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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 daily 8:00 a.m., the Sunday 11:00 a.m., and the weekday 7:00 p.m. Masses are LIVE STREAMED on Facebook AND YouTube); Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Masses on Monday, *Tuesday (*Spanish),
Wednesday & Thursday EVENINGS at 7:00 p.m.
(Tues. and Thurs. are preceded by a showing of The
Chosen, Season 2, from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m.); First Friday
Mass: 7:00 p.m.

to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Carmelite Nuns: 7:30 a.m., Monday-Saturday

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EXCERPT FROM THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL READING: While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." But his father ordered his servants, "Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found" (Luke 15:20-24).

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

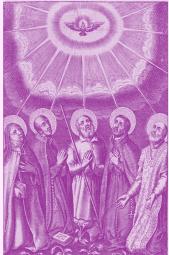
Blessed Fourth Sunday of Lent and Day 24 of the 40 Days of Lent, everyone!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Solemnity of the Annunciation Potlucklast Friday evening.

As we can see, things are heating up all over the world, so please, please let us all keep praying and fasting and doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy and dedicating it all in a special way to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary (with St. Joseph's help!). And not because we're trying to convince Him to help us, but because He's trying to convince us how much He wants to help us in our distress!!! It's like the father of the two sons in today's Gospel: Both of them are badly in need of healing from their identity confusion. Both have a really warped idea of who their father really is, how incredibly generous and loving and merciful he is, how much his heart aches for each of them, and who they really are as his beloved sons!!! And when they are finally honest with him about how confused and wounded their hearts are, he reveals to them his wholehearted love for each of them!

Below is a little article that gives a good picture of how rich and multicolored a life that is shared with our Heavenly Father through Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit and with one another really is!!!

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



The Saints of 1622: Holy People Have Holy Companions

In the picture to the left we can see Saints Isidore the Farmer (ca. 1070-1130), Francis Xavier (1506-1552), Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556), Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) and Philip Neri (1515-1595) kneeling on the ground and looking up to worship the Holy Spirit, proposed as a dove. Their canonization—the greatest canonization in history—took place 400 years ago on March 12,1622, with Pope Gregory XV recognizing their holiness. The latter four were towering figures of the Catholic Reformation of the 16th century, following the division of the Protestant Reformation in 1517. The saints of the Catholic Reformation (often called the Counter-Reformation) are not limited to the saints of 1622. To those we would add other towering figures, such as Francis de Sales, Jane Frances de Chantal, Robert Bellarmine, and Charles Borromeo. Saints usually come in bunches; holy people usually have holy companions. That's the way it should be. Jesus founded a Church—an ecclesia, an assembly—so that we would not be disciples alone.

Think of last year in Poland, which celebrated the 75th anniversary (from 1946) of the heroic Adam Sapieha being made a cardinal, Blessed Stefan Wyszynski being consecrated a bishop, and St. John Paul II being ordained a priest. Sapieha was the young Karol Wojtyla's model and inspiration; later, as an archbishop, Wojtyla would form a formidable partnership with the

Primate of the Millennium, Blessed Stefan. We saw something of that in the 16th century. Teresa of Avila had a profound spiritual friendship with John of the Cross. It was a fascinating collaboration; John was Teresa's spiritual director, but in leading the reform of the Carmelites, it was Teresa who took the lead. It was as college roommates that Francis and Ignatius met. Francis was rooming with Peter Faber and had goals of a rather worldly sort. The much older Ignatius then joined their little household and began to share with them his spiritual wisdom. That changed the direction of both Francis' and Peter's lives. Both are canonized saints, a magnificent model for how friends help friends become holy.

That said, being a saint does not mean agreeing with other saints. Christians know that well; it is part of the revealed word of God. Moses and Aaron were in conflict at times and, more famously, Paul "opposed Peter to his face" (Galatians 2). Still, many are surprised when more recent saints are in conflict with each other. Peter and Paul were the first apostles of Rome. Philip Neri came to be known as the second "Apostle of Rome," and he too knew holy conflict. Ignatius lived just a short walk up the street from Philip in Rome, but they followed very different paths. Ignatius, the former soldier, founded an elite battle corps of Catholic priests. He considered the light-hearted picnics and pilgrimages of Philip Neri to be frivolous.

A more severe figure was that of Pope Pius V, one of the great Catholic Reformation figures, known for being the first head of the Inquisition (now the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith), promulgating the Tridentine Mass and the Roman catechism, excommunicating Queen Elizabeth, and rallying Christendom in the Battle of Lepanto against the Turks. Pius V was skeptical of Philip's ways and went so far as to restrict his ministry. It was a devastating threat to Philip personally, but also to his entire pastoral project. With the Pope being against him, he considered taking refuge in the Milan of St. Charles Borromeo, his great defender. In any event, Pius only reigned six years, so Providence took care of Philip. Yet consider this: St. Charles was the principal force behind Pius V being elected pope and was a staunch supporter. Charles was allied with two saints who were at odds: Philip and Pius. For Philip's part, he lived out his years undiminished in his veneration for Pius V, despite their conflicts.

Soldiers of a saintly sort, reformers of a radical sort, companions of a challenging sort, friends of a fearless sort—these were the saints of 1622.

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Lenten Schedule

SOUP NIGHTS are being held in the Hall for the remainder of the Fridays in Lent between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. The next one will be Friday, April 8 (there is a School play in the Hall on April 1st—so no Soup Night that day).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held in the church every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. Also, Saint Therese Carmelite School has the Stations every Friday during Lent after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: The next mandatory day of fast will be Good Friday, April 15. On that day, **FASTING** is obligatory for all Catholics ages 18 through 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to the full meal. The norms for **ABSTINENCE FROM**



MEAT are binding upon all Catholics from age 14 and up (no upper age limit). The reasons the Church prescribes fasting and

abstinence are: as a sharing in Christ's Passion and death, as an expression of inner conversion, and as a form of reparation for sin.

LENTEN MOVIE: All are invited to join us for a **Saturday Night Movie** on **April 9 at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. We will serve pizza and light snacks. Free Admission! The featured movie is produced** by Voice of the Martyrs and is called "**Sabina: Tortured for Christ,**" a true story that takes place during the Nazi regime.

Easter Flower Offerings

Help us beautify the altar for Easter! Make an Easter Flower offering using one of the envelopes from the pews and tables. On the top line, write the name of a deceased loved one, and that person will be enrolled in a Memorial Mass offered on Friday, May 6, at 6:00 a.m. (an Easter weekday Mass after the Third Sunday of Easter).

Thank you for your generosity!



Easter Lily Sale

Saint Therese Carmelite School is selling Easter Lilies as a fundraiser, with the proceeds going towards the purchase of school materials and textbooks. The Easter Lily plant is a perfect gift to celebrate the renewal brought by Easter and the Spring season.



These plants (3 to 7 blooms on a 6" stem) are \$20 each and will be available for pick up on Palm Sunday after Mass and then at the school office until April 13th. Order by April 1!

Make your check payable to Saint Therese Carmelite School and enclose it in an envelope addressed to PSO, c/o Plant Sale Committee, 1106 East Alhambra Road. You may also pay with a debit or credit card by calling the school office at (626)289-3364 or by going to: https://forms.gle/SsfMGYuYF3bFAnmV9

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THE ANNUAL "FR. JEROME APPEAL" FOR THE CLOISTERED CARMELITE NUNS



The Carmelite Monastery was instrumental in St. Therese Parish being established in Alhambra, and there has always been a special closeness and loving support between the Parish and the Nuns. To honor this, please help support our Cloistered Carmelite Nuns! All donations will help provide for their daily needs and the upkeep of their monastery. PINK ENVELOPES can be found on the tables by the church doors. May God bless and reward you for your generosity!

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.**



March 19 / 20, 2022

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

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ILETRIES FOR THE HOMELESS

Parishioners Rex & Karen Owens are in their third year of the fiveyear formation process to the permanent diaconate. This Lent the couples from their diaconate formation class are filling backpacks and shower bags with necessary hygiene items to hand out at a local homeless shelter. They are requesting assistance with donations of travel-size items to be added to the bags. Specific items needed are:

Toothbrushes - Toothpaste - Shampoo - Conditioner - Body wash - Small face towel - Small sponge -Razor - Deodorant - Nail clippers - Nail files - Q-tips -Tweezers - Socks - Underwear - Granola bars (individually wrapped) - *Gift cards (*please contact Rex and Karen directly for donations of these)

If you're unable to bring this weekend, you may drop them off at the office.

Please make sure all items are TRAVEL-SIZE ONLY (larger items are not suitable for their needs). Please bring these items to the church TODAY, SUNDAY, March 27 (boxes are at each entrance for collection). If you have any questions, contact Rex at (323) 273-8825. God Bless!



MEN! Join us for a retreat on April 22-24 at the Carmelite Friars' Retreat Center, El Carmelo Retreat House, 926 East Highland **Avenue, Redlands.** Space is limited. Retreat cost is **\$210 Single room only**.

Mail your check made out to El Carmelo Retreat House to Dave Golder, P. O. Box 1454, Crestline, CA 92325. For questions, contact Dave at (909) 338-0130.

MEN'S RETREAT SHOWER OF ROSES

YOU are invited to the annual SHOWER OF ROSES Luncheon, hosted by the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary, on Thursday, April 28, at the San Gabriel Country Club in San Gabriel. It will begin with a social and shopping at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Luncheon at Noon. During the Luncheon "Inside the Cloister," a special slideshow, will be shown! Tickets are \$65 each and can be reserved by sending your check (made out to Carmelite Auxiliary) to Mrs. Louis Fulps, 8729 East Avondale Avenue, San Gabriel 91775. All proceeds will benefit the Nuns.



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Vox Vitae Pro-Life News

Join Vox Vitae—as well as other ProLife organizations, churches, and individuals—in responding to the Pasadena City Council's notice that they plan to vote to make Pasadena a "sanctuary city for abortion"! We will meet on the following days and times:

• Monday, April 4, at 6:00 p.m.: Prayer Walk from Pasadena City Hall to Planned Parenthood on Lake in Pasadena.

Monday, April 4, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.: Bishop O'Connell will be praying the Exorcism prayers and

leading the ProLife Stations of the Cross at Planned Parenthood in Pasadena (1045 North Lake).



Contact Catherine Contreras at (213) 395-8977 with questions or if you'd like to volunteer.

Let's Be A Voice For Life together!



Fasting from the Wound of Shame

PAUSE TO HEAR GOD SPEAK:

"Do not fear, you shall not be put to shame; do not be discouraged, you shall not be disgraced." -Isaiah 54:4

"For the sake of the joy that lay before Him, He endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken His seat at the right of the throne of God."

-Hebrews 12:2

Today, I choose to fast from the wound of shame. What do you believe God sees when he looks at you? Are you a beloved, amazing, beautiful masterpiece? Or are you a disappointment? Shame is a deep wound against our identity that tells us we are inferior in some way. It motivates

us to hide in order to cover up our failings and inadequacies. For many of us, shame comes at an early age. Shame may occur when our parents or caretakers don't honor and respect us as they should. In other cases, though, we carry shame as a judgment against ourselves. We become so familiar with it that we don't even

recognize it in our lives. We learn to hide all the things that we don't like about ourselves. The voice of shame may sound to you like, "You're inadequate," "You're a failure," or "You're undesirable." Shame is so powerful a wound that abuse victims will often blame themselves for being abused. It is also one of the wounds that keeps us from the sacrament of Reconciliation. Let's pay close attention to notions and beliefs as we continue the reflection in the box above.



Take time to ask yourself...

- Which events in my life am I ashamed of?
- What types of experiences lead me to feel shame?

Pray slowly... Heavenly Father, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce shame and repent all the ways in which I have sinned because of it, particularly the ways in which I have not lived into the fullness of who you have made me. I reject every form of shame in my life. I renounce any lies that I have come to believe, including lies such as "I am no good," "I am dirty," "I am ugly," or "I am inadequate." I renounce any companion emotions such as unworthiness, self-condemnation, and guilt. Send your Holy Spirit to speak the truth to my heart that I am loved, cared for, and am not alone. Amen.

The above is taken from the book, Lenten Healing, by Ken Kniepmann—available for sale in the parish office.

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March 26 to April 2, 2022

Saturday evening:

5:00 p.m.: Molly Lynch, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Marietta Okamoto, RIP 7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Joseph & Helen Raney, RIP 11:00 a.m.: Ebner Sobalvarro, INT

1:00 p.m.: Denise Lopez & Lucy Koes & Families INT

5:00 p.m.: Marietta Okamoto, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Thresia Kalapura, RIP *7:30 a.m.: Otto & Martha Lacayo Anniversary INT 8:00 a.m.: Lucy Tittmann, 19th Birthday INT 7:00 p.m.: Loby Lopez & Flordeliza Bejoc, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Marietta Okamoto, RIP *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Elizabeth, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Yvonne Maldonado & Ramiro Salazar, INT

7:00 p.m.: Robert Kirin, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Ana Luisa Sullivan, RIP *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Teresita, OCD, INT 8:00 a.m.: Marc & Albert Arizmendez, Jr., RIP 7:00 p.m.: David Fernandez, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Sergio Rodriguez, RIP *7:30 a.m.: Henry V. Guanzon, RIP 8:00 a.m.: James Stone, RIP 7:00 p.m.: Alicia Nava, RIP First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Frank Ramos, RIP *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Teresita, OCD, INT 8:00 a.m.: Sara Stone & Family, INT 7:45 p.m.: Tomas Martinez, RIP

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community 8:00 a.m.: Josefina Villacorta, RIP

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra, California. It is open to the public every day except Sunday.

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).

Mass Intentions Rulet Listening Prayer

FROM THE LIVING FLAME OF LOVE By St. John of the Cross

Granted that you may possess the requisites for the full direction of some soul (for perhaps it does not have the talent to make progress), it is impossible for you to have the qualities demanded for the guidance of all those you refuse to allow out of your hands. God leads each one along different paths so that hardly one spirit will be found like another in even half its method of procedure. For who



is there who would become, like St. Paul, all things to all so as to win them all (1 Cor. 9:22)?

You tyrannize souls and deprive them of their freedom, and judge for yourself the breadth of the evangelical doctrine. Therefore, you endeavor to hold on to your penitents. But what is worse, you may by chance learn that one of them has consulted another (for perhaps you were not the suitable one to consult, or that person was led by God to another so as to learn what you did not teach), and you treat that penitent—I am ashamed to say it—with the very jealous quarrelsomeness we find among married couples. And this is not jealousy for the glory of God, but a jealousy motivated by your own pride and presumption or some other imperfection, for you should not assume that in turning from you this person turned from God (St. III, No.

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Carmelite Pilgrimage with a Carmelite Friar to the Marian Shrines of Wisconsin on October 5-12. \$3,295 (double room occupancy) includes round-trip non-stop AA flights from LAX, land travel by deluxe coach, 3*/4* hotels with private bath/daily breakfast/dinner, all touring, daily Mass. \$200 Early bird Discount by May 15th. Add \$450 for single room occupancy. For details, call Louisa & Jack Day at (323) 360-5186 or (323) 403-8768

SPIRITUAL RETREAT PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP SHRINE from September 29 through October 3, 2022 (\$1,349 from L.A-\$45 single supplement). This is the only approved Marian Apparition site in the US (2010 by Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI), which took place in 1859. Join us for this five-day spiritual retreat in Wisconsin-also the home of Holy Hill National Shrine of Mary.

Regina Caeli Academy: Come Regina Caeli Academy (www.rcahybrid.org) provides a university-style hybrid™ education in the Catholic tradition. Pre K3 - 12th grade students attend Socratic classes two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days. Lesson plans are provided and optimized for in-home education. Touring Event: April 4 at 10:00 a.m. Events include a tour, classroom observation, Q&A! RSVP to ryohannan.scc@rcahybrid.org or call (661) 383-2386.

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