

St. Therese Catholic Church

Est. 1924



(Now Celebrating the Centennial of Our Founding (1924-2024))

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...He looked up to Heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphathal"—that is, "Be opened!"—and immediately the man's ears were opened and he spoke plainly (Mark 7:34-35).

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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SACRAMENTS

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

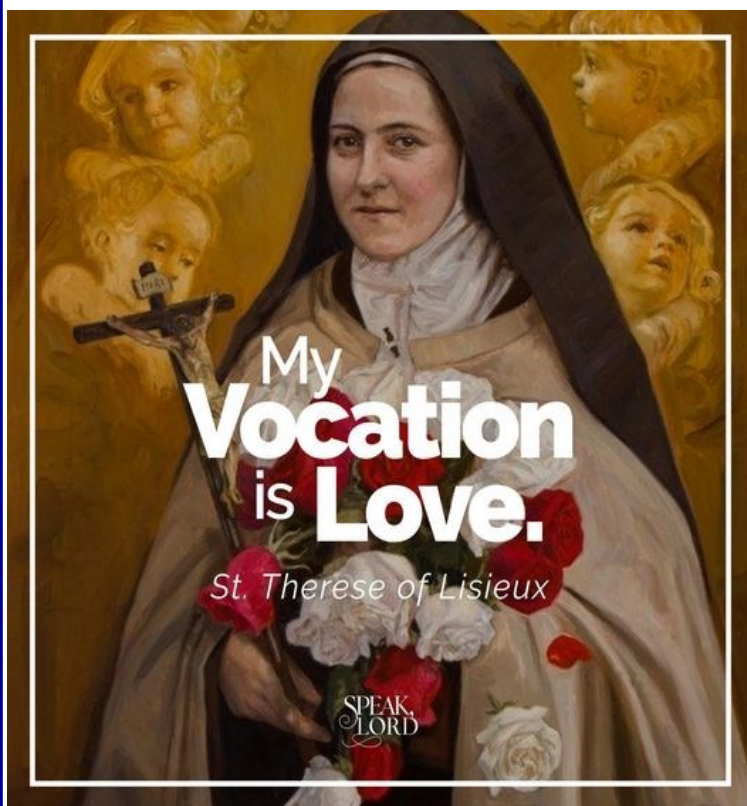
PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

September is the month of our novena to our beloved patroness, St. Therese. And because of this special centennial year of our Parish, we're proud to host for this Novena one of the experts on the life and spirituality of St. Therese: Fr. Donald Kinney from our Province! He will expound on "all things Therese," along with promoting the visit of her relics a year from now. This is a great opportunity for you all to get to know our beloved patroness in a deeper way!

To prepare ourselves, I'd like to introduce one of the quintessential moments and subsequent teachings in St. Therese's life: *"My Vocation is Love."* —Fr. Peter Mary

Introduction to the Text



St. Therese's vocation as a Carmelite was "not enough" for her; she needed a response from God: Therese searched for it in the Scriptures. She dreamed of responding to all vocations, everywhere and in all times—and in their most heroic forms. It was with the Apostle Paul that she found the reply, when he declared that Love comprises all vocations.

"My only love" (MS. B, 2v): This is what Therese was to carve like graffiti on the lintel of the door of her cell: "Jesus is my only Love."

"The courage of a Crusader, of a Papal Guard": Therese, like her sister Celine, always had the quality of a warrior and a knight. She was quick to use military vocabulary. Thus, in Poem 36, she had no hesitation in saying: "And in the field of my apostolate/ Like a warrior, I hurl myself into combat!"

"Missionary": One vocation that she carried out to the full, because she was proclaimed "Patroness of the Missions and Missionaries" by Pope Pius XI on December 14, 1927.

"Martyrdom": Among all the vocations that Therese sensed in herself, martyrdom was the dominant one. She rediscovered the martyrs during her pilgrimage to Italy, and her favorite martyr was St. Joan of Arc, around whom she wrote two plays (RP1 and RP3).

"To offer myself as a Victim for your Love": Therese returns here to her *Act of Offering to Merciful Love*, which she had made on June 9, 1895. However, here she lays more emphasis on weakness, childhood, and smallness.

"May He convert this fire into nothingness": Apart from one mention in Manuscript A, the word "nothingness" only appears with Therese in connection with the trial of faith.

Novena with Fr. Donald Kinney, OCD



During this 100th anniversary year of our Parish, the Novena to St. Therese (September 22-30) and her feast day on October 1 will be especially joyful. We have invited Fr. Donald Kinney, OCD, to offer the Mass and preach each evening. He owes

his vocation to St. Therese. He was ordained here on October 1, 1988. Fr. Donald is now assigned at the Carmelite House of Prayer in Oakville, in the Napa Valley.

Also during the Novena, Fr. Donald will be promoting the visit of the reliquary of St. Therese. It will be coming to Alhambra and our Parish from October 11 to 13, 2025. The year 2025 is also the 100th anniversary of the Canonization of St. Therese and a Jubilee Year in the entire Church.

On Saturdays and Sundays (September 22, 28, and 29), the Novena Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. On the weekdays, the Mass will be at 7:15 p.m. During this Novena, the Tuesday evening Mass will be in English. On October 1, the Feast of St. Therese, the Mass will be at 7:15 p.m.

These will be days of great grace! Plan to attend, and invite others to come with you!

The "Mystery of the Church"

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, invites everyone to attend a new series of classes he will conduct on the *Mystery of the Church*. These lectures will also serve as a catechetical mystagogy for the newly baptized. Mystagogy is a term that comes from the Greek word meaning, "to lead through the mysteries." The Catechism describes mystagogy as a

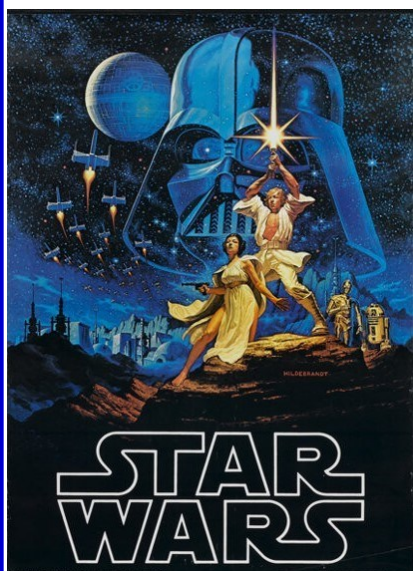


"liturgical catechesis that aims to initiate people into the mystery of Christ" (CCC 1075). Mystagogy is the form of catechesis that expounds on the spiritual treasures contained in the sacraments. St. Augustine refers to the Church as the "wondrous sacrament born from Christ's side."

The Acts of the Apostles will serve as a primary reference for these classes. Fr. Stephen will also lead the class in a close reading of *Lumen Gentium*, which is the dogmatic constitution on the Church of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II). The hymn, *The Church's One Foundation*, embodies the theme and content of these classes.

These lectures will begin with two classes—on **Tuesday, September 17, and Wednesday, September 18, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.** The first two classes are back-to-back due to the novena to St. Therese. Thereafter, they will take place twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT STAR WARS



Our next PARISH MOVIE NIGHT will be on Saturday, **October 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m.** We will show the original Star Wars (1977)!

Dinner will be provided by our Parish Ministries, along with a Star Wars **COSTUME CONTEST** for both adults and children.

The best costume overall will win a prize of \$100, with a runner-up prize of \$50.

COR JESUS YOUTH|FAMILY NIGHT

YOUTH! FAMILIES! FR. ROBERT INVITES YOU TO JOIN him at the next event on **Friday, September 27th.** See the schedule below:



6:15 PIZZA SOCIAL—
Meet in the Hall for pizza!

6:45 PM BREAK OUT INTO CENACLES/GROUPS (1. High School-ers, 2. Middle School-ers (6th, 7th, 8th Grades), 3. *Parents, and 4. *Children)

8:15 PM: HOLY HOUR/CONFESSIONS (ALL are welcome!): Helping youth and their families encounter Jesus (traditional benediction, chants, soft praise, music, Gospel reflection, compline).

*Children from three years through 5th Grade will have the "Virtues in Practice" Program, while their parents will be in their own cenacles for reflections on the Sunday Gospels, intercessory prayer, etc. Bring a Bible and a Rosary!

LAST CALL to Register for 2024-2025 Religious Ed Classes!



Religious Education
Registration
Children, Teens, and Adults

You may still register ONLINE (click the links on the home page of our website) for Religious Education classes.

- Classes for elementary grades begin September 15;
- H.S. Confirmation Classes begin September 11;
- OCIA/RCIA classes begin on September 12 (if attending on Thursdays) and September 14 (if attending on Saturdays).

You will need to submit a copy of each registrant's baptism certificate and the fee by the first day of class (cash or check only). The fees are on the registration forms.

Pilgrimage to France with Fr. David For Our 100th Anniversary (Oct 2024)

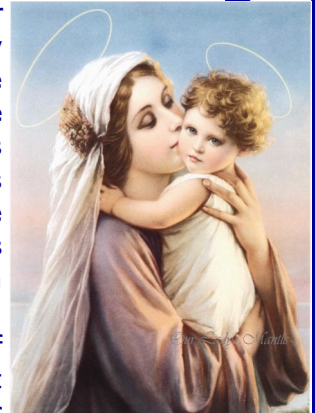
St. Therese Parish's Fr. David will be the chaplain for a Special Pilgrimage to France. The Pilgrimage will explore **where the Little Flower lived, as well as other holy sites in France** (Lisieux, Dijon, Lourdes, Mont St. Michel and others), as part of St. Therese Parish's Celebration of our 100th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

The complete itinerary can be found in the church vestibule by the Baptistry... If they're all taken, email our Parish Secretary (denisekay@hotmail.com), using PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE in the subject line, to request one.



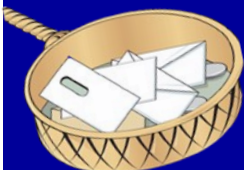
Birth of the Blessed Virgin

Today, Sunday, September 8th, is both the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast, celebrated nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, marks the birth of the woman chosen to be the Mother of God. Mary's birth is a moment of great joy for the Church, as it signifies the dawn of our salvation. From her humble beginnings, God prepared Mary to be the pure vessel through which Jesus Christ, our Savior, would enter the world.



As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist on this dual occasion, we are reminded of God's providential plan and the role that Mary plays in it. Her birth is not just a historical event, but a sign of hope and the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem humanity. Mary's life, from her immaculate conception to her assumption into heaven, is a testament to God's grace and a model of faith and obedience for all believers. On this day, we honor her as the Mother of the Church and ask for her intercession as we strive to follow her example of saying "yes" to God's will in our own lives.

Financial Offerings



August 31 / September 1, 2024

Unrestricted..... \$15,830.00
Restricted \$ 495.00
T O T A L.....\$16,325.00

August 3 / 4 \$14,462.00
August 10 / 11 \$18,445.00
August 17 / 18 \$16,485.00
August 24 / 25 \$21,459.00

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NEW CHOIR SEASON!



Rehearsals for the Eleven o'clock Mass Choir began on September 4th. *If you have choral experience, consider using your musical talents to benefit your Parish.* You can call the Music Director, Charlotte Lansberg, at (626) 282-2744, ext. 1 + 222, e-mail her at credochoir1@gmail.com, or see her after Mass. The commitment to the Choir involves *Wednesday night rehearsals, *Sunday Mass (with rehearsal at 10:30 a.m., and Mass at 11:00 a.m.), and *services for Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter. The choir will also be singing the *Fauré Requiem* at a special Mass for All Souls on **November 15, commemorating the souls of the faithful departed of the Parish.**

SAVE THE DATE!

We will conclude the celebration of our centennial year at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena on **Sat., January 11.** More details to come but—for now—put the date in your calendar!



Eucharistic Adoration



"Could you not watch one hour with me?"
-Mark 14:37

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

-St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
May 25, 1887 – September 23, 1968

Padre Pio was a 20th century Mystic and Stigmatic, as well as a Patron Saint of Eucharistic Adorers because of how often he would be found in Adoration. He instructed his fellow friars "When you want to find me, come near the Tabernacle." As a young man, before he entered the priesthood, he spent hours in the church, adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. After his ordination, he took a long time for the Consecration of the Mass, to the point where parishioners complained about all the time he spent in ecstasy. He had to control himself, to break out of his ecstasy, and force himself back to the Mass, at the orders of his superiors.

He told us, "When Mass ended, I remained with Jesus to render Him thanks. My thirst and hunger do not diminish after I have received Him in the Blessed Sacrament, but rather, increase steadily. Oh, how sweet was the conversation I held with Paradise this morning. The Heart of Jesus and my own, if you will

pardon my expression, fused. They were no longer two hearts beating but only one. My heart disappeared as if it were a drop in the ocean."

Be a Committed Adorer

Sign up by scanning this QR code with your phone!



HELP WANTED!

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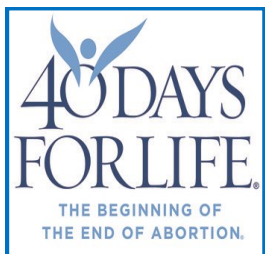
For more information, please contact the principal, Mrs. Alma Cornejo, at principal@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com.



40 Days for Life

RECLAIMING CALIFORNIA: Prayer Warriors Needed!
- Campaign from September 25 to November 3 -

40 Days for Life needs dedicated Prayer Warriors to join their Fall campaign to save babies from abortion. Please volunteer at least one hour a week to pray in front of the Pasadena Planned Parenthood. You can sign up at our website at www.40daysforlife.com/en/pasadena.



Also, save the date of **September 22** for the Procession Kickoff at **3:00 p.m.**

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



You may have seen her on Sundays as she moves from the sacristy to the sanctuary setting up for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. She might strike you as someone you've seen working in a bank—attentive, competent, and with good posture. Her cheeks are the color of peaches and cream. That would be **Mary Rose Schneider**. She is the daughter of the late **Robert and Mary Ann Schneider**. This is her family story.

Robert Schneider, Sr., was born in Buffalo—long before the Buffalo Bills were established—and then moved with his family to Glendale, California, during the Great Depression. Their migration may have had as much to do with the cold winters in Buffalo as the economy. After high school, Bob joined the Army. Because of his “skill set” acquired in high school, he was a clerk-typist, a sort of “Radar” Schneider, if you will. He was attached to George Patton’s unit at the beginning of the Battle of the Bulge. When the war ended, he served another year in Germany as a court clerk for the Judge Advocate General, i.e. JAG. Not long after returning to the States, he got a job at Bank of America.

Enter Mary Ann McDonald. She also worked at Bank of America. A Jewish customer of the Bank encouraged Bob to “court” Mary Ann. *Hello, Dolly!* The matchmaker made a good match. Bob and Mary Ann were married at Mission San Gabriel in April of 1961. They were blessed on Valentine's Day, 1963, with a boy, whom they named

Robert Joseph, Jr. Two years later, the above-mentioned Mary Rose was born. Both children were baptized at St. Therese. In the early seventies, a little before the golden jubilee of the parish, Bob and Mary Ann bought a house on West Roses Road where San Gabriel, San Marino, and Alhambra meet. This has been the Schneider home ever since, where the Schneider brother and sister still live.

From the beginning, the Schneiders became active parishioners at St. Therese, and both children went to our Parish School. Mary Rose was just starting first grade when they moved into their home on Roses Road. Mrs. Mary Ann Schneider was a stay-at-home mom, and happily so. You can be sure she was involved with her children’s education—but not only her *own* children’s. For many years Mrs. Schneider, a certified catechist, prepared our Parish children for their sacraments in our Religious Ed program. She also helped Sister Rita with the R.C.I.A. program. Deacon Rex Owens was one of the catechumens in the program at that time. She also was in the Carmelite Nuns’ Auxiliary, and it meant so much to her.

Mary Ann and Bob were lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, including bringing Holy Communion to the homebound. Bob also served on the Parish Finance Council. Meanwhile, their children, Bob Jr., and Mary Rose, went to La Salle College Preparatory and Alverno Heights Academy, respectively. In college, Bob, Jr., pursued studies in history and his sister majored in business economy at UCLA. Later, Mary Rose served on the Parish Finance Council like her father. She was also a Sunday school teacher with her mother. Even today, in addition to being a sacristan, Mary Rose helps Florence with the children’s Religious Ed program and she is also a lector. You might be thinking, “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.” No, not them! The Schneiders knew how to have fun. They went on wonderful family vacations to Europe and elsewhere.

Bob and Mary Ann must have heard the Carmelite nuns often say, “You’ll get your reward in Heaven,” as compensation for their volunteer work. They, indeed, have gone on to their reward. Like their parents, both Bob Jr., and Mary Rose worked for Bank of America. After forty some years, Bob, Jr., encountered some health issues and retired from the bank; however, Mary Rose is still there. But her greatest joy is serving the Lord, which she has done so faithfully and cheerfully. The Schneiders have been a big part of St. Therese Parish for the last fifty years.

**The Schneider 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.**

Mass Intentions

September 7—September 14, 2024

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: George Wells, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Th'gvg for San Gabriel Mission

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: John Torres, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Kay Tittmann, Birthday Intention

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Gladys Cantong, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Rory Putman, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Molly Lynch, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Elena Saucillo, INT

8:00 a.m.: Nina Cox, Birthday Intention

7:15 p.m.: Liam Obrient, INT

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Maria Guadalupe Ochoa, B-Day INT

*7:30 a.m.: Paul Duyet Phan, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Matthew Grobarek, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Molly Lynch, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Ursulina Aquino, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: All Families, INT

8:00 a.m.: DeAvila Padilla Family INT

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Celso Aquino, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Raymond Siy, INT

Friday

6:00 a.m.: Judy Johnson, RIP

*7:30 am: Therese Quynh Nhu, INT

8:00 a.m.: Asayama Family, INT

Saturday (Morning):

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

8:00 a.m.: Jorge Abuede, RIP

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

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***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"!

Outside the Parish

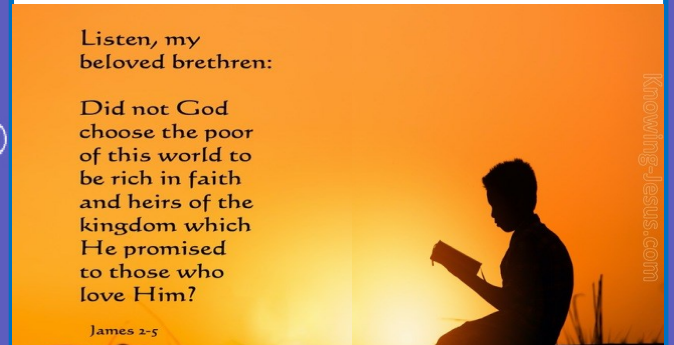
"IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. JUAN DIEGO AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE," a Pilgrimage from **Sunday, December 8, to Friday, December 13, 2024...** Join us for this inspiring tour to Guadalupe, Mexico, and more! The chaplain will be Fr. Jan Lundberg and the fee is \$2125 double occupancy. To receive a detailed itinerary, call Beth Maddatu at 408-903-6305 or email her at maddatubeth2@gmail.com.

SEEKING ITEMS FOR THE CLOISTERED CARMELITE NUNS' AUXILIARY'S BOUTIQUE on November 15: Please take a look around your house (in drawers, cabinets, closets, etc.) for items you no longer use or display. These will be sold at the Fall Boutique for the benefit of our Nuns. We need items in good condition: decorative items, small appliances, jewelry, vases, nice dishes, teapots, etc. **NO FURNITURE OR CLOTHING!**—it's not a rummage sale! For more info and a drop-off location, please contact Rosemary Moreno at (626) 281-9211 after September 16. Thank you!

Listen, my beloved brethren:

Did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

James 2:5



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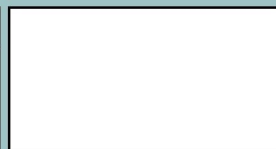
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