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When He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things (Mark 6:34).

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.

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

Let us continue hearing from St. Therese about her reception of the Habit.

—Fr. Peter Mary



The time for my reception of the Habit had arrived. I was accepted by the conventual chapter, but how could we dream of any kind of ceremony? Already they were talking of giving me the Habit without my going outside the cloister, and then they decided to wait. Against all expectation, our dear Father recovered from his second attack, and the Bishop set the ceremony for January 10 (1889). The wait had been long, but what a beautiful celebration it was!

Nothing was missing, not even the snow! I don't know if I've already told you how much I love snow? When I was small, its whiteness filled me with delight, and one of the greatest pleasures I had was taking a walk under the light snowflakes. Where did this love of snow come from? Perhaps it was because I was a little winter flower, and the first adornment with which my eyes beheld nature clothed was its white mantle. I had always wished that on the day I received the Habit, nature would be adorned in white just like me. The evening before, I was gazing at the gray skies from which a fine rain was falling every now and again, and the temperature was so mild I could no longer hope for any snow. The following morning the skies hadn't changed. The celebration, however, was wonderful. The most beautiful, the most attractive flower of all was my dear

king; never had he looked so handsome, so dignified. Everybody admired him. This was really his day of triumph, and it was to be his last celebration on this earth. He had now given all his children to God, for Céline, too, had confided her vocation to him. He had wept tears of joy, and had gone with her to thank Him who "bestowed such honor on him by taking all his children."

At the termination of the ceremony, the Bishop intoned the Te Deum. One of the priests remarked to him that this hymn of thanksgiving was usually sung only at professions, but, once begun, it was continued to the end. And indeed it was fitting that the feast be thus completed since in it were united all the others. After embracing my dear king for the last time, I entered the cloister once more, and the first thing that struck my eye was the statue of the "little Jesus" smiling at me from the midst of flowers and lights.

Immediately afterward, my glance was drawn to the snow, the monastery garden was white like me! What thoughtfulness on the part of Jesus! Anticipating the desires of His fiancée, He gave her snow. Snow! What mortal bridegroom, no matter how powerful he may be, could make snow fall from Heaven to charm His beloved? Perhaps people wondered and asked themselves this question. What is certain, though, is that many considered the snow on my Clothing Day as a little miracle and the whole town was astonished. Some found I had a strange taste, loving snow! Well, so much the better! This accentuated even more the incomprehensible condescension of the Spouse of virgins, of Him who loves Lilies white as SNOW!

The Bishop came into the cloister after the ceremony and was very kind to me. I believe he was very proud I had succeeded and told everyone I was his "little girl." He was always kind to me on his return trips to the Carmel. I remember especially his visit on the occasion of our Father St. John of the Cross' Centenary. He took my head in his hands and gave me a thousand caresses; never was I so honored! At the same time, God reminded me of the caresses He will bestow on me in the presence of the angels and saints, and now He was giving me only a faint image of this. The consolation I experienced at this thought was very great indeed! (Manuscript A, 72R).

2024-2025 COR JESUS YOUTH & FAMILY NIGHTS

(Held monthly on Friday nights)

Conquering the Seven Deadly Sins: Deeper Prayer, Virtue, and Carmelite Saints

YOUTH! FAMILIES! FR. ROBERT INVITES YOU TO JOIN! The next event will be on Friday, August 9, starting in the Parish Hall. See the schedule below:



6:15 PIZZA SOCIAL—Meet in the Hall! We will have pizza at the tables in front.

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. Parents will break out with their own cenacles for reflections on the Sunday Gospels, commitments, intercessory prayer, etc. Bring a Bible and a Rosary!

FEAST OF THE PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Saints Joachim (Jo-a-kim) and Anne

This coming **Friday, July 26**, we honor the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the maternal grandparents of Jesus. In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus paternal ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. However, not only is His mother’s family neglected, but we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Their names are not recorded in the Gospels but come from a mid-second-century apocryphal document called the Gospel of James. Though this “gospel” has been determined to be inauthentic, it is the earliest record we have of the Blessed Mother’s parents. At the very least, we can presume that their names are correct: Joachim and Anne.

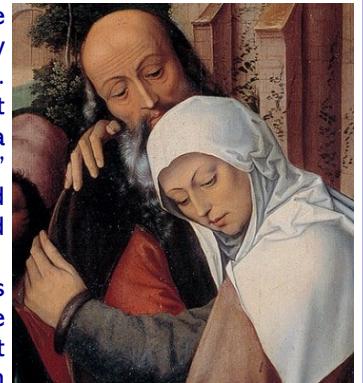
According to this tradition, Joachim was a very wealthy and generous man. He and his wife, Anne, however, were childless until they were advanced in years. One day, before Anne conceived the Blessed Virgin Mary, Joachim arrived at the Temple to make an offering, but it was rejected because Joachim was childless. To be childless was understood as disfavor from God.

Distressed, Joachim studied the Scriptures to see if he could find anyone of importance who was also childless. When he came upon Abraham, he recalled that Abraham was only given a child in his old age. Joachim then embarked on a forty-day period of fasting and praying in the desert, beseeching God for a child. Anne, for her part, also asked God for a child. As she prayed, an angel appeared to her and said, “Anne, Anne, the Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth a daughter who will be spoken of in all the world.” An angel also appeared to Joachim and said, “Joachim, Joachim, the Lord God has heard your prayer. Behold, your wife Anne shall conceive.”

Nine months later, Anne bore a daughter, and the couple named her Mary. Because of a vow they had made when Mary was only three, Joachim and Anne brought her to the Temple where she took up residence until it was time for her to be married. She was educated by the priests and holy women and spent her days in prayer and union with God.

The heroism and holiness of Sts. Joachim and Anne are inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives—all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation, even while retaining the best of the past. Joachim and Anne represent generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure.

Saints Joachim and Anne are the Patron Saints of Grandparents. St. Anne is the Patron Saint of Mothers and Women in Labor.



Seeking a Coordinator for our Women's Annual Retreat



El Carmelo Retreat House is seeking a captain (coordinator) for St. Therese Church's annual Women's Retreat in Redlands. The retreat usually takes place in the Spring during Lent on the second weekend of March. Training can be arranged if you feel called to this important ministry. If interested, please contact Fr. Philip Sullivan at El Carmelo Retreat House: (909) 792-1047 or elcarmelorh@gmail.com.

Safeguard the Children

DID YOU KNOW? Summer safety tips: Designate "water watchers" to care for people around the water.

Drowning behavior is typically fast and silent. Unless rescued, a drowning person will last only 20 to 60 seconds before submerging. To prevent drowning, it is best to swim in a lifeguarded area. Always designate a "water watcher" whose sole responsibility is to keep a close eye and constant attention on everyone in and around the water until the next water watcher takes over. In the event of an emergency, reach or throw an object to the person in trouble. Don't go in or you could become a victim yourself. For more information, visit redcross.org.



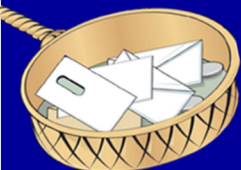
"100th Anniversary of St. Therese Parish" Pilgrimage To Visit Her Basilica in France (and more!) 12 days (October 3rd to 14th, 2024)



St. Therese Parish's Fr. David will be the chaplain for a Special Pilgrimage to France. The Pilgrimage explores 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.

Itineraries, both for this Anniversary Pilgrimage to France and Fr. David's Marian Shrine Tour in Wisconsin this August (see Page Seven), can be found in the church vestibule by the Baptistry... OR email our Parish Secretary (denisekay@hotmail.com). to request a copy of either or both by email.

Financial Offerings



July 13 / 14, 2024

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



A long time ago the artist, Norman Rockwell, rented a home and studio from an artist friend on Champion Place, not far from St. Therese Church. The Church's architect, Earl Trudeau, later lived on Champion himself. According to local history, the Boy Scouts depicted by Rockwell in his famous paintings of Americana were from one of St. Therese's Boy Scout troops. Rockwell married the girl across the street. It is said that the marriage took place at her home in the garden. This house is today the home of **Andy and Anita Zepeda**. This is their story.

Andrew Zepeda, the oldest of nine children, is from Forks, Washington, in the rainforest of the Olympic Peninsula in the State of Washington. His father was a forester. When Andy was old enough for college, he decided on a small Catholic liberal arts college, which had been recently established in Santa Paula, California, named Thomas Aquinas College. (Maybe he was just looking for a place to dry out!) He put himself through college by lumberjacking in the summer up in Washington. He must have really liked the College because all his brothers and sisters followed him and graduated from there. Andy and Anita have camped up and down the West Coast while on visits to see his family in Washington.

It was at Thomas Aquinas College that Andy met Anita Grimm of Pasadena. Anita was the eighth of 17 children. This big family had its origins in the San Fernando Valley. When there were 10 children, Anita's parents Bill and Irene Grimm decided to look for a larger house and found what they were looking for in St. Philip's Parish in Pasadena. Anita attended grade school there and was active in the choir, along with her brothers and sisters. Later, they formed their own family choir and sang regularly at the 11:15 Mass. Two of Anita's brothers, Dan and Stephen, direct concert and liturgical choirs at Thomas Aquinas College's two campuses, and the family choir continues among the 147 Grimm grandchildren. Anita's parents became parishioners at St. Therese and loved being able to attend the Mass of their youth here. **Irene was Fr. Philip's poster girl for the 2018 Lantry Award at our School's annual Silent Auction and Dinner** (she was a very fitting choice to be honored as 2018 was also the 50th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* (Pope St. Paul IV's 1968 encyclical on human life).



Andy and Anita were married at St. Philip's in Pasadena in 1980 and then headed for South Bend, Indiana, where Andy attended Notre Dame Law School. Since 1988, they have been living in St. Therese Parish, first on Cordova Street and then at their present home on Champion Place. Andy and Anita are the parents of thirteen children: Lucy, Joe, Henry, Eddie, Steve, Ramona, Martin, Leon, Isabel, Elena, Sylvia, Renata, and Luke. Many of their children have sung or cantored at St. Therese. In search of family-friendly options to educate this bunch, Andy and Anita homeschooled with Christ the King homeschool group. Anita found homeschooling helped keep a good life balance with a big family. Later, they helped start St. Monica Academy in Montrose, Andy serving as president of its board and continuing with its curriculum committee. He has also done three "tours of duty," as Anita puts it, as Boy Scout leader for the Santa Monica Academy troop and with Christ the King.

Then there was the matter of supporting the family. So, it's off to work Andy goes—for many years commuting to the westside law offices of Lurie, Zepeda, Schmalz, Hogan & Martin. Thankfully, he now has a much closer San Marino satellite office. Anita is trying to talk Andy into retiring so he can write down some of his interesting lectures on topics ranging from California history to the Temptation of Christ to high-lead clear-cut logging that *only she gets to hear*, now that their children are out of the house and "scattered throughout the world." They are hoping to all get together soon in Washington State with Andy's mother Betty, who is 95. The Zepedas and their BIG family are part of St. Therese's marvelous history.

The Zepeda 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.

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Mass Intentions

July 20—July 27, 2024

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Avelino Torreiro, RIP

7:30 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Teresa Valadez, OCDS, INT

1 pm (Latin): Karina Laigo, INT

5:00 p.m.: Mark Escobedo, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Nicolas & Christina Yang, INT

*7:30 a.m.: All Fathers & Grandfathers, INT/RIP

8:00 a.m.: Maryanne Losorelli, Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Terry Johnson, INT

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Maria Torreiro, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Th'gvg for God's Gift of Life

8:00 a.m.: Maria Solaun, INT

7:15 p.m.: DeAvila Padilla Family, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Karina Laigo, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Lorelei Marayag, INT

8:00 a.m.: Teresita P. Buenavente, RIP

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Gordon Thomas, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Elizabeth Cristina, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: James Grimm, 21st Birthday INT

Friday

6:00 a.m.: Steve Alexander, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Marco Antonio Lomeli, RIP

Saturday (Morning):

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

8:00 a.m.: Martita Lopez, INT

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

Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

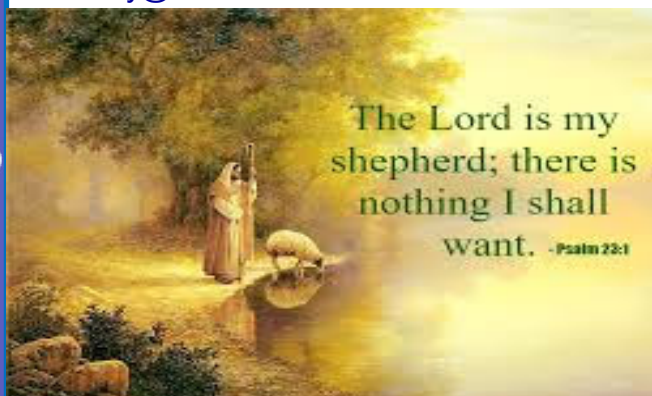
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We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass and the HOMILIES at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m. Masses. Be sure to "tune in"!

Pilgrimages

Women! Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) has recently established a new Court at St. Andrew in Pasadena for Catholic women to gather in spirituality and service to our communities (the only C. D. of A. in this area). Come to the **Summer Social (Hawaii theme) on Sunday, August 4**, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at **St. Andrew. Andrew Pastoral Center, 140 Chestnut Street, Pasadena**, in the St. Patrick's room. Free parking in the church lot. No need to RSVP... just come! Aloha! For more info, call (323) 314-8382

OUR LADY OF CHAMPION (approved Apparition) PILGRIMAGE with Saint Therese Parish's **Father David**: to visit the Shrines of Wisconsin, **AUGUST 10-16, 2024**. This is a Spiritual Retreat Pilgrimage including visits to Our Lady of Champion Shrine and our Carmelite Holy Hill Basilica. Two additional groups flying out of San Francisco and Tucson will be joining us on this fabulous journey. The per person/double occupancy total rate is \$2348 (from LAX). We will visit various Shrines of Our Lady, including Holy Hill Basilica and the Carmelite Nuns Cloister in Denmark, WI. Pick up a Pilgrimage Flyer for more information or email denisekay@hotmail.com.



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