial year.

Mass Intentions

September 28—October 5, 2024

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Roxanne Contreras, Birthday INT

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Robert & Louise Escobedo, INT

7:30 a.m.: Herlinda Reyes, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Dolores Meras, INT

11:00 a.m.: Fulton Halpin, INT

1 p.m. (Latin): Laigo Family INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Raymond Bueno, OCD, INT

*7:30 am: Michael Alexander|Lauren Cheah, INT

8:00 a.m.: Eulalia McEntire, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Luis Motta, Birthday INT

Tuesday—Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux

6 am: Miguel & Eunice Elizabeth Sy, B-Day INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Leodegario Arteaga, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Sr. Teresa del Nino Jesus, OCD INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Sean Carlo Lao, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Annette Saucillo, INT

8:00 a.m.: Megan Grimm, 7th Birthday INT

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Salve Rebancos, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Petra Granados, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

First Friday

6:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

*7:30 am: Linda Allison & Family, INT

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

7:15 p.m.: Rosario Khoo, INT

First Saturday (Morning):

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

8:00 a.m.: Sandra Arakawa, INT

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel (located at 215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra).**

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***Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.**

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass and the HOMILIES at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m. Masses. Be sure to "tune in"!

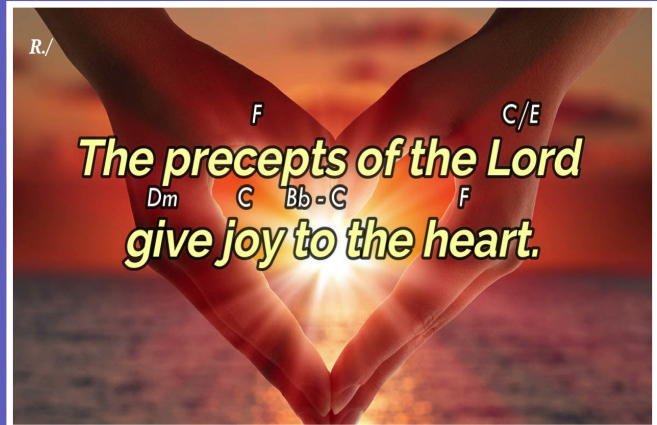
Outside the Parish

SEEKING ITEMS FOR THE CLOISTERED CARMELITE NUNS' AUXILIARY'S BOUTIQUE

on November 15: Please

take a look around your house (in drawers, cabinets, closets, etc.) for items you no longer use or display and are able to donate.

These will be sold at the Fall Boutique for the benefit of our Nuns. We need items in good condition: decorative items, small appliances, figurines, photo frames, jewelry, vases, nice dishes, teapots, etc. **NO FURNITURE OR CLOTHING!!**—it's not a rummage sale! For more info and a drop-off location, please contact Rosemary Moreno at (626) 281-9211. Thank you!



Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

+ Steve Segura
(husband of Sandra)

+ Moises Hueda
(husband of Beatrice)

+ Rosalie Burghardt
(former parishioner)