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CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve:
5:00 p.m. & Midnight

Christmas Day:
7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
and Latin High Mass at
1:00 p.m.

*No 5:00 p.m. Mass
on Christmas Day*



December 16, 2012

Saint Therese Church

Established 1924

Visit us on our website! www.sttheresechurchalhambra.org

Masses & Services:

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 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
Warrior-Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm
St. Joseph Devotion: Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm
Fatima Pilgrimage: 13th of the month (May-Oct.)

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Wed, 7:00 - 8:30 pm; and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Baptism: Call 284-0020, ext. 225, for schedule
Marriage: Contact priest at least six months before
RCIA (Sac. for adults) Rhonda Storey 284-0020, Ext. 225

Other Ministries / Programs:

Bible Study: Victoria Sandoval 323-343-9064.
Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias 323-724-6443
Legion of Mary: Mon., 7:00 pm - Fr. David Guzman X 337
First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer Vigil, 7:30 pm-6:00 am
King's Men: Sun., 6:30-8:30 pm, Brian Lasky, 860-861-4962
Respect Life Ministry: Catherine Contreras, 213-435-3942
Rosary Makers: Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm
Edward William 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com
St. Joseph Devotion Prayer Ministry:
Wednesdays at 6:15 PM - Edward William 768-0758

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (Ext. 226)

Associate Pastors: Fr. David Guzman, OCD (X337)
and Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (Ext. 232)

Associate Carmelite Friar: Fr. Jerome Lantry, OCD

Deacon Couple: Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (X221)

Vocations: Parish: Fr. David Guzman OCD (X 337);
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Parish Secretary: Denise McMaster-Holguin (Ext. 223)

Finances/Donations: Noralyn Cailan (Ext. 228)

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Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)
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Fred & Margaret Padilla, 282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (Ext. 225)
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Youth Ministry: Adam Orozco, 284-0020, Ext. 235;
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Youth/Adult Confirmation Program:

Ruben Beltran, 284-0020, Ext. 235;
Email: rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-3364, Ext. 660

Principal: Carmela Lovano, E-mail:
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510 North El Molino Street . Alhambra, California 91801 . 282-2744 . FAX 282-7560 (Unless otherwise indicated, all telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code.) **New Parishioners: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE!** Please come to the Parish office to register. **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



The Lord is near

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2012

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you have no further misfortune to fear.
—Zephaniah 3:15

Christmas & New Year's Schedule

Confession Times

Saturday, December 15 and 22: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, December 12 & 19: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mass Times:

Christmas Eve (Monday): +5:00 p.m. & Midnight
+The Children's Pageant will be presented at the 5:00 p.m. Mass
Christmas Day (Tuesday): 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., and
Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.
(No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day)
Feast of Mary, Mother of God:
New Year's Eve (Monday, December 31): Midnight
New Year's Day: 6:00, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.



ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS:

St. Therese School would like to wish you an Advent filled with HIS Love and Blessings!

Please consider joining us for these upcoming events:

- Help Restock St. Therese Christian Services Pantry for Christmas (Ongoing Collection)
- School Toy Drive - Ongoing Collection of New Unwrapped Toys
- New Student Registration Opens for Transitional K through 7th Grade
- School Christmas Program on December 18 at 1:00 AND 6:30 p.m., in the Hall (two shows)



Please visit the school office to purchase retail gift cards, to turn in Fresh & Easy receipts, and to purchase AVON! We also encourage you to visit our website at www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org for important information and updates. 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

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

ITEMS NEEDED:



This weekend, December 15 and 16, boxes have been placed near all the church entries to collect your donations of non-perishable food items. These will be used to make Christmas baskets for those in need. You may also donate hams or turkeys by bringing them to the office

during open hours anytime before or on Monday, December 17 (the day of distribution).

ALTAR SOCIETY SEEKS DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

FLOWERS:

If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas poinsettias which will decorate the church on the Feast of the Nativity, you may pick up and return a Flower Memorial envelope from the pews. A Memorial Mass will be offered for all the deceased whose names are written on the envelopes. The Society is also accepting Floral Dedications (see Page Six for more info).



MONTHLY ST. JOSEPH DEVOTION MASS: The next St. Joseph Mass will be this Tuesday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. Take advantage of this opportunity to seek the intercession of this powerful saint, beloved by Jesus and Mary. It was St. Joseph who found a place for Mary to give birth to Jesus—and who served as both Jesus’ and Mary’s provider and protector.



NEW BIBLE STUDY IN JANUARY Starting mid-January, “*The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation*” begins. This 24-part Bible study will take you through the entire Bible. You will learn how key people, places, and events in the Bible fit together to reveal God’s Plan for humanity; see how the events in the Old Testament are fulfilled in the New; and gain a greater appreciation for the Scriptures heard during Mass. Details on registering will be posted. For more information, contact Victoria Sandoval at magnificat03@yahoo.com or (323) 343-9064.

THE YEAR OF FAITH (October 11, 2012, to November 24, 2013) *Why has the Holy*

Father called for a Year of Faith? Pope Benedict XVI has called for this special year as an invitation to a “an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Savior of the world” (Apostolic Letter, *Porta Fidei*, 6). He hopes it will inspire in all believers, “the aspiration to profess the faith in fullness and with renewed conviction, with confidence and hope. It will also be a good opportunity to intensify the celebration of the faith in the liturgy, especially in the Eucharist, which is “the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed... and also the source from which all its power flows” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 10). At the same time, we make it our prayer that believers’ witness of life may grow in credibility. To rediscover the content of the faith that is professed, celebrated, lived and prayed, (cf. *Constituzione Apostolica, Fidei Depositum*, 116) and to reflect on the act of faith, is a task that every believer must make his own, especially in the course of this Year (*Porta fidei*, 9).



YEAR OF FAITH 2012 2013

Although there will be many public celebrations and common confessions of faith, the specific aim of this year is that every Christian may rediscover “the journey of faith so as to shed even clearer light on the joy and renewed enthusiasm of the encounter with Christ” (Apostolic Letter, *Porta Fidei*, 2).

For more information, check out the following WEBSITES: US Bishops (www.usccb.org); the Vatican’s official Year of Faith site (www.annusfidei.va); and our own website. (www.sttheresechurchalhambra.org)

Parish Ministries

ST. THERESE RELIGIOUS ED Rhonda Storey, 284-0020 X225; rhondalstorey@gmail.com— **STRE** (St. Therese Religious Education)

STRE Classes are in session today, Sun., Dec. 16, and Sun., Jan. 6, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, followed by attendance at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICES:

All children who attended the December 13 meeting and were assigned parts must attend the next two meetings as well: Mon., Dec. 17, and Thurs., Dec. 20, in the church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. both nights.

SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER: If you placed an order for See's Candy, it will be arriving here this week for pick-up.

R.C.I.A.: Please pray for those in the RCIA classes as they journey towards the Sacrament of First Eucharist or full initiation into the Church. The next meeting is Thursday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room; next group-attendance at Mass is Sunday, January 20, at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Rhonda Storey for more info.

CONFIRMATION—

Ruben Beltran,
284-0020 X235



...for Youth: Classes are in session today, Sunday, December 16, and Sunday, January 6, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., which includes the 5:00 p.m. Mass. **RITE OF WELCOME** for Year One students will take place at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on December 16. **NOTICE:**

Beginning today, December 16, and then continuing for the first class of each following month (i.e., January 6), **Year One Sponsors are to begin attending class with their sponsored student**, as well as the 5:00 p.m. Mass that follows. **LECTOR MINISTRY:** If you're interested in becoming a Lector, call Ruben.

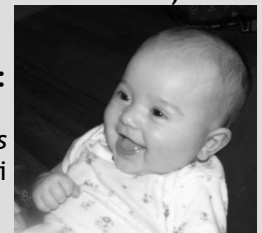
...for Adults: All baptized Catholics who have received their First Communion but NOT the Sacrament of Confirmation, are invited to the RCIA class (next is this Thursday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room).

BAPTISM MINISTRY: Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, X 225 - In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to: 1) Have an interview the month before the Baptism; 2) Attend a class (next are Jan. 7/Feb. 4) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Library); And 3) Attend a Presentation Sunday Mass (next are Jan. 20/Feb. 10) at 9:00 a.m. Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday (next OPEN Baptisms are on January 26 and February 16). **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.

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY Edward William, 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com (Prayer with Action: Strengthening of Families, Conversion of Sinners, and Peace in the World) - **St. Joseph Prayer Devotion:** Join us Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. by the St. Joseph statue in the church. **The Rosary Makers:** Help us make Rosaries in order to distribute them locally, nationally, and internationally. Don't know how to make a Rosary? We'll teach you! We meet Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. **Donations to purchase Rosary supplies and shipping fees are always in need and appreciated** (make checks to St. Therese Church and mail to Rosary Makers, 510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra 91801. For more info, contact Edward William at tieknt@gmail.com.

THE KING'S MEN: Brian Lasky, 860-861-4962 / brianmlasky@gmail.com All men of the parish are invited to join **The King's Men**, a Catholic Men's formation group. Their goal is "to challenge and empower men to live virtuous lives, through education, formation, action, and healing." The group meets on Sundays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, contact the coordinator (number above) or see the national website at www.thekingsmen.org.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: Catherine Contreras, 213-435-3942 - **RESPECT LIFE QUOTE:** "Just because something happens to be legal does not make it moral, ethical or right. Abortion is perhaps one of the most dramatic examples of a situation where something is legal, but is very much a sin against God." --A.L. Barry, President of the Lutheran Missouri Synod



PARISH MINISTRIES / NEWS:

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



"In obedience to humanity, the King of the universe comes down from heaven! In obedience to humanity, He lives imprisoned on the altar! I shall not resist. He allows humans to keep Him wherever they wish—in monstrances or tabernacles; to carry Him in procession; to bring Him into the homes of the sick and dying; to dispense Him to all, whether saint or sinner. The Gospel tells how marvelously He obeyed Mary and Joseph. Today He obeys every priest in the world."

—St. Alphonsus Liguori

URGENT! We need an adorer to commit to coming to the chapel every Saturday morning, 2 to 3 a.m. To sign up for this hour or any other hour, please call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN: "DID YOU KNOW?"

Talking to your kids about cell phone safety - The more advanced cellular devices become, the more functions they have available. Sending pictures over the Internet is something that children do all the time. Photo-messaging on cell phones is no different. Children need to be aware why all pictures are not appropriate to send. They also need to know that if they receive a message or image that makes them uncomfortable, they should immediately tell you or another trusted adult. For a helpful pamphlet on cell phone safety, please visit the National Crime Prevention Council website at www.ncpc.org, and click on "cell phone safety." For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

CONGRATULATIONS! . . . to Parishioner Tommy Minamoto for winning the Nativity set raffled off to raise money for our new sound system. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets! *God bless you all!*

T H A N K Y O U !

FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Below are the totals for the collections for last weekend and for the previous month:

Collection for December 8 / 9, 2012

Unrestricted.....	\$17,149.00
Restricted	\$ 416.00
T O T A L.....	\$17,565.00

November 10 / 11, 2012.....	\$11,702.00
November 17 / 18, 2012.....	\$22,886.00
November 24 / 25, 2012.....	\$13,074.00
December 1 / 2, 2012.....	\$13,450.00

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

2012 TOGETHER IN MISSION

U R G E N T !

Amount of 2012 Goal: \$63,805.00

Donations received as of 12/11/12: \$41,495.00

***Donations Needed: \$22,310.00**

As you can see, we owe nearly \$23,000, which is due in the Archdiocesan offices by the end of this month! Please donate!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

"Give to those who have given a lifetime!" Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests worked for many years for little or no money. They are now left without adequate savings for retirement. Your donation to the annual Archdiocesan collection for the Retirement for Religious Fund helps to provide medications, nursing, and more for thousands of elderly. Please help! Envelopes are in the pews.

REJOICE! Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

Mass Intentions

For the Week of 12/15/12 to 12/22/12



“One mightier than I is coming...”

Saturday:
5:00 p.m. Maria Lee Ngan INT

Sunday:
*7:30 a.m. Eleanor Miller RIP
7:30 a.m.: Parishioners
9:00 a.m.: Larry & Martha Campos RIP
11:00 a.m.: Rudy Palecpec, Jr., INT
1:00 p.m.: Joan & George McDonald RIP
5:00 pm: Tung Fung RIP

Monday:
6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory, esp. FOSS
*7:30 a.m.: Michael Frias RIP
8:00 a.m.: Leonardo Manzo INT

Tuesday:
6:00 a.m.: Fr. David Guzman OCD INT
*7:30 a.m.: Fr. David Guzman OCD INT
8:00 a.m.: Fr. David Guzman OCD INT

Wednesday:
6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory, esp FOSS
8:00 a.m.: Lucille Moore RIP

Thursday:
6:00 a.m.: Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD INT
*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD INT
8:00 a.m.: Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD INT

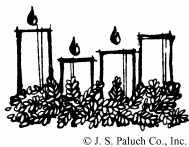
Friday:
6:00 a.m.: Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD INT
*7:30 a.m.: Olga Zazueta RIP
8:00 a.m.: Robert Klotz RIP

Saturday:
6:00 a.m.: Priests of St. Therese INT
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
8:00 a.m.: Maria L. & Martin Elizondo, Jr., RIP

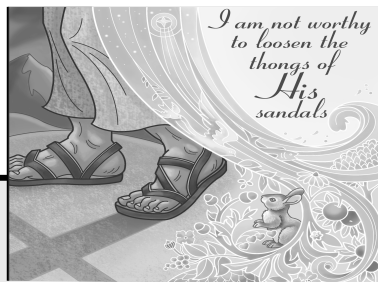
*Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 E. Alhambra Road—open to the public every day except on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.

Intentions of our Holy Father for December 2012:

1) That migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity and authentic love, especially by Christian communities; 2) That Christ may reveal Himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of His Church.



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Lectors:

Saturday:
5:00 p.m. Marta Timar / Franklin Teng

Sunday:
7:30 a.m. Ron Sandoval / Jackie Johnson
9:00 a.m. Elena Muhr / Lily Edusma
11:00 a.m. Ignacio Verduzco / Jeff Storey
5:00 p.m. Vickie Blair / Gil Vargas

Floral Dedication

This week's floral dedication is:

♥ *In Loving Memory of*
Kenneth A. Locke



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

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

✠ Therese Gleason (former St. Therese school teacher)

Personal Ads

Long-time St. Therese family of 7 **SEEKS A HOME TO RENT** (apt., back-house, etc) in local area as soon as possible. Please contact 323-264-8701 if you have available property or for more details.

Former single mature female parishioner seeks to **move back** to Alhambra, SG, or South Pas, and needs to **RENT A 1-BR OR SINGLE APT.** Nonsmoker, no pets. Can afford up to \$1000. Call 323-667-2526 OR 476-6055

APARTMENT FOR RENT: 1 BR with garage in Alhambra area. Please call 622-2209.

Outside the Parish

PILGRIMAGE DATE CHANGE: Fr. David Guzman will be the spiritual director for a pilgrimage to **Egypt and the Holy Land in April/May 2013 (moved from November 2012).** For more info and the full itinerary, contact JMJ Ministries at 520-573-0065 or visit www.jmjministries.org. You may also request an itinerary from Denise at the parish offices.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO WESTERN EUROPE (Carmelite and Marian Shrines) on **September 2-15, 2013, with our Pastor, Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD.** Will visit many sites in France (Paris, Lisieux, Lourdes); Spain (Avila, Segovia); and Portugal (Fatima). Cost is \$4295 (**save \$200 if you sign up by 12/31/12**). For more info, call Louisa & Jack Day at 323-722-9229 or 323-360-5186. Download an itinerary at www.syversentouring.com.

Please join Fr. Jose Parathanal on a **pilgrimage to Egypt, Israel & Jordan** from 1/27/13 to 2/9/13; to Guadalupe, Mexico from 5/20/13 to 5/25/13; and a "Journey with St. Paul" to Turkey & Greece 9/19/13 to 10/1/13. For more information, please contact: Bernadette Corpuz at bcorp1114@hotmail.com / tel: 323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618.

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