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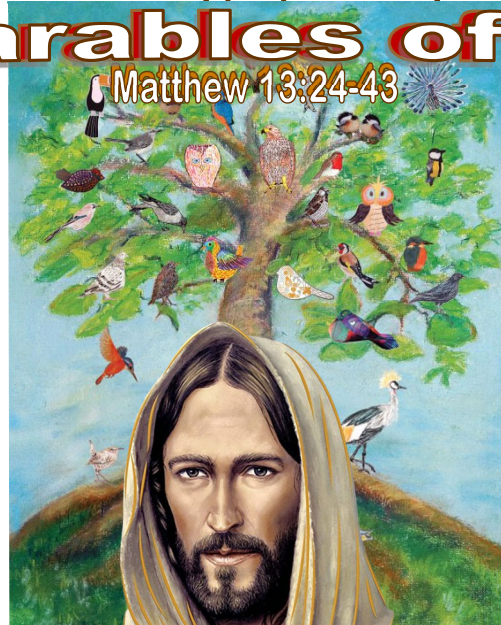
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## The Parables of Jesus

Matthew 13:24-43



The Kingdom of Heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep, his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat...



The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed ...the smallest of seeds, yet when full-grown, the largest of plants...and the birds dwell in its branches.



The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.

### 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. and 7:15 p.m.  
(Tuesday's evening Mass is in Spanish).

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

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:00 p.m., and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE**

**STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube)

**Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass**

**CONFESSIONS** (INSIDE & OUTSIDE)-**Wednesdays**  
from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; **Saturdays** 3:00 to 6:00 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. Thomas Koller, OCD X 1+222

**Associate Pastors:** Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD XTBA  
Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

**In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD, Bro. Jason Parrott,  
OCD; and Fr. Godfrey Chandya, OCD

**Deacons:** Deacon Joseph Mizerski | Deacon Gilbert Vargas,  
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- Baptisms: Register online
- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

# Letter from Fr. Thomas, Pastor

Blessed 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, everyone!



Fr. Peter Mary

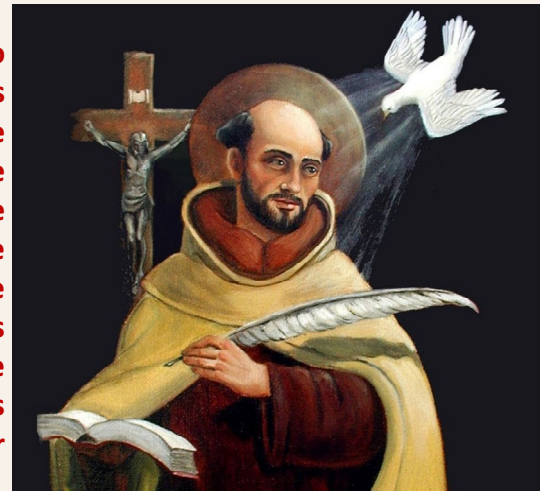
Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD, the new pastor of St. Therese, appointed after our May Chapter, will be taking up his office on August 5th, beginning with the Saturday evening 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of the Transfiguration. Following the Mass, there will be a **POTLUCK RECEPTION** for him and the new pastoral team (Frs. Robert and David). (I have been assigned to our retreat house of El Carmelo in Redlands.)

So, allow me to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for being such supportive and loving fellow missionary disciples of the Lord Jesus and His Church—for your playful child-like spirit!—during these (almost) three years. 😊 I am confident that you will help Fr. Peter Mary in that same spirit.

With these last two pastor's letters in the bulletin (and with the help of today's Gospel emphasis on the secret, hidden character of the Kingdom of God), I would like to encourage you to keep building on the foundation that our Lord Jesus and His Church have established, and which I have tried over and over again to keep before all of our eyes—not because it is new or complicated, but because it is so easily overlooked and taken for granted and neglected.

Here it is, in a nutshell, once again: **We are Discalced Carmelite Friars, not diocesan priests, and so we have a distinct mission in the Church that is not the same as it is for other priests.** On December 14, 1991, Auxiliary Bishop Sylvester Ryan told us during the Mass celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the birthday into Heaven of St. John of the Cross, that if we do not minister in this parish from our Carmelite charism, this Archdiocese does not need us. And what is the foundation of our Carmelite charism? The same as for every missionary disciple of the Lord and His Church, except with greater emphasis: Identity (from our Baptism) and Intimacy with Jesus and the Father and Their Spirit.

St. John of the Cross puts it this way: "The soul, indeed, lost to all things and won over to love...even withdraws in matters pertinent to the active life and other exterior exercises for the sake of fulfilling the one thing the Bridegroom said was necessary [Luke 10:42], and that is: attentiveness to God and the continual exercise of love in Him. This the Lord values and esteems so highly that He reproved Martha when she tried to call Mary away from her place at His feet in order to busy her with other active things in His service; and Martha thought that she herself was doing all the work and Mary, because she was enjoying the Lord's presence, was doing nothing [Luke 10:39-41]. Yet, since there is no greater or more necessary work than love, the contrary is true..."



"Let those, then, who are singularly active, who think they can win the world with their preaching and exterior works, observe here that they would profit the Church and please God much more, not to mention the good example they would give, were they to spend at least half of this time with God in prayer...They would then certainly accomplish more, and with less labor, by one work than they otherwise would by a thousand. For through their prayer, they would merit this result...Without prayer they would do a great deal of hammering but accomplish little...it is beyond doubt that good works can be performed only by the power of God."—St John of the Cross (Spiritual Canticle, Stanza 29, 1-3). The Good News is that nothing can keep any one of us from this intimacy—except ourselves!

Let me pause here and conclude next week. And speaking of a child-like spirit, **come join us for BROOMBALL AT THE PASADENA ICE SKATING CENTER next Saturday, July 29, from 10:15 to 11:15 p.m.!** 😄

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, —Fr. Thomas, OCD

# "Hello . . . Farewell" Reception in the Hall

On Saturday, August 5, following the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (celebrated by the new pastor!), you are invited to the Parish Hall for a reception to say "HELLO" to Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D., our new Pastor...to bid "FAREWELL" to Fr. Thomas Koller, O.C.D., our current pastor...and to wish Fr. David Guzman, OCD, a **HAPPY SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY!** We will also be formally welcoming Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, O.C.D. (who joined us on July 7) and sending good wishes to Fr. Godfrey Chandya, O.C.D., for his transfer to the Carmelite Novitiate in San Jose, California.

Please bring a favorite dish to share with the friars and your fellow parishioners.



## Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"Could you not watch one hour with me?"*



"If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist." - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta (August 26, 1910 – September 5, 1997), Founder of the "Missionaries of Charity"

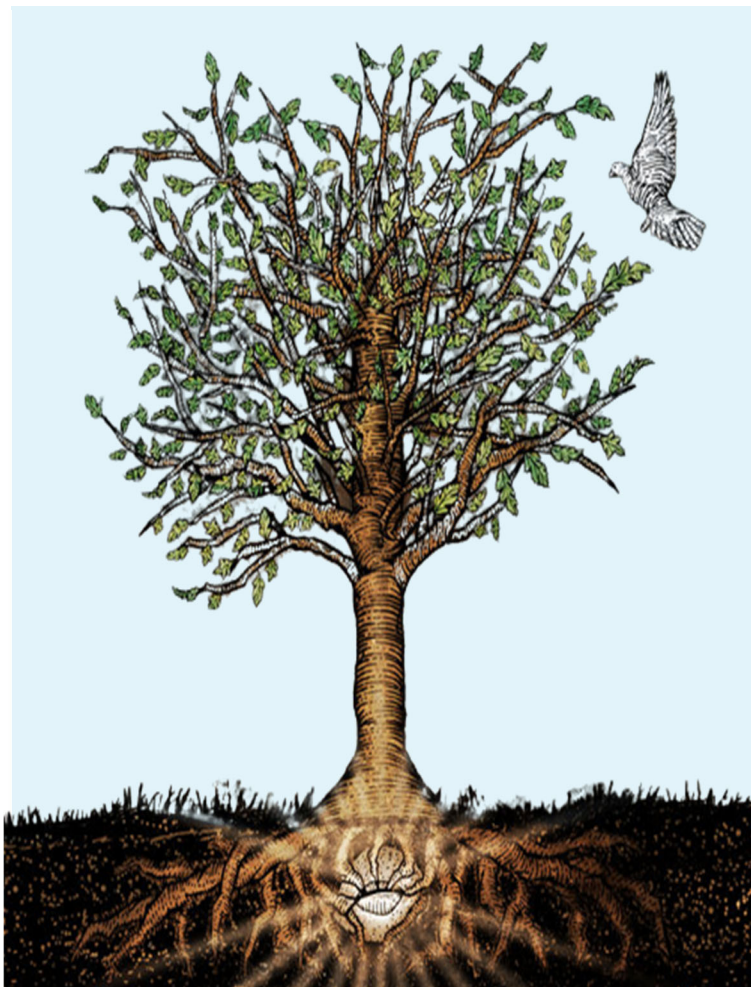
**St. Mother Teresa and Daily Holy Hour:** One of the "secrets" to Mother Teresa's success as a Missionary of Charity was her commitment to a daily holy hour in front of the Eucharistic Jesus. Mother Teresa would not open a Missionary House for the Poor unless it had an Adoration Chapel in it. She required her sisters to do a daily Holy Hour to give them strength and peace to accomplish their extraordinary work among the poorest of the poor. It became their "family prayer," with the first half hour given to the Rosary and the second, to silence. She attributed the doubling of vocations in her Order to the nuns' faithful hour of Adoration.

**Be a Committed Adorer:** Make a commitment to spend an hour or more every week with Our Lord in our Adoration Chapel! Go to <https://adorationpro.org/theresecca>, click "Weekly Commitment," find the hour, click "Sign Up," and fill out the form.

**Keys to the Chapel | Security:** If you use the chapel after dark, please make sure you engage the lock so that the door cannot be opened without a key. Please do not let anyone whom you do not know follow you into the chapel.

# Today's Gospel Meditation (by Fr. John Muir)

Patience is rooted in Hope. Life, like the Church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. However, the parables that the Lord gives us today offer a hope-filled perspective on all three.



**Evil:** in Jesus’ parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but He permits evil to exist with good out of His patient love. He will finally deal with it, but His love lets things stay messy for a time.

**Smallness:** It’s funny that Jesus says His kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

**Impurities:** Divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares His kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It’s the secret of the Cross. Not how we’d prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-

## 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.



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# The Real St. Therese

"The holier a woman is, the more feminine she is." When Leon Bloy (a French Catholic novelist/satirist) was writing the above sentence in 1897, he could not have known that a young Carmelite in Lisieux was proving this for him in a most convincing way.



An installment from *The Passion of Thérèse of Lisieux* by Guy Faucher

At the time, Mother Agnes of Jesus and many others in the Church had written more spontaneously: "The holier a woman is, the more angelic she is." Thirty years later, the prioress of the Lisieux Carmel was still writing that she "would never be in favor of writing a book on the human qualities of the saints. Just look at what is being done to belittle the holy Cure of Ars and others." When Mother Agnes pronounced this severe interdict, so contrary to present-day hagiography, did she realize that she had been the first to break it by taking notes in the infirmary?

Her Yellow Note-Book gives the lie to her remark, for it brings to life again before our eyes a Therese who was so real and so human. Mother Agnes was too shrewd not to have noticed that her sister was human. Did she not write to Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart: "What a joy it is to see a little saint with backbone." A happy victory for intuition over a debatable point!

Sanctity has nothing to lose by being considered in all its human reality. "The saint stands before us as he or she will stand before the Judge." The laws of sickness are the same for all. Speaking of the future publication of her Memoirs, Therese said to her sister: "There will be something in it for all tastes, except for extraordinary ways." The same could be said of her "last conversations": Therese lived quite simply the ordinary life of a seriously ill person.



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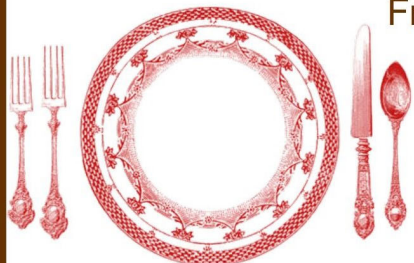


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# Mass Intentions

July 22—July 29, 2023

**Saturday Evening:**

5:00 p.m.: Ismael, Omar, & Karina Martin, INT

**Sunday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): Sr. Mariam Joseph, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Ismael, Omar, & Karina Martin, INT

1:00 p.m.: Ignacio & Jessie Guzman & Antonio Salazar, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Valentino Alvero, RIP

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Fortunato Edusma, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Ignacio & Jessie Guzman & Antonio Salazar, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Teresita P. Buenavente, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Ismael, Omar, & Karina Martin, INT

**Tuesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Russel Casteogiovanni, INT

\*7:30 am Ignacio & Jessie Guzman & Antonio Salazar, RIP

8:00 a.m.: James Grimm, 20th Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Gordon Thomas, RIP

**Wednesday:**

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

\*7:30 am Russel Casteogiovanni, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ashaun and Angelle Chambliss, INT

7:00 p.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

**Thursday:**

6:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Aleli Coniker & Dolores Berger, INT

8:00 a.m.: Russel Casteogiovanni, INT

7:00 p.m.: Merced Contreras, INT

**Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Victor Gilberto Arenas, B-Day INT

\*7:30 am Raymond Reyes, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Leon Grimm, 18th Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Carmen Reyes, RIP

**Saturday Morning:**

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

8:00 am Herman Schweiker, RIP

**\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and holidays.**

**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. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

# Pilgrimages

Pilgrimage<sup>s</sup>



Join the Carmelite Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Elizabeth of the Trinity," from Sept 28-Oct 11, incl. Paris, Lourdes, Ars, etc. Chaplains are Fr. Mark Kissner, OCD, and Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD.

Contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 | maddatubeth2@gmail.com.

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