



Saint Therese Church



December 18, 2016

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

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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 (222) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Charles Nawodylo, OCD (224) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD

Deacon Couple: Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (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.

Facilitator: Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

Wedding Coordinator: Erin Thibideaux (760) 447-5395 / EGPutman@gmail.com

Other Programs:

-Annulments:

Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

-Avila Young Adult Group:

Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284

-Bible Study:

 Debbie Robles 679-6370

-Detention Ministry:

 Sonia Macias

(323) 724-6443

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

*Knights of Columbus:

 Grand Knight

Mike Stauffer: (310) 916-8419

-Legion of Mary:

 Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

-Little Flower Playgroup:

Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701

-Natural Family Planning:

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

-OCDS:

 Stan Interrante 714-996-4164

-Rosary Makers:

 Mondays, 6-8 p.m.

Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776

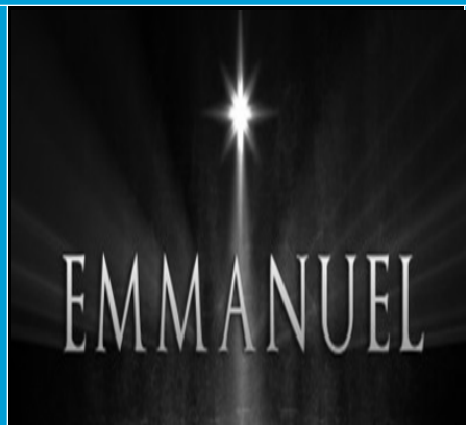
-Silver Legacy for Grandparents:

1st Mon., 7 pm; Susana Martinez at 289-9362.

-St. Joseph Prayer Group:

 Wed, 6:15

p.m., Lucy Marikian, 281-3706



They shall name Him Emmanuel, which means "God With Us." — Matthew 1:23

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.

Holy Days:

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

Devotions:

Rosary: After Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass; Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-

8:00p.m.; Intercessors for Priests:

Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.; First Friday Mass

and All-Night Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

St. Therese Carmelite School:

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stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com

Web: SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

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Denise McMaster-Holguin (223)

denisekay@hotmail.com

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Choir Directors:

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

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cjlansberg@choochoorecords.com

Respect Life Ministry / Vox Vitae:

Catherine Contreras (112)

Altar Ministries:

Fr. Charles Nawodylo OCD (224)

Ministry to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla (626) 282-0943

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Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

rhondalstorey@gmail.com

Youth & Adult Confirmation

Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)

rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

Parish Vision Statement:

To be a spiritual Catholic Family focused on prayer as well as service to the Gospel through a Sacramental life. We envision our Parish as a community of stewards dedicated to building up the Body of Christ through active ministry while living the example of simplicity, humility, confidence and love of our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.



Christmas Eve:

5:00 p.m. (Family Mass)
 7:30 p.m. (Simple Mass)
 *Midnight (Traditional)

* **CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Join us before the Midnight Mass for a Christmas Concert (with the Choir and a string quartet) at 11:00 p.m.



Christmas Day:

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
 11:00 a.m.
 1:00 p.m. Latin High Mass
 (NO 5:00 p.m. Mass!)

New Year's Schedule

New Year's Eve Celebration With the Carmelite Sisters and St. Therese Church
 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Retreat House
 (920 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra)
 11:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at St. Therese Church

Schedule

8:00-9:00 p.m.: Registration at the Retreat House, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Conference
 9:00-10:00 p.m.: Adoration & Confessions
 10:00-10:30 p.m.: Benediction and Refreshments
 10:30 p.m.: Rosary Walk to St. Therese Church
 11:00 p.m.: Conference by Carmelite Fathers Midnight Mass at St. Therese Church (Confessions heard during the Mass)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1
 Masses at St. Therese Church at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.;
 1:00 p.m. in Latin; and 5:00 p.m.



What Is A "Christmas Carol"?



Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival. By the thirteenth century, carols were associated with home celebrations. "Carol" comes from the Old French *carula*, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren't for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and carols were in the common language. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn't make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for Psalms. Most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists. The Catholic Church generally didn't admit carols to liturgy either, but there were no rules against them. We are told that the beloved carol, "Silent Night," comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Fr. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when their church organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before Midnight Mass in 1818. That church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the "Silent Night Memorial Chapel" at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night!

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below you will find the totals for last weekend, followed by the totals for the previous four weekends:

December 10 / 11, 2016



Unrestricted.....\$15,273.00
 Restricted \$ 2,845.00
T O T A L\$18,118.00

November 12 / 13.....\$14,698.00
 November 19 / 20.....\$15,243.00
 November 26 / 27.....\$16,494.00
 December 3 / 4.....\$17,515.00

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

Thank you for your continued support of St. Therese Carmelite School.

God bless you! —Fr. Philip

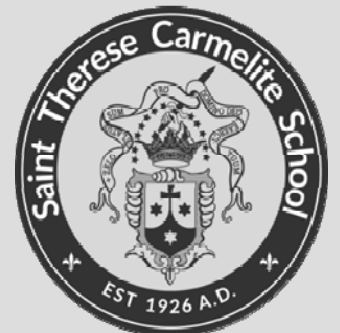
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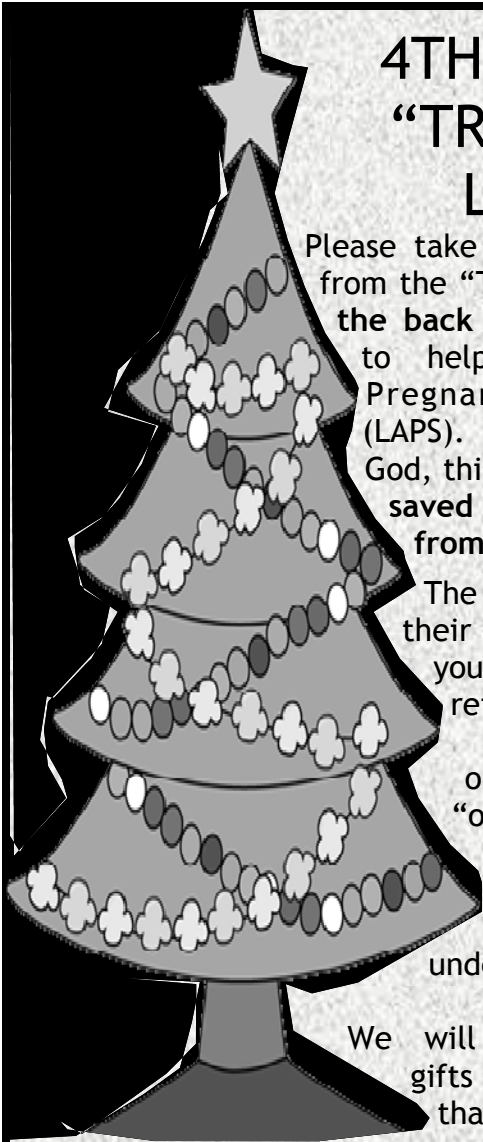
We would like to thank everyone who supported us by attending last weekend's Guadalupe Festival! We are especially appreciative to the Folklorico Dancers (IDDM Inspiraciones De Danza Mexicana); to our Entertainment Sponsor (C & D Construction); to our Game Booth Sponsors (Creative Landscape Solutions, the Aya-Ay and Kim Families, and the Kuo Family); to our Hospitality Booth Sponsor (Dean & Cecelia Tweedy); to our Beverage Sponsor (The Vizcarra-Petruk Popyk Family); and to our other Contributors (the Buntarja Family and the Nieva Family). God bless you all!

St. Therese Carmelite School is fully accredited through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA). It offers:

- Kindergarten through Eighth Grade
- Fine Arts and Physical Education
- Religious Education provided by the Carmelite Friars, in collaboration with the Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Los Angeles
- Carmelite Spirituality, with an emphasis on the Carmelite saints
- Full-time Carmelite chaplain
- Rigorous Classical Curriculum
- Small class sizes
- Before- and After-School Academic Enrichment Program

We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our wonderful school, to take a tour, or to spend a day with our amazing teachers and students. Please feel free to contact us at (626) 289-3364 or by email: admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com.





4TH ANNUAL “TREE OF LIFE”

Please take an “ornament” from the “Tree of Life” (in the back of the church) to help Los Angeles Pregnancy Services (LAPS). By the grace of God, this year they have saved 352 babies from abortion!

The babies and their mothers need your help. Please return the items listed on the “ornaments” by Sunday, January 8 (just place them under the tree).

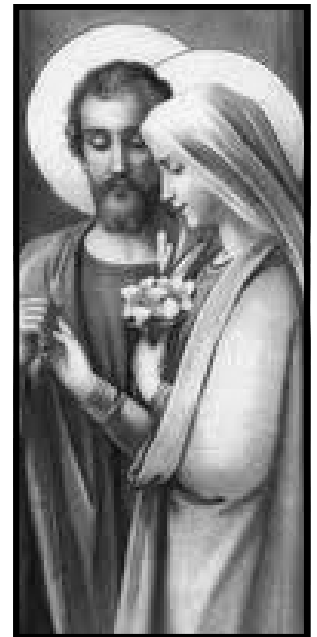
We will deliver these gifts to the Center that week.

Happy 4th week of Advent!



SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: *SUMMONED BY GOD*

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the Virgin Birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the



midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

FAMILY PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Leader: We wait for light, and lo! there is darkness; and for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

Family: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Leader: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples. But the LORD will arise upon you, and nations shall come to your light.

Family: The sun shall no longer be your light by day nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night.

All: For the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Amen.

Pray One Each: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



"I understand that, each time we contemplate with desire and devotion the Host in which is hidden Christ's Eucharistic Body, we increase our merits in Heaven and secure special joys to be ours later in the beatific vision of God."

-St. Gertrude

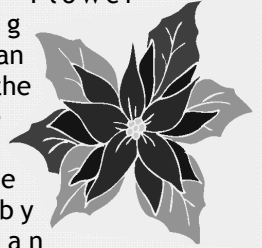
BAPTISM MINISTRY

Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, Ext. 225 In order to take part in our Baptism Program, PARENTS & GODPARENTS are required to attend a class from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library (next are January 5 and February 2). The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Baptisms are on Saturdays (next open are January 21 and February 18) at 11:00 a.m.

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 need to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

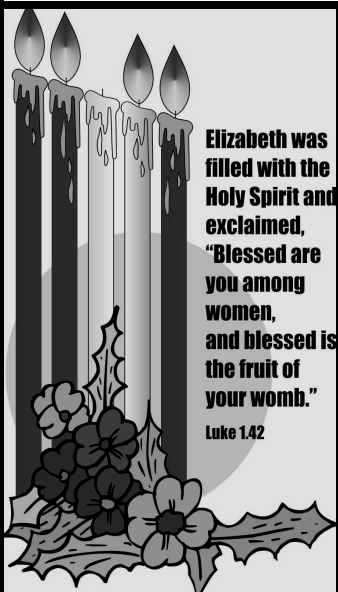
Christmas Flower offering envelopes can be found in the pews. Please help us beautify the church by making an offering. All those whose names are entered on the envelopes will be included in a Mass offered for them at 6:00 a.m. on February 24. God bless you!



Holy Trinity,

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Elementary Catechesis (STRE) - Pre-K through 8th grade (includes Eucharist Preparation classes) - Classes are in session TODAY, Sunday, December 18, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Next classes after next weekend will be January 8.



Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Luke 1:42

Confirmation—High School Teens (9th Grade through 12th Grade) in public and Catholic High Schools! **Class dates** for candidates, parents, and C-2 sponsors:

C1 (1st year): Sunday, January 8, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass AND Tuesday, January 10, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

C2 (2nd year): TODAY, Sunday, December 18, from 9:00 - 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass AND Tuesday, December 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.



FILL US ALL WITH

Love

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

This is the last week to help us fill our cupboard before Christmas! Please help by donating non-perishable food. Especially needed are:

CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT, PASTA, PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA, and SPAGHETTI SAUCE.

Boxes have been placed at all the doors of the church for you to drop off these donations. Turkeys, hams, and cash are also welcome! Please do not donate food that is past the expiration date. We are not allowed to distribute it.

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



ON-GOING MEETINGS / CLASSES / MINISTRIES

AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (Ages 21–39, singles/couples): Join us on most first Saturdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard, as well as for social events. The next get-together will be Saturday, February 4. For more information, contact Paula at 909-703-1284 or pgrimm.dir@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY: Join us Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Following time for gathering, each session will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. For more info about these sessions, visit www.AscensionPress.com, or contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or 679-6370.

DETENTION MINISTRY: Join us in visiting the youth in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

“GOING DEEPER”: Adults are welcome to join us in the Hall every Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Each week Parishioner, Author, and Producer Leo Severino will give a talk about a topic of our Catholic Faith in order to answer questions about God, our existence, and His Church—during which attendees are free to interject questions.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (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 December 28.

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.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES: Irish dance classes are held on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (for 45 minutes to one hour). Classes are for kids 4+ and for adults. For more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.

LEGION OF MARY: Consider becoming a member of the Legion. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room). The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary.

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.

SILVER LEGACY: Grandparents are invited to discover how to support and assist their children with their own families. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the FIRST MONDAY of each month in the Parent Service Association Room of the school classroom building (last room on the lower level—across from the south side of the Parish Hall). For more info, call Susana Martinez at 289- 9362. Next meeting is Monday, January 2.

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

For Week of 12/17/16 TO 12/24/16

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Lessard, Emond, & McGrath Families INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns Christmas Novena 5
 7:30 a.m.: Alexander, Lauren, and Ellena Cheah INT
 9:00 a.m.: Mike Marikian RIP
 11:00 a.m.: Larry and Martha Campos RIP
 1:00 pm (Latin) Matthew Meeks INT
 5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Yu Chu Wan Lan RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns Christmas Novena 6
 8:00 a.m.: Fausto Vasquez RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Jan Lundberg, OCD, INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Joe Losorelli INT
 8:00 a.m.: Virgilio Lopez, 94th B-day INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD, B-day INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Teresita OCD, INT
 8:00 a.m.: Leo Obezo RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns Christmas Novena 7
 *7:30 a.m.: Alvin & Anthony Cailan INT
 8:00 a.m.: Fr. Bernard Perkins INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Augustine Goh RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Philip Yan RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Frances Cornejo INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns Christmas Novena 8
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
 8:00 a.m.: Lacayo Brothers INT

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

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER:

1) That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over; and 2) That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Marta Timar

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Flora Santoso / Blanca Ruvalcaba
 9:00 a.m. Beatriz Pelayo-Garcia / Rosa Natividad
 11:00 a.m. Jeff Storey / Jason Perez
 5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas



Floral Dedication

Make a floral dedication in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones! Bouquets are \$45 plus. Call Giovanna at 281-9049.



Personal Ads

LONG-TIME PARISHIONERS' HOME FOR SALE: The 4-BR / 2-BA home of Andy and Joan Cullen (412 North El Molino) is FOR SALE. The family prefers to sell to a parishioner before putting on the market. Short walk to Church/School. Contact Listing Agent Angela Lazzara, Parishioner, at 826-3717.

Deaths



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

✠ Josephine Docherty, 92
 (Wife of Daniel Docherty for 63 years)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

David Lopez, John McDermott,
 Kathy O'Keefe, Therese Vu,
 John Catalano, Fran Meyer

Outside the Parish

Carmelite Pilgrimage for the Fatima Centenary (June 7-15, 2017) to Braga, Coimbra, Fatima, Lisbon, etc. Cost: \$3,395 if reserved by Feb. 15 (double occupancy; single rooms not avail). Includes R/T non-stop air from L.A., airport taxes, land transport by luxury coach, 2 nights in Braga, 4 nights in Fatima, and 1 night in Lisbon—all with private bath; Daily breakfast/dinner & 3 lunches; Daily Mass. Contact: Jack & Louisa Day at (323)722-9339 or (323)360-5186 OR Caroline Syversen (800)334-5425/ www.syversentouring.com/Carmel

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