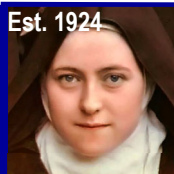


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He led them out as far as Bethany and blessed them. As He was blessing them, He parted from them and was taken up to Heaven. While they were looking intently at the sky as He was ascending, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? Jesus, who has been taken up from you into Heaven, will return in the same way as you have seen Him going."

(From Today's Readings from Luke 24:50-51 and Acts 1:10-11)



And behold, I am with you
always, until the end of the age."

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.

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

As we approach the end of this holy season of Easter, we have two great feasts that very much reveal the fruits of Our Lord's Resurrection. These are the Ascension of Our Lord and Pentecost. **Below is a beautiful meditation given by Pope Benedict on the relationship between the Ascension and the Resurrection.** Blessed Solemnity of the Ascension!

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.



"In Christ ascended into Heaven, the human being has entered into intimacy with God in a new and unheard-of way; man henceforth finds room in God forever. 'Heaven': this word Heaven does not indicate a place above the stars but something far more daring and sublime: it indicates Christ Himself, the Divine Person who welcomes humanity fully and forever, the One in whom God and man are inseparably united forever. Man's being in God...*this* is Heaven. And we draw close to Heaven, indeed, we enter Heaven to the extent that we draw close to Jesus and enter into communion with Him. For this reason, today's Solemnity of the Ascension invites us to be in profound communion with the dead and the Risen Jesus, invisibly present in the life of each one of us.

"In this perspective we understand why the Evangelist Luke says that after the Ascension, the disciples returned to Jerusalem 'with great joy' (24:52). Their joy stems from the fact that what had happened was not really a separation, the Lord's permanent absence; on the contrary, they were then certain that the Crucified-Risen One was alive and that in Him God's gates, the gates of eternal life, had been opened to humanity forever. In other words, His Ascension did not imply a temporary absence from the world but rather inaugurated the new, definitive, and insuppressible form of His presence by virtue of His participation in the Royal Power of God. It was to be up to them, the disciples emboldened by the power of the Holy Spirit, to make His presence visible by their witness, preaching, and missionary zeal.

"The Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension must also fill us with serenity and enthusiasm, just as it did the Apostles who set out again from the Mount of Olives 'with great joy.' Like them, we too, accepting the invitation of the 'two men in dazzling apparel,' must not stay gazing up at the sky, but, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, must go everywhere and proclaim the saving message of Christ's death and Resurrection. His very words, with which the Gospel according to St. Matthew ends, accompany and comfort us: *'and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age'* (Matthew 28:19)."



FREE "MEDICARE INFO" MEETING

THIS Thursday, June 5, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Jim Aust, a volunteer and parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, will present an informational session about **Medicare in 2025**, your choices, and what counseling resources are available. The presentation will be held in the **Parish Meeting Room** (upstairs in the Parish Center). If you are on Medicare, or soon to be, it's good to think about your Medicare secondary health and/or prescription drug insurance plans. Plans change every year, so it's important to review them so that you keep yourself in the best coverage at the lowest price. **Note:** This is **not** a sales pitch for insurance companies or plans; **there is no fee.** It is open to anyone, including family members. **Please register by THIS MONDAY, June 2, at <https://forms.gle/2Ufp4vRuMKMrEhts6> or email Deacon Rex at deaconrex@outlook.com.**



Lifted Up in Glory... Sent Forth in Mission

Today's observation of the **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord** marks a pivotal moment in the story of salvation. After appearing to His disciples over a period of forty days, the Risen Christ ascends into Heaven—not to leave us behind, but to open the way for us to follow. As we hear in Acts 1:1–11, Jesus is lifted up before the eyes of the apostles, who stand in awe until two angels remind them that He will return in the same way. The Ascension is not the end—it is the beginning of a new chapter in the mission of the Church.

Psalms 47 gives voice to our joy: **"God mounts His throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord."** Christ, the triumphant King, has returned to the Father's right hand, but He has not abandoned us. In Ephesians, St. Paul beautifully prays that we may receive a spirit of wisdom and revelation to know Christ more deeply. He reminds us that Christ is not distant; rather, He is the head of the Church, "which is His body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way."

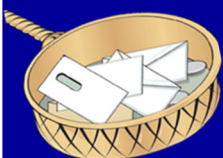


Luke's Gospel (24:46–53) completes the picture. Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand the Scriptures and tells them that repentance and forgiveness of sins are to be preached in His name to all nations. Then, blessing them, He is carried up into Heaven. The disciples respond not with sorrow, but with great joy. Why? Because they have been entrusted with a mission—and they know the Holy Spirit is coming soon to empower them.

The Ascension challenges us to lift our hearts and minds to Heaven, while also keeping our feet firmly planted in our daily mission. Christ is exalted in glory, but He remains with us through His Spirit, His Word, and His Sacraments. Like the apostles, we are called to be His witnesses—to carry His message of hope, mercy, and new life into the world.

As we prepare for Pentecost next Sunday, may we open ourselves to the same Spirit that animated the early Church. Let us be people of joy and purpose, confident that our risen and ascended Lord now reigns—and walks with us still. **"Jesus, we trust in you!"**

Financial Offerings

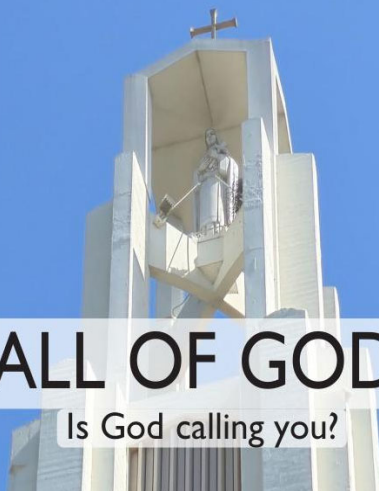


Due to the Memorial Day holiday, this bulletin was submitted before the weekend of May 24 and 25, 2025. Therefore, the collection amounts were not available.

April 26 / 27	\$18,384.00
May 3 / 4	\$17,936.00
May 10 / 11	\$20,596.00
May 17 / 18	\$12,522.00

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"The Call of God" Session Three



THE CALL OF GOD SERIES

Is God calling you?

Join us in the Parish Hall **THIS Tuesday, June 3, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**, for the third session in this series. As usual, there will be testimonies, fellowship, and light snacks. See YOU there!

Safeguard the Children



DID YOU KNOW? Concerning behaviors in children could indicate abuse

Some concerning behaviors that go beyond natural curiosity, could be signs of sexual abuse. These behaviors include asking a peer or adult to engage in a specific act, inserting objects into private areas, explicit imitation of intercourse, and behaviors that are persistent and resistant to distraction. Any of these signs could indicate that a child is being abused or exposed to sexually inappropriate behavior.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

Easter Season's Feasts

As we continue in the joy of the Easter season, the Church leads us through a series of deeply meaningful feasts that reflect the unfolding mystery of our salvation and the growing mission of the Church. Each one offers a step in our spiritual journey—building on the glory of the Resurrection and preparing us for a life of deeper communion with God and one another.

After observing the **Ascension** today, we then celebrate **Pentecost Sunday on June 8, the "birthday" of the Church**. Fifty days after Easter, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, transforming fearful followers into bold witnesses for Christ. Pentecost reminds us that the same Spirit poured out then is still active in us today—guiding, strengthening, and sending us into the world to live and share the Gospel. It is a feast of fire, wind, and mission—calling us into active discipleship.

Then, the following **Sunday, June 15, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**. This feast honors the central mystery of our Faith: one God in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It invites us to reflect on the divine relationship at the heart of all existence and to live in unity and love, modeled after God's own inner life. Coming right after Pentecost, it reminds us that our call to community and mission is rooted in the divine communion of the Trinity itself.

Next comes Corpus Christi, Sunday,

June 22—the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. After being empowered by the Spirit and reminded of our union with the Triune God, we turn to the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. This feast is a public declaration of our belief in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and our gratitude for the gift of the Mass. In many places, processions with the Blessed Sacrament express this devotion and proclaim the Lord's abiding presence among His people (see Page Five about our own Eucharistic Procession).

Finally, on **June 29, we honor Saints Peter and Paul**, the great pillars of the early Church. These two very different men were united in their love for Christ and their dedication to spreading the Gospel. Peter, the Rock upon whom Jesus built His Church, and Paul, the tireless missionary to the Gentiles, remind us that faith must be both grounded and expansive. Their feast reminds us that we, too, are part of the apostolic mission—called to lead others to Christ in both word and witness. These feasts, coming so quickly after Easter, show us that the Resurrection is not an end, but a beginning. Through the Spirit, the Eucharist, and the life of the Church, we are drawn more deeply into God's mystery and sent forth to live as joyful witnesses of the Risen Christ.

Cloistered Carmelite Nuns Auxiliary Fundraiser
Ice Cream Sunday Funday!!!



Sunday, June 8, 2025

10:00am – 1:00pm

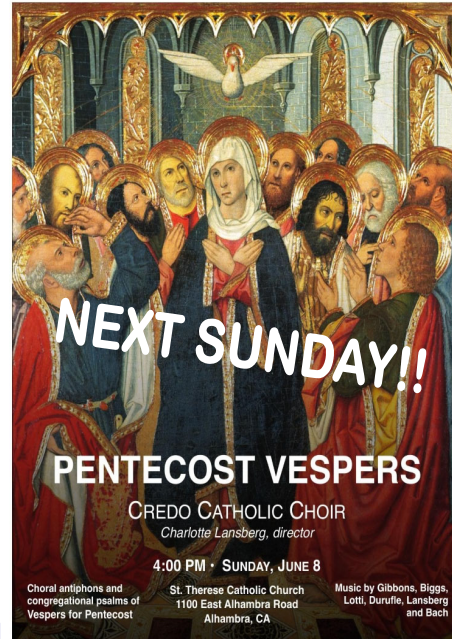
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PENTECOST VESPERS

Join the
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SUNDAY, June
8, the Feast of
Pentecost, at
4:00 p.m.**



The Vesper
psalms and
canticles will
be sung by
the choir and
congregation, and the antiphons, Magnificat,
and Pater Noster will be performed by the choir.
Programs will be provided for the congregation
to participate.

WELCOME, CAMINO PILGRIMS! FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST! SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

The Camino de California Eucharistic Pilgrims—at the end of their journey of traveling with the Blessed Sacrament to all 21 California missions—will be St. Therese's guests at our 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 22, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Following the Mass, there will be an outdoor Eucharistic Procession, and then a Pancake Breakfast in the Hall.

Thanks to the Knights' generosity, this Pancake Breakfast is free to not only the pilgrims but also to ALL who attend Mass that morning at either the 7:30, 9:00, or 11:00 a.m.



This summer Camino de California Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be traveling with the Blessed Sacrament as they visit all 21 historic missions throughout the State of California. The Camino de California is an independently organized effort, distinct from the National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage.

On Saturday, June 21, they will visit San Gabriel Mission and Sacred Heart Retreat House. The next day, Sunday, June 22, the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), they will attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese, followed by an outdoor Eucharistic Procession and then by a Pancake Breakfast in the Hall.

This FREE Pancake Breakfast will be sponsored by the Alhambra Knights of Columbus in honor of the pilgrims. All Parishioners may attend after any of our morning Masses (7:30, 9:00, and 11:00).



FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE PILGRIMAGE,
GO TO: <https://www.caminodecalifornia.org/>



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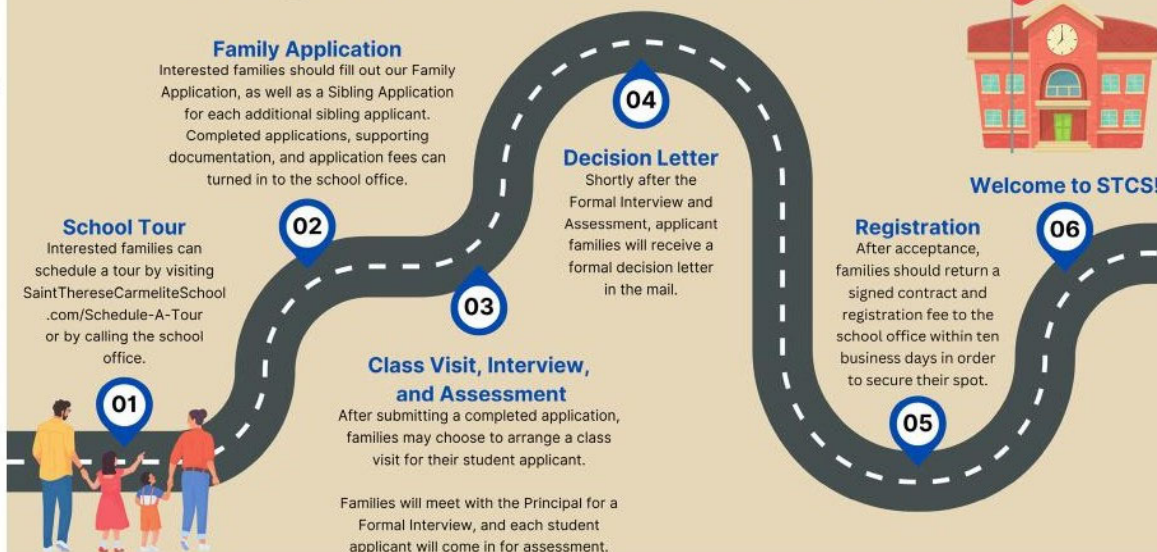
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FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Mark your calendar for our next First Saturday Devotion on June 7, 2025! Join us for the Rosary and a 15-minute meditation after the 8:00 a.m. Mass!

• **July 13, 1917:** In the apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said to the children, "You have seen Hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart...I shall come to ask for the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturdays."

• **December 10, 1925:** While staying at the House of the Dorothean Sisters in Pontevedra, Spain, Sister Lucia received a vision where the Blessed Mother appeared alongside the Child Jesus who stood over a luminous cloud. Our Lady put Her hand on Sr. Lucia's shoulder and showed her, at the same time, a Heart surrounded by thorns which She held in the other hand. The Child said, "Have pity on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother which is covered with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment with no one to make an act of reparation to pull them out."

Our Lady expressed her request in the following words, "See, my daughter, my Heart surrounded with thorns with which ingraters pierce me at every moment with blasphemies and ingratitude. You, at least, make sure to console me and announce that I promise to assist, at the hour of death, with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls, all those who for five months, on the first Saturdays, (1) go to Confession, (2) receive Communion, (3) say five decades of the Rosary and (4) keep me company for 15 minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the purpose of making reparation to me."



Mass Intentions

May 31—June 7, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Caesar Alberto Ruiz, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Noralyn Cailan, Birthday INT

7:30 a.m.: Cheah and Goh Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Mary Louise Atencio, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Esther Aldana Ruiz, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Joseph Lim, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Gerald Gimenez, RIP

*7:30 am: All Humanity and Thanksgiving
for God's Creation

8:00 a.m.: Doris Lazzara, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Erick Lopez, Jr., INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Lemila Panganiban, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Otto Lopez, Birthday INT

8:00 am: Tiburcio & Teresa Buenaente, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Gracie Holman, Birthday INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: James Arcaro, INT

7:30 a.m.: Gordon LaCross, INT

8:00 a.m.: Andrea Sjoberg, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Rutillo Pasok, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Jamie Arakawa, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Giacinto Arcaro, RIP (Death Ann)

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Jimmy Guangga, RIP

7:30 am: Martita Lopez, Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: Jorge & Genoveva Boco, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Karina Laigo, INT

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Cloistered Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Winston Gott, Birthday INT

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

(Open to the public except holidays)

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass
and the HOMILIES at the Sunday
11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m.
Masses. Be sure to "tune in"!

Pilgrimages

"JUBILEE OF HOPE" PILGRIMAGE TO ALABAMA! SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AND EWTN, home of Mother Angelica, July 15-23, 2025, with Fr. Huy Nguyen. Daily Mass with the Poor Claire cloistered nuns, a healing service and spiritual talks by the Franciscan friars, a visit to the Pope St. John Paul II Eucharistic Museum, a rosary procession to a replica of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and the Stations of the Eucharist. We'll attend a world-wide televised Mass at EWTN and so much more! Enjoy peace and tranquility along with fun, fellowship, and great southern hospitality. For more info please contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada: (626) 533-4839. Limited spots available.

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, AND ITALY with Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD: Join this 14-day pilgrimage from July 11 to 24, 2025, to all four countries listed in the title. For more info and to receive an itinerary, contact ABM Tours at 310-514-3323 or 408-903-6305 or maddatubeth2@gmail.com. See more info at abmtours.com.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE (JUBILEE 2025) TO ITALY - Rome, Naples & Florence - AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 2—Roundtrip non-stop flight from LA to Rome on Norse Atlantic Airways in Premium Classic, six nights at well-located historic and comfortable city-center accommodations with private bath and AC. Daily Holy Mass, breakfast & dinner. \$4280 (double rm. occupancy) from LAX / +\$395 single room supplement. For itinerary, contact: Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or call Sacred Heart Tours at 1-845-594-2222 (P.O. Box 384 - Burton, TX 77835).

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