

St. Therese Catholic Church

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As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before Him, and asked Him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments..." He replied and said to Him, "Teacher, all of the commandments I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in Heaven; then come, follow Me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions (Mark 10:17-22).

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MASSES | CONFESSIONS

Masses—Saturday: 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 and 8:00 a.m.
(the 8:00 a.m. daily, the Sunday 11:00 a.m., and the 7:00 p.m. weekday Masses are **LIVE STREAMED** on our Facebook page AND on our YouTube channel).
Masses on Monday, *Tuesday (in *Spanish) & Thursday EVENINGS at 7:15 p.m.—preceded by a showing of The Chosen, Season 2, from 7:00 to 7:15 pm;
Mass on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE)-Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.



ST THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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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.



FROM OUR PASTOR



Happy month of Respect Life, St. Thérèse, St. Teresa of Avila (Oct. 15), the Angels, and the Rosary, everyone!



I was reminded that my homily last Sunday was w-a-a-a-y too long, but then some people also really liked it. So I'm thinking, "Wouldn't it be good to give the same long homily for the whole month, so that everyone would get a chance to hear it??" Anyway, just a thought...

Before signing off, thank you once again to everyone who contributed to our successful School Benefit Dinner/Auction!!! Below is the next meditation on healing from fear.

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, -Fr. Thomas

Today, I choose to fast from the wound of *insecurity*.

I was boarding a flight once, listening to the beep, beep, beep from the travelers in front of me as their boarding passes were scanned. Suddenly, there was a

harsh, dissonant tone. It was an invalid boarding pass. The poor offending passenger had mixed up his boarding passes. You could see his panic and fear at that moment as the security of his travel plans was cast into doubt. Insecurity is a form of fear that tells us we are not good enough, that we are not accepted or embraced. We believe that we are not welcome and secure in a hostile world. We see ourselves as incapable, inadequate, and unacceptable. Just as an invalid boarding pass keeps us off an airplane, our beliefs and emotions that are rooted in insecurity keep us out of life. Insecurity causes us to shrink from challenging situations or to overcompensate and strive. As you reflect on insecurity today, be attentive to your thoughts, feelings, and beliefs.

**"Now, if you obey me completely and keep my covenant, you will be my treasured possession among all peoples, though all the earth is mine."
-Exodus 19:5**

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God"(Romans 8:14-16).

Take time to ask yourself... What do I believe about myself and others when I feel like I don't belong? How do I react when I feel insecure?

(Excerpted from the book, *Lenten Healing*, by Ken Kniepmann—available for sale in the office)

Pray slowly . . .

"Heavenly Father, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce insecurity and repent all the ways in which I have sinned because of it. I reject insecurity in every area of my life. I renounce any lies that I have come to believe including lies such as "I'm not safe" or "I'm not adequate." Send your Holy Spirit to heal, restore, and transform me. I belong to you. I am loved by you. I am chosen by you. I am known to you. Amen."

NOTE FROM FR. THOMAS: Considering the quote above from Romans about our being "children of God" (in the dark brown box), we have something for those of you interested in becoming more childlike. Just open this coming Friday's E-blast; it will include **a link to an audio of the first book in C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia (The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe)***, with some of Britain's top actors and actresses reading this great work.

SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you from the Bottom of Our Hearts! On the Solemnity of St. Therese we hosted our annual dinner and auction. Dr. and Mrs. Bernhard Tittmann were surrounded by their family and friends as they received the annual Lantry Award. The night was filled with good food, good friends, and good fun! Amidst the laughter, dancing, and fun, **our Little Way Dinner and Auction grossed over \$80,000**—thanks to your support! Thanks to your generosity, we are able to provide a solid Catholic program and a rigorous classical curriculum, which includes art and an all-school choir. Please be assured of our gratitude and know that your intentions will be remembered in the daily prayers of the priests, faculty, and these little souls so close to God. Kindly include our School in your prayers.



Get your kids out of the public schools! In the upcoming weeks we **will have flyers explaining the new diocesan \$50 million financial assistance for new families.** These flyers will help to promote our wonderful school. Please share this information with friends and families who left Catholic education and wish to come back or who have children in the public schools and wish a Catholic education. Our school has openings in most grade levels from TK through 8th Grade; we will gladly give you a personalized tour! The beauty of our school is palpable in every corner! The classical curriculum, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Carmelites present and active in our classrooms, weekly Masses, confessions, and a strong religion program are some of the attributes that make our school special. We are blessed to have faculty members who are all knowledgeable in classical education and who all love and actively practice their faith.

Our students are joyful, faith-filled, and charitable. They truly love learning and they value the good, the true, and the beautiful. They are praying and chanting in Latin, singing in Spanish, reciting beautiful poems, and enjoying classic literature. Under Fr. Robert’s tutelage, they are even painting impressive works of art! Fr. Thomas keeps their bodies fit with street hockey, and Bro. Jason keeps their minds sharp.



Jog-A-Thon
2019

SAVE THE DATES!

- **JOG-A-THON, November 3, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the parking lot. SPONSOR-A-FRIAR!** To make a pledge for one or more of the friars, go to the home page of our website and fill out the form or pick up a form from the office!
- **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION**
—December 11—
- **POKER NIGHT**
—February 25—



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY



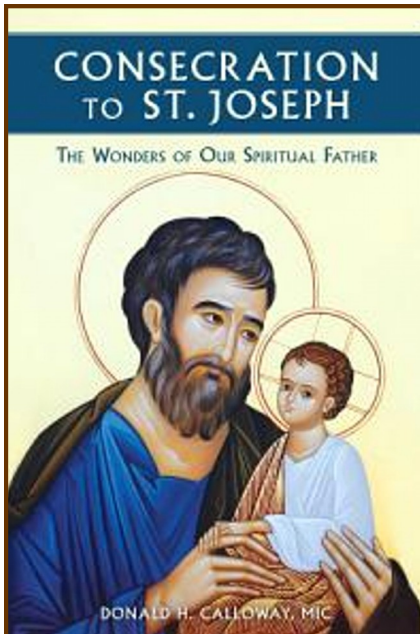
October is the Month traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary (primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7). What consolation the Rosary brings! Remembering the mysteries of Christ's life and Our Lady's life, we repeat Hail Mary after Hail Mary. Indeed, the mysteries of the Holy Rosary—Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous—are the mysteries of our own lives as well. As we pray the Rosary, we beg Our Lady to draw us closer to Him who is our Light. We remember seeing parents and grandparents so often praying their rosaries; and remember, as well, that for many saints, the Rosary was an indispensable part of their daily prayer. As Catholics, let us make a commitment to praying the daily Rosary—especially those who haven't prayed it in a long while. Now is the best time to start! Our Lady's request when she appeared in Fatima was to "...pray the Rosary every day".

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

The next sessions for preparing to make a consecration to St. Joseph began September 29, but you may still join us! Just come every Wednesday through October 27 at either Noon to 1:30 p.m. or 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The Consecration will then take place on Monday, All Saints Day, November 1, at the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

We use the book shown to the right to prepare for the consecration (it is available for sale in the office for \$15 each).

For more information, contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236 or

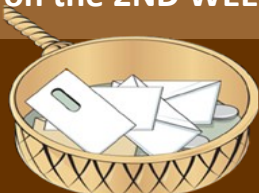


EVENING MASSES/DEVOTIONS

- * **MONDAY CONTEMPLATIVE CANDLELIGHT MASS:** Fr. Robert Barcelos will celebrate this Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- * **TUESDAY SPANISH MASS NIGHTS:** Mass Celebrated in SPANISH beginning with the ROSARY in Spanish at 6:30 pm; 7:00 p.m.: Showing of a portion of Season 2 of *The Chosen*; 7:15 p.m.: Mass
- * **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS:** St. Joseph Prayer Group meets at 3:00 p.m. in front of St. Joseph's statue.
- * **WEDNESDAY MASS & CONFESSION NIGHTS:** Mass begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by outdoor Confessions at 8:00 p.m.
- * **+THURSDAY NIGHTS IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH:** The schedule is: 7:00 p.m.: Showing of a portion of Season 2 of *The Chosen*; 7:15 p.m.: Mass; 7:45-8:45 p.m.: Adoration and *HEALING PRAYER (*in the main vestibule and on the sides of the church).
- * **+FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** Come and honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus by attending Mass at 7:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. The Mass is then followed by adoration AND *HEALING PRAYER (+in the main vestibule and on the sides of the church).
- * **SATURDAY NIGHT HEALING PRAYER TRAINING:** Join us in the church on Saturday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- +HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY** during Adoration on Thursday evenings and First Friday evenings.

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.



October 2 / 3, 2021
 Unrestricted..... \$14,301.00
 Restricted\$ 3,613.00
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September 4 / 5\$15,635.00
 September 11 / 12....\$25,324.00
 September 18 / 19....\$12,223.00
 September 25 / 26....\$15,885.00

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

DEADLINE TO ENROLL IN OUR RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAMS IS TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021!

RELIGIOUS ED

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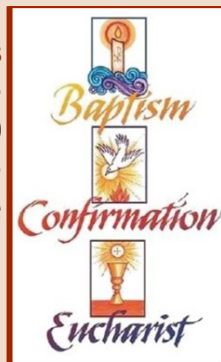
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Through today, October 10, you may still register your child in our ***Sunday morning Religious Education Program for Elementary Grades** and/or in our ****Thursday evening Confirmation Program for High School Grades** (*Sundays from 9:00 a.m. Mass through 11:45 a.m. and **Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.).

Any non-Catholics interested in becoming Catholic, AND anyone baptized Catholic but who never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation, should attend RCIA.

The group meets on **Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., the Parish Offices.** The fee is \$150 for the year. You can find the Registration form on our website under the link "Religious Ed". Also on the form is information about choosing a sponsor.

The fees are: 1st-year First Communion, \$90; 2nd-year First Communion, \$110; all other elementary grades, \$50; 1st-year Confirmation, \$140. You can find the registration forms on our website under the link "Religious Ed".



COR JESU YOUTH MINISTRY

Save the Date: Friday, October 22

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE—September 22 - October 31: Help save lives! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has saved 18,855 babies from abortion...221 abortion workers have been converted, and... 112 abortion centers have been closed. Join us outside the Planned "Parenthood" on **1045 West Lake Avenue, Pasadena**, anytime between 7 am and 7 pm daily, to pray for an end to abortion and for those who we see enter the building.

For more info, contact Paula Grimm at pg Grimm.dir@gmail.com or office@righttolifeleague.org or call (562) 447-6570.

RESPECT LIFE QUOTE: "The Gospel of Life is not for believers alone: it is for everyone. The issue of life and its defense and promotion is not a concern of the Christian alone. Although faith provides special light and strength, this question arises in every human conscience which seeks the truth and which cares about the future of humanity. Life certainly has a sacred and religious value, but in no way is that value a concern only of believers. The value at stake is one which every human being can grasp by the light of reason; thus it necessarily concerns everyone." --St. John Paul II



ATTENTION: All Youth and Their Families!! We will be having a Cor Jesu event on **Friday, October 22!** All the details will be in next weekend's bulletin, but—for now—don't schedule anything else for that night... because YOU'LL BE HERE AT ST. THERESE!

THE REAL ST. THERESE

A continuing bulletin feature, excerpted
from *The Passion of St. Therese of Lisieux*
by Bishop Guy Gaucher—Issue 6

St. Therese and Her Novices: In the novitiate, Therese enjoyed real prestige. Instinctively, all the novices who, with the exception of Sr. Marie of the Trinity, were older than she was, perceived their mistress' deep spiritual life. This does not mean that there were no difficulties, sudden outbursts, revolts, and tearful reconciliations with the one who was not put off by these storms. Family ties did not make her task easy. We have seen this in the case of Sr. Genevieve. It was the same with her cousin Marie Guerin, who became Sr. Marie of the Eucharist. To be initiated into the religious life by one's former playmate, when one is impulsive and also scrupulous, can cause many problems. Not without difficulty, Therese won her cousin's confidence. In the letters that Marie wrote to her family giving them a report of Therese's health, we find proof of her admiration for her mistress and also of her attachment.



St. Therese as a novice in the Carmel of Lisieux, France

Sr. Marthe was also faithfully devoted to Therese, to the extent that she refused to leave the novitiate in order to stay with her. She owed not a little to the struggle that Sr. Therese, who was eight years her junior, had made her undertake to become free from Mother Marie de Gonzague's overpowering influence. But this contrary lay-sister of "mediocre intelligence" did not facilitate Therese's duty. There were even difficulties with Sr. Marie-Madeleine of the Blessed Sacrament who was "intelligent, capable and active," but very withdrawn. She never gave her full confidence to her guide. As for Sr. Marie of the Trinity, she had come from the Rue de Messine Carmel in Paris and found it hard to adapt to the Lisieux Carmel. Her profession was a great victory for Therese. Even on her sickbed, Therese supported, corrected, and consoled her "doll," as she sometimes called her. She was the youngest in the novitiate and when her mistress fell seriously ill, she was relieved of her infirmity duties so that she would not run the risk of contracting the disease.

Sr. Genevieve was not afraid to say at the Diocesan Process: "Sr. Therese was not spoiled in the choice of her novices; they were far from being on the way to perfection like those whom her intercession sends us today. One was really uncouth and sullen and ignored all instructions and advice. Another was rather stupid and had no vocation to Carmel; she exhausted the Servant of God's zeal and energy, apparently in vain. A third was so difficult to train that if she remained in Carmel, it was due only to her young mistress' patience. Such was the difficult kind of ground she had to cultivate."



Next Week: St. Therese and Her Community

Mass Intentions

October 9—October 16, 2021

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Gerry Tolentino, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 am: Christina Angela Arenas, B-Day INT

7:30 a.m.: Roy Ligon, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Teresita Buenavente, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Yolanda Torres Palma, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

5:00 p.m.: Cathleen Thompson & Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Ed Broom, OMV, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Theresa of the Child Jesus & the

Holy Face, OCD, Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: Megan Grimm, 4th Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Vikki Ng, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Jay Shower, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Madeleine Tittmann, 21st B-Day INT

7:00 p.m.: (Span): Rosalina Gramajo, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family INT

*7:30 a.m.: Nelson & Angela Williams, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Susy Tan, Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Rosario "Charitt" Torres, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Kin Cheah, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. John Tran Cong Nghi, RIP

8:00 a.m.: The McAllister Family, INT

7:00 pm: Rosalina Gramajo, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Teresa Buenavente, RIP

*7:30 am: Scholastica Keimon, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Rosario "Loy" Valenzuela, B-Day INT

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Gerardo Adan, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 E Alhambra Rd OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Mon.-Sat.**

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. weekday Masses are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those unable to attend due to illness, etc.).

Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Quiet Listening Prayer

FROM ASCENT OF MT CARMEL

by St. John of the Cross

This sign (the loving general knowledge or awareness of God) is necessary for recognizing this knowledge when it is communicated only to the intellect (during



prayer). For that is what happens when it is sometimes imperceptible to the soul. When, however, there is also a communication to the will, as there almost always is, people will not fail to understand more or less their being occupied with this knowledge if they want to discern the matter. For they will be aware of the delight of love, without particular knowledge of what they love.

As a result they will call it a general loving knowledge. This communication, consequently, is called a general loving knowledge, for just as it is imparted obscurely to the intellect, so too a vague delight and love are given to the will without any distinct knowing of what is loved.

(Book 2, Chapter 14, No. 12).

PERSONAL ADS

The Pregnancy Help Center of the SGV is seeking **APPLICANTS FOR THEIR BOARD!** We ask all who support the Mission of the Center to consider joining the Board. If interested, contact Cheryl Alberg at (626) 287-2831 OR caja2@aol.com.

Lady seeks a female roommate for a 2-BR apt in Pasadena. \$850/month + utilities and a \$500 deposit. Covered parking provided. Contact Connie at (626) 316-6281.

Carmelite Sisters IN NEED OF Maintenance Worker: PT 25 flexible hours per week for Casa Convent, in Duarte. If interested, call (626) 665-6559 for more info. To apply, go to: https://recruiting.myapps.paychex.com/appone/MainInfoReq.asp?R_ID=398483

Seeking part-time housekeeping help for a disabled senior near Alhambra. Location accessible by bus. Call Mary at (626) 840-0955.

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