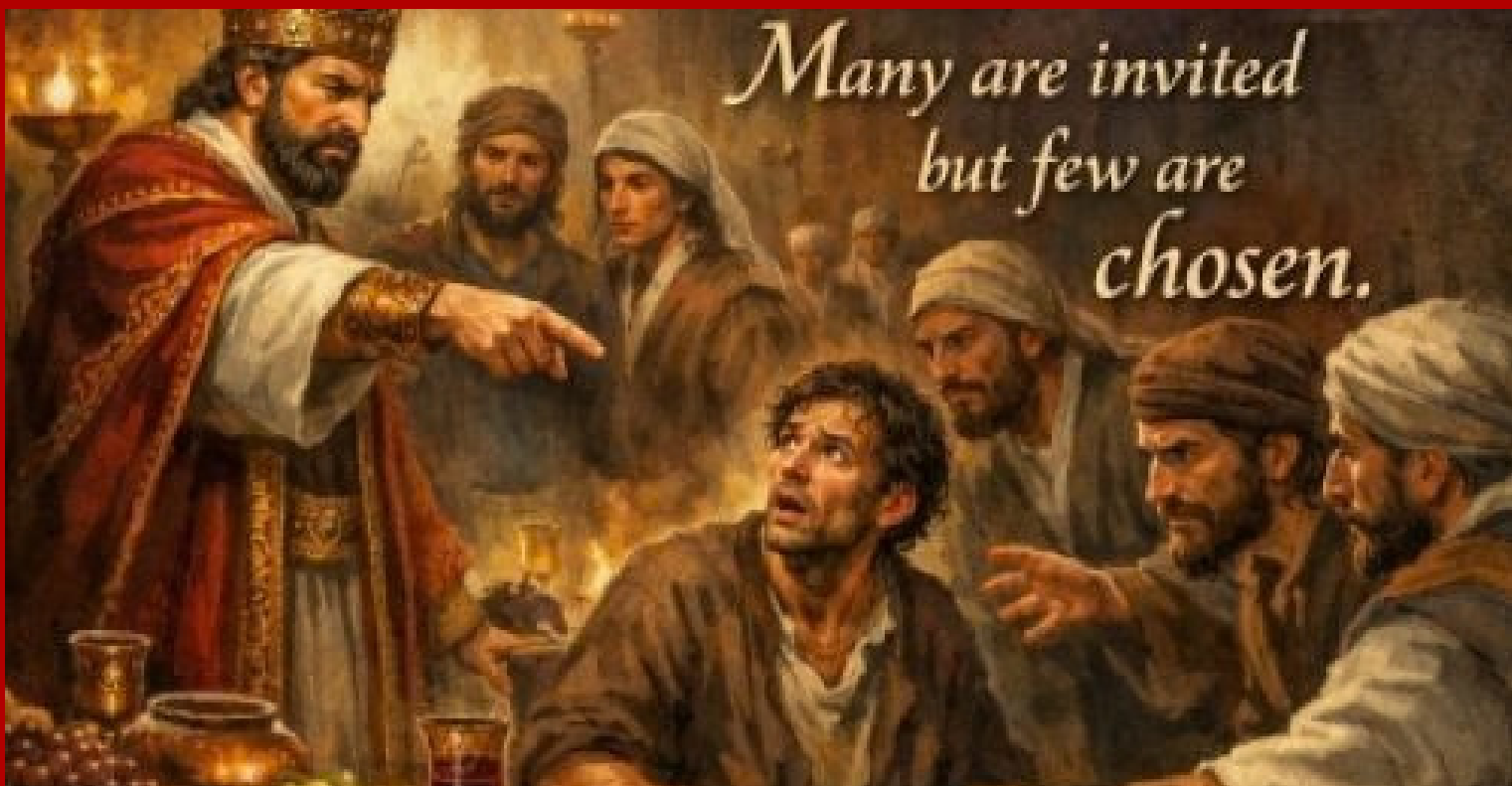




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MASSSES | CONFESSIONS | DEVOTIONS

Weekend

Saturdays: 8 am & 5 pm Vigil
Sundays: 7:30, 9, 11 am | 5 pm
Latin Rite High Mass: 1:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Saturdays: 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Sundays: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

ANNULMENTS

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CARMELITE VOCATIONS

DiscalcedCarmeliteFriars.com

Weekday

M-F: 6:00 and 8:00 am
M-S: 7:30 am at Nuns' Chapel
M-S: Rosary after 8:00 am Mass

Mon & Tues: 7:15 pm (Tues, Span.)

Thurs evenings: 7:00-8:00 pm:
Exposition and Adoration

First Fridays: Extra Mass: 7:15 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and
2:00 - 5:00 pm
(Closed for lunch: 1:00-2:00 pm)

CONTACTS

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Bro. Jason Parrott

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SACRAMENTS

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Dear Parishioners:

Please remember that our **School's annual Dinner and Auction will be here on Friday, October 23rd.** Thank you in advance for purchasing a table for your family and friends and supporting our School!

And, in this month of Respect Life, let us especially pray the Rosary for the end to abortion! I encourage you all to participate in the current 40 Days For Life campaign at the Planned Parenthood in Pasadena.

We will now continue reading from **St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter on the Rosary, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*.**

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



The Rosary, precisely because it starts with Mary's own experience, is an exquisitely contemplative prayer. Without this contemplative dimension, it would lose its meaning, as Pope Paul VI clearly pointed out: *"Without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul, and its recitation runs the risk of becoming a mechanical repetition of formulas, in violation of the admonition of Christ: 'In praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think they will be heard for their many words' (Mt 6:7). By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are disclosed."*

The contemplation of Christ has an incomparable model in Mary. In a unique way, the face of the Son belongs to Mary. It was in her womb that Christ was formed, receiving from her a human resemblance which points to an even greater spiritual closeness. No one has ever devoted himself to the contemplation of the face of Christ as faithfully as Mary. The eyes of her heart already turned to Him at the Annunciation, when she conceived Him by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the months that followed, she began to sense His presence and to picture His features. When at last she gave birth to Him in Bethlehem, her eyes were able to gaze tenderly on the face of her Son, as she "wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger" (Lk 2:7).

Thereafter, Mary's gaze, ever filled with adoration and wonder, would never leave Him. At times it would be a questioning look, as in the episode of the finding in the Temple: "Son, why have you treated us so?" (Lk 2:48). It would always be a penetrating gaze, one capable of deeply understanding Jesus, even to the point of perceiving His hidden feelings and anticipating His decisions, as at Cana (Jn 2:5). At other times, it would be a look of sorrow, especially beneath the Cross, where her vision would still be that of a mother giving birth, for Mary not only shared the passion and death of her Son, she also received the new son given to her in the beloved disciple (Jn 19:26-27). On the morning of Easter, hers would be a gaze radiant with the joy of the Resurrection, and finally, on the day of Pentecost, a gaze afire with the outpouring of the Spirit (Acts 1:14).

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SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FINAL "ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS" MORNING RETREAT!
 (In the church on October 24, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.)
 Fr. Robert will celebrate the Mass, and Bro. Jason will give the talk.
 Also includes Exposition and the Rosary... No RSVP required.

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SIX MONDAY EVENINGS

October 12, 19, 26

November 2, 9, 16

7:00–9:00 p.m.

Parish Meeting Room

FREE ADMISSION • ALL ARE WELCOME

For questions, please contact
Catherine Contreras
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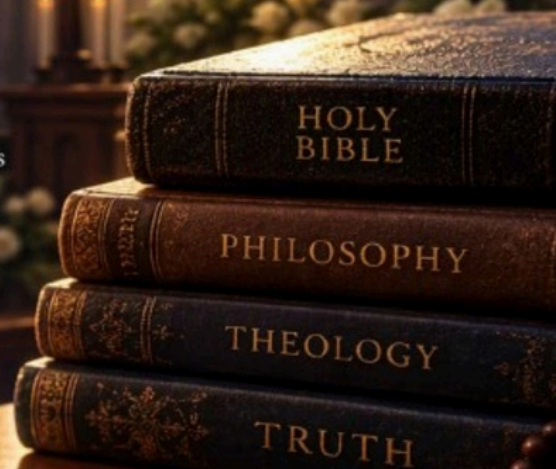
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*"The truth
will set you free."*

— JOHN 8:32

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TRUTH



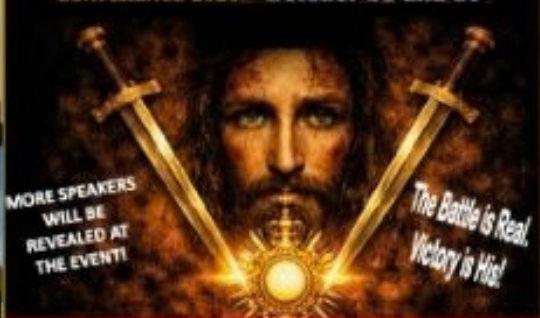
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Believe
Live*

All seek. All are welcome.

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WEEKS

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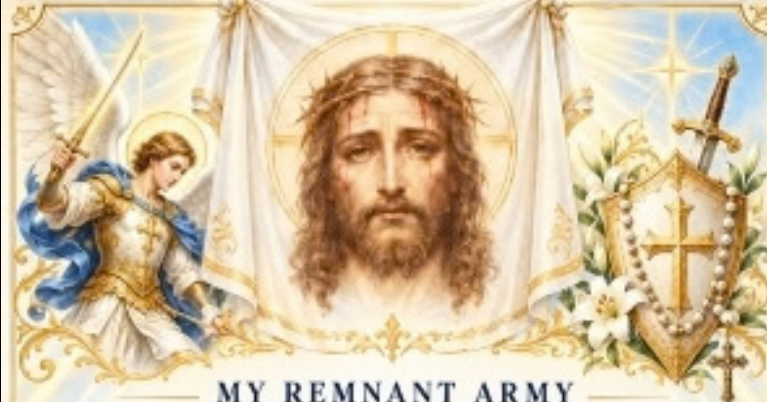
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Friday, October 30th 9:00 am – 9:00 pm Saturday, October 31st 10:00 am – Midnight

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Solemn Holy Mass Celebrating All Saints' Day
Celebrated by Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos OCD

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Holy Face Spiritual Warfare Conference
Help us welcome and serve those attending this special event.

VOLUNTEER MEETING
Thursday, October 15, 2026
7:15 PM • In the Hall
Come learn how you can help!

CONFERENCE DATES & HOURS
October 30–31, 2026
Friday, October 30 • 9 AM–9 PM
Saturday, October 31 • 10 AM–12 Midnight

Fr. Stephen Watson's
— SIX-CLASS SERIES ON —
St. John of the Cross

JOIN FR. STEPHEN'S CLASS ON
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
THIS TUES., OCT. 13, FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 P.M.,
IN THE PARISH MEETING ROOM IN THE
PARISH CENTER (JUST EAST OF THE CHURCH)

This week's subject will be *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*. We will examine St. John's central message in his teachings: The spiritual life lived in faith, hope, and love; and the three stages of the interior life. Think about: "What is the role and purpose of the theological virtues?"



CARMELITE AUXILIARY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & BOUTIQUE

*Fundraiser for the
Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in Alhambra!*

October 21, 2026



TIMES:

10:30 a.m.: Boutique and Social Hour
12:00 p.m.: Luncheon



PLACE:

Clover Hall at Church of Our Saviour,
535 West Roses Road,
San Gabriel, CA 91775



COST:

\$45 per person

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary
invites you to their annual Fall Holiday
Luncheon and Boutique! We will be at the
same location as last year:

Church of Our Saviour,
535 West Roses Road, San Gabriel.

THE EVENT INCLUDES:

- ★ A Treasure Sale
- ★ 50/50 raffle
- ★ Silent Auction

BESIDES THE TREASURE SALE, YOU WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO PURCHASE:

- ★ The Carmelite Nuns' Specialty
Breads, Candy, and Nuts
- ★ Handmade items
- ★ A Variety of Plants
- ★ Holiday Gift Items

Please RSVP by October 12 by sending a check for \$45 per person
(made payable to Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary) to
Kathy Cardoza, 710 Lindarava Park South, Alhambra 91801.
Include your name, any guests' names, and your phone number.
For questions, call Kathy at (626) 570-9012.

Faith • Prayer • Service

LECTIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY

*Read * Meditate * Pray*

**PREPARE FOR THE SUNDAY GOSPELS
THROUGH MEDITATION & SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY**

If you'd like to increase your knowledge of Scripture and deepen your spiritual life,
join us at 7:00 p.m. on **Fridays** (unless it is First Friday or when there are any other
special events in the church at that time) in the **Avila Room** inside the Parish Office
building (enter through the sacristy/choir room door—it's just before you reach the
Adoration Chapel)—and then just cross the Guadalupe Courtyard to enter the
double doors into the Avila Room.

THE EVENING INCLUDES:

- A small potluck social (NO MEAT!) to start; if you'd like, bring a light dish
for three or four people.
- Lectio Divina meditation and a group discussion of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel.
- Magisterial and saints' commentary on the Gospel.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

*"Your word
is a lamp
for my feet
and a light
to my path."*

Psalm 119:105

HOLY BIBLE

Reflection on the Wedding Feast



When I stood in the temple and told the Parable of the Wedding Feast to the chief priests and the elders, I was not merely telling a story about a king and a wedding feast; I was also speaking to every generation that would follow, including your own. I wanted all to understand that God the Father had prepared something magnificent for His people. The wedding banquet in the parable represents

the Kingdom of Heaven itself. It is a feast of joy, communion, forgiveness, and everlasting life. It is not a meager meal offered reluctantly but a royal banquet prepared with great love and generosity. The king in the parable sends out invitations because God desires that His people come to Him freely. He does not force them. He invites them. Yet many refused—and still refuse today.

Some ignored the invitation because they were too busy with their own affairs. Others placed their personal concerns above the invitation of the king. Still others became hostile toward the very messengers sent to call them. The chief priests and elders knew exactly what I meant. Throughout the history of Israel, God had continually sent prophets to His people. Again and again those prophets called the nation to repentance and faithfulness, yet again and again, many refused to listen. Some mocked the prophets. Some persecuted them. Some even killed them. The religious leaders standing before Me were repeating that same pattern. They spent enormous energy discussing God's law, yet many had closed their hearts to His voice. They could recognize the words of the prophets but failed to recognize the One to whom the prophets pointed.

I wanted them to see that the rejection of God's invitation was not merely a failure of understanding. It was a failure of the heart. Because the first guests refused to come, the king sent his servants into the highways and streets. He ordered them to invite everyone they could find. This was one of the great truths I wanted the leaders to hear. God's mercy is far greater than they imagined. Many of them believed God's favor belonged only to a select group. They measured holiness by appearances, status, and religious position. Yet, I came to reveal a Father whose mercy reaches far beyond human expectations.

The invitation to the Kingdom would extend to sinners and countless others whom society overlooked. The banquet hall would be filled. Not because people earned their place there but because God's mercy invited them. Yet the parable does not end there. Many people understand the invitation but fail to understand the wedding garment. When the king entered the banquet hall, he found a guest who had accepted the invitation but had not clothed himself properly for the feast. This surprised My listeners. It surprises many today as well. The guest wanted the celebration without accepting the responsibility that accompanied it. He wanted the benefits of the kingdom without allowing himself to be transformed. He wanted a seat at the feast while ignoring the dignity of the king. The wedding garment represents something deeper than clothing. It represents the new life God offers. It is the garment of repentance, of faith, of humility, of grace.

The invitation is free, but it is never meant to leave a person unchanged. When God welcomes a soul, He also desires to renew that soul. The chief priests and elders needed to hear this because many believed their position alone guaranteed them a place in God's Kingdom. I wanted them to understand that external religion is not enough. A title is not enough. Knowledge is not enough. What matters is whether the human heart is truly clothed in God's grace. The guest in the parable had no answer when questioned by the king. He stood silent. Why? Because there was no excuse to offer. He had accepted the invitation and had entered the banquet hall—receiving a privilege beyond measure. Yet, he refused the transformation the invitation required.

The silence of that guest is meant to cause every soul to pause and reflect. Not to live in fear or anxiety, but to examine one's heart honestly, asking oneself: "Do I truly seek God? Am I striving to become what God calls me to be? Have I allowed His grace to transform me? Or have I settled for merely appearing to belong among His people?" At the end of the parable, I spoke the words: "Many are invited, but few are chosen." These words were never meant to suggest that God wishes to exclude people. The invitation is extraordinarily wide, and God desires every person to come. The challenge is that not everyone accepts the invitation fully. Some reject it outright. Some ignore it. Some begin the journey but resist the changes that God's grace seeks to accomplish within them. Those who are chosen are not a secret group whom God loves more than others. They are those who say "yes" to His invitation and allow His grace to transform their lives.

The Father prepared the banquet, and the Son purchased the invitation through His sacrifice, while the Holy Spirit continually urges souls to enter. The question is not whether God is calling but whether or not His people will respond.

So, when you hear this parable, do not place yourself among the chief priests and elders or the guests who refused or the crowds invited from the streets. Instead, place yourself inside the banquet hall. Look around and see the feast prepared by God. Then ask yourself: "Have I simply accepted the invitation or have I clothed myself in the wedding garment of faith, repentance, humility, and love?" For My Father still invites and His banquet is still being prepared. The doors remain open to all who are willing to enter and be transformed. Come, then, to the feast. Accept the invitation and wear the wedding garment that My grace provides.

“Many are invited; but few are chosen”

Mass Intentions

October 10 – October 17, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Chris Villongco, INT

Sunday:

***7:30 a.m.: Mother Teresa, OCD, INT**

7:30 a.m.: Honor of the Holy Family

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Megan Grimm, 9th B-Day, INT

1:00 p.m.: Nancy Holman, INT

5:00 p.m.: Colette Schmitt, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: All Humanity & Thanksgiving for God's Creation

***7:30 a.m.: Joseph Phu Nguyen, INT**

8:00 a.m.: Yosef-Mari Ibarra, B-Day, INT

7:15 p.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

Tuesday (+7:15 p.m. in Spanish):

6:00 a.m.: Juan Chin Uy, RIP

***7:30 am: Suzy Rahardja, INT**

8:00 a.m.: Angelina On Yee Cheng, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Patrick Hummel, RIP

***7:30 a.m.: Joseph Cheah Kin Hun, RIP**

8:00 a.m.: Mr. Joey Traini, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Rosario Valenzuela, INT

***7:30 a.m.: Carmel of St Teresa, INT**

8:00 a.m.: Scholastica Keimon, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Antonio Ferrer, Jr., RIP

***7:30 a.m.: Jose Aclaro, RIP**

8:00 a.m.: Gerardo Adan, RIP

Saturday Morning

***7:30 a.m.: Alhambra Cloistered Carm. Nuns**

8:00 a.m.: Milton Chow, RIP

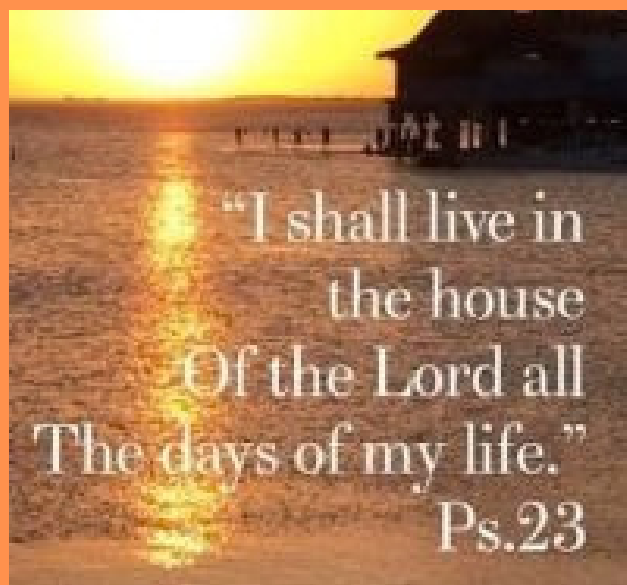
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We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass and the HOMILIES from the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m. Masses. Be sure to "tune in."

Today's Scriptures



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