

Saint Therese Church

December 16, 2018 Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars Established 1924

www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org
510 North El Molino Street - Alhambra, California 91801 - (626) 282-2744

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (222)

Associate Pastors: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD (224)

In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD (335), and Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD (324)

Deacons: Deacon Joseph Mizerski (Lorraine Mizerski) (333); and Deacon Gilbert Vargas (Frances Vargas) (333)

Vocations: Carmelite: (909) 629-9495; Archdiocesan (213) 637-7515

Sacraments:

Confessions: Wednesday: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (web-site or office) six months+ in advance.

- Wedding Liturgy/Rehearsals: Mary Malone
MerryPage@gmail.com or (760) 844-2725

Other Programs:

-Annulments: Lorraine Mizerski (333)

-Avila Young Adult Group:
Fr. Matthias (224)

-Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

-Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias
(323) 724-6443

-Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4 p.m.

-Intercessors Prayer Group:
Blanca Ruvalcaba 281-7070

-Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight:
Ramon Burce (888) 869-3124

-Legion of Mary: Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

-Natural Family Planning:
Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

-OCDS: Stan Interrante 714-996-4164

-Retrouaille Marriage Ministry
909-900-5465 (help for marriages)

-Rosary Makers: Mondays, 6-8 p.m.
Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776

-St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wed,
6:15 p.m., Lucy Marikian 281-3706



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Masses & Services:

Monday-Saturday:

6:00 & 8:00 a.m.

Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday:

7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.

Devotions:

Daily Rosary: Prayed Monday through
Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays,
7:00-8:00 p.m.;

First Friday Mass and
Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

Saint Therese Carmelite School:

289-3364 - Principal: Alma Cornejo (661)
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cjlansberg@choochoorecords.com

Respect Life Ministry / Vox Vitae:

Catherine Contreras (112)

Cor Jesu Youth Ministry:

Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD (224)

Ministry to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla (626) 282-0943

Religious Education (Grade School, Youth & Adult Confirmation, R C I A, and Liturgical Ministries):

Rhonda Storey, 284-0020 (1),
rhondalstorey@gmail.com

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please register online or in the Parish Office

(510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra). 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 Eucharistic Adoration: Continuous, day
and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations by calling the office at 282-2744.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULES

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Wednesday, December 19: 7:00-8:30 p.m. & Saturday, December 22: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas



Christmas Eve:

5:00 p.m. (Family Mass); 7:30 p.m. (Simple Mass);
and *Midnight— The Traditional Choir will sing
CHRISTMAS CAROLS beginning at 11:20 p.m.

Christmas Day:

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
and 1:00 p.m. Latin High Mass
(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day)



New Year's Eve Masses

Monday, December 31, at Midnight

In conjunction with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles (Begins at the Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 East Alhambra Road, at 8:00 p.m. (Free-will offering only); call the Sisters at 289-3364 for more information.)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1

Masses at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.



"RISE," ONLINE MEN'S MINISTRY TAMALES FOR SALE!



All men who have made the 30-day challenge are invited and encouraged to join us on **Saturday mornings for the Rosary at 6:45 a.m.**, followed by a video and discussion from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. FOR More INFO, go to www.MenRiseUp.org or contact Andy Acosta at 703-8939 or A.Acosta2046@gmail.com

Hot Tamales will be sold in **FRONT OF THE CHURCH AFTER** today's morning Masses (7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.) All tamale orders will be available for pick-up in front of the church after the morning Masses on Sunday, December 23.



All proceeds will benefit our School.

COR JESU YOUTH MINISTRY

Our next Cor Jesu **Discipleship Night** will be **THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21** (the theme will be "Hope and Redemption in Christ").

The schedule (for **Middle School, High School, Parents, and Children**) will be:

- **6:00 p.m.:** Social
- **6:30 p.m.:** **DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS** for High School and Middle School; and for Parents and Children
- **8:15 p.m.:** Holy Hour and Confessions

CLOTHING DONATIONS: We will be accepting used clothing donations for those in need (must be in good condition and washed & folded).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22—CROSSWALK HOMELESS MINISTRY: Meet in the Parish Hall at **1:00 p.m.** to prepare care packages. We'll leave at 2:00 p.m. to distribute them in Skid Row; we will return at approximately 3:30 p.m.



On December 1st the youth joined Vox Vitae and Bishop David O'Connell to pray the Rosary in front of the Pasadena Planned Parenthood.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Today has traditionally been called Gaudete Sunday. This Latin word is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to rejoice always in the Lord, as well as the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote these words in prison...but from there he could see the progress of God's work!

Is it obvious to us? We may feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil in the world. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is the season of joy. Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED Perpetual Adoration

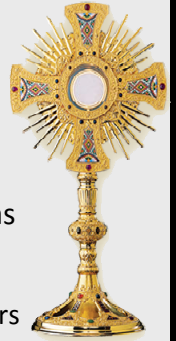
Today, Sunday, December 16, we will be collecting non-perishable foods and any hams or turkeys you are able to donate. Just bring them to the Parish Hall before, during or after our Sunday Masses.

God bless you for thinking of those less fortunate than yourself!



Food Collection

Only the humble hear His voice. Only those with a childlike heart seek His Heart in the Blessed Sacrament. This is why Jesus says: "Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mk 10:13).



The Adoration Chapel is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You must get an electronic key (\$20) from the office to use the chapel between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. as it is locked for safety reasons.



WIN A BIKE!

As a fundraiser for Saint Therese Carmelite School, we have received a gift of three bicycles to raffle off to three lucky winners. Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased at the Gift Shoppe in the main church vestibule after the weekend Masses. The winning tickets will be drawn after the 5:00 p.m. Mass NEXT SUNDAY, December 23rd.

These bikes will make great Christmas presents for your child—or another loved one! (Pictured below is one of the bicycles; students NOT included! ;-). See all bike photos on our website or posted by the Gift Shoppe.

Saint Therese Carmelite School

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"The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob The little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness."

-St. Therese

- December 21st (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m. & Las Posadas at 11:30 a.m.



- December 22nd - January 6th: Christmas Vacation
- January 7th (Monday): School resumes
- January 11th (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- January 13th (Sunday): Family Mass at 9:00 a.m. and Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- January 14th (Monday): PSO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- January 18th (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- January 21st, Monday: MLK, Jr. Day - No School

We are accepting new student applications for the 3rd quarter.

(289-3364 or admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com)



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

"...for God loves a cheerful giver"
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the previous four weekends. **NOTE:** There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month for our School (next is January 12 / 13.)

THANK YOU!

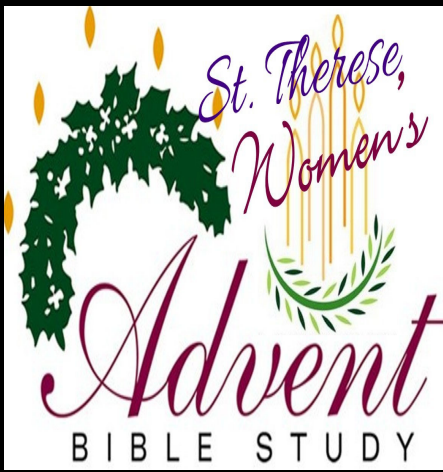


December 8 / 9, 2018
 Unrestricted.....\$23,718.00
 Restricted \$ 6,784.00
T O T A L \$30,502.00

November 10 / 11.....\$22,290.00
November 17 / 18.....\$11,638.00
November 24 / 25.....\$19,408.00
December 1 / 2.....\$17,315.00

Check Users:
 Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY GET YOUR MISTLETOE!



WOMEN! Join us for a Scripture Study for Advent and Christmas! "Rooted in Hope" echoes and expands upon the Advent tradition of a Jesse tree. This study will help to incorporate reading Scripture into your daily Advent prayers, while weekly meetings in the Mount Carmel Room (located in the Parish Offices on El Molino Street) will help you stay on track, as well as provide community

and prayer support.

The next gathering will be this Monday, December 17—presented—for your convenience—at TWO times: MORNING from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., and EVENING from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. For details, E-mail or text Micaela Darr at micaela.darr@gmail.com or 236-6147.

Boy Scout Troop 140 will be selling mistletoe after all the Masses this weekend, **December 15 and 16,** and next weekend, **December 22 and 23.**



The Scouts will be in front of the church after both the Saturday evening and all the Sunday Masses on these weekends.

Your purchases will be very much appreciated!

"THE VISITATION," A Poem by Joyce Kilmer, A Roman Catholic (1886-1918)



There is a wall of flesh before the eyes
 Of John, who yet perceives and hails his King.
 It is Our Lady's painful bliss to bring
 Before mankind the Glory of the skies.
 Her cousin feels her womb's sweet burden rise
 And leap with joy, and she comes forth to sing,
 With trembling mouth, her words of welcoming.
 She knows her hidden God, and prophesies.
 Saint John, pray for us, weary souls that tarry
 Where life is withered by sin's deadly breath.
 Pray for us, whom the dogs of Satan harry,
 Saint John, Saint Anne, and Saint Elizabeth.
 And, Mother Mary, give us Christ to carry
 Within our hearts, that we may conquer death.

USHER INFO NEEDED



It has come to our attention that we have several ushers who have been graciously assisting at the Masses BUT for whom we have no contact info! Although we greatly need and appreciate your help volunteering as "fill-in" ushers, it is very important

that the staff of St. Therese has your contact info! Everyone who participates in any of our ministries MUST follow Archdiocesan guidelines and have attended a VIRTUS training class. Also, the Archdiocese requires that anyone who has contact with money MUST be on record with the Parish.

To provide this information, please contact Damon Ayala, Head Usher, at dme4music@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, OCD

(1542-1591) - Feast Day: December 14
How beautiful is experiencing a deep love for God and neighbor! How disheartening when that love suddenly cools—and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those



we least expect. For all such "seasons of the soul," an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic, St. John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by St. Teresa of Avila to renew the Discalced Carmelite Order. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God—from *The Dark Night of the Soul*, through *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, to his *Spiritual Canticle* and *The Living Flame of Love*. John summarized his spirituality simply: "Put love where there is no love, and you will find love."

Ongoing Parish Meetings/Events

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, e-mail Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or call or text her at 679-6370.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for the 11:00 a.m. Mass is every Wednesday (September-June) from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

CONSECRATION TO MARY: Follow-up group for those already consecrated to Jesus through His mother, the Mother of God. Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. For more info, call Angela at (310) 701-8386.

DETENTION MINISTRY: If you're 21 or older, join us in visiting the youth (ages 8 to 18) in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meet monthly in the LA Archdiocese with our chaplain in a safe confidential setting. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for **parents:** EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR Courage LA for **persons struggling with same sex attraction:** CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com).

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: Every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (confessions are available during the Mass).

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (originally formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro) is for those grieving a loved one—no matter how long or for whom. We meet in the Parish Offices from **2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays** of each month. The next meeting will be **Wednesdays, January 9 and 23** (Note: The offices are closed on December 26, the fourth Wednesday of December).

INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP: Join us in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices to pray for priests every **Thursday at 8:00 p.m.** (following Benediction in the church). For more info, call Blanca at 281-7070.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: For Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Ramon Burce, at 695-2842 or the national line at (888) 869-3124.

LEGION OF MARY: The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Meetings are **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

ROSARY MAKERS: Help make rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on **Mondays at 6:00 p.m.** in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. For more info, call Magda at (213) 300-7776.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Come to the church every **Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.** to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at 281-3706.

Mass Intentions

Floral Dedications

For the Week of
12/15 to 12/22/18

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Martin Leska, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 am: Sr. Christine, OCD, INT
7:30 a.m.: Michael Alexander Cheah, INT
9:00 a.m.: Huynh Phuoc Duong, RIP
11:00 a.m.: Guadalupe De La O, RIP
1:00 p.m. (Latin): Parishioners
5:00 p.m.: Apolinar Yanez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Rafi Garibian, Birthday INT
*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Miriam, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: Bernie & Kay Tittmann, 52nd Anniversary

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Lourdes D. Vales, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Rose Marie, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Lourdes D. Vales, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Jan Lundberg, OCD, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Jan Lundberg, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: Fr. Jan Lundberg, OCD, INT

Friday:

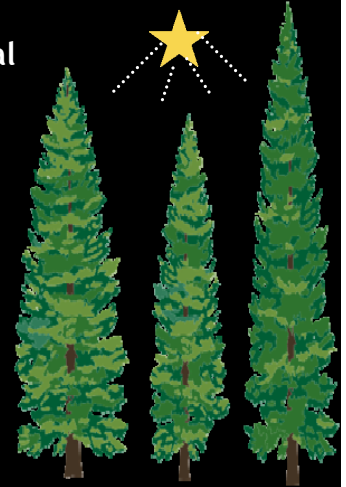
6:00 a.m.: Doc Hart, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Wendy Lu & Family, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
8:00 a.m.: Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD, INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public every day except Sundays/holidays.

To arrange for a floral dedication (in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones), call Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.



Outside the Parish

FULL-TIME JOB OPENING: The Carmelite Sisters at Sacred Heart Retreat House are seeking a **full-time (40 hours/week) Housekeeper/Kitchen Floater**. If you are interested in this special opportunity to join our retreat house team, please call Margaret at 289-1353, X252, or send your resume to fcfadmin@carmelitesistersocd.com.

14-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND May 30 – June 12, 2019—Join us as we visit Bethlehem, Galilee, Capernaum, Cana, Nazareth, Bethany, Shilo, Mt. Tabor, Mount of Beatitudes, Jerusalem, including the Upper Room used on Pentecost... and more! Direct flight from LAX. \$4,499 includes airport taxes and fees. For more info, contact Albert & Mary Helen at 285-6687.

ARE YOU HOMEBOUND? You can view the **Mass on TV on Channel 56 (KDOC) every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.** For a free copy of the Mass prayer book, call 1-800-430-0930.

Lectors

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Alice Cheung / Larry Dumont

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Flora Santoso / Jackie Johnson
9:00 a.m. Rosa Natividad / Beatriz Pelayo-Garcia
11:00 a.m. Jeff Storey / Jason Perez
5:00 p.m. Miriam Lopez



Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Gilma Suzanne Polanco

(Mother of Myriam Owiecki)

