

# SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 28, 2020

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Download the  
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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For Grade School,  
Confirmation for  
Youth & Adults, RCIA,  
and Liturgical  
Ministries—  
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## MASSES AND SERVICES

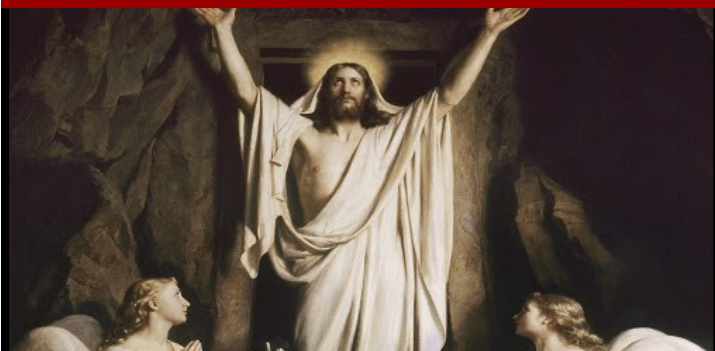
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.,  
Traditional Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.  
and Sunday Evening at 5:00 p.m.;

Monday-Saturday in the Church: Noon

Carmelite Nuns' Cloister: 7:30 a.m.  
(Chapel closed to the public on Sundays)



Confessions in the Parking Lot on Saturdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.



We know that Christ,  
raised from the dead, dies no more;  
death no longer has power over him.

Romans 6:9

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 28, 2020

### GRACE AND HOPE

Which should we do? Turn our backs on our loved ones, or offer hospitality to all who come to us as Christ? Today we are told to do both, and yet there is no inherent contradiction here. Following Christ might mean that we need to be aware both that Christ comes first in our lives, and that losing our life for Christ's sake means to find it. We also are reminded that when we were baptized, we died with Christ, to sin and to the pull of the world, and live with him in a new life. No contradiction, no necessary confusion. Just grace and hope.

#### DYING AND RISING

The words of Saint Paul hit us smack in the face: "Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" (Romans 6:3). This epistle is one of the choices to be read at Catholic funerals. It generally comes as something of a shock to the listeners. But the reading goes on to offer great comfort to us as Christians. "[w]e have died with Christ . . . we shall also live with him . . . raised from the dead, [Christ] dies no more . . . [Christ] lives for God . . . you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus."

#### HOSPITALITY

One of the ways we live in God is to extend God's hospitality to all. As an old Irish rune says, "Often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

The woman of Shunem offered hospitality to the prophet Elisha in the form of dinner and a place to stay. He rewarded her hospitality with the promise of a son. Christ explains to us just what hospitality means: "Whoever receives you receives me" and shall not lack for a reward. As theologian Paul Wadell teaches, when we offer hospitality, we not only offer food and drink, or a place to stay, or other kindness, we offer ourselves; we offer our attention to a stranger's story, wherein we learn another person's perspective, and in doing so we listen to God's story.

In warning us that "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me . . ." and also, "Whoever finds [their] life will lose it, and whoever loses [their] life for my sake will find it" Jesus proposes that we cultivate detachment from things that we now consider primary in our lives. Christ loves us and wants us to put him first before other commitments or desires. Our hospitality to strangers puts Christ before ourselves in just this way.

### TODAY'S READINGS

- 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
- Psalm 89:2-3, 16-19
- Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
- Matthew 10:37-42

# MEDITATION ON TODAY'S READINGS

Our readings today could be seen as a simple recipe for right living. For the Hebrews, hospitality was regarded as one of the highest virtues. Conditions were harsh, and when people received guests or strangers, they washed their feet, provided a meal, and offered shelter if they could. In **Second Kings** (4:8-11, 14-16), a woman's generosity is rewarded with the prospect of a child. Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when we offer it with a glad and open heart.

In **Romans** (6:3-4, 8-11), we are called to recognize our baptism in Christ and to be "dead to sin, and living in Christ Jesus." St. Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into His death and life. In any given moment, both life and death are there—a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it's difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, too.

In the Gospel passage from **St. Matthew** (10:37-42), Jesus bids us to take up our cross, and to receive others as if we were receiving Christ. The idea of taking up our cross can be fearful or have negative connotations, as if it were something only a few can do. The Scriptures are also confusing, as they tell us to honor our father and mother, and yet here we are told we must love Jesus more than our parents or children, or we are not worthy. The message that Jesus intends to convey, however, is not to give up these family members, but rather to choose Christ *first*. Sometimes this means being countercultural. For a family, how do we make choices to keep Christ in the picture? It could mean that when you make plans to take the family to that water park for the weekend, you should also locate the local church so you can attend Mass. Or maybe it means not placing your child on a soccer team that schedules games at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays or perhaps rescheduling another part of your life to keep Christ foremost. It may be something as simple as locking yourself in the bathroom for five minutes so that you have time to pray. Maybe it means listening to an audiobook of Scriptures on your commute to work. All we do is for naught IF we do not include Christ.

When Jesus says, "And whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink...will surely not lose his reward," don't get caught up in taking this verse literally. Yes, you may give someone a glass of water, but you can do any act of kindness to someone; for instance, hand an apple or a dollar bill to a homeless person, take a shift in a shelter, give someone a ride somewhere. But sometimes, what is being asked for is simply a kind word or a helping hand such as assisting an elderly person through a crosswalk, calming someone's toddler in the grocery store while they pay their bill, offering a smile, a compliment, or a word of encouragement, saying "hello" to a stranger... We do not know who is parched with loneliness or feeling overwhelmed. Look for the Christ in others and respond with simple kindness and hospitality.



When we put all of today's readings together, we understand that we are to see the holy, to see God in others, and to live our lives in Christ.

# ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR FR. JUSTIN, O.PRAEM



Fr. Justin Ramos, O.Praem, who celebrates our Traditional Latin Mass every Sunday at 1:00 p.m., INVITES everyone to a **MASS OF THANKSGIVING**, commemorating the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood.

It will be held at **Noon this coming SATURDAY, JULY 4**, at **St. Andrew's Church in Pasadena.**

May God bless Fr. Justin for his dedication to the Priesthood and to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

## 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 last few weekends.

June 20 / 21, 2020

Unrestricted.....	\$13,977.00
Restricted.....	\$ 2,847.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$16,824.00</b>

April 27—May 13..	\$44,848.00
May 14-21.....	\$ 7,407.00
May 22-June 5....	\$29,717.00
June 13/14.....	\$37,138.00

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

Thank you to everyone for your donations and your love and support of St. Therese Parish and the Carmelite Friars!

God bless and protect each of you!

~Fr. Philip and the Discalced Carmelite Community of St. Therese Parish, Alhambra, California

*With Sincere Thanks from  
your Carmelite Friars*



# MOTHER BRENDA MARIE, OCD, RE-ELECTED!



*Congratulations,  
Mother Brenda Marie!*



We are happy to announce that Mother Brenda Marie, O.C.D., has been re-elected **Mother Superior and Prioress** of the Carmel of St. Teresa in Alhambra. She will serve another three-year term.

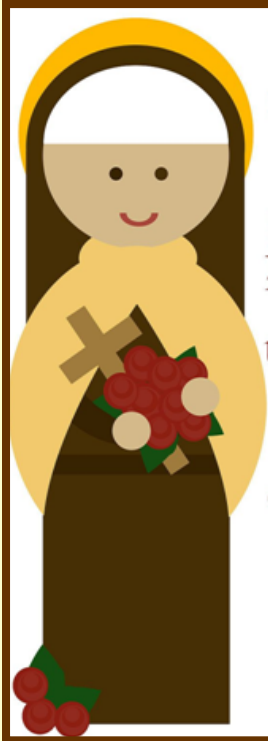
**We love you, Mother Brenda! Please continue to pray for us as we pray for you and all your community.**

May God guide you, protect you, and bless you!

The Discalced Carmelite Friars Community  
and the Parishioners of St. Therese Church



# WHO DO YOU LOVE?



Miss no single  
**OPPORTUNITY**  
 of making some  
**SMALL SACRIFICE,**  
 here by a smiling look,  
 there by a kindly word;  
**ALWAYS**  
 doing the smallest right  
 and doing it all  
**FOR LOVE.**

-St. Thérèse of Lisieux

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples to have total dedication to following Him. As an example, He tells us that to be worthy we must love Him more than we love our parents or children. He does not expect us to abandon them, just to have so much love for Him that it spills over to our family, allowing us to love them more deeply.

But we should be so dedicated to Jesus that He comes first. That means that if we lose a family member through death or divorce, we still keep our faith in the Lord. If we see someone in our family stray from the faith, we will try to bring

them back through our prayers, example, and encouragement. If our spouse tries to lead us into sin, we will have the courage to stand up for our faith.

Jesus then gives examples of three kinds of disciples. First are the prophets. These are people who have lived the faith and are able to teach others the wisdom they have learned. They may be good counselors who advise us, teachers who inspire us, or leaders who encourage us to follow Jesus. While we may not have those qualities, Jesus promises to reward all who take their advice, learn from their teaching, or follow Him because of them.

Second are the righteous, those whose quiet lives teach by example. Many good parents practice this type of discipleship. Children may not listen to their parents' advice, but still grow up with memories of how they lived. If we imitate the best of our parents' ways, we will receive the reward of the righteous.

Finally, there are the "Little Ones." These, like children, or like our patroness, St. Therese, follow Jesus with great joy and love. They may not be leaders or always get things right. They may be elderly, ill, or disabled; but in their weakness, they show us the Lord's power. When we respect and cherish them, we are able to see Jesus in them. And anytime we can experience Jesus through another person is a wonderful reward for a disciple.

# Mass Intentions

## For the Week of June 27 through July 4, 2020

### Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Belen Juarez, RIP

### Sunday

\*7:30 a.m.: Father's Day Novena Mass 7

7:30 a.m.: Robert and Linda Hopkins, INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Giselle Natalia B. Colet, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Donn and Jean Canzano, 8th Anniv., INT

5:00 p.m.: Virgilio and Martita Lopez, 67th Anniversary

### Monday:

\*7:30 a.m.: Laurence Cubbon, INT

Noon: 1) Father's Day Novena 8

2) Pedro Lacayo, RIP

### Tuesday:

\*7:30 a.m.: Carrell Family & Friends, INT/RIP

Noon: 1) Father's Day Novena 9

2) Gustav Tittmann, RIP

### Wednesday

\*7:30 a.m.: Mary Ann Okamoto, Birthday INT

Noon: 1) Richard Orona, RIP

2) Julio Obong Acuesta, RIP

### Thursday:

\*7:30 a.m.: Carrell Family and Friends, INT/RIP

Noon: 1) Nicolas & Christina Yang, INT

2) Missionaries of Charity Sisters, INT

### First Friday:

\*7:30 a.m.: Carrell Family and Friends, INT/RIP

Noon: 1) Rosa Estacio, RIP

2) Allison Madigan Abbott, INT

3) Concepcion Alcaraz, RIP

### Saturday:

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

Noon: 1) Uldarico Piol, RIP

2) Sergio Cifuentes, INT

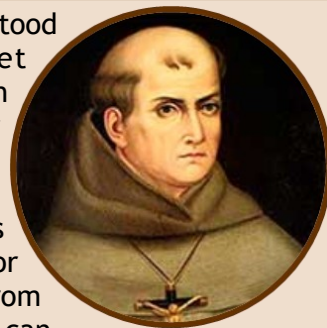
\*Held at the \*Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

**\*THE CLOISTERED DISCALCED CARMELITE NUNS' CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP EVERY DAY EXCEPT SUNDAY.**

(50 people maximum)

# ST. JUNIPERO SERRA

No one who has stood before the quiet majesty of Mission San Juan Capistrano, or the altogether different but no less lovely Mission Dolores in San Francisco, or any of the missions from San Diego to Sonoma, can



fail to bless the Franciscan padre who, while not the founder of each, was inspiration for them all, St. Junipero Serra (1713-1784; Feast, July 1). Abandoning the comfortable academic life to which his doctorate in theology entitled him, Serra journeyed to the New World where his tireless traveling, dramatic preaching, and penitential austerity converted thousands of native peoples.

Saving souls and celebrating the Sacraments were Padre Serra's primary mission but not his only one. Education in letters and crafts, as well as trades and agriculture, transformed the people, while roads and irrigation systems transfigured the landscape.

His more than thirty years of ministry were not free from conflict with authorities or without controversy in the retrospectively critical eye of history; however, when St. John Paul II beatified him in 1988, he praised Padre Serra for assisting his converts to use their new faith to advance their true human development.

**St. Junipero Serra, pray for us!**

**Knights of Columbus Fireworks Sale:** The Knights will be selling TNT fireworks in the Alhambra Smart and Final parking lot from June 29 through July 4 (10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day). Parishioners with a St. Therese bulletin will receive a 10% discount. Pre-sale and on-line orders can be made at <http://kofcca.org/shop/>.

