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Then Jesus said to them, "All power in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).



Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

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



My Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

Our Carmelite Saint of the Month is St. Simon Stock (Feast Day, May 16th), who is famous for receiving the Brown Scapular of Our Lady in a vision and for composing the *Flos Carmeli*.

He grew up at a time of great religious enthusiasm. As a young man, he became a hermit in the countryside, fashioning a primitive cell for himself in the hollow of a tree, from which was derived his last name, Stock. This mode of life may seem strange to us, but in that time there were many hermits in the English countryside under the direction of the local Bishop. Eventually, he joined the Carmelite Order, probably after a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In 1241, he returned to England from Mount Carmel, along with a group of Carmelites sponsored by two English barons. Soon after that, Simon was sent with the original group to make a foundation at Aylesford in Kent.

The era was a turbulent one for the Carmelite Order. Having had to flee Palestine because of persecution and take refuge in Europe, they needed a leader of extraordinary ability. They

elected Simon Stock as their new Prior General. Simon was a man of sanctity and prudence; he loved and respected the traditions of the Order and yet knew how to adapt to their new situation in Europe. He needed to make the Carmelite way of life practicable in a new European society, without changes to the essence of the Rule or detraction from the prophetic vocation. With permission from the Pope for these adaptations, he launched the Order into a new epoch, a golden age for the Carmelites, which would last for a century and a half.

St. Simon Stock was particularly devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He continually pleaded with the Mother of God to grant some privilege to the Order of Carmelites, which enjoys the special title of the Virgin. He prayed devoutly:



**Flower of Carmel, fruitful vine,
Splendor of heaven, Mother divine,
None like to thee;
Mother of meekness, spotless Virgin,
To the Carmelites a favor impart,
Star of the sea.**



St. Simon received the Scapular vision on July 16, 1251. Our Lady appeared to him, holding in her blessed hands the Scapular of the Order. She said **"This shall be a privilege for you and for all Carmelites, that whoever dies clothed in this shall not suffer eternal fire; rather he shall be saved."** The Carmelites had already proposed themselves as an Order particularly devoted to the Blessed Virgin but, now—by Our Lady's promise to St. Simon—those who persevered until their death in loyalty to the Virgin would obtain assistance from her to save their souls. The Scapular was now regarded as a garment of deep religious significance in the Carmelite tradition.

In 1265, while St. Simon was making a visitation to the Carmelite foundation at Bordeaux in France, he took ill and died. His remains were kept in the room in the monastery where he died, and the room was converted into a chapel. Soon there were reports of numerous miracles which took place there. In 1276, the Holy See permitted the celebration of a Mass in his honor by the Carmelites of Bordeaux, which was later extended to the whole Order.

—Fr. Peter Mary

Parish Picnic for All Parishioners & School Families!

Come enjoy a picnic with St. Therese Church and School families at **Lacy Park (Section 6) in San Marino on Sunday, June 16, from Noon to 5:00 p.m.** There will be food, games, social time, and lots of fun! That day is also the **40th Anniversary of Fr. Stephen's ORDINATION! (6/16/84) and FATHER'S DAY!** We will provide a boxed lunch for each person who attends. We also encourage you to **BRING A PICNIC DISH TO SHARE.** Tickets are **\$5 per family** and will be sold after the Masses each weekend leading up to the picnic.



9:00 a.m. Mass in the church!

ST. THERESE PARISH INVITES YOU TO A PICNIC in the PARK

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9:00 A.M. MASS THAT DAY WITH ALL LIVING FORMER PASTORS! The day will begin with the **9:00 a.m. Mass, in honor of Fr. Stephen's 40th Anniversary of Ordination!** Former Pastors Frs. David Costello, Patrick Sugrue, Matthew Williams, Jan Lundberg, Philip Sullivan, and Thomas Koller will all be here to help celebrate Fr. Steve!

Archbishop Gomez Will Celebrate Mass at St. Therese on June 17

Archbishop Jose Gomez will be here at St. Therese to celebrate a special Mass on **Monday, June 17, at 5:00 p.m., as part of the celebration for our centennial year.** All former St. Therese Pastors and all the Carmelite Friars have been invited to join us!



All are invited to attend this special Mass to pray for St. Therese Parish and all your needs.

Relic of St. Jude the Apostle at STC on Monday, June 3rd

The hours of veneration will be that day from **2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** and from approximately **8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.** (there will be a special line for the infirm, the elderly, and mothers with babies and/or toddlers).

A special Mass will be celebrated at **7:00 p.m.** When the Mass ends, veneration will resume until **10:00 p.m.** You are encouraged to bring your religious medals/items to touch to the relic's case (they will then be 3rd-class relics themselves).

THANK YOU to all our volunteers! Your help on that day will ensure that it is a day to remember! For any questions, call or text **Amber Cantong at (626) 840-7250.** St. Jude Thaddeus pray for us!



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



Rex Owens and Karen Courson met at a fraternity party in 1986 while attending Cal State Los Angeles. When Karen walked in the door, Rex pointed her out to one of his friends saying, *"There is the future Mrs. Owens!"* Sure enough, they were married at St. Therese Church on May 20, 1989—35 years ago last Monday.

Karen is the fourth of six children of Helen and James Courson, who moved to Bridge Street in San Gabriel in 1956 and began attending St. Therese Church. (Helen, 98, continues to attend Mass here today!) Karen and all her siblings were baptized at St. Therese as infants.

Rex was raised in South Pasadena and converted to Catholicism after learning more about the Faith while dating Karen. He went through our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation

for Adults) Program and was baptized at St. Therese. This became a bit of a theme, as Karen and all three of their children (Nicholas—32, Peter—30, and Michael—28) were also baptized here!

The Owenses initially set up home on Cordova Street in Alhambra. As their family grew, they ended up moving to South Pasadena, but continued to call St. Therese "home." An educator, Karen spent most of her career teaching at Monterey Hills Elementary School, directly across the street from the Owenses' house. Rex's career with the Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA) lasted 30 years; in the course of time, he began managing the company's commercial real estate holdings across the United States. Rex joked that every day he would make the 42-mile commute to his office in Costa Mesa, while Karen would make the 42-step commute to her classroom.

The family has always enjoyed travel. Feeding Karen's passion for American history while at the same time educating their boys, the Owenses made regular trips to visit (and re-visit) historic locations from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. They also enjoy taking family cruises, having visited Europe and Alaska. To this day, Rex and Karen consider London their "happy place," always using it as a stopping off point for their European travels. With the boys grown, family travel is more difficult; the Owenses' oldest son, Nicholas, is an Orange County Sheriff's deputy and was just married in April. Peter and Michael both live locally; when Rex retired from AAA, he partnered with Peter as local realtors. Rex hopes to pull Michael away from his own adventures to one day join him on his dream trip/pilgrimage of walking the Camino de Santiago across Spain.

Karen and Rex have served in several ministries at St. Therese. Rex has been active in a variety of men's ministries while also serving as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and as the lector coordinator for several years. He is also a member of the local secular community of the Discalced Carmelites. Karen and Rex eventually began to lead the baptism preparation program, working with the parish priests and deacons to educate parents and godparents about the sacrament of baptism for infants.

At the same time, they started their discernment of Rex's call to enter permanent ministry, ultimately resulting in their being admitted to the Archdiocese's Diaconate Formation Program. The formation process lasts five years, involving comprehensive theological education, spiritual formation, and pastoral training. While prayerfully discerning God's call, they have been formed in the study of scripture, theology, and the teachings of the Church to deepen their understanding of the Faith and better serve the St. Therese community.

On June 8, Rex will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Permanent Deacon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. Rex said, "We are eager to continue our journey of discipleship, embracing the call to serve God and His people with humility, love, and joy! We are filled with gratitude for the support and guidance we have received from the friars and the entire faith community at St Therese."

Last November, Karen was diagnosed with breast cancer. Karen and Rex want to extend their deepest thanks and gratitude to all the members of the Parish who have been holding them up in prayer. Karen's final chemotherapy treatment was May 22nd, and her prognosis is very good! The Owenses fully attribute this to God's grace and the supportive prayers of this wonderful community!

YOU'RE INVITED! Karen and Rex have extended an invitation to all the members of St. Therese to attend both Rex's ordination and his Mass of Thanksgiving here the following day. Details for both are on the next page of this bulletin.

The Owens 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 our Centennial year.



Eucharistic Procession for Corpus Christi

SUNDAY, JUNE 2: Join us for a special Eucharistic Procession following the 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday for the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ).

DIACONATE ORDINATION AND FIRST MASS FOR REX OWENS

After five years of diaconate formation classes, at which he was accompanied by his wife Karen, Parishioner Rex Owens and six others will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Permanent Diaconate by Archbishop Gomez on **Saturday, June 8, at 9:00 a.m., at the Cathedral of the Angels.**



Due to space, admission is by ticket only. **Rex has provided extra tickets for those who would like to attend. These tickets are available in our office; call to reserve your tickets or come by to pick them up. Rex and Karen would be honored to have YOU there!**

Also, Deacon Rex will assist at his first Mass on **Sunday, June 9th, at our 11:00 a.m. Mass,** followed by a **luncheon reception in the Parish Hall.** All are invited to come and show your support and love for our new deacon.

"100th Jubilee Pilgrimage for St. Therese Parish"

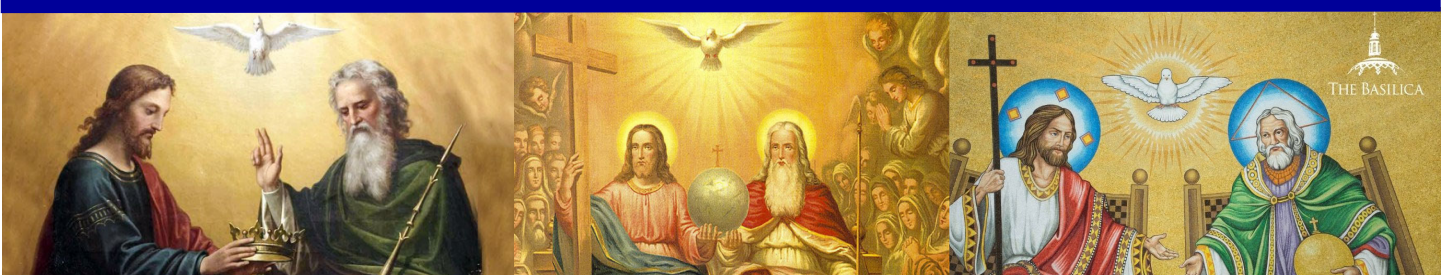
TO VISIT ST. THERESE'S BASILICA IN FRANCE (& MORE!) for 12 days from October 3 to 14

St. Therese Parish's Fr. David will be the chaplain for a Special Pilgrimage to France. The Pilgrimage explores where the Little Flower lived, as well as other holy sites in France (Lisieux, Dijon, Lourdes, Mont St. Michel and others), as part of St. Therese Parish's Celebration of our 100th Jubilee Year.

The price of this 12-day Pilgrimage is \$3,985.00, L.A. to L.A., which includes round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, breakfasts and lunches, and admission prices. Mass will be celebrated daily.



Itineraries, both for this Anniversary Pilgrimage to France and Fr. David's Marian Shrine Tour in Wisconsin this August (see Page Seven), can be found in the church vestibule by the Baptistry... OR email our Parish Secretary (denisekay@hotmail.com).



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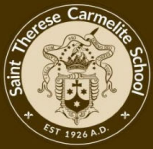


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Talks on The Flame of Love

The renewal of the earth will take place through the power and imploring force of the Blessed Virgin Mary." (Our Lord to Elizabeth Kindelmann, Third Order Carmelite).



You are cordially invited to attend John Sullivan's **Two Talks on The Flame of Love.**

Mr. Sullivan is the International Coordinator of *The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.* His talks will be presented on **Monday, June 10**, as follows:

First Talk: Noon to 2:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall; **Second Talk:** 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the church, followed by Holy **Mass at 7:15 p.m.**, celebrated by Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD.



Use the QR code to the left for the Noon talk

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Mass Intentions

May 25—June 1, 2024

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Ruy Eduardo Arenas, Birthday INT

Sunday

*7:30 am: Wang-Shin Lin & all dec'd children RIP

7:30 a.m.: Varkey Kalapura, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Victor M. & Alicia & Taryn Pintado, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Jesus Partida, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Graciamma George, INT

5:00 p.m.: Martin Quisada, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Christo Sebastian, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Therese H. Nguyen, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Kay Fitzpatrick, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Rommel Protacio Karunungan, RIP

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Francis Sy Su, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Therese H. Nguyen, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Thomas Kalapura, RIP

7:15 p.m.:

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Avelina Fuentes, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Therese H. Nguyen, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Georgie Sebastian, RIP

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Felipe Sia, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Therese H. Nguyen, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Ronaldo Cuarto, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Sebastian T., INT

*7:30 a.m.: Jennifer Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Esperanza Estrada, RIP

Saturday (Morning):

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

8:00 a.m.: Noralyn Cailan, Birthday INT

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

Open to the public except on Sundays and 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

OUR LADY OF CHAMPION (approved Apparition) **PILGRIMAGE** with Saint Therese Parish's **Father David**: to visit the 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, including Holy Hill Basilica and the Carmelite Nuns Cloister in Denmark, WI. Pick up a Pilgrimage Flyer for more information or email denisekay@hotmail.com.

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 at (323) 360-5186 Or go to: www.SacredHeartTours.com.



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-Responsorial Psalm 33**

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