

# St. Therese Catholic Church



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## 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, Tuesday, and Friday evenings:** \*7:15 p.m. Mass  
(\*Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).

**Thursday evenings:** 7:00 pm Exposition & Adoration  
**Carmelite Nuns' Chapel:** 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: The daily 8:00 a.m., Monday 7:15 p.m., and  
Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all

**LIVE STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube.

**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

**Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm; 2:00 pm-5:00 pm**

**Pastor:** Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD: X 1+224

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page  
or on the Church's website >Our School > Videos



## SACRAMENTS

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

# Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese:

As we prepare as a nation to celebrate Thanksgiving this Thursday, it's good to remind ourselves as believers that this is a Christian holiday at heart. And even though the first Christians to celebrate Thanksgiving were not Catholic, this holiday has very Catholic overtones. The word for the "source and summit" of our faith, the Eucharist, means thanksgiving. So, every time we offer the Holy Sacrifice, we are giving thanks to God for the greatest

gift that God has given us on this earth, His Most Holy Body and Blood. This is the preeminent gift for which we give thanks. All other blessings flow from the Most Holy Eucharist. During this time of Eucharistic Revival in our Church, it is especially appropriate that we increase our gratitude for the greatest gift that God has given us!

Too often in our culture of convenience, we can take for granted how blessed we really are. We are tempted to moan and complain over the slightest inconvenience or when things don't go our way. And this is even true in the spiritual life. Dare I say, we can even take for granted all the incredible mind-blowing graces that our Church offers us: the Mass and the other sacraments, Our Lady and the Saints, and even things like indulgences. They're all freebies that lead us to or directly impart to us eternal life! Do we recognize how truly blessed we are?

The virtue of gratitude is especially important in a culture like ours that is consumed with negativity. When we give thanks, we recognize that God is the source of all the good things in our lives, both material and spiritual. So, to be grateful is to be truly Catholic. Even more, our gratitude helps us become more Eucharistic in that we resemble more and more the living Sacrifice of thanksgiving that we offer. Gratitude also witnesses to a profound dependence on God for all things in our lives. So, my dear parishioners, let us be people of gratitude and always make God the center of our Thanksgiving—this year and every year—because He did not hesitate to offer Himself in thanksgiving for our lives!

**Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.**



# PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



# TODAY!

## TO KICK OFF OUR PARISH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION,

the Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall **TODAY, SUNDAY, November 19th**, after the \*Sunday morning Masses (7:30, 9:00, and 11:00). For \$5 per person, you'll get pancakes, eggs, sausage, and a beverage! We hope to see you at this first event to kick off our upcoming 100-year parish anniversary.



# Healing Prayer Ministry

**"O Lord, my God, I cried out to you for help and you healed me!"**

**-Psalm 30:3**



**THE HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY (HPM)** provides personal prayer for the Parish community. **The HPM has moved to Monday nights—immediately following the 7:15 p.m. Mass.**

The HPM also offer **private in-person sessions, phone sessions, and are available for outside events.** For more info, email **[hpmStc1@gmail.com](mailto:hpmStc1@gmail.com)**.

# ADVENT CHORAL VESPERS

You are invited to an Advent Choral Vespers Service in the church at **4:00 p.m., on the FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Sunday, December 3rd.**

Vespers will be sung by the Schola of Saint Therese Carmelite School and the Credo Catholic Choir (directed by Charlotte Lansberg).

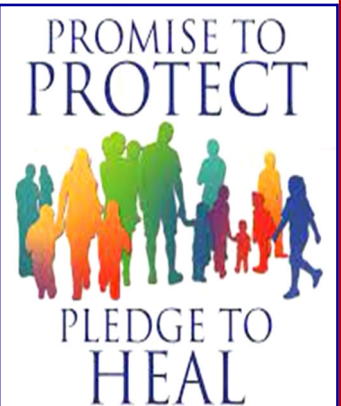


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# Safeguard the Children - Did You Know?

**Holiday hugs and boundaries:** As children get older, they need to understand not just the rules of social interaction but why people act (or don't act) certain ways. Children need to know how to set their own boundaries. The approaching holidays are a great time to discuss these boundaries and how to express them politely. Talk to your children about whether they would like to give hugs to family members, whether they want to give or receive any other forms of affection. For more information, read the article **"Teaching Kids about Boundaries"** at <https://childmind.org/article/teaching-kids-boundaries-empathy/>.



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Deacon Gil Vargas invites all parishioners to donate non-perishable food—plus turkeys—for those in need for the holiday. **TODAY, Sunday, NOVEMBER 19, the Parish Hall will be open to receive your donations—before and after the Masses.** Please bring grocery bags as well! Distribution will take place tomorrow evening, November 20th, to those in need living in the area surrounding our Parish. Remember... God will not be outdone in generosity!



**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:** Please join us for the celebration of Mass on Thanksgiving Day. There will be **ONLY ONE Mass that day**, which will be at **10:00 a.m.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be **NO Holy Hour** on Thanksgiving evening!

## ONGOING MEETINGS AND MINISTRIES

**AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP** (Ages 21—39, singles/couples): For more info, go to Avila Outreach on Facebook OR contact the Coordinator, Blake Taylor, at AvilaYoungAdults@gmail.com.

**DETENTION MINISTRY:** A program for those 21 and older to visit youth in the Juvenile Detention Center in detention in L.A. To sign up or for more info, contact Tom Bleich at tombleich@mac.com

**EnCOURAGE:** Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, this group of faithful Catholic parents support one another and their loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meets monthly in the LA Archdiocese with a chaplain in a safe confidential setting. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for parents: EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR Courage LA for persons struggling with same sex attraction: CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com.).

**FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION:** This group was formed, in response to Our Lady's requests at Fatima, to honor and make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Join us **after the 8:00 a.m. Mass every first Saturday of each month** to pray the Rosary and meditate for 15 minutes. For any questions, please leave your contact information for Maria Alejandra at the parish offices.

**FLAME OF LOVE:** Learn about the Blessed Mother's messages of grace to seer Elizabeth Kindelmann. Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room **every Monday—one from Noon to 2:00 p.m., the other one from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m.** The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the parish offices. If you have any questions, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

**GPS (GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services):** Assists mothers from "Pregnancy to Preschool" Phone/Text: (626) 238-5476.

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** Teams of Lay people trained in Healing Ministry pray for your healing. **Held after the Monday evening Mass in the church.** They also offer private in-person sessions, phone sessions, and are available for outside events. For more info, send an email to: HpmStc1@gmail.com.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** A fraternal order of Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church and community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight at (888) 869-3124.

**ROSARY MAKERS:** This group makes rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on **Mondays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. All are welcome to join!

**SPANISH PRAYER GROUP:** A Spanish prayer group within the community of St. Therese that unites in prayer for the purpose of serving God and the priests and families of St. Therese. The group also trains intercessors committed to serving St. Therese Church. **Meets at 6 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.** For more info, call Adriana Valle at (323) 448-5316.

**ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP:** Meets **in the church every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.** to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at (626) 281-3706.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Annual weekend retreat for women **held during Lent** at El Carmelo Carmelite Retreat House in Redlands, California. Contact the Captain, Louisa Day, at (323) 360-5186.



# Saint Therese Carmelite School

## Faith ✦ Academics ✦ Virtue

If you ordered any Thanksgiving Pies, these refrigerated pies are available for pick up either **TODAY, Sunday, November 19, in front of the church after Mass** OR this **Wednesday, November 22, in the school office between 8:00 a.m. and Noon**, depending upon which choice you marked on your order form. ALSO, a limited number of pies will be available for sale after Masses today. First come, first served! We will sell out quickly!



## Becoming Like the Martin Family: STCS Parent Formation Nights



Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.

“St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
and of the Holy Face”

By Fr. Robert Barcelos, OCD

Thursday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.

“How to Live Holy Purity”

By Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD

Both talks will be held in the Parish Hall. Admission is free.  
Please note: these talks are for parents only. Childcare is provided.

## ORDER YOUR SEE'S CANDY!



Saint Therese School is again selling Sees Candy! You can pick up an order form from the School or Church offices and turn it in by November 27... OR you can order online by December 1st at this link:

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/sainttcs\\_stcs\\_christmas\\_54/MegDun2321/candy](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/sainttcs_stcs_christmas_54/MegDun2321/candy)

Orders will be ready for pick-up before Christmas (the exact date will be available soon!).

# National Eucharistic Revival



The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative by the U.S. bishops that aims to inspire, educate, and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist.

- **Year of Diocesan Revival:** June 19, 2022, Solemnity of Corpus Christi - June 11, 2023
- **Year of Parish Revival:** June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024
- **Year of Going Out on Mission:** July 21, 2024 – Pentecost 2025

For more information, sign up for the Heart of the Revival newsletter at <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/heart-of-the-revival-newsletter>. By receiving this weekly newsletter, you can stay up-to-date on the latest news, events, and information about the Revival, as well as event details for the National Eucharistic Congress to be held in July of 2024.

## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist



### Attention:

All Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Please attend the **9:00 a.m. Mass NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**, to be officially commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers.

After November 26, Holy Communion will no longer be distributed in individual pyxes during Mass at Communion time. Please email Liccia Beck at [hpmstc1@gmail.com](mailto:hpmstc1@gmail.com) to arrange to bring Holy Communion to the homebound outside of Mass.



The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

# 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.



Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, this bulletin was printed before the weekend of November 12, 2023. Those totals will be in the November 26th issue.

- October 14 / 15 .....\$33,391.00
- October 21 / 22 .....\$17,181.00
- October 28 / 29 .....\$11,725.00
- November 4 / 5 .....\$17,352.00

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

# Mass Intentions

**November 18—November 25, 2023**

**Saturday Evening:**

5:00 p.m.: James Rios, Birthday Intention

**Sunday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): Linda DeTardo, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Albert Hernandez, INT

1:00 p.m.: Molly Lynch, RIP

5:00 p.m.: James Rios, Birthday Intention

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Danilo Motro, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: John Li, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Patrick Hummel, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Dec'd Religious, Relatives, and Benefactors of the Carmelite Order

8:00 a.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP

7:15 pm: (Spanish): Lidia & Marco Roman, INT

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: F.X. Mukyat Hardjasmita, RIP

\*7:30 am: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Louise Jamila Sunga, RIP

**NO EVENING MASS—Confessions 7-9 p.m.**

**Thursday—THANKSGIVING DAY:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Ignatia Ghozali, Birthday Intention

10:00 a.m.: Max Tittmann, 25th Birthday INT

**THERE IS NO HOLY HOUR TONIGHT!**

**Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Michael & Cecilia Solichin, Anniv INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Armando Conrado Cano, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Fr. Daniel McSweeney, RIP

**Saturday Morning:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT

8:00 a.m.: Deacon Otto Lacayo & Family, INT

**\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The**

**Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and holidays.**

## LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:15 p.m. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

# Invest Your Talent!

**By Fr. John Muir**

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that Monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything He entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the parable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our possession. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. **We have valuable things to invest—time, talents, treasure.** The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.



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