

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 24, 2019

MINISTERED BY THE DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS

Estab. 1924

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Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

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

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Fred & Margaret Padilla, (626) 282-0943

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office



SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL
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www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

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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 8:00 a.m. Mass

Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Friday: Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

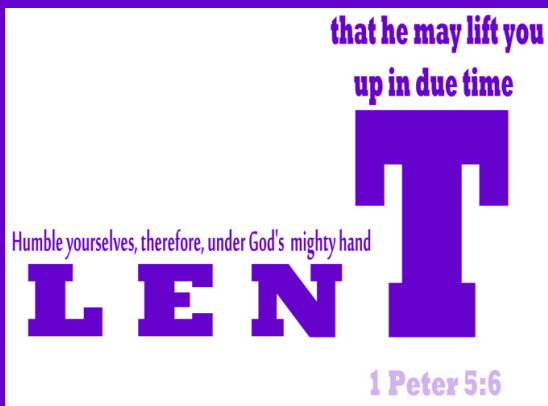
And He told them this parable: "There once was a man who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down'" (Luke 13:6-9).



NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE! PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE OR IN THE PARISH OFFICE

The office is at 510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra. Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm... 2:00 to 5:00 pm... and 6:00 to 8:00 pm—closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm. 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).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT LENT



By James Akin

Why are the forty days called Lent? They are called Lent because that is the Old English word for spring, the season of the year during which they fall. This is something unique to English. In almost all other languages its name is a derivative of the Latin term *Quadragesima*, or "the forty days."

Why are Sundays excluded from the reckoning of the forty days? Because Sunday is the day on which Christ arose, making it an inappropriate day to fast and mourn our sins. On Sunday we must celebrate Christ's resurrection for our salvation. It is Friday on which we commemorate His death for our sins. The Sundays of the year are days of celebration and the Fridays of the year are days of penance.

Why is Lent forty days long? Because forty days is a traditional number of discipline, devotion, and preparation in the Bible. Thus Moses stayed on the Mountain of God forty days (Exodus 24:18 and 34:28), the spies were in the land for forty days (Numbers 13:25), Elijah traveled forty days before he reached the cave where he had his vision (1 Kings 19:8), Nineveh was given forty days to repent (Jonah 3:4), and most importantly, prior to undertaking his ministry, Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness praying and fasting (Matthew 4:2). Since Lent is a period of prayer and fasting, it is fitting for Christians to imitate their Lord with a forty-day period. Christ used a forty-day period of prayer and fasting to prepare for His ministry, which culminated in His death and resurrection, and thus it is fitting for Christians to imitate Him with a forty-day period of prayer and fasting to prepare for the celebration of His ministry's climax, Good Friday (the day of the crucifixion) and Easter Sunday (the day of the resurrection).

What are appropriate activities for ordinary days during Lent? Giving up something we enjoy for Lent, doing physical or spiritual acts of mercy for others, prayer, fasting, abstinence, going to confession, and other acts expressing repentance in general.

Is the custom of giving up something for Lent mandatory? No, however, it is a salutary custom, and parents or caretakers may choose to require it of their children to encourage their spiritual training, which is their prime responsibility in the raising of their children.

Since Sundays are not counted in the forty days of Lent, does the custom of giving up something apply to them? Customarily, no. However, since the giving up of something is voluntary to begin with, there is no official rule concerning this aspect of it. Nevertheless, since Sundays are days of celebration, it is appropriate to suspend the Lenten self-denial on them so that, in a spiritual and non-excessive way, we may celebrate the day of Our Lord's Resurrection so that Sunday may be contrasted with the rest of the days of Lent and the rest of the events of history. This heightened contrast deepens the spiritual lessons taught by the rest of Lent.

Why is giving up something for Lent such a salutary custom? By denying ourselves something we enjoy, we discipline our wills so that we are not slaves to our pleasures. Just as over-indulging in the pleasure of eating leads to physical flabbiness, over-indulging in pleasure in general leads to spiritual flabbiness and an inability to perform in spiritual demanding situations, when the demands of morality require us to sacrifice something pleasurable (such as sex before marriage or not within the confines of marriage) or endure hardship (such as being scorned or persecuted for the faith). By disciplining the will to refuse pleasures when they are not sinful, a habit is developed which allows the will to refuse pleasures when they are sinful. There are few better ways to keep one's priorities straight than by periodically denying ourselves things of lesser priority to show us that they are not necessary and focus our attention on what is necessary.

A LENTEN MEDITATION

Every fast and feast in the Church for the past 2,000-odd years has been to remind us that Christ’s actions affect us, even now. Lent is a spiritual season, reminding us that our sins are forgiven, death is abolished and Christ is risen. Fasts and feasts are for our encouragement, so that when we stand in worship on Easter Sunday, we can confidently repeat the words of Gregory the Theologian, who said, “Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him.” It’s also important to remember that in Lent we’re not just “giving something up,” but we’re also “giving something over”. Lent is also a time for alms-giving, the practice of giving to the poor and needy. So, when we think of Lent, we also think of service and giving so that the world can know the riches of the love of God. As we do all these things, the love of God becomes clearer in our hearts. As Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen said:



"We can think of Lent as a time to eradicate evil or cultivate virtue, a time to pull up weeds or to plant good seeds. Which is better is clear, for the Christian ideal is always positive rather than negative. A person is great not by the ferocity of his hatred of evil, but by the intensity of his love for God. Asceticism and mortification are not the ends of a Christian life; they are only the means. The end is charity. Penance merely makes an opening in our ego in which the Light of God can pour. As we deflate ourselves, God fills us. And it is God’s arrival that is the important event."

None of this means fasting isn’t important. Rather, it’s *exceedingly* important when done with the right heart and attitude. As Archbishop Sheen said, our repentance leads to God filling us with more of Himself. Fast with the intention of *receiving* and not just *giving*. Lent is the spring of hope for all who believe that the tomb is empty and the oppression of sin and death is released. It is the spring of hope for those mourning and grieving. This time of fasting is both a releasing to God but also a proclamation of freedom through Christ. More than that, it’s also sharing that hope to others through giving our own lives away, just as Christ did for us on the Cross.

RESPECT LIFE (VOX VITAE)



The 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN is taking place now through April 14. During this Campaign, Vox Vitae will be in front of Planned Parenthood in Pasadena on Fridays (Noon-5:00 p.m.) and Saturdays (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) All are welcome to join us at those times or pray there any day of the week.

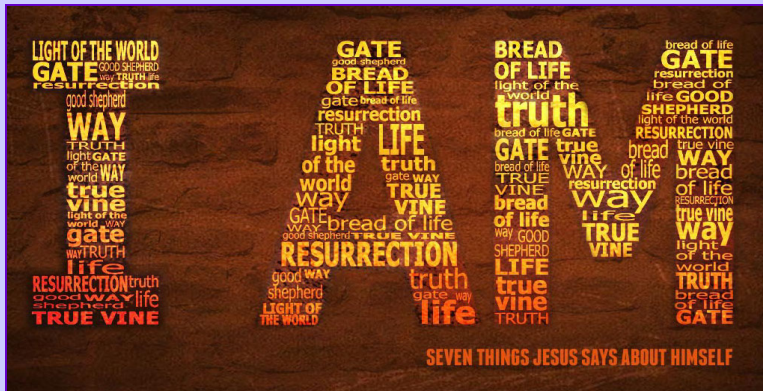
BISHOP O’CONNELL will be joining Vox Vitae in prayer outside Planned Parenthood in Pasadena on Wednesday, March 27 (instead of Monday, March 25), from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (Even though the day was changed, we are still going there in honor of Our Lady’s Annunciation.)

UNPLANNED, THE MOVIE

Vox Vitae is organizing a screening of *Unplanned*, the movie about Abby Johnson, former Director of Planned Parenthood and now ProLife active. Stay tuned for the date and time!

- Fridays, March 29 & April 5: 40 Days for Life, Prayer and witness at Planned Parenthood in Pasadena. Vox Vitae will be there praying from Noon-5 p.m. each of those dates.
- Saturdays, March 30 & April 6: 40 Days for Life, Prayer witness at Planned Parenthood in Pasadena. Vox Vitae will be there praying from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. each of those dates.

MID-LENT CHECK-IN



God says to Moses, “This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you, The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, “God is not a God of the dead, but of the living,” and so we believe that the dead will one day

rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great I AM. Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God’s ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today’s Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

THE CLOISTERED DISCALCED CARMELITE NUNS

Fr. Jerome Appeal for the Nuns

Thank you to everyone who made a donation last weekend to help our **Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in the Carmel of St. Teresa**. The **PINK ENVELOPES are still in the pews; please use one to make a donation for the nuns**. These funds will help provide for the Nuns’ daily needs and the upkeep of the monastery.

The Carmelite Monastery was instrumental in St.

Therese Parish being established in Alhambra.

You may also go to their website to request prayers.

God bless and reward your generosity.

Shower of Roses Luncheon

SAVE THE DATE! The Shower of Roses Luncheon, the annual fundraiser for the **Cloistered Discalced Carmelite Nuns in Alhambra**, will be on **Wednesday, April 24**. Lian Dolan, writer and podcaster, will be the guest speaker. Lian is the author of the novel, *"Helen of Pasadena,"* and has appeared on Oprah Winfrey, CBS Sunday Morning, The Today Show, and several local stations. Expect to enjoy a funny, passionate, and wise presentation. More information, including how to RSVP, will be available soon. Thank you in advance for your attendance and participation.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAYS OF LENT



Please join us as we study the Gospel of St. Matthew this Lent. While we journey through reading about the life of Jesus, we will focus particularly on our own repentance and God's mercy—using the book, "Hosanna," by Elizabeth Foss (available on Amazon). We meet weekly through April 11 in the Parish Offices. You can choose to attend either Wednesday mornings (9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Mt. Carmel Room) or Thursday evenings (6:45 to 8:15 p.m. in the Lisieux Room). No need to sign up ahead of time; just come!

For more details, email Micaela Darr at Micaela.darr@gmail.com or call or text her at 236-6147.

SOUP NIGHTS: Join your Parish Family in the Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., every Friday in Lent for Soup (and more!) Nights! Upcoming dates and sponsors will be as follows: March 29: The Alhambra Knights of Columbus and Confirmation; April 5: Bible Study; and April 12: Retrouvaille Marriage Ministry.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Our Parish Stations of the Cross take place in the church at 7:00 p.m. every Friday (right after Soup Night). One of the Friars and the altar servers will lead the Stations. You may also join the School Students for Stations on Fridays at 1:30 p.m., or the Home School-ers on Fridays at 5:00 p.m.



Saint Therese Carmelite School

www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.

"I know now that true charity consists in bearing all our neighbors' defects, not being surprised at their weakness, but edified at their smallest virtues."
St. Therese

- March 25th (Monday): 4th Quarter Begins
- March 29th (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m., Stations of the Cross at 1:30 p.m.
- April 1st (Monday): Re-Enrollment Contract and Registration Deadline
- April 4th (Thursday): Awards Assembly at 8:00 a.m.
- April 5th (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m., Stations of the Cross at 1:30 p.m.
- April 6th (Saturday): Eucharistic Workshop for STCS 2nd Grade Families



Congratulations to our students on a successful 3rd Quarter!

(289-3364 or admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com)

Perpetual Adoration

"My Lord Jesus Christ, who, for the love You bear to mankind, do remain night and day in this Sacrament, awaiting, calling, and receiving all who come to visit You; I believe that You are present in the Sacrament of the Altar; I adore You from the depths of my own nothingness; I thank You for the many graces You have given me..." - St. Alphonsus Ligouri



The Adoration Chapel is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You must get an electronic key for \$20 from the office in order to use the chapel between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. as it is locked for security purposes.

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 previous four weekends.

NOTE: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month for our School (next is April 13 / 14).



March 16 / 17, 2019

Unrestricted.....\$11,081.00

Restricted \$ 2,510.00

T O T A L \$13,591.00

February 16/ 17.....\$18,507.00

February 23/ 24.....\$22,771.00

March 2 / 3.....\$13,074.00

March 9 / 10..... \$34,830.00

Check Users:

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

Ongoing Parish Meetings / Events

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, email Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or call or text her at 679-6370.

CATHOLIC KARATE is for boys, girls, and men from 7 to 55. Learn self-defense, increased self-control, confidence. Held in the Hall on **THURSDAYS** (7 to 17 from 5:15 to 5:55 p.m.; 18-55 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.). Youth, \$9/week; 18+, \$10/week (discounts for additional youths). For questions, contact John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for the 11:00 a.m. Mass is every Wednesday (September-June) from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

CONSECRATION TO MARY: Follow-up group for those already consecrated to Jesus through His mother, the Mother of God. Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. For more info, call Angela at (310) 701-8386.

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: Every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (confessions are available during the Mass).

"FORMED" CATHOLIC MEDIA is available for **FREE** to ALL our parishioners! Discover all the best Catholic content in one place: movies, talks, audio dramas, and a great selection of popular e-books. To register, go to FORMED.ORG on our website, click on the icon, enter your name, email address, a password, and your zip code--and get started!

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 meeting will be **Wednesday, March 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, Ramon Burce, at 695-2842 or the national line 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. Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System/NaproTechnology are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact 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 Andy Acosta at 703-8939 or A.Acosta2046@gmail.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.

Mass Intentions

Floral Dedications

For the Week of:
March 23 through March 30, 2019

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Raul Sanchez, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Anna Marie, OCD, 40th Anniv. INT

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

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

11:00 a.m.: Virginia Hernandez, RIP

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

5:00 p.m.: Daniel Yan, Birthday Intention

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Moses Goh, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Teresa, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Rhony & Ruth Laigo, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Albert, Lillian & Anthony DiMaio, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Dulce Manno, Birthday Intention

8:00 a.m.: Aurelio Martinez Montes, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Richard & Barbara Illian, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Anna Dao, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Kayla Grimm, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Lucy Tittmann, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Thresia Kalapura, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Otto & Martha Lacayo, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Carol Barone, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Teresa, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Jasmine Marie Whitney, INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Wendy Chang & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Josefina Torres, RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public

During Lent we will not have floral arrangements on the altar. However, if you would like to arrange for a floral dedication for a time after Easter (in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones), call Giovanna at 281-9049. Prices start at \$90 for two arrangements.



Outside the Parish

You are invited to the experience of a lifetime on a trip to the Holy Land—and Rome, Vatican City, Assisi, Florence, etc. It will be from June 15 through July 1. For more information, call Cecilia at 379-0944 or email her at sanmiguel1cecilia@yahoo.com.

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD is leading a Discalced Carmelite pilgrimage to Spain in honor of the 5 Tucson Carmelite Martyrs of the Spanish Civil War. Oct 11 to Oct 21, 2019. Visiting Avila, Alba De Tormes, Valladolid, Burgos, Pamplona, San Sebastian, Loyola, Zaragoza, Lleida, Vic, Montserrat, Barcelona and Tarragona. Cost is \$4509 per person based on double occupancy. Cost will drop to \$3,482 each if there are a minimum of 25 participants (double occupancy). Single supplement \$529 per person additional. Cost includes round trip airfare from Los Angeles, all lodgings, daily breakfast and dinner, daily mass, sightseeing per itinerary. If interested please contact Angela Yang, Avenue of Travel. Email: aokyang@gmail.com or call 394-4367.

Lectors

Personal Ads

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Marta Timar / Lucy Lopez

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Blanca Ruvalcaba / Thu Nguyen

9:00 a.m. John Kienker / Lucas Setiady

11:00 a.m. Sarah Halpin / Jeff Storey

5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches / Ian Ranches

Lady is in need of a room fan. Please call 250-8639 if you have one for sale.