

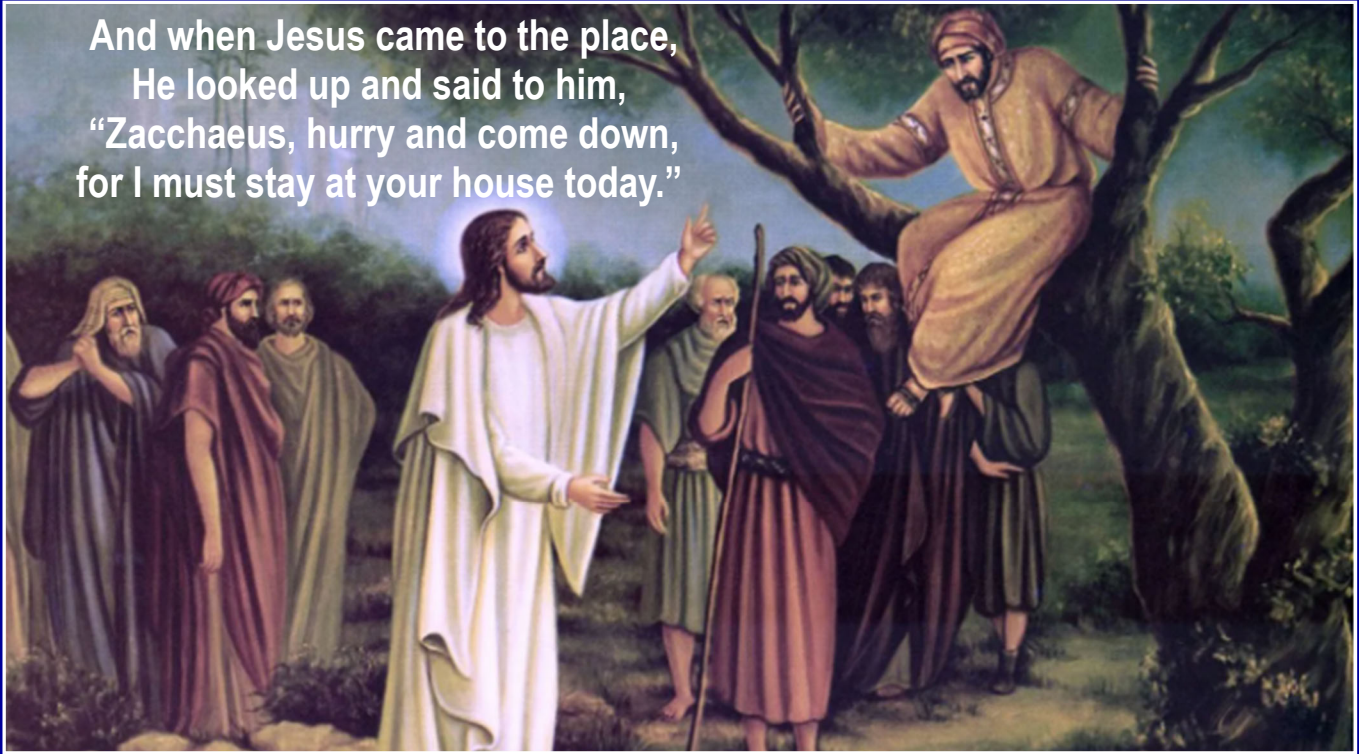
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And when Jesus came to the place,  
He looked up and said to him,  
“Zacchaeus, hurry and come down,  
for I must stay at your house today.”



## 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  
(\*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.

**Note:** The daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday 7:15 p.m.,  
and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all

**LIVE STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube.

**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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- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

# Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

As I mentioned in previous posts, we have many special events planned for the centennial year for our Parish! The first one is happening *TODAY* with the **ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH** (it was dedicated 73 years ago on January 14, 1951, by Cardinal McIntyre, then Archbishop of Los Angeles). Because it is our dedication anniversary, we are allowed to have special readings for every Mass today and to celebrate every Mass in honor of the anniversary. However, the **9:00 a.m. Mass is today's SPECIAL Mass**, with Fr. Stephen preaching and the Mass ending with a Eucharistic procession around the block. Following ALL the morning Masses, the Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Pancake Breakfast in the Hall (\$5 per person)**. Let's make a special effort to participate in as many of these events in the coming year as we can!

Below, we conclude the story of St. Therese and Pranzini.

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

## Prayer for Pranzini

### MANUSCRIPT A, 45v-46v (Part II)

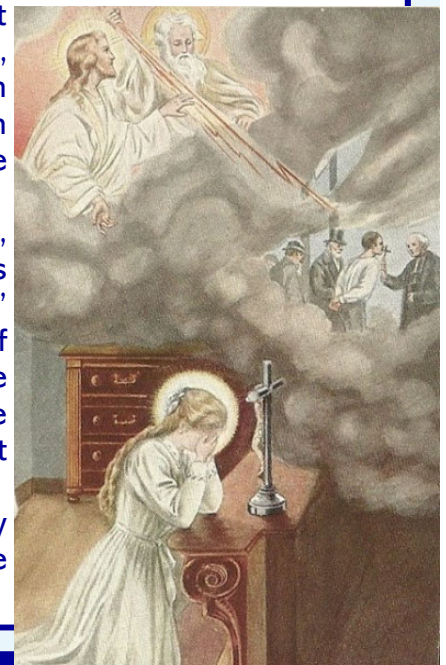
"I felt in the depths of my heart certain that our desires would be granted, but to obtain courage to pray for sinners I told God I was sure He would pardon the poor, unfortunate Pranzini; that I'd believe this even if he went to his death without any signs of repentance or without having gone to confession. I was absolutely confident in the mercy of Jesus. But I was begging Him for a "sign" of repentance only for my own simple consolation.

"My prayer was answered to the letter! In spite of Papa's prohibition that we read no papers, I didn't think I was disobeying when reading the passages pertaining to Pranzini. The day after his execution, I found the newspaper "La Croix." I opened it quickly and what did I see? Ah! my tears betrayed my emotion, and I was obliged to hide. Pranzini had not gone to confession. He had mounted the scaffold and was preparing to place his head in the formidable opening, when suddenly, seized by an inspiration, he turned, took hold of the crucifix the priest was holding out to him and kissed the sacred wounds three times! Then his soul went to receive the merciful sentence of Him who declares that in Heaven there will be more joy over one sinner who does penance than over ninety-nine just who have no need of repentance!

"I had obtained the "sign" I requested, and this sign was a perfect replica of the grace Jesus had given me when He attracted me to pray for sinners. Wasn't it before the wounds of Jesus, when seeing His divine blood flowing, that the thirst for souls had entered my heart? I wished to give them this immaculate blood to drink, this blood which was to purify them from their stains, and the lips of my "first child" were pressed to the sacred wounds!

"What an unspeakably sweet response! After this unique grace, my desire to save souls grows each day, and I seemed to hear Jesus say to me what He said to the Samaritan woman: "Give me to drink!" It was a true interchange of love: to souls I was giving the blood of Jesus, to Jesus I was offering these same souls refreshed by the divine dew. I slaked His thirst and the more I gave Him to drink, the more the thirst of my poor little soul increased, and it was this ardent thirst He was giving me as the most delightful drink of His love.

"God was able in a very short time to extricate me from the very narrow circle in which I was turning, without knowing how to come out."



# WEEKDAY MASSES TO BE HELD IN THE HALL

Due to the refinishing of the floors in the church, TEN weekDAY Masses (as well as two Saturday morning Masses) for the dates listed below will be celebrated in the Parish Hall:



**Monday-Friday, January 15 to 19**

**Saturday morning, January 20 (6:00 & 8:00 a.m.)**

**Monday-Friday, January 22 to 26**

Other than the morning of January 20, ALL weekEND Masses will continue to be celebrated in the church.

### USE THE SIDE DOOR OF THE HALL

Because the front doors of the hall are within the school's enclosed area (for the safety of the children), please ENTER the Hall for the Masses through the side door closest to Vega Street.



*How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place, O Lord of Hosts*

# FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



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

## A New Feature in the Bulletin for our Parish Centennial

If you don't know them by name, you would probably know **Carlos and Carla Johnson** if you saw them. They have been active parishioners of St. Therese Parish for over 40 years. Carla is from the northeastern tip of Luzon, the largest and most populous island of the Philippines archipelago. She came to the United States in 1968 on a scholarship to attend Seattle University. She transferred to Gonzaga where she earned a degree in business administration. She went on to Notre Dame and received a master's degree in business. Carla became a career woman working for Kaiser Permanente as a contract administrator.



Carlos was born in El Paso, Texas, in 1932. His mother was Mexican and his father, Anglo. Carlos, whose twin brother died in the Korean war, came to Los Angeles to live with his sister after his parents died. He graduated from Garfield High School. After graduating from Cal State LA, he had a career working for the Los Angeles County Health Department as a Public Health Investigator of communicable diseases. Carlos and Carla met through their participation in the Los Angeles Catholic Alumni Club, which was a Catholic organization for young adults, college graduates, and professionals. This club held social events, outdoor activities, outings to plays and concerts and, of course, religious exercises and devotions. Carla also wanted to be married. She prayed to St. Therese to find her a good man. Enter Carlos. He must have been debonair as he played his guitar at Alumni Club events. Carla says she is forever grateful to St. Therese for bringing her and Carlos together; she has an undying devotion to her.

Carla was already living in Alhambra on East San Marino Avenue and was a member of St. Therese Parish. Carlos and Carla were married at St. Therese on May 25, 1985. Fr. David Costello, OCD, who was the pastor at that time, presided at their nuptials. Now, it must be said that Carlos and Carla were a mature couple; Carlos was already in his fifties. It wasn't long before Fr. David enlisted the Johnsons to be in charge of helping parents prepare for their children's baptisms. In other words, the Johnsons were responsible for running the baptismal program, which they did for fifteen years. They even visited homes to talk to the parents. But this was only the beginning of their lay ministry in the Parish. The Johnsons were part of a small group of people that helped Fr. David Costello establish Perpetual Adoration at St. Therese Parish, which has continued uninterrupted since it began in 1988. The principal motivation for establishing Perpetual Adoration was to pray for vocations. Carlos and Carla oversaw scheduling the hours that people would come to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The first place set up for Perpetual Adoration was the little room on the east side of the church sanctuary. Then, for the longest time, it was in the old baptistry. When the present Blessed Sacrament Chapel was established in 2015, the baptistry was restored to its original purpose. Carlos and Carla helped ensure the success of the program of Perpetual Adoration. For most of these past years, the Johnsons have made a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 1:00 to 2:00 a.m. The Johnsons have been involved in many Parish activities. They have been extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion since the pastorate of Fr. David. Up until the Covid 19 shutdown, they brought the Blessed Sacrament to the Catholics at Vista Cove Care Center. When Fr. Patrick Sgrue was Pastor (1990-1996), the Johnsons helped establish Small Faith Communities, where reading and studying the Bible was fostered.

In their retirement years, the Johnsons have made pilgrimages to places such as Rome, Jerusalem, Sinai, Fatima, Lourdes, Lisieux, and Mexico City. Many of their dear friends, parishioners of St. Therese, have died. The Johnsons remain true pilgrims of the Faith who know the ultimate destination of all pilgrims. You will see them most weekdays at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**The Johnson family is part of the rich history of St. Therese Parish.**

**Let us all walk with St. Therese as we journey together in faith during this centennial year.**

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January 17, 1964 - **Jesus:** "She did not want to perform a spectacular miracle as does occur in the large famous sanctuaries of the world, giving rise to great admiration. She wants every family to be a sanctuary, a wonderful place where, in union with you, she works miracles in the depth of hearts."

**Reference:** Building on Solid Rock Flame of Love Retreats Session 1, Part 1 @ <https://flameoflove.us/building-on-solid-rock/>

**Join the Cenacle:** Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room **every Monday**. One from Noon to 2:00 p.m., the other one from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m. For more info, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODY IS A  
 TEMPLE <sup>OF</sup> THE HOLY SPIRIT  
 WITHIN YOU, WHOM YOU HAVE FROM GOD?

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 YOUR OWN  
 FOR YOU WERE  
 BOUGHT  
 WITH A PRICE

GLORIFY  
 GOD  
 IN YOUR BODY

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

# Mass Intentions

**January 13—January 20, 2024**

Saturday Evening

5:00 p.m.: Charles "Chuck" Marikian, RIP

Sunday

\*7:30 a.m.: Michael Alexander Cheah, INT

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

9:00 a.m.: Adhika Lie, INT

11:00 a.m.: Carmen Hernandez, INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Juan Carlos Perez, INT

5:00 p.m.: Esther Chavez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Alex Villanueva, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Lauren Cheah, INT

8:00 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

7:15 p.m.: Glen Charles Andersen, RIP

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Alex Villanueva, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Danilo Matro, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Gloria Escobedo, INT

7:15 p.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Carter & Fullenkamp Families, INT

\*7:30 am: Arcelia Diaz, Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: Alex Villanueva, RIP

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

\*7:30 am: Ellena Cheah Wong, INT

8:00 a.m.: Stephen Grimm, 2nd Birthday INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Margarita Llovet Ortega Garcia, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Michael Alexander Cheah, INT

8:00 a.m.: Alex Villanueva, RIP

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Genaro A. Hernandez, RIP

\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel located at 215 East Alhambra Road.

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**LIVE STREAMED MASSES:**

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday) is live streamed on \*Facebook AND \*YouTube. The homilies from the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and the Monday evening 7:15 p.m. Mass are also livestreamed. - \*Links to these two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

# Prayer after Communion

Jesus, my God and My All, I adore you and thank you for coming to me and nourishing my soul with your Sacred Body and Precious Blood. I thank you for the blessings I have received from the first moment of my existence and for the inestimable favor you have granted me this day. I believe in you, I hope in you, I love you.

**(Spend some moments in silence, receiving the love Jesus has for you. Then speak to Him in your own words of your love for Him and ask Him for your special needs.)**

Eternal Father, what can I give you in return for your Divine Son in this Sacrament of the Eucharist? Accept the offering of myself and all that I possess. May I always serve you faithfully and devotedly. I give you my body, my soul, and my heart. I give myself to you in life and in death, that I may be yours forever and glorify you eternally.

Mary, mother of Him whom I possess in my heart, and my Mother, keep pure my heart which Jesus has chosen this day for His dwelling. Pray for me that the Spirit of the Lord may abide within me and inflame my heart with love.

St. Joseph, my Guardian and holy patron, adore, praise, love, bless, and thank Jesus with me. Help me always in preparing for, in receiving, and in thanking God for the gift of Holy Communion.

Amen.

# Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

+ Colleen Correnti  
(former student)

+ Candelario Marego

+ Suzanne Jarvis  
(mother of Melanie Jarvis)

+ Thomas Muniz  
(husband of Julia Muniz,  
Father of Frank Beltran,  
Uncle of Veronica  
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+ Marcella Garner  
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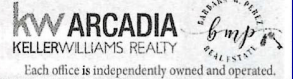
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