

St. Therese Catholic Church

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Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!



*Happy
Easter!*

MASSES | CONFESSIONS

Masses: Saturdays: 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 & 8:00 a.m.

Rosary: Monday-Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Monday and Tuesday evenings: *7:15 p.m. Mass
(*Monday evening Mass followed by Healing Service;
Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).

Thursday evenings: 7:00 pm Exposition & Adoration

First Fridays: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.;

Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and

Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

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- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Indeed, He is Risen, Alleluia!



On this most holy of days, the One who died for us has also Risen! Let us no longer stay in the tombs of our unbelief and sin but seek the new life that the Risen Christ offers us right now.

At present, our Church is in the midst of a Eucharistic Revival. Let us begin to see the Holy Eucharist more and more as the ultimate fruit of the Resurrection of Our Lord! Here, Our Lord imparts to us every

week and every day His eternal life that He won for us by His Death and Resurrection. This is why we come to Mass, to receive eternal life right now. This means that the Mass and Holy Eucharist are a foretaste of Heaven itself.

So, let us begin our Heaven right now by receiving this eternal life as much as we can! Then, we too will share in Our Blessed Lord's Resurrection! **And as Pope Benedict XVI tells us below, let us be transformed by Our Lord's Resurrection** into people of hope for the rest of our world, who are so desperately in need of it!

A Blessed Easter to You All

Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.



BY POPE BENEDICT XVI

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If Jesus is risen, then—and only then—has something truly new happened, something that changes the state of humanity and the world. Then He, Jesus, is Someone in Whom we can put absolute trust. We can put our trust not only in His message but in *Jesus Himself*, for the Risen One does not belong to the past but is present today, alive!

Christ is hope and comfort in a particular way for those Christian communities suffering most for their faith on account of discrimination and persecution. And He is present as a force of hope through His Church, which is close to all human situations of suffering and injustice.





**SUNDAY,
7TH OF
APRIL,
2024**



**JOIN US
IN THE
CHURCH
TO
PRAY FOR
DIVINE
MERCY!**



**3:00 TO
4:00 P.M.:**

**HOLY
HOUR**

CONFESSION

**CHAPLET
OF MERCY**

**TALK ON
“DIVINE
MERCY”**



Financial Offerings

Due to the Easter holidays, this bulletin had to be submitted before the weekend of March 23 / 24. Therefore, the totals for that weekend will be in the April 7th bulletin, along with the totals for this weekend (March 30 / 31).

February 17 / 18	\$16,842.00
February 24 / 25	\$22,752.00
March 2 / 3.....	\$15,484.00
March 9 / 10	\$21,504.00
March 16 / 17	\$12,718.00

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"LET ME INTRODUCE YOU..." By Fr. Stephen F. Watson, OCD

A Weekly Feature in the Bulletin for our Parish Centennial



A Craftsman house is a popular American home style that emerged from the American Craftsman movement at the turn of the 20th Century. I visited one such home on Olive Street in Alhambra (built in 1923), to interview long-time parishioner **Kitty Ellis (the widow of Ronnie Ellis)**. If you happen to visit St. Therese Church on a Monday morning, you'll see Kitty "straightening up" the pews after all the Sunday Masses. Why does she do it? Here's her story:

Catherine (Kitty) Cronin arrived in Southern California from County Cork, Ireland, in 1960. She lived in Chino with her aunt who was married but had no children. In those days, Chino had many dairies and was quite countrified. In no time, Kitty got a job at Pomona First Federal in the loan department. In 1967, she moved to Alhambra where she had some Irish friends. She lived on Commonwealth Avenue and became a registered parishioner of St. Therese Parish. It was a lucky year for Kitty: She met her future husband at an Irish dance held at the old Knights of Columbus Hall on Howard Street.

Ronald (Ronnie) Ellis grew up in Bray, County Wicklow, Ireland. In 1957 he immigrated to Canada. However, after a few winters there, he made up his mind to move to a warm and sunny climate, so he relocated to Southern California in 1960 and got a job with Pennzoil. Ronnie and Kitty were married at St. Therese by our Carmelite Friar, Fr. Celsus Wren, on June 22, 1968. The newlyweds lived on Commonwealth for another year and a half until they bought the house on Olive Street. However, dear Brother Francis, OCD, informed them that they no longer lived in the Parish and would need a dispensation to become parishioners. Not knowing what that even meant, they meekly began going to All Souls. This turned out to be God's Providence, as Kitty started volunteering in the All Souls School office, which led to her being hired as the School Secretary. Then, in September of 1987, her cherished principal transferred to St. Louise de Marillac in Covina to be closer to her home. As Kitty and she had become close, Kitty also transferred there and began her second stint as a school secretary (in total, she and the principal ended up working together for 27 years!). The children at St. Louise called her "Miss Kitty," which amused her since Miss Kitty was the name of the beloved saloonkeeper in Gunsmoke. Kitty worked there until her retirement in 2002.

Ronnie and Kitty were blessed with three children: Patrick (1970), Kathleen (1973), and Christopher (1974)—all of whom attended All Souls Parish School. As of now, their son Patrick and his family live in Murrieta, California; their daughter Kathleen and her husband Michael live on El Molino Street—just a couple blocks from the church; and their youngest son Christopher and his family live in the Parish on Alhambra Road in San Gabriel.

In 1989, Ronnie and Kitty returned to their beloved Parish where they were married—after 19 years "in exile." That's how they felt about being away from St. Therese. They already were friends with other Irish immigrants, such as Pat and Brenda Kane, who had lived on Vega Street at one time, and John and Bridie McDermont, whose home was on Halsted Circle. And, of course, there were the Irish Carmelites. Fr. William Fenton and Fr. Michael Buckley were frequent visitors to the Ellis home. In later years, Fr. Jerome Lantry often came over on Sunday evenings for supper. The Irish Club, called "**Ireland's Own**," was very active in those days.

Ronnie ushered at the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and also helped count the Sunday collection—along with Patrick McAllister, Elayne Hoh, Helda Yu, and Lois Johnson. Kitty and Ronnie made a holy hour at our Adoration Chapel every Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. Later, Kitty started helping Giovanna Setiady, Rebecca Saucillo, and Suzy Tan tidy up the church on Mondays. She continues doing that and is also one of four parishioners who take turns washing and ironing the church linens (done once a month by each of the four). In addition to those duties, Kitty is an active member of the Auxiliary for the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns.

Sadly, Ronnie passed away in September of 2013. However, Kitty's four grandchildren (Liam, Brenna, Jordan, and Finnegan) are the loves of her life now. Kitty reminds us of the spirited and faithful Irish contingent that was such a delightful part of the history of the families of St. Therese Parish.

The Ellis Family is part of the rich 100-year history of St. Therese Parish.
Let us all walk with St. Therese as we journey together in faith during this centennial year.

Pilgrimage to France with Fr. David Guzman



Join this Pilgrimage to France—including visiting St. Therese’s Basilica and her home in Lisieux—during our 100th St. Therese Parish Anniversary!

During the twelve days (**October 3rd to 14th, 2024**), Fr. David Guzman will serve as the chaplain. The tour will also include Dijon, Lourdes, Mont St. Michel, and other religious sites in France. This year’s 100th anniversary of the founding of St. Therese Parish connects with the 2023 100th Anniversary of St. Therese’s Beatification and her 2025 100th Anniversary of Canonization.

The package price for 12 days (from L.A. and back to L.A.) is \$3,985 which includes round trip airfare, hotel accommodations, breakfast and lunch, and admission fees. Mass will be celebrated daily. Detailed flyers will be available in the church soon!

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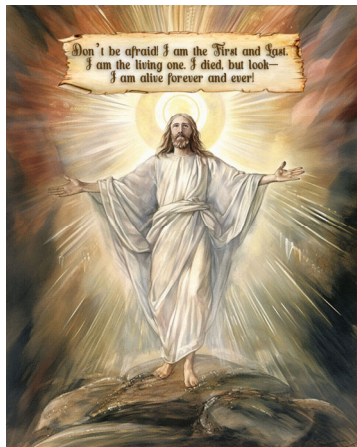
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"O Death, Where is Your Sting?"

By St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (347 – September 14, 407 AD)



Enjoy ye all the feast of faith: Receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. Let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: "Hell, said he, was embittered, when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen."

O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

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Mass Intentions

March 30—April 6, 2024

Saturday Evening Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m.: Thresia Kalapura, RIP

Easter Sunday

- *7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT
- 7:30 a.m.: Mary Rose Go & Patrick Rosal, INT
- 9:00 a.m.: Archbishop Jose Gomez, INT
- 11:00 a.m.: Arenas-Ortega Family, INT
- 1:00 p.m. (Latin): Parishioners
- 5:00 p.m.: **NO MASS**

Monday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Soledad Reyes, INT
- *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 1
- 7:15 p.m.: Mary Ann Marks, RIP

Tuesday

- 6:00 a.m.: Wang-Shih Lin, RIP
- *7:30 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 2
- 7:15 p.m.: Kay Fitzpatrick, RIP

Wednesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 3
- *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP

Thursday

- 6:00 a.m.: Carter & Fullenkamp Families
- *7:30 a.m.: Teresita R. DeJesus, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 4

First Friday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 5
- *7:30 a.m.: Mary Rose Go & Patrick Rosal, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Aurora Olivarez Relatores, RIP
- 7:15 p.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT

First Saturday (Morning):

- *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 6

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel (located at 215 East Alhambra Road).

Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

Our livestreaming service is back! We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass and the homilies at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 evening Masses.

"Tune in"!

Outside the Parish

THREE-DAY SILENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN (APRIL 19-21): Hosted by the Legionaries of Christ and the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra, this retreat focuses on the **Gospels and the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola**, opening the soul to the transforming power of grace. There are conferences led by Retreat Master Fr. John Hopkins, LC, as well as adoration, private reflection, Mass, and opportunities for confession and spiritual direction. **Sign up at www.rb.gy/28jgcy or call the Retreat House at (626) 289-1353.**

OUR LADY OF CHAMPION (approved Apparition) **PILGRIMAGE with Saint Therese Parish's Father David:** Join Fr. David Guzman, O.C.D., to visit Shrines of Wisconsin, **AUGUST 10-16, 2024.** This is a Spiritual Retreat Pilgrimage including visits to Our Lady of Champion Shrine and our Carmelite Holy Hill Basilica. Two additional groups flying out of San Francisco and Tucson will be joining us on this fabulous journey. The Per Person/Double Occupancy total rate is \$2348 (from LAX). We will visit various Shrines of Our Lady, Holy Hill Basilica, and the Carmelite Nuns Cloister in Denmark, WI. Pick up a Pilgrimage Flyer for more information.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO FRENCH CANADA: St. Joseph Oratory, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Anne Beaupre, Cathedral -Basilica of Notre-Dame, and more... **August 23-30, 2024.** LAX to Montreal, Cost: \$3250 Double occupancy (\$150 off for early bird discount by April 15th). For more information contact: Louisa Day (323)360-5186 Or go to: www.sacredhearttours.com.

"This is the day that the
LORD
has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it."

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
+ Nellie Giba (former parishioner / school parent)

Her funeral Mass will be this coming Saturday, April 6, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Therese, followed by a reception in the Hall.

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