

Saint Theresese Church

September 23, 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. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD (224)

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

Deacon Couples: Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski AND Deacon Gilbert & 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 Putman
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

-Retrouvaille 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

Saint Theresese Carmelite School



For more info about our school, go to:
www.SaintThereseseCarmeliteSchool.com

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 Theresese Carmelite School:

289-3364 - Principal: Alma Cornejo (661)
principal@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com
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Parish Secretary:

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denisekay@hotmail.com

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Choir Directors:

9:00am: Marcia Martinez-Bateman
(775) 771-4992

11:00am: Charlotte Lansberg
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. Theresese! 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.

Child Sexual Abuse

"It is better that scandals arise than the truth be suppressed." —Pope St. Gregory the Great

By Crispin Ketelhut Montelione (Associate Director of VIRTUS®)



Shock. Anger. Disgust. Outrage. Contempt. Frustration. Betrayal. Shame. Fear. Pain. Sorrow. Numbness. If you're like me, you're feeling one, several, or all of these emotions after learning about recent bishop allegations, Grand Jury reports, and ongoing scandals involving the Catholic Church. These reactions are the appropriate emotions to injustice. What we have learned about clergy abuse over the years is unjust and wrong. One victim of child sexual abuse is far too many. One victim of child sexual abuse on behalf of someone representing God or the Church is even more egregious. Victims who continued to be abused because of severely poor leadership is deplorable.

This is clearly complex and can feel as if there isn't hope. Many people have been adamant in saying that the fault of abuse falls squarely upon the shoulders of the abusers and that we, as the laity, are not part of the problem. Of course, the fault of abuse absolutely lies with the abuser AND with those who directly or indirectly allowed the abuse. Additionally, there are people who don't do the right thing when faced with suspicions of abuse. People in leadership clearly have the main responsibility for the welfare of the lambs in their flocks. Church leadership must be held accountable, as do the Bishops and Church leaders. But, in a smaller, more particular way, it's also my unique responsibility to contribute to the safety of children—and it's yours, too. We are all required morally to protect the vulnerable around us. Please recognize that this article is NOT saying that we, as the laity, must carry the entire responsibility of protecting children. Of course not! Rather, we have a unique ability to provide care and a safe haven. As the laity, we have tremendous power! I am greatly encouraged by the immense effort on behalf of caring adults who work diligently to "do the right thing." Protocols for safe environments in the Church in the United States exist and are protecting the vulnerable. This being said, there is always room for improvement.

So now what? How can we use the energy of our emotions and reactions to drive us to do something constructive when so many of us are reeling? St. Augustine of Hippo said, "Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and courage to see that they do not remain as they are." It takes courage for all of us to become protectors of children. You are already a part of this effort, but there are some people in your cohort who probably need additional help with this. There's no one-size-fits-all solution to address the issue of child sexual abuse, but there are a variety of actions that each of us can do to help, such as:

- Invite a friend. If you have friends who are struggling with knowing what to do about the issue, share the facts and tangible action items that you learned in your VIRTUS® class.
- Inventory your behavior, and ensure that you know what the procedures are for your program. Your behavior should be above reproach for two reasons: So that potential abusers can't blend in, and so that children aren't conditioned to inappropriate behavior.
- Express compassion for victims. They have likely experienced people attempting to discredit their experience and who have ostracized them during an extremely vulnerable time. Sharing about sexual abuse takes a tremendous amount of courage. Even if the abuse happened long ago, it can have long-lasting effects on survivors.
- Be a trusted adult. Let children know that you will protect them and they won't get into trouble with you. If you have the privilege of being a child's trusted adult and they disclosed abuse to you, do the right thing! If you see something contrary to the code of conduct or that makes you feel uncomfortable, speak up! More importantly, if you suspect or know of any type of abuse, you must call Child Protective Services. If your suspicion involves a member of the clergy or an employee/volunteer in church or school, the next communication is to your Archdiocese so that they can remove the person from public ministry if necessary while the investigation is conducted.

I know this topic is hard to discuss and challenging to hear. However, we believe that when our VIRTUS® training is done well and the action items are implemented by caring adults such as you, it makes a tremendous difference for the protection of children. These types of scenarios are going to continue to come to light. And, as painful as they are for us and especially for survivors, the revelation of abuse is a good thing. It means we get to root out the issues and cull the wheat from the chaff, allowing us to modify and solidify our procedures, policies, screening practices, and monitor general checks and balances so that we can aid in the delivery of the Gospel of the Immaculate Church that Christ put on this earth. Take courage and stay the course! There is hope! You are forming this moment in Church history and will be remembered for your empathy for victims and your commitment to keep youth safe while on your "watch."

FORMED: CATHOLIC MEDIA WEBSITE

We've Purchased
a Gift for You!

To get started, go to
FORMED on our
website and click
on this picture.



St. Therese Church has purchased a subscription to the Catholic media website, FORMED.ORG, for the purpose of making it available to ALL our parishioners!

Discover all the best Catholic content in one place: Entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks, audio dramas, and a great selection of popular e-books—all just a link away! To register, go to our website and click on the Formed.org link at the top of the page. You will then see the image that is pictured to the left. Click on it and then simply enter your name, your email address (over the existing one), a password, and your zip code—and get started enjoying all they have to offer—at no cost to you!

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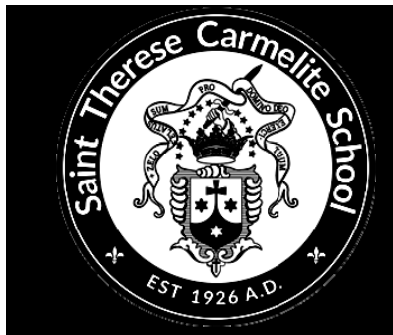
"Our Lord does not so much look at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them." -St. Therese of Lisieux

- September 28, Friday: Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- October 1, Monday: PSO Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Hall
- October 2, Tuesday: Mandatory Virtus Certification at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room
- October 4, Wednesday: Scheduled Confessions for Students
- October 5, Friday: First Friday Mass at 8:00 a.m. & Celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary with a Rosary & Benediction at 12:30 p.m.
- October 7, Sunday: Family Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- October 10, Wednesday: Jog-A-Thon
- October 12, Friday: Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- October 16, Tuesday, 6:00-9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room: VIRTUS® Class for first-timers
- October 19, Friday: Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- October 30, 7:00–8:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room: VIRTUS® Re-Certification (4-year renewal)

Please contact our office
at 289-3364 or
admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com
to arrange a

SHADOW DAY for your child.

See our website for more info!



MUSIC FOR THE 11:00 A.M. MASS

Following is the text of
the second Offertory
hymn, sung by the choir
at today's 11:00 Mass:



*Sacerdotes Domini
incensum et panes
offerunt Deo:
et ideo sancti erunt Deo
suo et non pollutent
nomen Eius. Alleluia.*

Translation:
*Then did priests
make offering of incense
and loaves of finest
wheat to God:
and therefore shall they
be holy to their Lord and
shall not defile His most
holy name. Alleluia.*

FEAST OF ST. THERESE

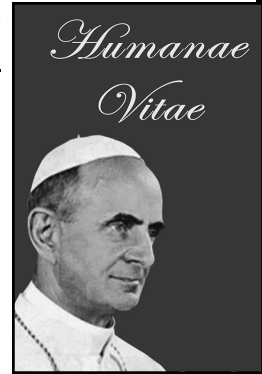
Please join us in praying the below Novena to our Patroness after all the Masses now through Sunday, September 30th. Also, join us for a special Mass on her Feast day, Monday, October 1st, at 7:30 p.m.

NOVENA TO ST. THERESE (Pray from Sept. 22-30)
O Glorious St. Therese, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I implore your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul that our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a prodigy of miracles, the greatest saint of modern times. I fervently pray to you to answer my petition (pause for silent prayer) and to fulfill your promise of spending Heaven doing good upon earth. Henceforth, dear Little Flower of Jesus, I will fulfill your plea "to be made known everywhere," and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.



STUDY HUMANAE VITAE!

Please join our Women's Study of Pope Paul the VI's *Humanae Vitae* EVERY *TUESDAY! In 1968, Pope Paul VI wrote an encyclical on the theological and philosophical importance of the human family. Fifty years later, the document is still widely read, and is as true and powerful now as it was then. Join us for an 8-week study on this historic and influential document, published by ENDOW. There is no prep or "homework"--everything is read and discussed at the weekly meetings.

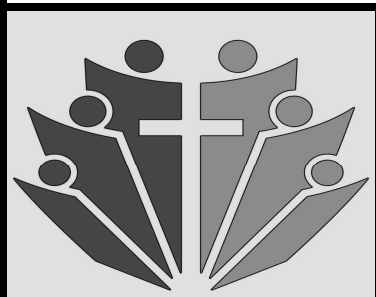


WHAT: ENDOW Women's Study on *Humanae Vitae*
WHERE: Mt. Carmel Room in the Parish Offices
DATES: Tuesdays, September 18 to November 6
***TIME:** 9 to 11:00 a.m.
REGISTER: Email marydelgado329@yahoo.com
COST: \$35 for the Workbook

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ELEMENTARY GRADES, HIGH SCHOOL, CONFIRMATION and ADULT RCIA

To register, please call the Rhonda Storey, DRE, at 284-0020, ext. 1, or arrive early before class starts

- **STRE** (Kindergarten through 8th Grade, including Eucharist Preparation): Classes are in session **TODAY, SUNDAY, September 23, at 9:00 a.m.** (October classes are the 7th and 21st).
- **CONFIRMATION** (High School): Classes are in session as follows: **First Year (C1) on Sunday, October 7, at 9:00 a.m., and on Tuesday, October 9, in the Art Room; Second Year (C2) TODAY, Sunday, September 23, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m.**



RCIA: Anyone wishing to become Catholic or to complete their Sacraments is welcome to join us! Classes are held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are September 27 and October 4, 11, and 25.

VIRTUS CLASSES

Anyone—whether employee or volunteer—who works with or around children in any L.A. Archdiocesan parish or school **MUST** take a VIRTUS CLASS.

INITIAL CLASS: "Protecting God's Children" is the initial three-hour class. It will be held **Tuesday, October 16, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.**

RECERTIFICATION CLASS: "Keeping the Promise Alive" is the recertification class, which must be taken every

four years by all those who have already attended the initial class and who are still employees or volunteers who work with or around children in the L.A. Archdiocese. It will be held on **Tuesday, October 30, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.** Call Rhonda Storey at 284-0020, ext. 1, for any questions.

**NO NEED TO REGISTER!
 Just show up on time!**



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 **SECOND WEEKEND** of each month for our School (next is October 13 and 14).
Thank you!



September 15 / 16, 2018

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| Unrestricted..... | \$ 9,739.00 |
| Restricted | \$ 2,403.00 |
| TOTAL..... | \$12,142.00 |

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| August 18 / 19..... | \$12,984.00 |
| August 25 / 26..... | \$32,307.00 |
| September 1 / 2..... | \$11,579.00 |
| September 8 / 9..... | \$22,194.00 |

Check Users:

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

SACRISTAN TRAINING



All adults and high school students—**BOTH NEW & CURRENT**—who serve or would like to serve as a St. Therese Church Sacristan (one who prepares the altar for the celebration of Mass) —including for funerals and weddings—are **required** to attend the upcoming training session on **Saturday, October 13, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon**, conducted by Bro. Jason & Rhonda Storey. To learn more about the duties of a sacristan and how to serve in this holy and important ministry, just show up at 9:00 a.m. that day (the entrance is next to the Adoration Chapel entrance).

REPARATION FOR VICTIMS

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS' DEVOTION

St. Therese Church will be the first of five churches to host this Mass of Reparation and Holy Hour/Rosary for the victims of sexual abuse in the Church. It will be held on **Saturday, October 6, beginning with the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The Holy Hour will follow until 7:30 p.m.**

"Oh, Lord, hear our cry and make whole our wounded Church!"

The other churches to host (from November to February) will be: St. Andrews, Assumption, Sacred Heart, and Santa Teresita. Times and locations will be posted as we near the other months. For more info, go to:



www.SGRMYA.org.

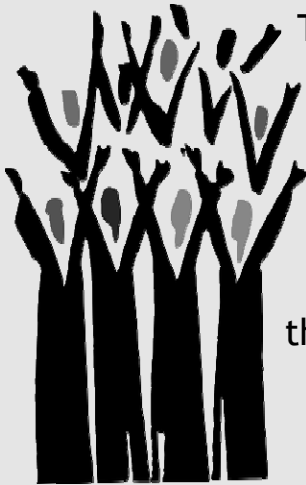
RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

JOIN US for the 3rd Annual AVILA GROUP YOUNG ADULT RETREAT on November 9 through 11 at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands, led by the Discalced Carmelite Friars.

More information to come! (Photos shown is from last year's retreat.)



JOIN THE 11:00 AM CHOIR!



The 11:00 Choir is back in session!

The choir rehearses weekly on Wednesday evenings now through June, and sings at the 11:00 Mass on Sundays.

For more information, contact the Director, Charlotte Lansberg, at cjlansberg@choochoorecords.com or 807-8611.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

AT SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL
~ We are NOW ACCEPTING new students! ~

With great joy, we are blessed to announce the third year of Saint Therese Carmelite School's CATECHISM OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD in the "Little Flower Atrium," and we are grateful for the opportunity to offer this program to our Parish families for children ages three to five. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based form of Catholic religious education. Classes begin Wednesday, October 3.



Space is limited! Applications must be submitted by Friday, September 21st!

To download your application visit www.sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com/cgs.

ON-GOING MEETINGS / CLASSES / MINISTRIES

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.

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 Wednesday, September 26.

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: We are a fraternal order of Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen our faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Paul Gutierrez, 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 Week of 9/22/18 TO 9/29/18

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Daniel Chupa, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 am: Alison Claire Park, INT

7:30 a.m.: Elena Jose, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Serra Grimm, Birthday Intention

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Gil Leyritana, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Francisco Marentes, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Jo Louk, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Tina Mary Morris, INT

8:00 a.m.: James Nally, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Raquel Contreras, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Alison Claire Park, INT

8:00 a.m.: Shenita Gutierrez, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sean Cox, Birthday Intention

8:00 a.m.: Anna Ho Shau Ying, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Shiu Yuen Hsia, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Diana Tharp, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Alison Claire Park, INT

8:00 a.m.: Brigit Grimm, INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Chupa, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Tom Bitonti, RIP

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

This week's dedications:

† In Loving Memory of
Danny Parra

† In Loving Memory of
Susie Galloway



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. Prices start at \$45.

Outside the Parish

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.

HELP FOR MARRIAGES: 82% of marriages that complete the nine month *Retrouaille* (REH-tro-v-eye) program are still together five years later? Your marriage and family are worth trying this successful Catholic, non-profit program. For questions or registration, make a confidential call to 909-900-5465 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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.

Personal Ads

DO YOU HAVE A ROOM AVAILABLE TO RENT AND NEED EXTRA INCOME? A Senior would like to rent it for up to \$500 a month, including cleaning the house weekly. She is quiet, clean, doesn't smoke or drink, doesn't have pets, and will not have any guests. Please call Kelly at 297-2103 if you can help.

Lectors

Saturday

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

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Flora Santoso / Thu Nguyen

9:00 a.m. Lucas Setiady / Rosa Natividad

11:00 a.m. Jeff Storey / Sarah Halpin

5:00 p.m. Charlie Gopez