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Saint Therese Church

December 29, 2013 **Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars** *Established 1924*

Visit us on our website! www.sttheresechurchalhambra.org

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(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code.)

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (Ext. 226) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. David Guzman, OCD (X222) and Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (Ext. 232) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD (X336) **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (X333) **Vocations:** Fr. David Guzman OCD (X 222); Regional: 909-629-9495 - Archdiocesan: 213-637-7515

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

Devotions: Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass; Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm; Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm; St. Joseph Mass: Third Tuesday from November to April; Fatima Devotion: 13th of the month from May to October

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession): Wed., 7:00 - 8:30 pm;
and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Baptism: Register at 284-0020 X225

Weddings: Call six months before date

RCIA: Rhonda Storey 284-0020, X225

Other Ministries / Programs:

Bible Study: Aurora Juarez, 688-9349

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias
323-724-6443

First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer Vigil,
7:30 pm-6:00 am

Holy Family Infertility Support Group:
Katrina Crow, 292-1906

King's Men: 1st/3rd Thurs eves
Rex Owens, 323-273-8825

Knights of Columbus: Mike Pulciano,
641-0870

Legion of Mary: Mon., 7:00 pm

Natural Family Planning: 292-1906

Respect Life Ministry: Catherine
Contreras, 213-435-3942

Rosary Makers: Ed William
768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com

St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wednesdays,
6:15 pm - Albert Grana 576-0872



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

St. Therese Church is an active and Eucharistic Parish Community dedicated in faith and service to a loving and merciful God under our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux. We are committed in our ministries to providing discipleship through evangelization and fostering a contemplative life, resulting in Christian formation and spiritual growth of our members.

Parish Secretary: Denise McMaster-Holguin (Ext. 223)

Finance: Noralyn Cailan, X228

Christian Services: Bridie McDermott
(Ext. 224)

Choir Directors/Organist:

11:00 a.m.: George and Barbara Klump
(818) 249-8472

9:00 a.m.: Marcia Martinez-Bateman
(775) 771-4992

Liturgical Coordinators:

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon
Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 333)

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

Youth / Adult Confirmation

Programs: Ruben Beltran, 284-0020,
Ext. 235. Email:

rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

St. Therese Catholic School:

289-3364 - Principal: Carmela Lovano,
clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org
Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please come to the Parish Office to register.

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. Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson – 289-0388

Over all other virtues put on love,
the bond of perfection.
—Colossians 3:14

Feast of the Holy Family
December 29, 2013

New Year's Eve / Day

NEW YEAR'S EVE "EVENING OF THANKSGIVING,"

A Joint Celebration with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles

SCHEDULE

PART I at Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra:

(A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted.)

8:00-9:00 p.m.: Registration, followed by Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament

9:00-10:00 p.m.: Adoration & Confessions

10:00-10:30 p.m.: Benediction/Refreshments

10:30 p.m.: Leave Sacred Heart for a Rosary Procession to St. Therese Church

PART II here at St. Therese Church:

11:00 p.m.: Conference (Confessions will be heard at the same time)

Midnight: Holy Mass at St. Therese Church

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES FOR THE
FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

6:00, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. AND 7:30 p.m.



St. Therese School News

St. Therese School would like to wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR!
The school office will reopen on January 6, 2014.

Please consider participating in the following:

- ◆ Ongoing New Student Registration for TK - 7th Grade
- ◆ Ongoing Guest Program—Your child is invited to experience a day with our students
- ◆ Ongoing Collection of Non-Perishable Food for our Christian Services Pantry
- ◆ Ongoing Collection of Box Tops for Education

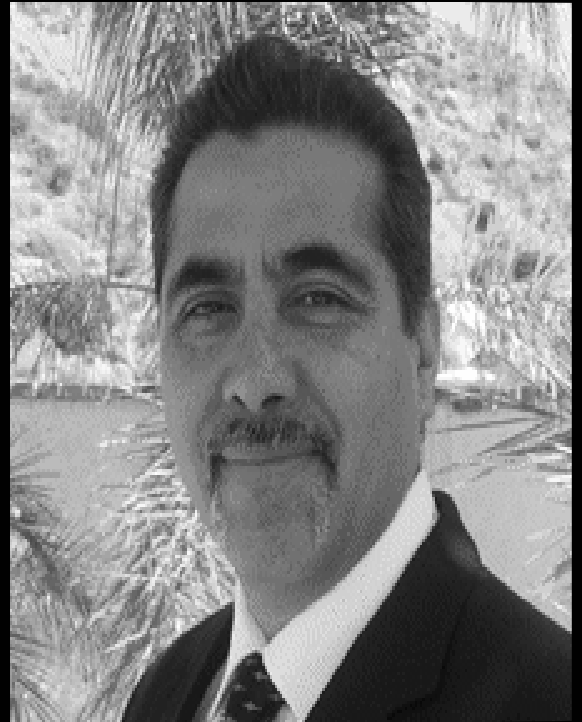


We encourage you to visit the school office or our website,
www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org, for important information and updates. When school resumes, please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Lovano, by phone at 289-3364 or by email at clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Special

JESSE ROMERO TO SPEAK AT ST. THERESE PARISH

P a r e n t s ! On January 13, at 7:00 p.m., you are invited to come to our Parish Hall to hear Jesse Romero's talk, "Twelve Steps to Being a Good Catholic". Jesse will tell you how to talk to your children about the Faith and about how the media influences our culture. Jesse shares Catholic teaching with an exciting style that is guaranteed to strengthen, edify, and fortify everyone with a deeper love for God.



All Parents, as the primary catechists of their children, are encouraged to attend this important talk; attendance is MANDATORY for the parents of our Religious Ed and Confirmation students! Donations appreciated!

**“NO CAFETERIA CATHOLICISM!
NO COMPROMISING!”**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



We are in the season of the Incarnation, the mystery of God's love poured out in Christ's birth. The word derives from the Latin *carnis* meaning "flesh." Throughout history, some Christians have distrusted the "flesh" and stressed a hatred of this world and its pleasures. Perhaps they have not paid enough attention to how "embodied" the sacraments are. One third-century author put it plainly in an image that may alarm diet-conscious Americans, explaining that we wash the body so the soul can be cleansed, that we anoint the body so the soul can be strengthened, and that we eat the Body and Blood of Christ so that "the soul can fatten on God." Catholics "get" that God is revealed in this world. The sacraments use the "stuff" of creation: water and oil, the senses of the body, touch and taste, and smell. We use the things of this world rightly. After all, God's love poured out into human flesh means the world has eternal value. Why else would Jesus describe the Kingdom to come as a teeming city or as a marriage banquet? Catholics are realists and nowhere is that more evident than when we gather for a sacrament.

Parish Ministries

Respect Life Ministry:

THE TREE OF LIFE: LET EVERY BABY'S LIGHT SHINE! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who took a star from the Christmas "Tree of Life" and bought the gifts listed on them. These gifts have been given as Christmas presents to mothers and babies in need. God bless you for caring!

FAST & PRAY: Please join Foot Soldiers For Life every Wednesday in our weekly Fasting and extra Prayer for the needs of increasing Respect for Life in this world.

T-SHIRTS: Foot Soldiers for Life still has ProLife T-Shirts available for sale! Stop by the offices and see all the designs expressing support for Life!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STRE NEWS: Classes will resume next Sunday, January 5, from 9:00 to Noon each day, including the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

JESSE ROMERO will be here on January 13 to address the parents of our students! Attendance is mandatory for our STRE parents. Please see Page Three for details.

RCIA PART I: Interested in becoming Catholic or being fully initiated? Attend our classes in the Parish Meeting Room at 7 pm on selected Thursdays (next: January 9 & 16) and join us at selected 11:00 a.m. Masses (next: Jan. 19).

RCIA PART II: "Consuming the Word," is an

Apologetics Course for those initiated into the Church through RCIA—either here or at another parish—who wish to take their Faith to the next level. Meetings are on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, in the Parish Meeting Room (next date is January 14), and are conducted by Rhonda Storey and Ruben Beltran. Call for details.



CONFIRMATION



YOUTH CONFIRMATION: Classes will resume on January 5, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., including 5:00 p.m. Mass.

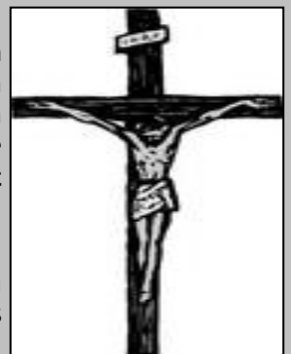
ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Any baptized Catholics over 18, who made First Communion and wish to be Confirmed, are invited to attend Adult Confirmation Classes in the Parish Offices twice a month on Saturday afternoons from Noon to 1:00 pm. Next dates are January 11 and 25.

JESSE ROMERO TO SPEAK TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUTH: Parents! Please come to the Hall on Monday, January 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., to hear Jesse Romero speak on "How to be Good Catechists for Your Children". This talk, **MANDATORY FOR THE PARENTS OF OUR STUDENTS**, is sponsored by Ruben and Rhonda. See Page Three for more info.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

FAITH NIGHTS: All high-school youth are welcomed to join us in the Parish Center for Faith Nights on Confirmation Class days immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass—until 8:00 p.m. Next meeting is Sunday, January 5.

CONTACT Ruben at 284-0024, ext. 235, or rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com for more info about upcoming events or for other information.



Parish Ministries / News:

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



"The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the Home is the homage of adoration, of social reparation, and of fervent love, which each Christian family, as a cell of society, renders to the Heart of Jesus, as the King of society. It never ceases to reconquer all of society for Jesus Christ by enthroning Him at the sources of life, nothing can resist the storm of passions. Authentic and lasting

peace does not come, cannot come except by Him, the Prince of Peace. Jesus is the sole reality. Sooner or later all creatures fail us... He alone never deceives; He alone is faithful; He alone is the strength, the support, the unique Friend. Redouble your Eucharistic fervor! We must form profoundly Eucharistic families by the Enthronement in order to form strongly Christian societies, Christian not only on the surface and by custom, but in spirit and truth." --Fr. Mateo Crawley

To sign up for an hour every week, please call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS!

By patronizing the advertisers on the back of our bulletin, you are supporting our parish! When you call them for their services, be sure to tell them you saw their ad in our bulletin! If YOU would like to advertise YOUR business in the bulletin, please call Paluch at 1-800-231-0805.

BAPTISM MINISTRY Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, Ext. 225

- In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to: 1) Attend a class (next is January 7)—fee is \$100 per child or \$25 for the class only—from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Library; and 2) Attend a Presentation Sunday Mass (next open date is January 19 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass). Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday at Noon (next open Baptism is January 25).



SELECTING THE GODPARENTS: Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) is at least 16; 2) has been Confirmed; and 3) is a practicing Catholic. A form attesting to this will need to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Due to the Christmas holidays, the company that prints our bulletin has advanced the printing schedule for several upcoming bulletins. Therefore, this bulletin was prepared before the December 21/22 weekend Masses. The collection totals for that weekend will be published in the January 5 bulletin; and the Christmas totals will be published in the January 12 bulletin. Below are the collections for the weekend of December 14/15 and for the four weeks previous to that weekend:

December 14 / 15, 2013

Unrestricted.....	\$15,722.00
Restricted	\$ 2,277.00*
TOTAL.....	\$17,999.00

November 16 / 17, 2013.....	\$10,256.00
November 23 / 24, 2013.....	\$13,587.00
November 30 / Dec. 1, 2013.....	\$13,172.00
December 7 / 8, 2013.....	\$12,812.00

As a friendly suggestion for those who are employed, we propose a realistic donation of at least one hour of pay per week.

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2013 "Love Never Fails"

Our assigned goal.....	\$64,563.00
Donations received as of 12/17, 2013.....	\$66,029.00
Donations collected OVER goal.....	\$1,466.00

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped us to not only reach our goal, but also to go **OVER** it! God bless you for your

Jesus,
Mary
and
Joseph!
Pray for
us!



ORDER A PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

**St. Therese
Parish
Family
Album**



If you would like to receive a copy of the pictorial directory, BUT you did not take a photo with the pictorial directory company, My Church Family Album, OR you did not submit your own family photo and submit the \$7 fee, you may order one (or more) now. If you are entitled to one free one, you may also order additional copies. To order, fill out the form to the right and return it to us with cash or a check for \$7 (made out to St. Therese—one check will be sent by us to the company). If you submitted a wedding/anniversary photo and you want a copy of the directory, you also need to submit the form with the \$7 fee.

PLEASE PRINT

Yes, I would like to order a **Pictorial Directory!** I have included the \$7 fee for each copy.

First/Last Name: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Email: _____

No. of copies: _____

Fee Enclosed: Cash: _____ Check: _____



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Let us imitate the Holy Family in our own families, and our families will be cells and examples of the heavenly family.

Say a prayer dedicating your family to the Holy Family. Also pray for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack.

THANK YOU! THE TREE OF LIFE: LET EVERY BABY'S LIGHT SHINE!"

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MEN? MAKING YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

Why not resolve to make this the year you join the **Knights of Columbus!**

Join now and see what you've been missing. For more information, call the Alhambra Council Grand Knight, Mike Pulciano, at 641-0870.



Mass Intentions

**For the Week of
12/28/13 to 1/4/2014**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Linda Kay Hesse RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 am Marie Hai Thi Nguyen Hai Dang RIP
7:30 a.m. Cheah & Goh Families INT
9:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 4
11:00 a.m.: Parishioners
1:00 p.m. (Latin): Sandy Soden RIP
5:00 p.m. Linda Hesse RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 5
*7:30 am John & Catherine Park INT
8:00 a.m.: Natalie Mulvihill RIP

Tuesday, New Year's Eve:

6:00 am: Fr. Wm Wagner ORC/Scholastica Keimon INT
*7:30 a.m.: Josua Joseph Ribaya INT

8:00 a.m. Christmas Novena 6
Midnight: Donor's Intention

Wednesday, New Year's Day:

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 7
7:30 a.m. Scholastica Keimon INT
8:00 a.m.: Mary Stewart RIP
10:00 a.m.: Joseph Lan Tran RIP
7:30 p.m.: Kenneth A. Locke RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Wm Wagner/Scholastica Keimon INT
*7:30 a.m. Christmas Novena 8
8:00 am Angelina Brajkovich RIP

Friday (First Friday):

6:00 a.m.: Antonio Faustino RIP
*7:30 am Mary Rose Go INT
8:00 am: Christmas Novena 9
7:30 pm: In Thanksgiving

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Aquilina Dada INT
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
8:00 a.m. Arthur Lowenberg RIP
*Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road—open to the public every day except on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.



Floral Dedications

This week's dedications are:

✝ In Loving Memory of
Ronnie Ellis

and

♥ In Honor of Lucy Winka



To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. Each bouquet is \$40 (two for \$80).

Personal Ads

Mature, responsible Parishioner (non-smoker, non-drinker) SEEKS A 1 BR APT. AVAILABLE FOR RENT (Can pay \$1,000 or less per month). If you have availability, leave a msg. at 282-2744, ext. 223.

SEEKING A ROOMMATE to share a 2-BR, 1 BA apt. Complete access to living room, kitchen, pool. \$500 per month. Call Kelly at 297-2103.

Outside the Parish

CARMELITE MISSIONARY PILGRIMAGE TO UGANDA: February 14-24, 2014, with Chaplain Fr. David Costello, OCD, and tour guide Sr. Antonia. \$2,892 per person including r/t air, housing, most meals, and daily Mass. Call 394-4367; email aokyang@gmail.com for more info.

You are invited to join Fr. Joseph Parathanal of Holy Family, So. Pas, on two Pilgrimages: GRAND MARIAN Pilgrimage-MEDJUGORJE, FATIMA, LOURDES, SPAIN, & ITALY (May 2014); and ROYAL TOUR TO INDIA-ST. THOMAS, MOTHER TERESA (Sept. 2014). Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or call (323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618).

Discover what a life-changing MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND can do for your marital relationship. Your spouse is God's gift to you. What you make of your marriage is your thanks to God. Find out how to make a good marriage better and a better marriage great. For more info, contact Winston and Dinah Perez at 818-527-MEMC (6362) or go to www.memconline.org or email: memcweekend@gmail.com

EL CARMELO RETREAT HOUSE, operated by the Discalced Carmelite Friars, will receive a portion of the commission on any travel you book through their site: www.elcarmelotravel.com.

Intentions of our Holy Father for January 2014:

1) That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples; and 2) That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Charitt Torres / Rebeca Willis

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Jackie Johnson / Florence Goh
9:00 a.m. Rosa Natividad / Jim Raney
11:00 a.m. Lorraine Mizerski / Jeff Storey
5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches / Vickie Blair

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