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He said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish. When Simon saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Him (Luke 5:4,6,8,10).

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

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• Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

PASTOR'S COLUMN



Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

What a splendid finale to our Centennial year! For all of you who attended our Gala of Roses, I hope you had as great a time as I had! It was a wonderful experience of parish in a setting different from our usual interactions. A lot of fun, a lot of good conversations, and... what a band! And then we closed the Centennial with a glorious organ concert

that included a special appearance from the Halpin family singing their viral hit seen across the country, "Regina Caeli."

Thank you again to all of you who worked to make this Centennial year so memorable and who cause this parish to be what it is—a truly family atmosphere! Let's move on to the next 100 years with the "confidence and love" of St. Therese as a parish family!

Also, thank you to all of you who made your Eucharistic Consecration over the weekend. There were close to 100 people who made this consecration, but we'll set future dates for all of you who still wish to make it.

And now, in this Centenary Year of St. Therese's Canonization, let us continue with **St. Therese's "In the Arms of Jesus."**

—Fr. Peter Mary

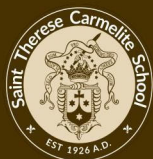
"In the Arms of Jesus" (Part 1 of MS C, 35v – 37r)

Mother, I think it is necessary to give a few more explanations on the passage in the *Song of Songs*: "Draw me, we shall run," for what I wanted to say appears to me little understood. "No man can come after me, unless the FATHER who sent me draws him," Jesus has said. Again, through beautiful parables, and often even without using this means so well known to the people, He teaches us that it is enough to knock and it will be opened, to seek in order to find, and to hold out one's hand humbly to receive what is asked for. He also says that everything we ask the Father in His name, He will grant it. No doubt, it is because of this teaching that the Holy Spirit, before Jesus' birth, dictated this prophetic prayer: "Draw me, we shall run."

What is it then to ask to be "drawn," if not to be united in an intimate way to the object which captivates our heart? If fire and iron had the use of reason, and if the latter said to the other: "Draw me," would it not prove that it desires to be identified with the fire in such a way that the fire penetrates and drinks it up with its burning substance and seems to become one with it? Dear Mother, this is my prayer. I ask Jesus to draw me into the flames of His love, to unite me so closely to Him that He lives and acts in me. I feel that the more the fire of love burns within my heart, the more I shall say: "Draw me," the more also the souls who will approach me (poor little piece of iron, useless if I withdraw it from the divine furnace), the more these souls will run swiftly in the odor of the ointments of their Beloved, for a soul that is burning with love cannot remain inactive.

No doubt, she will remain at Jesus' feet as did Mary Magdalene, and she will listen to His sweet and burning words. Appearing to do nothing, she will give much more than Martha, who torments herself with many things and wants her sister to imitate her. It is not Martha's works that Jesus finds fault with; His divine Mother submitted humbly to these works all through her life since she had to prepare the meals of the Holy Family. It is only the distress of His ardent hostess that He willed to correct.



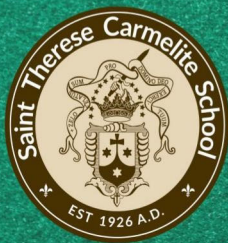


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Fiat40 Women's Challenge for Lent

Ladies of St. Therese Parish: Would you like to grow deeper in your relationship with God this Lent by focusing on Mary's virtues? Are you wanting accountability and encouragement in your spiritual life? Do you feel Christ nudging you to go deeper? Please join us for a mini Fiat90 challenge called Fiat40 this Lent! You can find out more about Fiat90 and Fiat40 at <https://fiat-90.com/>.

The challenge starts on Ash Wednesday, March 5th (download the Fiat40 booklet from the website above and start on your own) and then you will meet for fellowship and accountability in the Lisieux Room in the Parish Office building (510 North El Molino Street) after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the following Saturday mornings in Lent: March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12—from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Please email Katrina Crow at katrina.fcp@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or have further questions.



Women's Retreat at El Carmelo

Join the women of St. Therese Church for our annual Lenten Retreat weekend at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands on March 14-16, 2025. The theme is, "LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY," and our retreat master will be Fr. Philip Sullivan, former pastor of our parish.

Weekend Package: Friday night to Sunday afternoon

Double room occupancy (2 per room): \$230 each person, includes two nights & six meals

Single room occupancy (private room): \$260 each person, includes two nights & six meals



A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is required to reserve your room. Check or money order payment only (VenMo, Zelle, or credit cards not accepted). Make checks payable to: El Carmelo Retreat House (memo: "Women's silent retreat, March 14-16, 2025).

The registration form can be found in the brochure located by the church entrances. Payment(s) can be mailed to the retreat captain, Chantal Richardson, 15730 Nelson Ave., City of Industry, CA 91744. If a registration form is unavailable or you would like more information please contact Chantal at chantalmarierichardson@gmail.com | (951) 743-8801 (call or text) ** You must be age 18 and older to attend**

DINNER IN HONOR OF THE PRIESTHOOD

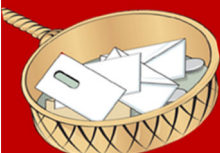


All parishioners are invited to come to the Hall on Saturday, February 22, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, to celebrate the priesthoods of all our Carmelite Friars, especially the special 15th Anniversary of the Ordination of Fr. David Guzman, and of the Priesthood itself.

This sit-down dinner celebration will follow the 5:00 p.m. Mass from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. If you would like to bring a side dish or a dessert and/or would like to volunteer your help, please call Leonor Johnson at (626) 625-9514.



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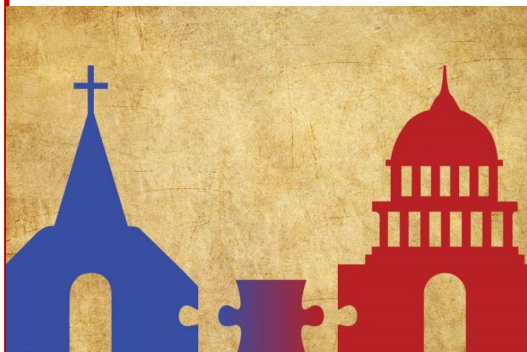
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Next Class for "The Mystery of the Church"



Fr. Stephen Watson's next class would normally be this Tuesday, February 11 (the second Tuesday), but because of meetings with the Provincial delegate, **there will be NO class this Tuesday**; instead, the next class will be on **Tuesday, February 18**, at the usual time of 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The topic will be **"The Church and the State: Issues concerning the Bishops and the Laity."** Jesus teaches: Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's (Mark 12:17). Pope Leo XIII, in his encyclical *Immortale Dei*, teaches, "The Catholic Church is a society chartered as of right divine, perfect in its nature and in its title, to possess in itself and by itself, through the will and loving kindness of its Founder, all needful provision for its maintenance and action. And just as the end at which the Church aims is by far the noblest of ends, so is its authority the most exalted of all authority, nor can it be looked upon as inferior to the civil power, or in any manner dependent upon it."

God has given charge of the human race to these two powers, the Church and the State. We will look at the way these two powers interact, sometimes in harmony and sometimes in conflict. All are welcome to join this class at any time!

Parking on the Street During Masses:

If you park on the street around the church during Masses, **please be considerate of our neighbors.** We have received a complaint that this is a frequent problem.

Please **DO NOT block any part of their driveways**—even if this causes you to have to park farther away. Please let your actions and words proclaim that you are a follower of Jesus. Thank you for your compliance.

The Flame of Love: The Greatest Gift of Grace for Our Time

UNITY PRAYER—May our souls be in harmony:

—**April 8, 1962: Jesus:** "My daughter, I choose souls to bring about My work of Redemption from among the worst sinners. If they accept, I fill them with special graces. Whoever feels with Me and lives for Me, with My boundless love, I snatch from the world just as I have done for you. My suffering is unspeakable, My little Carmelite. How good it is to feel that you are united with Me and that you feel My love."



"The grace from the Flame of Love of My Mother's Immaculate Heart will be to your generation what Noah's Ark was to his generation."

—*Jesus to Elizabeth Kindelmann, Third Order Carmelite*

—**November 23, 1962: Jesus:** "Forgive Me if I now expose before you the well-known pain of My Heart [a lament about consecrated souls]. My little one, feel the sorrow from which My complaining words spring up. May our souls be in harmony."

Reference: Building on Solid Rock Flame of Love Retreats Session Three at <https://flameoflove.us/building-on-solid-rock/>

Join the Cenacle: Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room every Monday—one from Noon to 2:00 p.m., the other one from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more info, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

Deus Vocat (God is Calling)

DEUS VOCAT This new **Parish Vocation Apostolate** invites you to help us in supporting **TWELVE CANDIDATES** who are discerning

GOD IS CALLING

God's call to a religious vocation. It is

such as these our Apostolate supports.

TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, Deus Vocat will provide **PAN DULCE & HOT CHOCOLATE** for a donation after the morning Masses (7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m.) and **PIZZA & SOFT DRINKS** after the afternoon Masses (1:00 and 5:00 p.m.) Stop by!

You are also invited to join Deus Vocat every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Lisieux Room (in the Parish Office building, 510 North El Molino Street) to pray for vocations. To join Deus Vocat, please contact:

Francisco Alcala at (323) 497-4951
or Marcela Alcala at (626) 940-4899 |
marcelafigalcala@gmail.com.

Children's Holy Half-Hour

ZELIE'S CIRCLE invites Moms and their children five and under to join them every **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month from **10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** for this holy half-hour for children.

If you would like more info, email zeliescirclestc@gmail.com.



Going Deeper in Faith: Trusting the Lord's Call



The call to go deeper in our faith is woven throughout Scripture, urging us to trust more fully in God's guidance, love, and purpose for our lives. In Luke (5:1-11), Jesus tells Simon Peter to throw his nets into deep water. Though Peter initially hesitates, he obeys—and his nets overflow with fish. This miraculous catch is not just about abundance but about trust. Jesus calls Peter to leave everything behind and follow Him, embarking on a journey of faith that will require him to go deeper in every way.

Isaiah (5:1-8) presents a sobering contrast. The prophet laments how God's people have not produced good fruit despite His careful tending. Just as a vineyard requires deep roots to thrive, our faith must also be deeply rooted in God's truth and love.

Superficial faith can wither under hardship, but faith that goes deep will bear the fruits of righteousness.

Psalm 138 reassures us that God's love is steadfast. When we call out to Him, He answers. He strengthens us, walks with us in trouble, and fulfills His purpose for our lives. However, this requires us to go beyond surface-level prayers and enter into an intimate, trusting relationship with the Lord. Deep prayer—prayer that is honest, vulnerable, and persistent—transforms us from within.

Paul's words in 1 Corinthians (15:1-11) remind us of the foundation of our faith: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, was transformed by encountering Christ. His life is a testament to the power of grace and the call to go deeper. When we truly grasp what Christ has done for us, we cannot remain where we are—we are compelled to follow Him more fully.

Just as Peter cast his net into deep waters, we, too, are called to venture beyond our comfort zones—into deeper prayer, deeper trust, and deeper love for Christ. This means stepping out in faith when we feel unworthy, remaining steadfast when challenges arise, and surrendering fully to God's plan. When we do, we will find that His grace is abundant, His love unwavering, and His calling more fulfilling than we ever imagined.

Mass Intentions

February 8—February 15, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Janet Maya, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Grace Lowenberg, INT

7:30 a.m.: Sebastian Goh, Birthday INT

9:00 a.m.: Corazon Aclaro, INT

11:00 a.m.: Hortencia Lujan, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Virgilio Lopez, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Rosalie Burghardt, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Heidi Halpin, INT

8:00 a.m.: Jay Shower, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Gonzalo Torres, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Faustina, OCD,, INT

8:00 a.m.: Bernard Woo, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Victoria Chavez, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Averyl Farrah Sia, Birthday INT

7:30 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Heidi Tittmann, Birthday INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Gus Singh, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Anna, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Matthew Ng, Birthday INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Alyna Guangga, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Richard Peter Macedonio, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Noel Aclaro & Family, INT

Saturday (Morning):

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

8:00 a.m.: Bonifacio Uy, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel (215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra). Open to the public except on Sundays and some 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"!

Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, AND ITALY with Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD: Join this 14-day pilgrimage from July 11 to 24, 2025, to all four countries listed in the title. For more info and to receive an itinerary, contact ABM Tours at 310-514-3323 or 408-903-6305 or maddatubeth2@gmail.com. See more info at abmtours.com.



1 Corinthians 15.1-11

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.



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