

# The Little Flower Weekly

A Supplement to the St. Therese Parish Bulletin



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# Pastor's Message: Receiving Communion / Schedule Change

Dear Parishioners:



Although this message is in this weekend's bulletin, I am adding it to this newsletter to better "get the word out".

## RECEIVING COMMUNION IN THE HAND

Bishop O'Connell, our Auxiliary Bishop, in union with our Archbishop Gomez, has asked us to **temporarily put on hold our right to receive Holy Communion on the tongue and to focus on our responsibilities toward others by receiving Our Lord only in the hand.** He pointed out that Covid infection rates are on the rise again, that winter is coming, and that **some parishes have already had to shut down completely**, which is the last thing any of us wants to see happen again. Also, some of our parishioners or their loved ones have had serious health struggles from this virus. Since our Bishop is not asking us to do anything sinful, we know that, by going against our preference and obeying him, we will actually draw closer to Jesus and become holier.

We want to keep in mind the example of saints like **St.**

**Teresa of Avila**, who told Our Lord that if He asked something of her and her confessor told her the opposite, she would obey her confessor and Jesus



would have to figure out how to enlighten the priest to see it differently. Or like Padre Pio, who was shut down and forbidden from offering public Mass and hearing confessions for a long time, but who obeyed that extremely difficult command from his superiors.

**Here are some helpful Scriptures:** "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, obedience is better than sacrifice; to listen, better than the fat of rams" (1 Samuel 15:22); "I have come down from Heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (John 6:38); and "Remind them to be...obedient, to be ready for any honest work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all men" (Titus 3:1-2).

And so, let us all work together and give our obedience to the Bishop and the Archdiocese cheerfully. Let us keep praying, with the help of Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph and St. Michael and St. Therese, that the Lord will heal us of this pandemic and its underlying causes, so that we may worship the Trinity in freedom and peace once again soon!



I also want to let you know about **SOME CHANGES IN OUR MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULES.** This coming **Monday, November 9**, we will begin celebrating a **6:00 a.m. Mass Monday through Saturday—this is in addition to our regular 9:00 a.m. Mass.** This will be on an experimental basis. Depending upon how it goes, we may add it to our regular schedule.

Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoons under the red umbrellas. Normally, they have been heard from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.; however, **we will begin hearing them (on the same day) from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Please note that if you are **attending the 5:00 p.m. vigil Mass**, please do not go to confession after 5:00 p.m.; it is more important you give your full attention to the Mass.

Fraternally in Jesus, Mary,  
Joseph, and Therese,

Fr. Thomas of the Trinity, OCD



# "STREET" HOCKEY IN THE PARKING LOT

Our new pastor, Fr. Thomas, would like to hear from you IF you are interested in reviving (from the early 90's) the grand tradition of **playing hockey (either with or without skates—it's up to you!) in the church parking lot.** If you are interested in playing, please call the office and **leave your name and phone number (if no one answers, leave it on the voicemail).** Masks required.

Note: The photos below are from hockey games that took place among the Carmelite friars and seminarians in Oregon.



# Greetings from Fr. Matthias!



November 6, 2020

Dear People of  
St. Therese Parish  
and School:



## P r a i s e d   b e   J e s u s   C h r i s t !

Through this little note, I wish to share my deep gratitude for the wonderful “send off” you gave me. I’ve received your gifts and offerings of Masses, read through all of your cards and letters, and went through all saw all the Spiritual Bouquets you are offering for me. **Wow!**

Your generosity and kindness has touched me deeply. I'll especially be counting on your Spiritual Bouquets! I've offered two Masses for you benefactors and one Mass for ALL OF YOU at both St. Therese Parish and Saint Therese Carmelite School. What an awesome first assignment to have gotten right out of seminary: to minister in our dynamic Catholic/Carmelite School (**go STCS!**) and in ministries like Cor Jesu; and to labor for the good of your souls at such a reverent parish, full of souls so in love with our Good Jesus.

If you're interested in checking out the website for my new assignment, here it is: [www.sanjosecarmelites.com](http://www.sanjosecarmelites.com). \* Perhaps I'll be reassigned to St. Therese one day. Whatever God wills, you remain in my grateful heart and in my prayers.

In Jesus and Mary,  
Fr. Matthias of the Immaculate Heart, O.C.D.



\*There is a clickable link to this site at the bottom of the E-blast cover.

# Thanksgiving is Coming!

**PRE-ORDER  
TAMALES  
TO PICK UP ON  
THANKSGIVING DAY**

To pre-order tamales for pick-up on Thanksgiving Day, call Maria Alejandra at 993-4236.



**SUGGESTION FOR YOUR  
THANKSGIVING DINNER**

**Tamales!!**

All proceeds

benefit

Saint Therese

Carmelite School!



**SEEKING DONATIONS  
OF NON-  
PERISHABLE FOOD—  
AND  
TURKEYS—FOR  
THOSE IN NEED  
THIS THANKSGIVING!**

Please donate food on **Sunday, November 22**, for the Thanksgiving dinners of those in need—especially during this Pandemic.

**Everyone who comes for  
the food asks for a turkey!**

Please bring these items TO THE PARISH HALL after all the Masses on **Sunday, November 22**. There will be volunteers available to accept your donations.

We will then distribute them on Monday evening, November 23.

REMEMBER... God will not be outdone in generosity!