

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 10, 2019 **MINISTERED BY THE DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS** Estab. 1924



Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD X222;
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In Residence:
Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD X335;
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Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD (7th Grade Teacher)

Deacons: Deacon Joseph Mizerski X333;
Deacon Gilbert Vargas X333

NEW PARISHIONERS,

Register in the office at 510 N. El Molino Street, Alhambra.

Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; from 2:00 to 5:00 pm; and from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm and from 5:00 to 6:00 pm).

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open 24/7. An electronic key is needed from 5:00 pm to 6:00 am (available in the office for \$20).

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL (626) 289-3364

www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

Principal: Alma Cornejo X661

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Chaplain: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD X224

See our VIDEOS on the School's Facebook page or on the Church's Website: > Our School > Videos



MASSES AND SERVICES

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.
Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

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

Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary: Mon-Sat after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
First Friday: Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office) six months+ in advance

Holy Communion to the Sick: Fred & Margaret Padilla, (626) 282-0943

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office to schedule an appointment.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Grade School, Confirmation

for Youth & Adults,
RCIA, and Liturgical
Ministries): Call
the main office

"I AM A PRIEST FOREVER!"

By Fr. Philip
Sullivan, OCD

A Priest is a Priest Forever



It took approximately 10 years from the day I entered the Carmelite Monastery in San Jose, California, to the day I was ordained on August 4, 2007. I remember lying prostrate on the marble floor in the sanctuary of St. Therese Church. I can still feel the cold hard marble against my forehead; I can hear the Prayers of the Faithful and the Litany of the Saints rising up to Heaven—while my heart raced with anticipation! Many times I have re-imagined the imposition of hands upon my head by the Bishop and the anointing of my hands with the fragrant oil of chrism. My hands were then tightly wrapped in cloth and, at that moment, I was eternally bound to Christ, the Bridegroom, and His Church, the Bride. I watched the oil seep into the cloth which awaited the hands of my mother, as her hands will one day be wrapped with the same cloth on the day of her burial.

"You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and forever" (Hebrews 7: 18). I am a priest forever! Through the priesthood I have been able to experience the love of God described in John's Gospel: "God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God and God lives in him" (1 John 16). Through the priesthood I have even been able to understand these words of St. Augustine: "**To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances, to seek Him the greatest adventure, to find Him the greatest human achievement.**" To

find Jesus in His Priesthood has been my greatest achievement. My Bride is, of course, the Church, and there can be no other! My Bride is beautiful to behold and wonderful to be with. She is the Bride that demands everything from her Spouse. Jesus calls me each day to love His Bride with renewed love made in acts of service, patience, and forgiveness. I am in love and I know that "**The measure of Love is to Love without measure**" (Francis de Sales).

I love the way my Bride sparkles as she is effortlessly one with the light. I love Her gentle glow in the morning before she is ablaze. I love the way my Bride smells with the fragrance of incense as the billowing smoke makes its way to God's Altar on High. I love the way she sings to her Bridegroom at Mass through her sacred music. I love Her prayers that console, heal, and forgive. I love the intimate whispers that I make to her at every Mass. I love her gentle and yet demanding responses that pierce my heart. My words are her words, my will is her will, my intention is her intention. I love Her saints who inspire us so much by their heroic faith. Most especially, I love the martyrs because they preferred to die than to betray Her. I love to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. How amazing it is to stand at the altar of sacrifice and repeat those consummating words of consummation: "**This is my Body which will be given up for you**"; and "**This is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal Covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.**"

"God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God and God lives in him." This life lived in love would have never been possible were it not for the love and encouragement I received and experienced in a loving home, one in which my parents passed on to me the greatest gift of all: the gift of faith. My parents taught me that God is a Father who whispers while the world is clanging all around us. My parents taught us to respond to God no matter what He is asking from us...everything and everyone. I am in love, and I love being a Catholic priest.

In every adventure in life there are always difficulties, trials, and persecutions. However, St. Paul reminds us that "**love endures all things**" (1 Corinthians 13:7). One of the most difficult challenges for me as a priest is preaching, especially when I preach what is not "popular" in our society today. However, St. Paul gives me courage in his words to St. Timothy: "**Preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort; be unfailing in patience and in teaching... for the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching; but, having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths**" (2 Timothy 4). As a priest, it is a constant challenge to suffer when the Bride is sick. When she suffers the pains of this world, the priest does not stand idle but preaches in defense of his Bride. Like Christ, the priest takes on the sins of the world one after the other in every confession. He is weighed down with the Cross our Lord carried 2,000 years ago on Calvary. I have seen and have heard of things that would cause the strongest of men to retreat from the battle. However, I have not and will never give up, because I am convinced that the promise of Jesus is true, that "**the gates of Hell shall not prevail**" (Matthew 16:18). While we are still healing from the past sins of some bishops and priests, it is important for us to focus on the saints of the Church, not her sinners; and it is essential that we strive to be among those saints. It is easy to complain and to point fingers. Yet, we can all agree that it is difficult to live authentic lives of holiness—no matter what vocation God has given us.

Each priest heard God calling, whispering, proposing—and each answered, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." The adventure continues until death...but there is no parting with this Bride, for she remains eternal. My prayer every night before I sleep is that I may faithfully persevere until that day when the Lord calls me to eternal rest. That is how the adventure ends and begins. On that day, I hope to say, along with St. Paul, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

PREPARATION FOR CONSECRATION



Join us for Saint Louis de Montfort's Classic Preparation for Consecration, "TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY: TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS". Make your first act of consecration OR renew your consecration to Jesus through true devotion to Mary, whom we will be honoring under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Your Consecration Day will be at a special Mass in December.

To prepare for this, attend five classes for the 33-day preparation for Consecration, which will meet in the Parish Library from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., on the following SUNDAYS: TONIGHT, November 10, November 17, November 24, December 1, and December 8.

COME AS YOU ARE! All materials will be provided. We will:

- Pray the Rosary together at the classes.
- Ponder the spiritual teachings and consecration formula of St. Louis de Montfort.
- Reflect on Scripture and The Imitation of Christ by Thomas a' Kempis.

St. Louis De Montfort was a French priest living in the 17th and 18th centuries who proclaimed the path to Jesus through Mary.

He said, "Mary is an echo of God, speaking and repeating only God. If you say 'Mary' she says 'God'".

For more information, contact Angela at (310) 701-8386.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the seventeenth century, English Catholics—many of them wealthy and well-educated—looked to the American colonies as a place to regain a measure of religious freedom. In Ireland, the so-called penal laws were even harsher than in England, as a minority Parliament tried to force the conversion of the population by denying the majority political and economic power. Beginning in 1691, laws were passed that punished dissenters, principally Catholics, but also caused hardships for Jews, Quakers, and others. There were acts forbidding mixed marriage or sending children overseas for schooling. Catholics were taxed at double the common rate, barred from the legal professions and from university, and not allowed to build churches or own a decent horse.

In 1793 the situation began to change, as it became clear that the economic persecution would not drive the majority away from Catholicism. Gradually, laws were repealed until, by 1829, freedom was won, although Catholics at university were still ineligible for honors, and until the 1920s, when the Republic was formed, the Church of Ireland was the State Church, funded by the taxes of all citizens.



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 last few weekends.

NOTE: The second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month is for our School (that's THIS weekend!).



November 2 / 3, 2019

Unrestricted.....	\$16,261.00
Restricted	\$ 1,131.00
T O T A L	\$17,392.00

October 5 / 6.....	\$17,252.00
October 12 / 13.....	\$14,058.00
October 19 / 20.....	\$26,329.00
October 26 / 27.....	\$14,858.00

Check Users:
Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thanksgiving
is in less than
three weeks!

We will once again be distributing food for the holidays to those in our community who are suffering financially. Please help us by donating non-perishable food items (boxes, bags, cans) AND turkeys for our Thanksgiving Food Drive! (We also be collecting in December for Christmas.)

Please bring these items to the Parish Hall on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24** (the Feast of Christ the King), between the hours of **8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**, and/or between the hours of **4:30 and 6:30 p.m.**

We will have freezers available in the Hall that day to place the turkeys until we distribute them that week (normally on Monday or Tuesday).

GUADALUPE DINNER

This Annual Parish and School event will be held **Saturday, December 14**, in the Parish Hall. It will include a delicious dinner, entertainment (including mariachis and folklorico), prizes, and more. Raffle Tickets will be sold at the Dinner for the following cash prizes:



Grand: \$2,500; 2nd: \$1,000; 3rd: \$500.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the **Silent Auction Gala in February.**

TODAY'S READINGS

We are nearing the end of the liturgical year. Today's readings remind us that our own lives will draw to a close one day, and we can be certain that the Lord will encourage, strengthen, and save us—both now and at the last. The astonishing story in the Book of Maccabees invigorates our faith as we behold an entire family willing to die rather than deny the Law of Moses. The Responsorial Psalm echoes their faithful cries: "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God". That same confidence appears in St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians: "The Lord is faithful...He will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one." In the Gospel, Jesus explains just how long God's protection will endure. The children of God whom God guards, Jesus says, will live forever like angels.



Shop at Our Rummage Sale!



TODAY, November 10th, is the second and final day of our Rummage Sale! Thank you to everyone who donated items! The sale of these donations will go to support our School.

Sunday's shopping hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (specials towards the final hours).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

* STRE (Kindergarten through 8th Grade, including Eucharist Preparation): The next classes will be in session on Sunday, November 17, at 9:00 a.m.

- CONFIRMATION (High School): The next classes for First Year (C1) will be Sunday, December 8, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. Classes for Second Year (C2) will be next Sunday, November 17, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m.

- RCIA: If you wish to become Catholic or to complete your Sacraments, join us! Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room on most Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are November 14 and 21.

BIBLE STUDY GUIDEBOOKS



Study Guides for our current Bible study, "The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy," are available for any persons

wishing to watch lecture presentations online and do individual studies at their own pace.

If interested, call Debbie Robles at 679-6370 to register, drop off a \$30 book fee (checks payable to St. Therese Church), then pick up your Guide from the Rectory. For more information, visit www.ascensionpress.com or contact Debbie at 679-6370 or debrobles@me.com.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

Read: "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Heaven: Who Designed the Designer?" ... "The World's First Love"

Listen: "Strangers and Sojourners"... "St. Frances Cabrini" ... "Ode to Saint Cecilia" ... "Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal"

Watch: "Mary of Nazareth"

ONGOING PARISH MEETINGS / EVENTS

DETENTION MINISTRY: If you're 21 or older, join us in visiting the youth (ages 8 to 18) in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meet monthly in the LA Archdiocese with our 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 FRIDAY MASS: Held every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Next is December 6.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (originally formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro) is for those grieving a loved one—no matter how long or for whom. We meet in the Parish Offices from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. The next meetings will be November 13 and 27.

INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP: Join us in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices to pray for priests every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. (following Benediction in the church). For more info, call Blanca at 281-7070.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: For Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Frank Bodeman, at (888) 869-3124.

LEGION OF MARY: The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: For info on Church teaches about openness to life, contact Jack & Katrina Crow at 292-1906 or katrina.fcp@gmail.com for **English OR** Martha Lacayo for **Spanish** at 372-0808 or Martha.fcp@gmail.com. Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System/NaproTechnology are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact one of them to register for the classes.

RISE MEN'S MINISTRY: All men who have made the challenge at www.MenRiseUp.org are encouraged to join us on Saturday mornings for the Rosary at 6:45 a.m., followed by a video and discussion from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. For questions, contact Greg Keller at greglks@yahoo.com.

ROSARY MAKERS: Help make rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. For more info, call Magda at (213) 300-7776.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Come to the church every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at 281-3706.

CATHOLIC KARATE CLASSES

The following **KARATE CLASSES** will resume **THIS THURSDAY, November 14**, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

-**New Youth** (Boys & Girls from 7 to 17)—Learn to defend yourself; understand why you're worth protecting; and earn your black belt. Meet from 5:15 to 5:55 p.m.

-**Yellow & Orange Belts** meet from 6:00 to 6:40 p.m.

-**Men's Classes** (18-60)—Learn to protect yourself and your family. Meet 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Classes are held in the Parish Hall; register on site. Please arrive 15 minutes early!

FEES:

One Youth: \$10 per week; 2nd Youth: +\$7 per week; 3rd Youth: +\$7 per week; Additional Youths: +\$5 per week. Pay in full to save \$1 per week, per kid!

Men: \$10 per week, plus a \$5 registration fee.

QUESTIONS? Email John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions

For the Week of November 9 through 16, 2019

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Karl Fisher & Family, INT

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: An Marie Nguyen, INT

7:30 a.m.: All Souls Novena 8

9:00 a.m.: Jack & Louisa Day, 37th Anniv. INT

11:00 a.m.: John Okamoto, RIP

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

5:00 p.m.: Julio Ramirez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: All Souls Novena 9

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. William Fenton & Fr. Gerald Winters, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mr. Yongshan Hua, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: An Marie Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Charlie Aguilar, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Solichin Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: John Okamoto, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Helen Bugyi, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Martinus Sugiri Hardjasmita, INT

*7:30 a.m.: An Marie Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Timothy Barnett, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Nicholas Solichin, Birthday Intention

*7:30 a.m.: An Marie Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Daisy Torres, INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Asayama Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Daisy Thompson, Birthday Intention

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

Floral Dedications

Make a dedication in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones! Bouquets are \$50+ each. Call **Giovanna** at 281-9049.



Outside the Parish

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, a former pastor of ours, will lead a **6-day SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City (December 8 to 13)**. \$1,599 per person, double occupancy. For more info, contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 or maddatubeth@gmail.com.

HELP FOR MARRIAGES: 82% of marriages that complete the nine month *Retrouvaille* (REH-tro-v-eye) program are still together five years later? For questions or registration, call 909-900-5465 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Confidential!

You are invited to join Fr. Joe Joseph's Pilgrimage to SWITZERLAND, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM, including the OBERAMMERGAU-PASSION PLAY from SEPT. 2 - 14, 2020. Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@gmail.com or 323-547-6618 / 323-344-1548.

ARE YOU HOMEBOUND? You can view the Mass on TV on Channel 56 (KDOC) every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. For a free copy of the Mass prayer book, call 1-800-430-0930.

Lectors

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Larry Dumont

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Jackie Johnson / Blanca Ruvalcaba

9:00 a.m. Lucas Setiady

11:00 a.m. Jeff Storey / Jason Perez

5:00 p.m. Miriam Lopez

Personal Ads

LADY SEEKS TO RENT a room, studio, or loft (with private, non-sharing bath). Clean, quiet, non-smoking/-drinking, and always pay on time—up to \$700/mo, plus a security deposit. Call Irene Ascas at 627-1899.