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MASSES AND SERVICES

OUTDOOR SERVICES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.,

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

and Sunday Evening at 5:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday—6:00 and 9:00 a.m.: Outside

for the Public—the 9:00 a.m. Mass is live

streamed on our Facebook page

AND on our YouTube channel:

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Confessions under the red umbrellas on

Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and on

Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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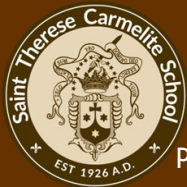
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or on the Church's website > Our School > Videos



SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms: Register online

Weddings: Register online
at least six months in advance

Anointing: Call the office.



**“Be watchful!
Be alert!”
Jesus tells his disciples.
“You do not know
when the time will come.”
Mark 13: 33-37**

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please register online: www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

We have a mail drop in front of the office at 510 North El Molino Street. It is located on the right side of the door.

WATCH THEREFORE;
 YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN
 THE LORD OF THE HOUSE IS COMING,
 WHETHER IN THE EVENING;
 OR AT MIDNIGHT,
 OR AT COCKCROW,
 OR IN THE MORNING.

MARK 13:35

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FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

A RESTART

With Advent we begin a new church year as we renew our preparations for the coming of Christ. The scriptures show a profound movement from despair in the first reading, as we feel the wrath of God’s anger and a sense of being abandoned, to the responsorial psalm, which begs us to turn toward God, and the second reading where we see a glimmer of hope. Brimstone returns in the Gospel. This sense of unease and pain is much like what we have endured throughout 2020 with COVID-19, racial struggles, and political campaigns. Frankly, everyone is ready for a restart, for a do-over, for a better year. We can understand the heartfelt prayer of the prophet Isaiah: “Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down.” Hide not your face from us, O God, but during these days of Advent may you reveal yourself to each of us once again.

BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!

When Jesus does not speak in eloquent sentences, but barks out imperative statements such as in our Gospel reading today, one can understand the urgency. There is no place for flowery language. “Be watchful! Be alert!” One has a sense that these should be written in bold or all caps! He tells the parable of the homeowner leaving his workers at home, with no knowledge of when he would return. Without phones and texts and travel schedules it could have meant the homeowner was returning sometime in the day, or sometime in the coming month or year. So Jesus is not telling us, “You have to behave for a little bit,” but rather, “You must live your life and work like the homeowner is always here. You must always be prepared.”

WATCH!

This author was very aware of the language of “master/servant” in the Gospel today and is reading it and praying it in light of discussions on racism in recent months. Perhaps this goes with the last imperative at the end of the parable to “Watch!” This year has taught us to be alert in our actions such as social distancing, masks, and sanitizing, as well as in our language and even our thoughts. Now how do we apply that to our spirituality, to our faith? For many, due to restrictions on numbers in church, singing, and choirs, this has meant learning to pray in a whole different way. The celebration of liturgy is the same as ever, with its focus always on the Word and the Eucharist, but for those in the pew, or still watching on livestream, the sense of active participation has taken on a very different meaning from how most of us have experienced liturgy in our lifetime. It feels like we have become spectators rather than participants. Perhaps this challenge can move us from complacency in our faith, to rediscover and relate to God in new ways, and call us to be even stronger in our personal faith. We must remain diligent. We must “watch.” We must hope. We must love. We must pray.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b, 64:2–7
 Psalm 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19
 1 Corinthians 1:3–9
 Mark 13:33–37

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COFFEE & DONUTS FROM THE DONUT TRUCK!



After the morning Masses (until 12:45 p.m.), on Sunday, December 6, Saint Therese Carmelite School has arranged for a **DONUT TRUCK** to be in the parking lot to satisfy all your donut and coffee cravings! All proceeds will benefit our **School!**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MASS & CONFESSION

Masses & Confessions
are outdoors
and in English except,
of course, the Latin Mass.



Monday through Friday: 6:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (No 6:00 a.m. on Saturday!)

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. Traditional Latin Mass, 5:00 p.m.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE: Monday through Saturday at 9:00 a.m.; and Sunday at 11:00 a.m. (with the exceptions on holidays/holy days listed below).

CONFESSIONS are heard outside under the red umbrellas from **3:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays AND from Noon to 1:00 p.m. on Sundays.**

If you are attending the **5:00 p.m. vigil Mass**, please do not go to confession after 5:00 p.m.; Go before 5:00 as it is more important that you give your full attention to the Mass.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION on Tuesday, December 8: Mass times will be at 6:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (live streamed), and 7:30 p.m.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE on Saturday, December 12: We will have **ONE MASS ONLY**, which will be held at 10:00 a.m. (it will also be live streamed) - NO 6:00 or 9:00 a.m. Masses.

MONDAY MEDITATION WITH THE FRIARS: This is held every Monday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the outdoor Guadalupe Courtyard. You may join us in person (wear a mask and enter through the door on the parking lot side by the Adoration chapel) **OR** you may join us from your home by logging in on **Zoom**:

<https://zoom.us/j/99950705744?pwd=dUldlXBIVelqcG1lZnRLQlFJWjhZZa09>. The **PASSCODE** you will need to enter is: **1gxM2J**

TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS: Street Hockey at 7:00 p.m. (see Page Six for details).

THURSDAYS: Eucharistic Adoration from **7:00 to 7:45 p.m.**, followed by viewing *The Chosen*, an eight-part dramatic series about the beginnings of Jesus' ministry, from **7:45 to 8:30 p.m.** Because it's Thanksgiving this Thursday, November 26, the next Adoration/movie night will be **Thursday, December 3** (Episode Two). You can also watch *The Chosen* on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com).



ONE-OF-A-KIND HANDMADE JEWELRY

Come see the beautiful handmade jewelry available for SALE after the weekend morning Masses on Saturday, November 28, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass; and Sunday, November 29, after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Masses). All proceeds benefit the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in Alhambra.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Saturday, December 12
Enjoy a sit-down dinner under the stars

~ 6:00-8:00pm~

Enjoy a catered outdoor dinner with the friars in the Guadalupe Garden. Limited seats available. A ticket is required for each attendee. Admission includes dinner, dessert, and a drink.

To purchase tickets, please contact the school office:
(626)289-3364



Dinner To-Go

~ Following the vigil Mass on 12/12 and the morning Masses on 12/13~

Pick up pre-packaged items to go! We encourage you to call the school office to pre-order your meal, in order to ensure availability.

- 1 dozen Tamales.....\$20
- 1 pint of beans.....\$5

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FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the previous four weekends.

NOTE: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month for our School.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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November 7 / 8..... \$29,349.00

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STREET HOCKEY IN THE PARKING LOT!



Join Fr. Thomas and others playing street hockey in the parking lot at 7:00 p.m. on **TUESDAYS** and **SATURDAYS**.

Bring a hockey stick if you have one (we have *some* extras) and wear either athletic shoes or roller skates/ blades.

Bring a mask as well!

SEEKING DONATIONS OF ANTI-COVID SUPPLIES

We need more sanitizing wipes, paper towels, and masks (any brand). If you can help with donating some, it would be most appreciated! You can bring them to Mass with you and leave in the usual spot OR you can order on Amazon, etc., and have them sent here, c/o Anti-Covid Mass supplies. God bless you for your help!



Mass Intentions

For the Week of
November 28 through December 5, 2020

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Mike Marikian, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Carlos & Rosa Ruiz & Family, INT

7:30 a.m.: Kim Thon Chu, INT

9:00 a.m.: For an End to Abortion

11:00 a.m.: Hilario Casado, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Nicole Sanchez, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mr. Yong Shan Hua, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Denise Holguin, INT

9:00 a.m.: Mary Frances Magana, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Hilario Casado, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Josefina Rosales, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Letty Gutierrez, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Jose N. Vales, RIP

*7:30 am: Dec'd Members of Carlos/Rosa Ruiz Family

9:00 a.m.: Rosie Zamora, RIPP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Carmina Doria, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Matthew Pedralvez, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Hilario Casado, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Wanda Farrell, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Angelle Francisce & Karina Therese INT

9:00 a.m.: Julius & Carmina Doria, INT

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

9:00 a.m.: 1) Hilario Casado RIP

2) Rhony Laigo, INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel,
215 East Alhambra Road
(CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC)

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday–
Saturday) and Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Mass are both live streamed on
Facebook AND YouTube
for those not attending.

What is the Mass?



The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means “thanksgiving.” It is the Lord’s Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery.

The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1328) calls the “inexhaustible richness” of the Eucharist.

The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both “Bread from Heaven” and “daily bread.” The Mass is our everyday miracle.

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