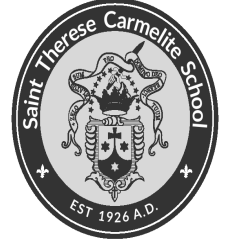




Saint Therese Church



April 3, 2016

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

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(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code).

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (332) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD and Deacon Bro. Charles Nawodylo, OCD **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333) **Vocations:** Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocesan: (213) 637-7515

Sacraments:

Confessions: Wednesday: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday
Weddings: Fill out an application (on the website) at least six months in advance.
Facilitator: Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

Other Ministries/ Programs:

- ***Annulments:**
Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)
- ***Avila Young Adult Group:**
Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284
- ***Bible Study:** Debbie Robles 679-6370
- ***Detention Ministry:** Sonia Macias (323) 724-6443
- ***Grief Support-**2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4p.m.
- ***Knights of Columbus:** Grand Knight Tom Quintana: (626) 863-7061
- ***Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
- ***Natural Family Planning:**
Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906
- ***OCDS:** Stan Interrante 714-996-4164
- ***Respect Life Ministry:**
Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942
- ***Rosary Makers:** Mondays, 6-8 p.m.
Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776
- ***St. Joseph Prayer Group:** Wed, 6:15 p.m., Patricia Cervantes 260-2208
- ***Tea at Therese Women's Group:**
Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



"The only good is to love God with all one's heart and to be here below poor in spirit..."
— St. Thérèse de Lisieux

Masses & 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.

Holy Days:

6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Devotions:

Rosary: After Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass;
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00p.m.; Intercessors for Priests:
Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.; First Friday Mass
and All-Night Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

St. Therese Carmelite School:

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stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com
Web: SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

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Finance: Noralyn Cailan (228)

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Bridie McDermott (224)

Choir Directors:

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11:00am: Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284
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Ministry to the Sick:

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Parish Vision Statement:

To be a spiritual Catholic Family focused on prayer as well as service to the Gospel through a Sacramental life. We envision our Parish as a community of stewards dedicated to building up the Body of Christ through active ministry while living the example of simplicity, humility, confidence and love of our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. -- Revelation 1:18

CATECHESIS Q & A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

By Fr. Serapim Michalenko, M.I.C. (Edited by Denise Holguin, Parish Secretary)

WHAT IS THE DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE AND DEVOTION?

Beginning in February 1931, St. Faustina Kowalski, a Polish nun reported receiving visitations from Jesus. One of the things He asked her for was that a painting be made of the vision of His Merciful Heart and that a Feast of Divine Mercy be established on the first Sunday after Easter. She also related that Jesus told her, *"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image (shown to the right) with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.' The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross."*

St. Faustina also, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. According to St. Faustina's diary, Our Lord promised that all those who would receive Him in Holy Communion and go to Confession on the Sunday after Easter *"shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."* The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* are completely in accordance with the teachings of the Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ. When St. John Paul canonized her in 2000, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would be known from then on as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotions associated with Faustina's visions.



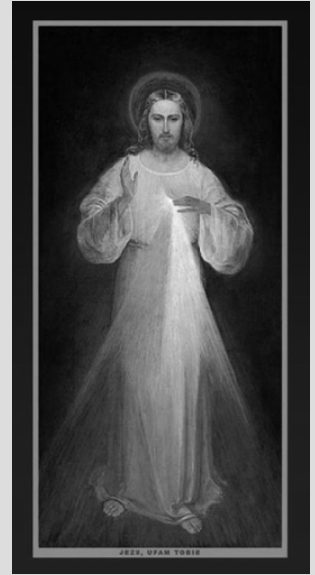
The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves ALL of us, and He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. We can recall the message to mind simply by remembering ABC: **A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world; **B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us; **C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

PLENARY INDULGENCE: Our Lord promised that all those would attend Mass and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, as well as go to Confession and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father would obtain "complete forgiveness of their sins and punishment." Alternatively, the promise extends to those who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!") and go to Confession and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. In 2002, Pope John Paul extended the promise so that Confession can be made up to 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. Be sure to join us and encourage others to come—especially those who may wish to return to the practice of their faith!

“Into the Heart of Mercy” Parish Mission

With Fr. Robert Barcelos, O.C.D. (March 31 - April 3)

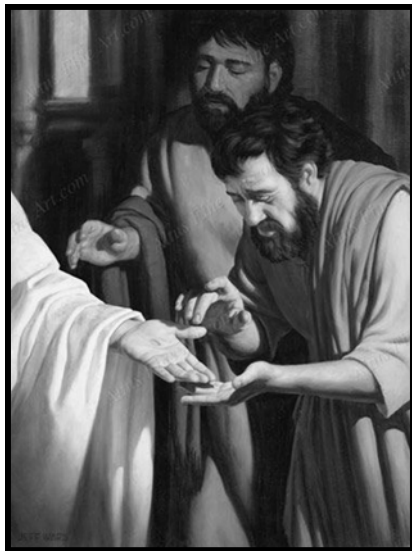
Our Holy Father has declared the period from December 2015 to November 2016 to be a “Year of Mercy.” Pope Francis has asked us “to be witnesses of mercy” by reflecting on and practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Fr. Robert will continue giving his mission, which began last Thursday, March 31st.



✝ Saturday Evening, April 2: 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass with Conference

✝ Sunday, April 3: Divine Mercy Sunday

- 3:00 to 4:45 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Holy Hour, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Conference
- 3:00 to 5:00 pm: Confessions
- 4:45 pm: Benediction
- 5:00 pm: Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Robert Barcelos, OCD



SCRIPTURE MEDITATION Joining the Company of Believers

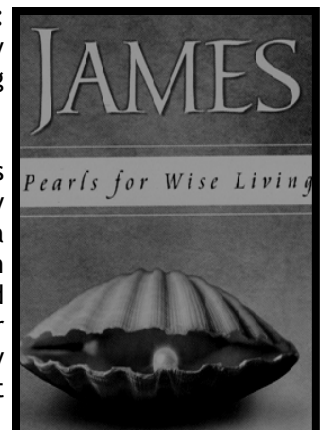
What will help YOU to believe? Today’s Scripture readings tell of faith and doubt. They offer stories “recorded to help you believe,” as today’s passage from John’s Gospel (20:31) remarks. There is an urgency about this. Today we are challenged to join the company of believers—countless men and women who witnessed the power of the apostles’ faith. There is no doubt that this power comes from Jesus Christ.

The second reading, from the book of Revelation, reports John’s mystical vision of the Son of Man, who proclaims, “Once I was dead, but now I live” (Revelation 1:18). The Gospel shows everyone gathered together—except Thomas—to see the Risen Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit from Him. Like Thomas, we who have come along later must have faith without seeing so that we can have life—and have it more abundantly.

BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT!

All are invited to join us for our current Bible Study, featuring the video series, “JAMES: PEARLS FOR WISE LIVING,” an 11-part study with author Jeff Cavins—held every Wednesday from now through June 1, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room. There is a \$20 fee per person, which includes a workbook.

Like the book of Proverbs, James is a book of wisdom, a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. This study offers “pearls for wise living” by applying the wisdom of James to the present day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances. Through this study, you will find an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life; learn how just a few small words can change your entire life; see how God’s wisdom helps us face suffering; learn the secret to finding joy in the midst of trials; and find value in suffering. For any questions, please contact Debbie Robles at 679-6370 OR debrobles@me.com.



SHOWER OF ROSES LUNCHEON To Benefit the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns



This luncheon will be a WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY to hear our new Bishop David O'Connell, who will be our very special speaker at our Annual Shower of Roses Luncheon to benefit our Cloistered Nuns.

Who is Invited: Auxiliary Members, non-members, and Parishioners—both men and women

Where: San Gabriel Country Club, San Gabriel

When: Wed, April 27, beginning at 10:30 a.m. (lunch at Noon)

Cost: \$65 per person or \$110 per couple.



Reservations: by April 17 to Kathy Cardoza at showerofroses2016@gmail.com or call 570-9012.

PRAYER PETITIONS FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND ITALY:



The Pilgrimage to Poland & Italy, led by Fr. Paul Koenig O.C.D., will begin on April 13. Your PRAYER PETITIONS will be taken on this pilgrimage where they will be prayed for during the daily Masses offered by Fr. Paul at the various

shrines, including, Krakow, "City of the Immaculata," Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Rome, and Pompei. A box has been placed in the church vestibule where you may drop your prayer petitions from now through the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 10. For more info, contact Louisa & Jack Day at 323-722-9339.

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.

"Trust and trust alone should lead us to love." — St. Thérèse de Lisieux

- School resumes this Monday, April 4
- School Mass on Friday, April 8, at 8:00 a.m.
- First Reconciliation on Saturday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m.
- STCS Family Mass on Sunday, April 10, at 9:00 a.m.
- School Mass on Friday, April 15, at 8:00 a.m.

Saint Therese Carmelite Parish School invites you to our Annual Silent Auction, *"Black and White Masquerade,"* on April 8 at Almansor Court. It is our hope that you can support this extraordinary event to benefit our school by your prayers, by donating an item or a service to our auction, by sponsoring the event through a monetary donation, and/or by coming with your family and friends. Please feel free to contact us at 289-3364 or sainttheresecarmeliteschool@gmail.com.

Saint Therese Carmelite School



We encourage you to visit the School office to learn more about us.



“EUCHARIST: DISCOVERING THE MASS IN THE BIBLE”

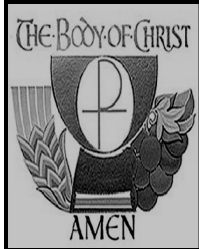
(Facilitated by Ruben & Rhonda)



If you'd like to know more about what the Church teaches about the Holy Eucharist and the roots of the Mass in the Bible, you are invited to attend this series! It will deepen your knowledge of the Last Supper, Communion, and the Great Feast. Jesus said *“This is my Body”* and *“This is my Blood.”* Some say they're merely symbols of remembrance. Others, that they're really the Body and Blood of Christ, but can't explain how that's possible. The Eucharist is the center-point of the Mass—*but why?* The answers are here. Renowned teacher Dr. Brant Pitre guides us through Scripture, history, and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and miracle of the Eucharist. Dr. Pitre gives a fresh perspective for understanding the mystery that is the Eucharist. Classes began February 9 and will continue to meet on **Tuesdays in the Parish Library from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., on the following dates: April 5 and 19, and May 10 and 24.** For more information, contact the class facilitators, Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (235) OR Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (225).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STRE: Classes are in session today, Sunday, April 3, and on Sunday, April 17—from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. For any questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).



MANDATORY RETREAT DAY FOR ALL 2ND-YEAR EUCHARIST STUDENTS ON SAT., APRIL 9: All 2nd-year Eucharist students must attend this retreat, **along with their parents**, from Noon to 5:00 p.m. in the Hall, followed by attendance at the 5:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass (which will include the Rite of Covenant and blessing).

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

The next classes will be on April 10 and 24—from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Bishop O'Connell will be here at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Therese on **Sunday, May 22**, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. For questions, contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2) or rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com.

RCIA Adult Faith Formation

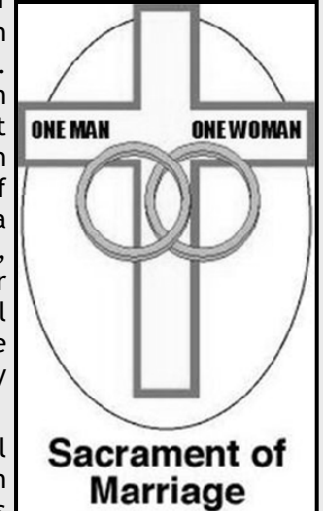
First Communion today, April 3, at 11:00 a.m.: Congratulations to all the Elect and Candidates who will receive their First Holy Communion today. The next RCIA classes will be on Thursdays, April 7, 14, and 28, and May 5 and 12—at 7:00 p.m.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Let us reflect on the Rites of **Marriage**, with a brief consideration of reforms from the Council of Trent. When the Protestant Reformation took hold, the fairly recent achievements of the Church concerning the Sacrament of Marriage were reviewed with a critical, reforming eye. In general, Protestants returned to an earlier view that marriage was a civil matter, although some said that the civil society had to be in harmony with Christian teaching.

In the Catholic Church, the Council of Trent took the question up in 1563, and decided to shore up its teaching on the Sacramentality of marriage. They identified many threats to this, including secret marriages and easy divorce. So they enacted laws that still govern our practice today: To be valid, marriage consent must be exchanged in the presence of a priest and two witnesses. Ever since Trent, marriages must also be recorded in a register.

Anyone who has ever watched a soap opera has seen the standard scene of a minister announcing gravely, "If there is anyone here present who sees any reason why these two should not be married . . ." This bit of drama has no place in the Catholic liturgy, but survives among Protestants who broke with us before Trent edited this cliff-hanger out of our public prayer.





Saint Therese
Carmelite School

Masquerade

A silent auction,
dinner and dance.

Saint Therese Carmelite School invites everyone to our Annual Silent Auction, "Black and White Masquerade," on April 8, at Almansor Court in Alhambra. Tickets are \$75 per person, which includes dinner, dancing, the silent auction, and entertainment.

For tickets, contact (626) 289-3364 or sainttheresecarmeliteschool@gmail.com.

*Be one with
Jesus in
Eucharistic Adoration*



FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA: "The mercy of God, hidden in the Blessed Sacrament, the voice of the Lord who speaks to us from the throne of mercy: Come to Me, all of you...for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth—the tabernacle—and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue of guards. You can come to me at any moment, at any time. I want to speak to you, and I desire to grant you grace."

To sign up as a committed adorer, please contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (235) or rubenconfirmatio@yahoo.com.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below you will find the total collections for last weekend and for the previous four weekends.

March 26 / 27, 2016 (Easter)

Unrestricted.....\$23,465.00
Restricted \$ 384.00
T O T A L\$23,849.00

February 27 / 28.....\$12,914.00
March 6 / 7.....\$17,797.00
March 13 / 14.....\$14,317.00
March 19 / 20.....\$23,674.00



"...for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

ON-GOING MEETINGS/CLASSES



AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (Ages 21–39, singles and couples): Join us on the first Saturdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard, as well as for social events (movie/pub nights, sports events, concerts, dances, etc.). For more information, contact Paula Grimm at (909-703-1284 or pg Grimm.dir@gmail.com).

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (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 meetings will be April 13 and 27.

WOMEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Join us for prayer and discussion, along with tea and treats! (Play area for children!). Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. The next meetings will be April 14 and 28. For more info, contact Dara at (301) 542-9701.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES: Irish dance classes are held on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (for 45 minutes to one hour). Classes are for kids 4+ and for adults. For more information, please contact Kelly Mohun at (805) 421-7548 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com. **Congratulations** to Kelly who gave birth to a son on March 17, St. Patrick's Day!



Mass Intentions

For Week of 4/2/16 TO 4/9/16)

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Easter Novena 6

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Easter Novena 7
 7:30 a.m.: Parishioners
 9:00 a.m.: Mary Rose Go INT
 11:00 a.m.: Angelle & Karina Laigo INT
 1:00 pm (Latin) Alicia Gort RIP
 5:00 p.m.: Alvin & Anthony Cailan INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary Rose Go INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Martha Grace V. Vergara INT
 8:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 8

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Epitacio Arriola RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Martha Grace V. Vergara INT
 8:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 9

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Jim Chase, Jr., RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Sergio Rodriguez RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Dora Gonzalez RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Alvin Cailan INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Dennis John Scannell, Jr., RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Helen Morales RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Juliana Cuellar B-day INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mary, OCD, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: John & Jessie Cairns RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Wendy Warren, Tim & Mary Chang INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
 8:00 a.m.: Bro. John Cannon, OCD INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road.
 Open to the public every day except Sundays/holidays.

Floral Dedications

The altar will be decorated with lilies through the month of April. However, you may make arrangements for a Floral Dedication for any Sunday—May 1 or after. This can be in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one. To do so, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. Bouquets are \$40 and up.



Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

† Maria Arguello

† Elenita Yamabe

† Charles Campbell (husband of Genie)

(Note: Chuck & Genie were the first couple married in the current church—on 12/23/50)

† Al Cygal (former parishioner)

Outside the Parish

ProLife Job Opening available at Options United!
 We are currently hiring for a Special Project Coordinator to coordinate a group of volunteers during a year-long radio campaign with Immaculate Heart Radio. We also have other openings for staff and volunteer positions. Please visit us at optionsunited.com and contact Denise Lopez at 422-4187 for more information.

Avenue of Travel with Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD presents "Marian Shrines of Europe" with Fr. Jan Lundberg on Sep. 16 -30 (15 days 13 nights). \$4141 per person, double occupancy, includes Airfare from LAX. (single supplement, add \$571 extra). Check with us for departures from other cities. Visits to Madrid, Avila, Fatima, Santiago DeCompostela, Burgos, Lourdes, Barcelona, Montserrat, Saragossa. Prices include daily buffet breakfast, 13 dinners, daily Mass, Travel Protection Plan included. If interested, book ASAP with deposit \$559 per person before rates go up. Final pymt due 6/1/2016. Send check to Avenue of Travel, P.O., Box 60068, San Angelo, TX 76906. Contact Angela Yang at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

Fr. Joseph Parathanal's Pilgrimage to INDIA in September 2016. Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com/323-344-1548

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Find out how to make a good marriage better and a better marriage great. Call Winston and Dinah Perez at 818-527-6362 or go to www.memconline.org / email: memweekend@gmail.com

Intentions of our Holy Father for April 2016:

1) That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor; and 2) That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

He saved us not because of the good THINGS we did, but because OF his mercy.
 titus 3:5



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