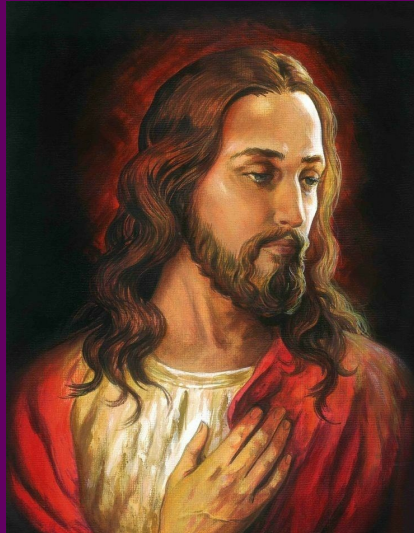


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Jesus told them a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being...



MASSES | CONFESSIONS

Masses—Saturday: 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.

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Masses on Monday, *Tuesday (*Spanish), Wednesday & Thursday EVENINGS at 7:00 p.m. (Tues. and Thurs. are preceded by a showing of The Chosen, Season 2, from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m.); **First Friday Mass: 7:00 p.m.**

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- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office



And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me'" (Luke 18:1-6).

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Blessed 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, everyone!

PLEASE LET ME SAY THIS UP FRONT RIGHT AWAY: WE REALLY NEED TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION SO WE CAN SERVE YOU BETTER! SO, **IF YOUR PHONE, HOME ADDRESS, OR E-MAIL HAVE CHANGED SINCE YOU FIRST REGISTERED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OR FILL OUT THE FORM AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES.** It will really help!

Just to show how vivid and engaging the four Gospels are, let me point out that in today's passage from Luke 18, the actual Greek words that St. Luke uses are NOT "because this widow keeps bothering me, I shall deliver a just decision for her, lest she finally come and **STRIKE ME,**"—but rather, literally, "lest she finally come and **GIVE ME A BLACK EYE!**" They are the same words that St. Paul uses in 1 Corinthians 9:27, "I do not run aimlessly, I do not box as one beating the air; but I *pommel* ("**GIVE A BLACK EYE TO**") my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others, I myself should be disqualified." Hmmm...I guess St. Paul is no softie when it comes to training and disciplining himself!!! And let us pray and work for that fruit of the Holy Spirit: patient endurance.

Yesterday we celebrated the Solemnity of St. Teresa of Jesus, who with St. John of the Cross founded our Order of Carmelites Discalced (OCD). Here is a quote from her: "*I'm not asking you to think about Him or draw out a lot of concepts or make long and subtle reflections with your intellect. I'm not asking you to do anything more than **look at Him...you can look at very ugly things; won't you look at the most beautiful thing imaginable? Well now, your Spouse never takes His eyes off you...Behold, He is not waiting for anything else, as He says to the Bride, than that we look at Him. In the measure you desire Him, you will find Him.***" **Faternally in Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Fr. Thomas**

ABIDING PRESENCE: How Holy Communion Heals Wounds of Abandonment

(From Chapter Four of *Be Transformed: The Healing Power of the Sacraments* by Bob Schuchts) | 9th & FINAL installment

The following passage from Acts 2 (taking place immediately after Pentecost) is a description of Holy Communion in the early Church. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you reflect on the scripture passage. First, read the passage slowly the first time through for overall understanding. Then read it a second time slowly, listening to a word or phrase that stands out. Finally, read it a third time very slowly, allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the passage.

Holy Communion in the Early Church: "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the Breaking of the Bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all, according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to Breaking Bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved" (Acts 2:42-47).

"Immanuel" means "God is with us." It is one of the names of Jesus given through the prophet Isaiah, signifying God's abiding presence with us. This Real Presence is what we celebrate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The following prayer process could be prayed immediately after Communion, during adoration, or during any personal prayer time of your choosing. Begin by remembering God's promise: "I will never forsake you or abandon you" (Heb 13:5). Then quietly reflect upon these scripture quotes:

- "This is my Body, which will be given for you" (Luke 22: 19).
- "Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him" (John 6:56).
- "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).
- "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you" (John 14:18).
- "I stand at the door and knock. If anyone opens, I will enter and dine with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20).

Practice Abiding in God's Presence: 1) Be attentive to Jesus' presence right now or remember a time when you were especially aware of His presence; 2) Allow yourself to enter into the experience again—the real meaning of "remembrance" is to live it again in the present moment; 3) Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to light a time when you felt alone; 4) Allow yourself to enter into that memory again—feeling it in the present moment—and experience the painful emotions; 5) Reconnect with the experience of Jesus' Presence and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His presence during this time you felt alone; 6) Record what He reveals to you (in a thought, memory, feeling, or image); 7) Thank Jesus for His presence and ask for His presence to remain with you as you leave the prayer experience. Stay in touch with His abiding presence during the day, every day. ++++++ **(Next week, we will begin publishing Chapter 5 from this book: *Anointed with Power: How Confirmation Heals Wounds of Powerlessness.*)**

Holiday Luncheon & BOUTIQUE

Friday, October 21



Join the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary for this festive event **THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21**, in Connolly Hall at Holy Family Church, 1501 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena. It will include a Treasure Sale, the Nuns' Specialty Breads, Candy, Nuts, and Handmade Items, as well as holiday gift items, plants, a 50/50 Raffle, and a Silent Auction. The schedule is: 10:30 a.m.: Boutique & Social hour at 10:30 a.m.; and Luncheon at 12:00 Noon. To **RSVP ASAP**, mail

your \$35 check (made out to *Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary*), along with your name and phone number and the names of any guests, to: Kathy Cardoza, 710 Lindaraxa Park South, Alhambra 91801.

Questions? Call Kathy at (626) 570-9012.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

The Blessed Virgin Mary made **FIFTEEN PROMISES** to St. Dominic and to **ALL** who faithfully pray the Rosary: 1) Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces; 2) I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary; 3) The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against Hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies; 4) The Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means; 5) The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish; 6) Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he is just, he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life; 7) Whoever shall have a true devotion to the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church; 8) Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plentitude of His graces; at the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise; 9) I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary; 10) The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven; 11) You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary; 12) All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities; 13) I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death; 14) All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ; 15) Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Here is a great website for further reading about the Promises: <https://catholically.com/blogs/news/what-do-the-15-promises-of-the-rosary-mean>

Please consider joining the **St. Therese Rosary Makers**, a group that meets weekly on **Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices**. This small group, which also prays the Rosary together, has made thousands and thousands of rosaries that have been sent all over the world. They have **ALL** the supplies you will need, as well as very patient instructors who love to see new people join this ministry. For more information on this group, please contact Alexandria at (949) 482-8080 or Christine at (808) 218-3540.

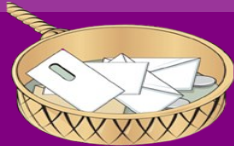


In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a clever example of why we are to persevere in praying, even if we think the prayer is not being heard. The crooked judge just wanted to get that widow off his back! So, we can pray to God with even more confidence, because we know that God loves us and will answer our prayers. St. Paul carries that theme of perseverance even further. He is not just talking about prayer here; he encourages Timothy to persevere in proclaiming God's word as well. That command we may find more challenging than prayer. He tells Timothy (and us!) to "convince, reprimand and encourage through all patience and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2). How can we do that? "Convince" reminds me that our faith should be reasonable. Jesus' command to love one another, for instance, can be taught much more convincingly by giving examples of love. A mother who hugs her child when he is hurt and encourages him when he feels lost is teaching that command in a way that will be remembered much longer than just telling him to love people.

Paul also talks about reprimanding each other. Most people find it difficult to reprimand someone they are in charge of, much less one who is equal in status. That's where patience comes in. A reprimand can be made patiently and gently, as a sign of concern rather than authority. Paul lastly mentions teaching. Parents can do their part by teaching the stories from the Bible, helping children to see God in creation, teaching them to pray, and being good examples of God's love for them. If you send your children to religion classes or the parish school, do what you can to support the teachers so that what the children learn at school is practiced at home.

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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Next week, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of **World Mission Sunday**.

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Please be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions.

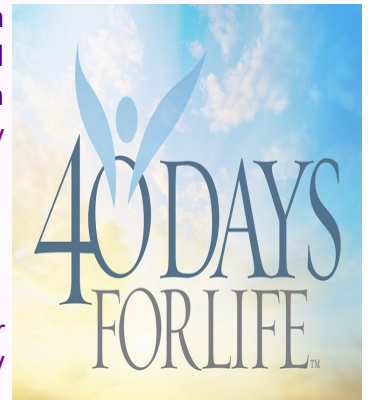
Forty Days for Life

Forty Days for Life will continue its peaceful prayer and fasting vigil through November 6. Please try to spend some time with us at the Pasadena Planned Parenthood facility praying to end abortions there. Their busiest days for abortion are Tuesdays. If you are able, please join us anytime Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Let's pray that ALL abortions be stopped.

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For questions, contact Rose Curiel at (323) 528-8094 or indigorose40daysforlife@gmail.com. Learn more at www.40daysforlife.com/



Fasting from the Wound of Powerlessness

PAUSE TO HEAR GOD SPEAK:

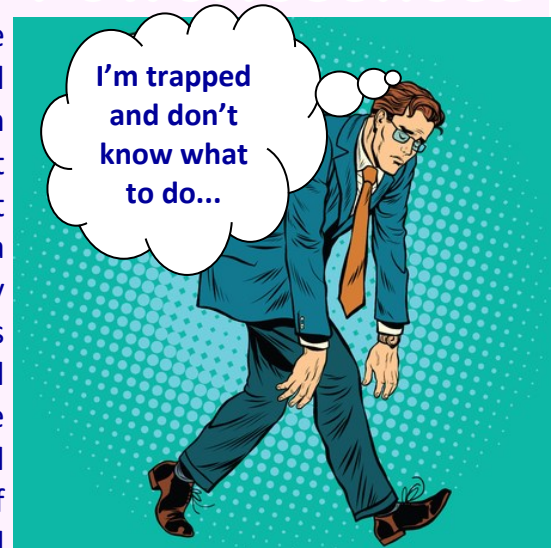
"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."

-John 15: 5

"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell within me."

Today, I choose to fast from the wound of powerlessness. We've all experienced it: being in a situation that we couldn't anticipate, didn't want, and couldn't escape. Maybe it was the death of a loved one, a cancer diagnosis, or being physically abused. It is true that many things happen in our lives that are beyond our control. However, sometimes we attempt to gain worldly strength and control over our feelings of weakness and vulnerability. Instead

of trusting God with our difficult circumstance, we feel overwhelmed or believe that there is no way out. So, we try to gain power ourselves. As we begin to trust God more deeply, we can resist the temptation to use our bodies or the bodies of others to gain false power. Let us remember that the power of Jesus' Resurrection into Glory was a result of the powerlessness of His flesh.



Take time to ask yourself:

When do I feel powerless or overwhelmed?

What do I believe about myself or my situation when I feel powerless?

Heavenly Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce powerlessness and repent all the ways I have sinned because of it. I reject powerlessness in every area of my life. I renounce any lies that I have come to believe, including lies such as, "I am overwhelmed," "I am trapped," or "I don't know what to do." Send your Holy Spirit to transform me and give me the full measure of Christ's strength in the midst of my weakness. I belong to you. I am loved by you. I am chosen by you. I am known to you. Amen.

The Real St. Therese Commissioning the 12 and the 72



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

The book, *L'Âme d'un Missionnaire*, which Fr. Roulland had sent to St. Therese, a biography of martyr Theophane Venard that she had read, and her correspondence with her spiritual brothers, had all enkindled Therese's missionary fervor. In

the room where she worked, she had pinned onto the wall the map of Su'chuen, Fr. Roulland's mission station. She assured him of her close collaboration through prayer and sacrifice. "I am your little Moses." She asked for him "the incomparable favor of martyrdom" and, for herself, the increase "in her heart of the desire to love Jesus and to make Him loved."

She reminded Abbe Belliere, who was only at the formation stage at that time, that a "Carmelite who was not an apostle would be losing sight of the goal of her vocation and would cease to be a daughter of the seraphic St. Teresa, who would have given a thousand lives to save a single soul." At the beginning of the last year of her life, Therese confided to Sister Genevieve that she expected to die that year. Once again, a poem allows us to know her deepest sentiments at that period of her life. For Mother Agnes, she set down the reasons for her joy. We find once again her apostolic desire ("My joy is to struggle unceasingly, that I might give birth to the elect"); the desire for death ("For a long time now, I have wished to live, Lord, if that would please you, in Heaven where I would follow you, if that would give you pleasure"); and especially abandonment in love ("Love, that fire of the Fatherland, does not cease to consume me. What is life or death to me? Jesus, I find my joy in loving you...").

The letter that this young girl of twenty-four wrote to the old brother Simeon (eighty-three years old) contains a clear declaration:

"I think my course here below will be short. If Our Lord comes for me first, I promise to pray for your intentions." She adds her usual prayer: "One thing I beg you to ask for my soul is the grace to love Jesus and make Him loved as much as this is possible for me to do."

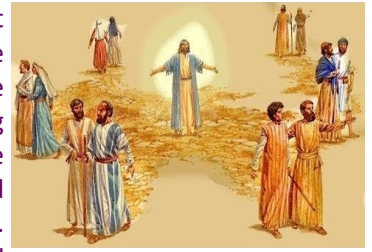
In St. Luke's Gospel, he not only tells us of the commissioning of the Twelve but also of the commissioning of the 72: "After this, the Lord appointed 72 others and sent them on ahead of Him...

And He said to them, 'Heal the sick in it and say to them, "The Kingdom of God has come near to you"' (Luke 10:1-2, 9). These two commissionings of the Twelve and of the 72 help us understand how we are to interpret the Great Commission in Matthew: "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you' (Matthew 28:18-19).

The first half of this passage has been better observed and obeyed by the Church than its second half. We have been better at evangelism and baptizing than we have been at disciple making, by teaching people to obey *everything* Jesus commanded the Twelve. When we look at the Commissioning of the Twelve and of the 72, we know that Jesus commands them to heal and to cast out demons. Somehow, the Church over the years downplayed these priorities of the commissionings and neglected Jesus' instructions about signs and wonders affected through the gifts of the Spirit.

The duration of the gifts has not been the only point of controversy among Protestants. As mentioned already, many Protestants believe the gifts were real and operated throughout supernatural enablement, but they also believe that after the New Testament age, the supernatural disappeared. Liberal biblical scholars, however, deny the biblical accounts of the supernatural altogether. The liberal Protestant worldview does not allow for any supernatural intervention of God, so they deny the gifts as well as the literal virgin birth, the resurrection of Jesus, and His Second Coming. Liberals interpret these as either explainable by naturalistic means or as having no historical basis at all—that is, they never happened. Instead, they are seen as myths or legends written to express the early Christians' theology.

As recent biblical scholarship has shown, the idea that the signs and wonders recorded in the New Testament were legendary embellishments or myth is not based on historical evidence, but rather on a bias among scholars against the supernatural. The best biblical scholarship backs up what Christians have always believed: That these were real historical events and actions on the part of the Christians. An abundance of evidence shows that they then continued throughout the history of the Church.



Mass Intentions

Quiet Listening Prayer

October 15 to October 22, 2022

Saturday evening:

5:00 p.m.: Teresita Buenavente, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Elena Reyes, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, DC,
Joey V., and Jeff P., Birthday Intentions

9:00 a.m.: Gerardo Adan, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Marites Q. Garcia, INT

1:00 p.m.: Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Antonio Ferrer, Jr., RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Liam Mireles, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Mariano Maramag, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Marie Therese Devereux, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Karen Owens, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Sebastian T., RIP

7:00 p.m.: Letty Sebastian, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Manuel de Tazanos Pinto, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Angel Lahoz, Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Peggy Centola, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Lauren Cheah, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ana Sun, Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Mario Monico Diaz, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Rosario "Charitt" Torres, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Alicia Pardinias, RIP

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Richard Cardwell, RIP

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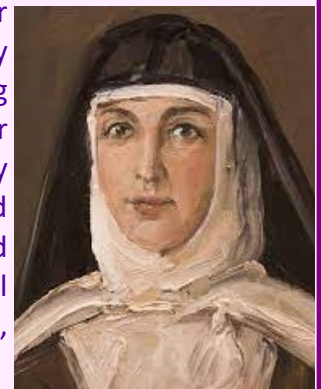
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THE WAY OF PERFECTION

by St. Teresa of Avila

I know there are many persons who while praying vocally, as has already been mentioned, are raised by God to sublime contemplation [without their striving for anything or understanding how]. It's because of this that I insist so much upon your reciting vocal prayer well. I know a person who was never able to pray any way but vocally, and though she was tied to this form of prayer she experienced everything else. And if she didn't recite vocal prayer, her mind wandered so much that she couldn't bear it. Would that our mental prayer were as good! She spent several hours reciting a certain number of Our Fathers, in memory of the times our Lord shed His blood, as well as a few other vocal prayers. Once she came to me very afflicted because she didn't know how to practice mental prayer nor could she contemplate; she could only pray vocally. I asked her how she was praying, and I saw that though she was tied to the Our Father, she experienced pure contemplation and that the Lord was raising her up and joining her with Himself in union. And from her deeds it seemed truly that she was receiving such great favors, for she was living a very good life. So I praised the Lord and envied her for her vocal prayer (Chapter 30, No. 7).



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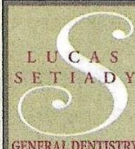


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