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St. Therese Church

Established 1924

510 North El Molino Street • Alhambra, California 91801 • (626) 282-2744 • FAX (626) 282-7560 (Unless otherwise indicated, all telephone numbers are in the **626 area code**.) Web Page: <http://www.mysttherese.org>

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Masses & Services:

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm
Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Devotions:

Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm
Warrior-Intercessors: Thursdays, 8:00 pm
St. Joseph Devotion: Tuesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm
St. Joseph Project: 3rd Tues. (Nov.-Apr.) Mass, 7:00 pm
Fatima Pilgrimage: 13th of the month (May-Oct.), 7:00 pm

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
-Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
-Saturdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Baptism: Call 284-0200, ext. 225, for schedule
Marriage: Contact priest at least six months before
RCIA (Sac. for adults) Rhonda Storey 284-0020, Ext. 225

Other Ministries / Programs:

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias 323-724-6443
Legion of Mary: Wed., 7:00 pm - Michelle Mestas 755-0564
Mary of Mt. Carmel Prayer Ministry: First Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
Peace & Justice Prayer Ministry:
Tuesdays at 6:15 PM - Edward William 768-0758
Respect Life Ministry: Call the rectory at 282-2744
Rosary Makers: Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm
Edward William 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com

Pastor:

Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (Ext. 226)

Associate Pastors:

Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (Ext. 232)
Fr. David Guzman, OCD (Ext. 337)

In Residence:

Fr. Jerome Lantry, OCD (Ext. 334)

Deacon Couple:

Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)

Vocations: Parish: Fr. David Guzman OCD (X 337);
Regional: 909-629-9495; Archdiocesan: 213-637-7515

Parish Secretary: Denise McMaster (Ext. 223)

Finances/Donations: Please call Extension 228

Christian Services: Bridie McDermott (Ext. 224)

Liturgical Coordinators:

Lectors: Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)
Eucharistic Ministers of the Altar: Dn J. & L. Mizerski (221)
Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick: Fred & Margaret
Padilla, 282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (Ext. 225)
rhondalstorey@gmail.com
* Pre K through 8th Grade * Adult Religious Ed

Confirmation Program for Youth:

(9th and 10th Graders) Rhonda Storey 284-0020
(Ext. 225) rhondalstorey@gmail.com

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-3364, Ext. 660

Principal: Carmela Lovano, Clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org
Web Site: www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org

Eucharistic Adoration - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations.
Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson - 289-0388

New Parishioners: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE! Please come to the Parish office to register. **Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 to 5:00 pm; 6:00 to 8:00 pm—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm**



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2011

O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations and will make the glory of His voice heard.
—Isaiah 30:19

Gospel Reflections for Today's Gospel (Mark 1:1-8)

Gospel Summary: The Messiah is foretold in Second Isaiah and the words of John the Baptist continue the foretelling during Advent. Just as the Jewish exiles were filled with hope and led home, John the Baptist filled his followers with hope if they would only first repent and then share the Good News. He told the people to accomplish this by turning away from their sinful actions and words.

Reflection for Families: Like John the Baptist, we are the heralds of the Good News to our children. Also like John, we may stand out as “different” when we try to do this. Our children may point out to us that other parents don’t go to church, or they allow their children to wander the community, or have parties where under-age drinking is permitted. They look at us as though we’re dressed in camel hair and eating locusts when we hold steadfastly to our values. But we know from parents who have already raised their children, our children will come to recognize the value and sincerity of our message and example.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family: Draw a sketch of a path and allow each family member to suggest where the family’s path is straight, where it bends (and what makes it bend), and where there are forks or divisions in the path. Collectively or individually name things that cause bumps in the road or name the smooth spots. During this Advent season make suggestions about ways you can, as a family, follow John the Baptist’s advice.

Discussion Starters

1. One thing I plan to do this Advent season in order to prepare for Christ’s coming is...
2. My own path is sometimes difficult, but I know someone whose path is even more difficult. This Advent season I will try to help that person by...
3. Some prophets I see in the world today include...

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS:



NEW SCRIP GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE! You asked for it; we’ve got it! We now have scrip gift cards for Amazon, Taco Bell, and Chipotle Mexican Grill

SAVE THE DATE! Our annual Silent Auction Dinner & Dance, “Denim & Diamonds” will be on March 17, 2012.

EVERY LITTLE THING ADDS UP! Please support us in the following ways: Register your Ralphs, Von’s or Target cards with STS, so we can earn rewards. Send in your Fresh & Easy receipts & BoxTops for Education. And shop on the Marketplace link at www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org for costumes, candy, and Groupon deals, so that we can earn a percentage of your purchase, too. Do you have a School Appreciation card for Jamba Juice? Stop by our office to pick one up. You will get \$1 off your Jamba Juice and we will get 10%.

S P E C I A L

LAS MANAÑITAS FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: Please join us in celebrating this special feast day of Our Lady on **Monday, December 12**. Music and serenade will begin at **5:45 a.m.**, Holy Mass (bilingual) will be at 6:00 a.m., followed by a traditional Mexican breakfast in the Parish Hall. All are welcomed! Children are invited to wear traditional costumes honoring Mary, Mother of the Church.

RELIGIOUS ED "SEE'S CANDY" FUNDRAISER TODAY, December 4, is the last day to submit your See's Candy orders to Rhonda Storey. All proceeds will go towards our children's religious education programs and the altar service program.

DETENTION MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: Come bring God's love to incarcerated youth by attending the Christmas Celebration at Central Juvenile Hall! It will be on **Saturday, December 17, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**, at Eastlake in Los Angeles. To sign up for the Celebration and/or to visit incarcerated youth on the first Sunday of each month, please contact Sonia Macias at (323) 724-6443/ sonia_macias@hotmail.com or Miriam Lopez at mimilc@hotmail.com. ***"For I was in prison and you visited me" (Matt. 25:36); "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matt. 25:40).***

SEEKING DONATION OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS: Got too many books? Monica, an Ambassador Girl Scout from Troop 3581 (under Mrs. Storey), is working with a local homeless center to create a library in the shelter in order to encourage literacy in the resident children. Please help her accomplish this goal! You can drop off any type of children's books to Mrs. Storey or to the rectory. Thank you for your help. For more information, you can contact Mrs. Storey at 284-0020, ext. 225.

ALTAR SOCIETY SEEKS FLORAL DEDICATIONS AND DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: 1) **Christmas Poinsettias:** If you'd like to donate towards the Christmas poinsettias, you may pick up and return a **Flower Memorial envelope** from the pews. A Memorial Mass will be offered for all the deceased whose names are written on the envelopes; 2) **Floral Dedications:** If you would like to honor your loved ones, living or deceased, with one or more beautiful bouquets on the altar, please call Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. During Ordinary Time, you can even choose the type of flowers and the colors.

PARISH MINISTRIES

ST. THERESE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rhonda Storey, 284-0020X 225

STRE: Classes are in session today, Dec. 4, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. Attendance at the 11:00 a.m. Mass is required for all families in the STRE program.

SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER TODAY, December 4, is the deadline for submitting your orders to Rhonda Storey.

ALTAR SERVERS: The next training date will be January 10 (NO training in December).



R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) 2011-2012: If you are interested in becoming Catholic and learning about the Church—or know someone who is—then come, or have the person you know come, to the RCIA classes in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Rhonda at 284-0020, ext. 225.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION: Rhonda Storey, 284-0020X 225

Confirmation Teachers' Meeting: There will be a Confirmation Teachers' Meeting this Monday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m., in the Science Room (2nd floor of the Parish Center).

Confirmation Classes for this month will be held on December 11 and December 18 (the December 4th class has been cancelled.). Also on December 11th there will be a Parent/Sponsor meeting at 3:30 p.m.

RITE OF WELCOME FOR YEAR 1: On December 18 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, we will have the Rite of Welcome for First Year Candidates and their sponsors. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020, ext. 225.

YOUTH MINISTRY: The Youth Ministry program is temporarily "on hold" until further notice.

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY Edward William, 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com (Prayer with Action: Strengthening of Families, Conversion of Sinners, and Peace in the World) - **St. Joseph Prayer Devotion:** Join us on Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. in front of the St. Joseph statue in the church. **The Rosary Makers:** We meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room (following the St. Joseph Devotion). You are invited to help us make the rosaries, which are then shipped to missions throughout the world. This is our *action* aspect of the Peace & Justice Ministry.

BAPTISM MINISTRY: Blanca Ruvalcaba, 284-0020, X 225 ~ In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **BOTH PARENTS AND GODPARENTS** are required to: 1) Have an interview (must be held the month BEFORE the Baptism); 2) Attend one class (next are on Dec. 5 and Jan. 9) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Library); And 3) Be presented at Mass at a Presentation Sunday (next are Dec 11 and Jan. 15) at the 9:00 a.m. Mass). After completing these, your child will be baptized on a Saturday (next OPEN Baptisms are at Noon on Dec 17 and Jan. 21). **SELECTING THE GODPARENTS:** Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) is at least 16; 2) has received Confirmation; and 3) is a practicing Catholic.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: RESPECT LIFE QUOTE: "I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

~ Elie Wiesel, Holocaust Survivor

PARISH MINISTRIES / NEWS:

PERPETUAL ADORATION



"Every time I hear anyone speak of the Sacred Heart of Jesus or of the Blessed Sacrament, I feel an indescribable joy. It is as if a wave of precious memories, sweet affections, and joyful hopes swept over my poor person, making me tremble with happiness and filling my soul with tenderness. These are

loving appeals from Jesus who wants me wholeheartedly there, at the source of all goodness, His Sacred Heart, throbbing mysteriously behind the Eucharistic veils... I love to repeat today 'Sweet Heart of my Jesus, make me love You more and more.'"

--Pope John XXIII, Journal of a Soul

SIGN UP! The Adoration Chapel is open day and night to adore Jesus in the exposed Blessed Sacrament. To sign up, call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

QUEEN BEAUTY OF CARMEL CATHOLIC DISCUSSION

GROUP: Join us TONIGHT, Saturday, December 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., as we discuss "Confession and Forgiveness," in the Parish Library. Just listen or add to the conversation. Bring a friend or meet new people. Refreshments served. For more information, contact placenci@sbcglobal.net or 282-5340.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN:

DID YOU KNOW? Reporting child abuse Priests, deacons, school faculty and administrators and other staff members in our parishes and schools have been designated as mandated reporters under California law. When one of these persons receives information leading to a "reasonable suspicion" that a child is being abused or neglected, he or she must make a report to the appropriate child protection or law enforcement agency. For Information on responding to an allegation of suspected child abuse, please visit the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children webpage: www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting.

FINANCIAL:

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Below are the totals for last weekend's collection:

Collection for November 26/27, 2011

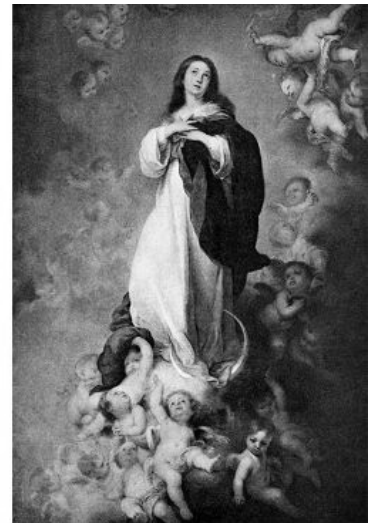
Unrestricted.....	\$12,501.00
Restricted	\$ 516.00
TOTAL.....	\$13,017.00

As a friendly suggestion for those of you who are employed, may we propose a realistic donation to St. Therese Church of at least one hour of pay per week.

WARRIOR INTERCESSORS FOR

PRIESTS:

On this Second Sunday of Advent, let us ask the Immaculate Conception, the Mother of St. Juan Diego and the Mother of us all, to help us prepare our homes and, most importantly, our hearts—in order to welcome and celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior. Our Lady came to Guadalupe with her hands joined in prayer, adoration and thanksgiving. Join us every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the church as we ask her to pray for us and to join us in prayer for her beloved priests—the beloved children of her Immaculate Heart. For more info, you may call Blanca at 282-2744, ext. 225.



...just a little reminder to put up your Advent wreath—and to pray together as a family.



MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of 12/4/11 to 12/10/11



Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Tung Fung RIP

Sunday:

*7:30am: Suzanne Singh INT

7:30 am: Hankun Luh Fung RIP

9:00 am: Erik Magaña INT

11:00am: Victoriano Seguerra RIP

1:00 pm: Parishioners

5:00 pm: Emma Mendoza INT

Monday:

6:00 am: Alyssa Mohamadzadeh INT

*7:30 am: Anthony Camperi RIP

8:00 a.m.: Arthur Diep Nguyen INT

Tuesday:

6:00 am: Alellie-Joy Batterham INT

*7:30 am: Mrs. Annette RoseWalsh RIP

8:00 am: Taylor, Wood, Mariani/DeTardo Families

Wednesday:

6:00 am: Mary Rose Go INT

*7:30 am: Andy Ren INT

8:00 a.m.: Maria Agda RIP

Thursday—Feast of the Immac. Conc.:

6:00 am: Pat Sheridan RIP

*7:30 am Elizabeth Ferrer INT

8:00 am: Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD INT

10:00 am: Concepcion Lima Pacheco RIP

7:00 pm: Douglas Stitt RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Grace Malabanan RIP

*7:30am Melida Telleria RIP

8:00 am: Paul Saucillo INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul RIP

*7:30 am: Carmelite Community

8:00 am: DeTardo, Taylor, Wood, Mariani Fam



Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 E. Alhambra Road—open to the public every day **except** on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.

INTENTIONS OF OUR HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER:

1) That the nations of the earth, through knowledge and mutual respect, may grow in harmony and peace; and 2) That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that their dignity may always be respected and preserved from all violence.



LECTORS:

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Franklin Teng / Marta Timar

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Pat Rosenthal / Thu Nguyen

9:00 a.m. Madelene Nguyen/Antoinette Sandoval

11:00 a.m. Andy Zepeda / Rebeca Willis

5:00 p.m. Vickie Blair / Gil Vargas

FLORAL DEDICATIONS

The Floral Dedication for this weekend is...

♥ In Honor of
Aurora Dolores'
birthday



To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, contact Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.

PERSONAL ADS

NEED LIVE-IN FEMALE COMPANION for my elderly mother. Free living accommodations exchanged for light cooking/housekeeping. Call Christine at 975-7797.

HOME FOR LEASE--beautifully remodeled, new everything, 3 BR, 2 BA, 1824 sq. ft., walking distance to St. Therese. \$2,650/mo. Call Edith at 760-940-1914

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Join Fr. Jose Parathanal on a "Marian & Other Great Saints" Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France from May 17 to 29. Join Fr. Greg Neri to Portugal, Spain, France & Italy on Oct. 19 to Nov. 1. For more information, please contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or 323-344-1548/323-547-6618.

Avenue of Travel with Fr. Jan Lundberg presents "**Footsteps of Apostle Paul**" **June 23 to July 3, 2012.** Visiting Athens, Thessalonika, Philippi, Corinth, etc. 3 nights cruising to Mykonos, Kusadasi, Patmos & Santorini. Daily breakfast and 5 dinners, including welcome and farewell dinner, in addition to full meals onboard. LAND COST is \$2279 per person based on double occupancy and inside cabin on the ship. Upgrades available. For details or flyers, please check our website AVENUEOFORG.COM or contact us at 877-914-7888 or aokyang@gmail.com. Non refundable deposit of USD250 per person for reservation.

Join Fr. Robert Elias, OCD, on a **15-Day Spiritual Pilgrimage to FATIMA, HOLY LAND, MT. SINAI, in July 2012,** featuring 5 nights at the Carmelite Convent in Mt. Carmel, Haifa. Join in the celebration of the Feasts of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Elijah. For cost, etc., call 408-903-6305 or e-mail emaddatu@yahoo.com.

