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**Masses—Saturday:** 8:00 a.m. & Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

**Sundays** at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

And Traditional Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.

**Monday-Friday Masses:** 6:00 and 8:00 a.m.

(the 8:00 a.m. daily and the Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Masses are LIVE STREAMED on our Facebook

page AND on our YouTube channel).

**Masses on Monday, \*Tuesday (in \*Spanish)**

**and Thursday EVENINGS:** 7:00 p.m.

(these are also LIVE STREAMED)

**CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE)**-Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.



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## SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms: Register online

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Anointing of the Sick: Call the office.



Is he not the  
carpenter,  
the son of  
Mary...?



Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in His native place and among His own kin and in His own house." So He was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying His hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith (Mark 6:4-6).

# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Happy Fourth of July and 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, everyone! In the Gospel for today we hear of our Lord's amazement (what a strong word!) at people's lack of faith, and how that unbelief prevents Him from sharing His powerful, life-giving Love with so many people. So, could it be that lack of trust in Jesus is the biggest obstacle to personal and communal healing?!? When we don't trust the Lord much (usually because of our inner wounds), we become vulnerable to the sin of unbelief. And sin keeps chipping away at our true freedom as children of God. So on this weekend of celebrating our National Freedom from political tyranny and oppression, let us keep asking the Blessed Trinity for true freedom, the best and most important *inner freedom*, according to what St. Augustine says: true freedom is the freedom NOT to sin. "He who sins is a slave to sin" (Jesus in John 8:34).

I urge you to read in this bulletin about the \$50 million dollars donated to our Archdiocese for helping public students newly enrolling in Catholic grade and high schools. Please share this with others! Let us each make it our goal to invite at least two others in the days and weeks ahead to consider enrolling their children in our Saint Therese Carmelite School. Remind them that we are one of only two schools in the whole Archdiocese that offers a Classical Curriculum aimed at equipping our students with Faith, Academics, and Virtue for their whole life.

Also, please note that **the Novena of Our Lady of Mount Carmel begins this Wednesday, July 7**. We will have a 7:00 p.m. Mass each evening from July 7 to July 16, with a focus on not only Our Lady but also on St. Joseph, her earthly spouse, and her lesser known Carmelite spiritual children. (If you want to get to know a woman better, look at/talk to her closest relationships: her spouse and her children!)

Last week I shared with you some passages from *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook*. I'd like to continue sharing more from that book. These passages are about **St. Paul and the gifts of the Holy Spirit** (pp. 78-79). **Note:** Stop by the office to purchase a copy of this book at \$16 each. —Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD

After two years of preaching, with signs and wonders that impacted an entire province, Paul left Ephesus and headed to Macedonia, and then later to Troas, where he raised a young man from the dead (Acts 20:7-12). In the remainder of Acts, we find Paul continuing to travel, preach and minister in spite of opposition and attempts on his life. The final chapter of Acts recounts two supernatural events occurring on Malta. The first occurs when a poisonous snake bites Paul. The people of the island expect him to fall over dead rather quickly, but nothing happens to him. Then Paul hears that the father of the leading man of the island is sick with fever and dysentery, so he goes to him. After praying, Paul lays hands on the man and heals him, with powerful effect: "And when this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured" (Acts 28:9). This is the gift of healing in operation. Yet Paul's words in Colossians 1:29 should be kept in mind as well: "For this I toil, struggling

with all His energy that He powerfully works within me." There are gifts of faith, healings, miracles, prophecy, and words of knowledge; but there is also God's energy working powerfully within us.

The events on Malta are the last supernatural manifestations of the Holy Spirit mentioned in Acts. Paul reaches Rome and calls for a meeting with the Jewish leaders, some of whom are convinced by his message, but others of whom reject it. Paul again emphasizes that the Gospel will go to the Gentiles, who will accept it. Acts ends with Paul under house arrest, but he "welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the Kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance" (Acts 28:30-31).



Paul had gathered a bundle of brushwood and was putting it on the fire when a viper, escaping from the heat, fastened on his hand (Acts 28:3).

# MEN OF SUFFERING...

He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, knowing pain, like one from whom you turn your face, spurned, and we held him in no esteem (Isaiah 53:3).

In the Sunday Lectionary, the first reading is usually chosen to tie together with the Gospel. Currently, the second reading is from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. Often the second reading is not so closely related to the day's Gospel selection, because those books are read in a more continuous fashion from week to week. But today, all three of the



Scripture readings go together very well. **Ezekiel (Ezekiel 2:2–5) struggles with the job he is given by the Lord:** speaking to a rebellious people. **Paul (2 Corinthians 12:7–10) is dealing with a “thorn in his side,”** perhaps, the difficulties of his own personal weakness and foibles, and he learning to rely on God's grace. Mark's Gospel (6:1–6) introduces us to a **Jesus who is struggling to be believed and accepted in His native country.** In all three passages, the major figures are following the will of God but paying the price of rejection by the community for their efforts.

Years ago there was a popular comedian named Rodney Dangerfield, and he would riff about his family life or his work and his catchphrase was, *“I don't get no respect!”* You knew this punch line was coming, so you waited to hear it and usually laughed or groaned with it. The idea of Jesus being disrespected is a much more foreign feeling. It is easy to forget that Jesus was *both* human and divine. We can easily romanticize His life and ministry and forget His struggles and the difficulty He had being heard, understood, and respected, especially in His own country. Placed in the larger context of Mark's story, this was very early in Jesus' ministry, and the message He was proclaiming was not what the people wanted to hear. Jesus was not speaking about the Messiah that the Jews were hoping for. Add that together with the fact that people are often hardest on their own. Somehow “local boy makes good” just didn't sit well with them, and they didn't want to have anything to do with Jesus or His message.

There are times when being Catholic is very countercultural. It used to be you belonged to a parish, and that was your home, based on your geographic boundaries or ethnicity. But now, people change parishes depending on pastors, styles of music, or the Mass schedule. In these days of Covid-19, many who stayed away because of social distancing have not yet found their way back. Many never recovered from their disillusionment over the abuse scandals. Others left Catholicism for non-denominational churches or explored other paths, such as Buddhism. Still others consider themselves “spiritual, but not religious” or are labeled “nones.” Frequently, families who once sat together every week in church are now scattered all over the spiritual spectrum.

In the face of all this, **let us pray to have the strength of Ezekiel in order to continue to preach our faith by the lives we live, despite everything in our culture that rebels against religion. May we have the wisdom of Ezekiel and Paul to persevere, despite our weaknesses and the thorns in our side. And like Jesus, may we always find the faith we need to endure, even when those around us do not.**

# Happy Fourth!



**MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU!**

**HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HOLIDAY!**

**(Note: The office will be closed on Monday, July 5.)**

**Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideals of freedom, justice, and goodwill for all who make it great. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion. Be close to our president and our political leaders; give them vision and courage as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world. Make me more deeply aware of my heritage—realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen. Make this great land and all its people know clearly your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. Amen.**

# \$50 Million Donation!



**The Catholic Education Foundation of Los Angeles has received a \$50 million donation to provide scholarships to deserving new students of the schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.**

Catholic school students are now back in the classroom—on the road toward graduation and becoming the future leaders of tomorrow! The Catholic Education Foundation has received a \$50 million gift to provide financial support to new elementary and high school students enrolling in an Archdiocesan school in Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara counties. Catholic education is affordable and tuition assistance is available!

Families interested in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Catholic schools are encouraged to visit [lacatholicsschools.org](http://lacatholicsschools.org) or call (213) 637-7070 for more information and access to financial assistance. Schools are enrolling now for Fall.

**To find out about enrolling your child(ren) in Saint Therese Carmelite School—the only school in the Archdiocese using a Classical Curriculum!—contact the office at 289-3364 or email [principal@SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com](mailto:principal@SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com).**

## Our National Anthem: The Star-Spangled Banner

"The Star-Spangled Banner" was recognized for official use by the U.S. Navy in 1889 and by U.S. president Woodrow Wilson in 1916; it was made our national anthem on March 3, 1931, by a congressional resolution signed by President Herbert Hoover. The lyrics come from the "*Defence of Fort McHenry*," a poem written by Francis Scott Key after he witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry by British ships of the Royal Navy in Baltimore Harbor in 1812 (the flag is in the Smithsonian). Here are the 1st & 4th stanzas:



Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming? And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand Between their loved home and the war's desolation! Blest with victory and peace, may the Heav'n-rescued land **Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.** Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, And this be our motto: "**In God is our trust.**" And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

# VOX VITAE PRO-LIFE CAMP

# FEAST DAY

**Teen Leadership Camp 2021: WHERE TEENS GROW IN FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND COURAGE!** Vox Vitae Catholic ProLife Teen Leadership Camp will be held here at St. Therese from **Sunday, July 18, through Friday, July 23.**



Vox Vitae Camp for teens explores the depth and beauty of the Catholic faith and the teachings of the Church. Vox Vitae Camp equips teens with knowledge they need to make moral rational decisions for

themselves, defend Catholic Church teachings, and become leaders in their parishes and their communities.

Join Bishop O'Connell, Tim Staples, Timmerie Millington Geagea, Deacon Steve Greco, Dr. Stacy Trasancos, Astrid Bennett Gutierrez, Jim O'Day, Pam Stenzel, and more dynamic speakers at Vox Vitae Catholic Pro-Life Teen Leadership Camp. Also, special recorded messages from Archbishop Cordileone, Bishop Strickland, and Bishop Paprocki!

**FAMILY DAY KICK OFF!** Adults, parents, and families are invited to the Family Day Kick Off on **Sunday, July 18!** Teens and children are FREE. There will be a special program for the children while the parents and teens are attending the talks. **Go to VoxVitae.org for more information or call (213) 395-8977.**

## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

July 16, 2021



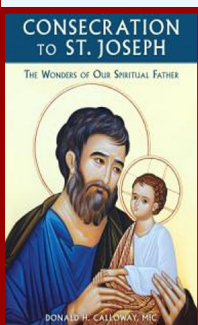
The Novena of Our Lady of Mount Carmel begins this **Wednesday, July 7 (prayer cards will be available in church).**

To prepare for the feast on the 16th, we will celebrate a **7:00 p.m. Mass each evening from July 7 to July 16**, with a focus on not only Our Lady but also on St. Joseph, her earthly spouse, and on her lesser known Carmelite spiritual children.

# CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

**FOR THOSE NOT YET CONSECRATED:** The next consecration to St. Joseph will be on Friday, July 16, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Until then, those wishing to prepare themselves to be consecrated to St. Joseph should meet at your choice of **12 Noon or 6:00 p.m.** We will meet both times each Wednesday through July 14. The book

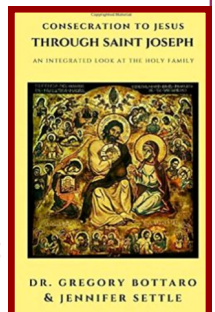
we use to prepare is **Consecration to St. Joseph** by Fr Donald Calloway—available for purchase in the office for \$15 each.



**For any questions, call Maria Alejandra at 993-4236.**

**FOR THOSE ALREADY CONSECRATED TO ST. JOSEPH:** If you have already made a Consecration to St. Joseph, we recommend **Consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph: An Integrated Look at the Holy Family.** This book looks at the Holy Family through the lens of St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. Dr. Gregory Bottaro and Jennifer Settle have prepared this **devotional journal exercise** to bring into focus the spiritual (virtues) as well as the psychological (characteristics) realities of being human, reflecting on the full humanity of St. Joseph, Our Lady, and Jesus. This is a **private, simple, and humble devotion**, which began Friday, July 2, and **continues for the next 44 days until the Consecration on Sunday, August 15**, the Feast of the Assumption.

You can purchase it for \$10 in the parish office OR you can buy it on Kindle or Amazon. **If you want to take part in the consecration on August 15, contact Maria Alejandra de Jesus at 993-4236.**



# Quiet Listening Prayer By St. Teresa of Avila

**Note from Fr. Thomas: *When you read about spiritual delight, doesn't it make you want to start regularly setting aside 10, 15, 20+ minutes to sit with the Lord Jesus and ask Him to teach you this kind of prayer?!***



It seems to me I have explained the nature of consolations in the spiritual life. Since they are sometimes mixed with our own passions, they are the occasion of loud sobbing; and I have heard some persons say they experience a tightening in the chest and even external bodily movements that they cannot restrain. The force of these passions can cause nosebleeds and other things just as painful. I don't know how to explain anything about these experiences because I haven't had any. But they must nonetheless be consoling, for, as I'm saying, the whole experience ends in the desire to please God and enjoy His Majesty's company.

The experiences that I call "spiritual delight in God" (elsewhere I have called this the "prayer of quiet") are of a very different kind, as those of you who have experienced them will know.

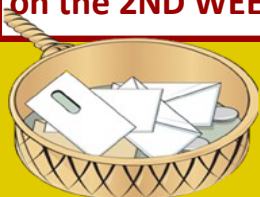
Let's consider, for a better understanding, that we see two fountains with two water troughs. (For I don't find anything more appropriate to explain some spiritual experiences than water; and this is because I know little and have no helpful cleverness of mind and am so fond of this element that I have observed it more attentively than other things. In all the things that so great and wise a God has created there must be many beneficial secrets, and those who understand them do benefit, although I believe that in each little thing created by God there is more than what is understood, even if it is a just a little ant.) **(This article continues on Page Seven)**

## MASS & PRAYER NIGHTS

- **MONDAY MEDITATION NIGHTS:** Join us every **MONDAY** evening to strengthen your faith! The schedule is as follows: 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:00 p.m.: Adoration; 8:00-8:30 p.m.: Teaching/ Meditation.
- **TUESDAY NIGHTS:** Mass Celebrated in **SPANISH!** Join us at 7:00 p.m.
- **THURSDAY NIGHTS:** Join us every **THURSDAY** evening in **HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH!** The schedule is: 6:30 p.m.: Viewing of an Episode of The Chosen; 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:30 p.m.: Adoration and **\*HEALING PRAYER** (\*in the main vestibule and on the sides of the church).
- **FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** Come and honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus by attending Mass at 7:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Next will be **FRIDAY, June 4**, followed by adoration **AND \*HEALING PRAYER** (\*in the main vestibule and on the sides of the church).
- **SATURDAY NIGHT HEALING PRAYER TRAINING:** Join us in the church on **Saturday nights** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- **\*HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** Held during Adoration every Thursday evening and every First Friday evening.

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. **Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.**



	June 25 / 26, 2021	May 29 / 30.....\$11,241.00
Unrestricted.....	\$10,482.00	June 5 / 6.....\$16,163.00
Restricted .....	\$ 358.00	June 12 / 13.....\$25,328.00
<b>T O T A L .....</b>	<b>\$10,840.00</b>	June 19 / 20.....\$19,518.00

**CHECK USERS:** Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

# Mass Intentions

**July 3 through July 10, 2021**

**Saturday:**

5:00 pm: Belen Juarez, RIP

**Sunday**

\*7:30 a.m.: Paul Duyet Phan, RIP

7:30 am: Uldarico Piol, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Arturo Esteban, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Art Vargas, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Ursulina Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Edward Grobarek

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Charlie Aguilar, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Paul Duyet Phan, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Martha Lacayo, INT

7:00 p.m.: Liberato De Lumen, RIP

**Tuesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Ed & Helen Lorient, RP

\*7:30 a.m.: Nida Vales Nazareno, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Victoria Sandoval, RIP

7:00 p.m. (Span): Sarah Sandoval, INT

**Wednesday:**

6:00 am: Fermin de Jesus, RIP

\*7:30 am: Maria Oanh Nguyen Phan & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Wesley A. Ruiz, B-Day INT

**Thursday:**

6:00 a.m.: Raymond Reyes, RIP

\*7:30 am: Maria Oanh Nguyen Phan & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Helmut Tittmann, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Flora Santoso & Krem Man Jo, RIP

**Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Sr. M. Frances Dunne, OP, RIP

\*7:30 am: Maria Oanh Nguyen Phan & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Victoria Sandoval, RIP

**Saturday:**

\*7:30 am: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Victoria Sandoval, RIP

**\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite**

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**Monday through Saturday**

**LIVE STREAMED MASSES:**

**8:00 a.m.** Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday),

**11:00 a.m.** Sunday Mass and **7:00 p.m.** Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening Masses (and another special evening Masses) are all live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those unable to attend due to illness). Links on our website's home page (top left column).

# Quiet Listening Prayer (Conclusion of article from Page Six)

These two troughs are filled with water in different ways; with one the water comes from far away through many aqueducts and the use of much ingenuity; with the other the source of the water is right there, and the trough fills without any noise. If the spring is abundant, as is this one we are speaking about, the water overflows once the trough is filled, forming a large stream. There is no need of any skill, nor does the building of aqueducts have to continue; but water is always flowing from the spring.

The water coming from the aqueducts is comparable, in my opinion, to the consolations I mentioned that are drawn from meditation. For we obtain them through thoughts, assisting ourselves, using creatures to help our meditation, and tiring the intellect. Since, in the end, the consolation comes through our own efforts, noise is made when there has to be some replenishing of the benefits the consolation causes in the soul.

With this other fount, the water comes from its own source, which is God. And since His Majesty desires to do so—when He is pleased to grant some supernatural favor—He produces this delight with the greatest peace and quiet and sweetness in the very interior part of ourselves. I don't know from where or how, nor is that happiness and delight experienced in the heart—as are earthly consolations. I mean, there is no similarity at the beginning, for afterward the delight fills everything; this water overflows through all the dwelling places and faculties until reaching the body. This is why I said that it begins in God and ends in ourselves. For, certainly, as anyone who may have experienced it will see, the whole exterior man enjoys this spiritual delight and sweetness.

**(Taken from St Teresa of Jesus' *Interior Castle*, Mansion IV, Chapter 2)**

## DEATHS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

† Dan Rosenthal (husband of Pat Rosenthal)

Former long-time parishioners

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