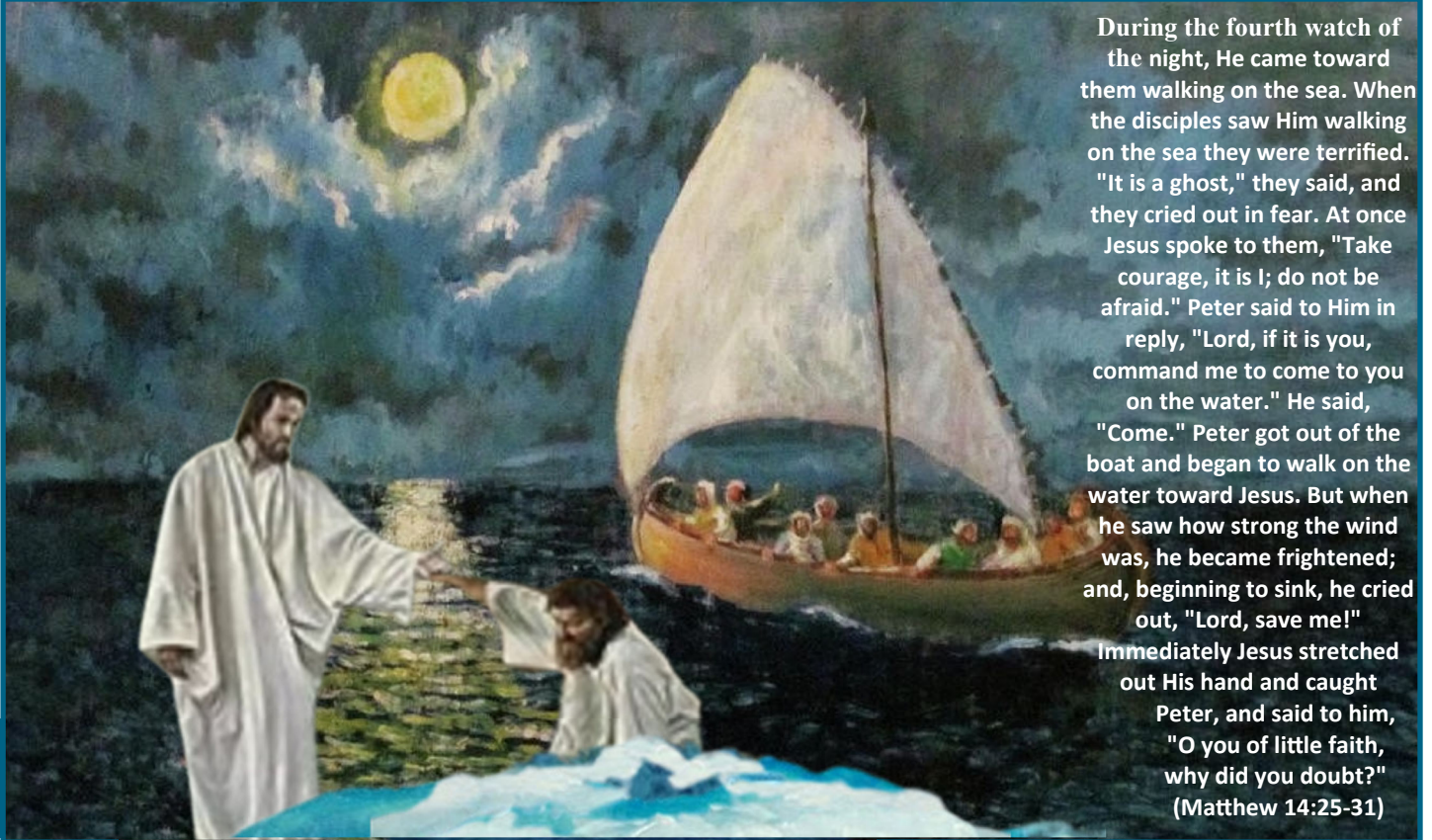


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During the fourth watch of the night, He came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to Him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:25-31)

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. and 7:15 p.m.
(Tuesday's evening Mass is in Spanish).
Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:15 p.m., and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube)
Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.;
Saturdays 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
and **Sundays** from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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The Pastor's Letter

My brothers and sisters of St. Therese,



It is an honor to serve you all in this jubilee year of our Patroness. As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, **this year marks the 150th anniversary of St. Therese's birth and 100 years since her beatification.** To honor this, Our Carmelite General in Rome has recommended that we friars go deeper into her life by re-reading excerpts from her classic autobiography, *Story of a Soul*. Because she is our Patroness, as a Parish, I think it would be equally important that all of us get to know her even more. **So, in the next several weeks leading up to her Feast Day on October 1st, I would like to share some of the readings that Our Carmelite General has offered for reflection on her life.** Please use these excerpts for your own personal spiritual growth, but also feel free to discuss them in your families and communities so that we, like her, may be "launched...full sail upon the waves of confidence and love."

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus OCD

Introduction to the Text

Here is the proposal for the first text—starting at the beginning of *Manuscript A: **"The story of the little flower picked by Jesus"** runs through the whole of Manuscript A. Therese's love for flowers is reflected in her personal history. The "little white flower" is the saxifrage that her father plucked from a wall and offered to her when she confided her vocation to him.

The theme of MERCY echoes throughout the entire manuscript, up to the last pages consecrated to the ***Act of Offering to Merciful Love***. The term "mercy" recurs twenty-nine times in the autobiographical manuscripts. When Therese speaks of the statue of Mary, it is the **"Virgin of the Smile,"** which today surmounts the tomb of Saints Louis and Azelie Martin, Therese's parents, who had a particular devotion to this statue. It plays an essential role in Teresa's life, curing her of her serious childhood nervous illness and accompanying her in her last agony in the infirmary (starting on July 8, 1897). In January 1895, it was placed in the antechamber of Therese's cell.

"The nature of love is to humble oneself": Immediately, Therese gathers here many of her great themes, and this becomes one of the essential "gestures"—images of love—of divine grace, which recur twenty-four times in her writings. When Teresa sighs, **"May the Lily plant be soon complete in Heaven,"** at the time she writes those words, three "Lilies" are in Carmel with her (her sisters Marie, Pauline, and Celine) and another is blossoming at the Visitation convent in Caen (her sister Leonie). **"The two stems now reunited for all eternity"** refers to her parents, who "have found the four Lilies"—their four children who each died at a tender age.

Feast of the Assumption - Holy Day of Obligation

This Tuesday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into Heaven. It is a holy day of obligation to attend Mass. **Mass times are as follows: Vigil Mass on Monday night at 7:15 p.m.; Solemnity Masses on Tuesday at 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and *7:15 p.m. (*though Tuesday's 7:15 is normally in Spanish, because it is a holy day, it will be in English this night).**



WHAT IS THE ASSUMPTION: In 1950, Pope Bl. Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary official dogma of the Roman Catholic Church. The Catholic Church teaches that the Virgin Mary, "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory, where she now shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of His Church."

Pope St. John Paul II stated: "In Mary, assumed into Heaven, we are shown the eternal destiny that awaits us beyond the mystery of death: a destiny of total happiness in divine glory." Pope Benedict XVI said, "Because Mary 'had made room for the Lord in her soul,' she really became the true Temple where God made Himself incarnate. She is 'blessed' because—totally, in body and soul and for ever—she became the Lord's dwelling place."



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Mark 14:37



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Near the end of her life, St. Therese said, "Alas! how little I've lived! Life always seemed short to me. My childhood days seem but yesterday!" And with the flood of memories that had deeply moved her, she dreamt of fields and flowers.



An installment from *The Passion of Thérèse of Lisieux* by Guy Faucher

The statue of Our Lady of the Smile was constantly before her, reminding her of her illness and her cure on May 13, 1883. She did not forget any of the great graces of her life: her First Communion on May 8, 1884, the grace of Christmas 1886, her father's permission to enter Carmel at fifteen, the "transports of love" of the year 1887, her trip to Rome. She saw once again Leo XIII's piercing eyes fixed on her own!

There were also the vivid memories of her religious life. The postulancy with its great sufferings: thought to be too thin by one sister and too plump by another, the mortifications in the refectory—voluntary and involuntary—the very great trial of Mr. Martin's illness, the sacrifice of not pouring out her soul to her sister Agnes, the painful sessions for spiritual direction with the novice mistress.

But there were also happier memories and, of course, the procession of graces: the general confession to Fr. Pichon on May 28, 1888, the "flight of the spirit" in July 1889 in St. Magdalene's grotto, the launching on the "waves of confidence and love" in October 1891 by Fr Alexis Prou, the reading of St. John of the Cross when she was about seventeen, the conversations with Mother Genevieve, the flu epidemic of the winter of 1891-1892, and above all, her *Offering to Merciful Love* of just two years before.

The whole of her life as a Carmelite flashed by. She recalled the little everyday events: the pruning of the chestnut trees in the garden, the new habit that did not fit properly, the incident of the iron cross, personal emotions, the possibility of going to the missions, the disappointment of Christmas 1896.

Mass Intentions

August 12—August 19, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Mark Holman, Birthday INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): Mr. and Mrs. Luke Jaeger, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Johanna Cuevas, INT

11:00 a.m.: Gonzalo and Daisy Torres, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

5:00 p.m.: Mary Rose & Patrick, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Raymond Anthony Cuevas, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: David Steele, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Charlie Tittmann, 16th Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Our Lady of Fatima Apostolate

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Archbishop Jose Gomez, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Cailan Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Our Lady of Fatima Apostolate

7:15 p.m.: Therese H Nguyen RIP|Souls in Purg.

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Raymond Anthony Cuevas, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Ruth and Rhony Laigo, INT

8:00 a.m.: Johanna Cuevas, INT

7:15 p.m.: Mary Rose and Patrick, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Raymond Anthony Cuevas, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Maria & Luke Jaeger & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Johanna Cuevas, INT

7:15 p.m.: Virginia Hirst Ireland, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Raymond Anthony Cuevas, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Maria & Luke Jaeger & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Johanna Cuevas, INT

7:15 p.m.: Virginia Hirst Ireland, INT

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Eddie Sepulveda, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and holidays.**

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Join the Carmelite Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Elizabeth of the Trinity," from Sept 28-Oct 11, incl. Paris, Lourdes, Ars, etc. Chaplains are Fr. Mark Kissner, OCD, and Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD.

Contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 | maddatubeth2@gmail.com.

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