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Saint Therese Church

January 25, 2015 **Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars** Established 1924

Visit us on our website! 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 (226) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD (222) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD * **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333) **Vocations:** Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocesan: (213) 637-7515

Masses & Services: Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am; Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm; Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm; Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm

Devotions: Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass; Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm; Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm; Fatima Devotion: 13th of the month from May through October

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession): Wed., 7-9 pm;
and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Baptism: Register at 284-0020 (1)

Weddings: Call 6 months before

RCIA: Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

Other Ministries / Programs:

Grief Support, 2nd/4th Wed.,

2:30-4 pm: Deacon Couple 333)

Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias

(323) 724-6443

First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer Vigil—

7:30 pm-6:00 am

Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight—

Mike Pulciano 641-0870

Legion of Mary: Tues., 7:00 pm

Natural Family Planning—

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

Respect Life Ministry / Foot Soldiers:

Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942

Rosary Makers/Mondays, 6-8 pm: Ed

William 975-1838 tieknt@gmail.com

St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wednesdays,

6:15 pm - Albert Grana 576-0872

“Tea at Therese” Women’s Group:

(2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10 am)

Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



Parish Mission Statement:

St. Therese Church is an active and Eucharistic Parish Community dedicated in faith and service to a loving and merciful God under our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux. We are committed in our ministries to providing discipleship through evangelization and fostering a contemplative life, resulting in Christian formation and spiritual growth of our members.

Parish Secretary:

Denise McMaster-Holguin (223);

denisekay@hotmail.com

Finance: Noralyn Cailan (228)

Christian Services:

Bridie McDermott (224)

Choir Directors:

9:00 a.m.: Marcia Martinez-Bateman

(775) 771-4992

11:00 a.m.: Paula Grimm

(909) 703-1284 / pg Grimm.dir@gmail.com

Coordinator for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Altar:

Fr. Leonel Varela (222)

Coordinators for Ministry to the Sick: Fred & Margaret Padilla

282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

rhondalstorey@gmail.com

* Pre K through 8th Grade

* Adult Religious Ed

Youth & Adult Confirmation

Programs: Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)

Email: rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-

3364 - Principal: Carmela Lovano (661)

clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org

Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please come to the Parish Office to register.

510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra—**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 to 5:00 pm; 6:00 to 8:00 pm—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm** **Eucharistic Adoration** - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson – 289-0388

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 25, 2015

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you. —1 Corinthians 6:19

CATECHESIS Q & A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

By Ruben Beltran, Confirmation Coordinator



Why do Catholics pray to the Saints? Why not pray directly to Jesus? This is a question Catholics often get asked. And, unfortunately, most Catholics do not know how to answer. First and foremost we need to look at what the Church teaches on the subject, and for that we turn to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Paragraph 2683: *"The witnesses who have preceded us into the Kingdom, especially those whom the Church recognizes as saints, share in the living tradition of prayer by the example of their lives, the transmission of their writings, and their prayer today. They contemplate God, praise Him, and constantly care for those whom they have left on earth. When they entered into the joy of their Master, they were 'put in charge of many things.' Their intercession is their most exacted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world."*

The first thing that needs to be pointed out is that we do not pray to the saints in the same manner that we pray to God. God alone has the power to grant or deny our petitions. When we pray to the saints we only ask for their intercession, in other words we ask them to pray for us. Some may object that the Bible says that there is only one mediator between God and man, Jesus: *"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus"* (1 Tim. 2:5).

This is true. However, most non-Catholics have no problem asking a family member or friend to pray for them. But asking one person to pray for you in no way violates Christ's mediatorship. Why? Dr. Scott Hahn points out that: *"First, the Greek word used here for 'one' is eis, which means 'first' or 'primary,' not monos, which means 'only' or 'sole.' Just as there is one mediator, there is also one Divine Sonship, which we all share—by way of participation—with Christ."* Because we are all part of the one Mystical Body of Christ, we share in His roles and participate in them.

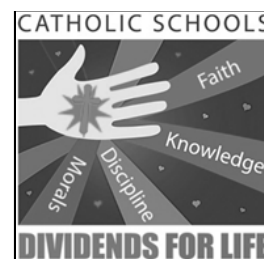
Finally, some may say, *"The saints are dead; they cannot hear you and the Bible forbids communicating with the dead"* (for example, Deuteronomy 18:10-11), but necromancy was the practice of conjuring up the dead through wizards or mediums in order to manipulate the spiritual realm or foresee the future, which is categorically different from asking our brothers and sisters in Christ who have passed on to pray for us.

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS

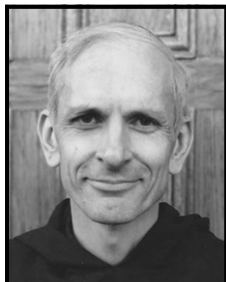
Saint Therese School is proud to be a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.

Please join us in prayer as our First Communion Candidates prepare for their Rite of Enrollment. May they continue to be guided in their journey of faith as they prepare for their First Reconciliation.

- Open House today, January 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Panda Express Fundraiser (located on Garfield & Main in Alhambra) on Monday, January 26, between 11:30 am & 8:30 pm
- Catholic Schools Week Festivities from January 25 through 30
 - Parent Appreciation Day on January 27
- January 28: Grandparent/Wise Person Day—Mass at 10:30 am
 - Student Appreciation Day on January 29
 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day on January 30
- Ongoing New Student Registration for TK - 8th Grade



PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF OUR FRIARS



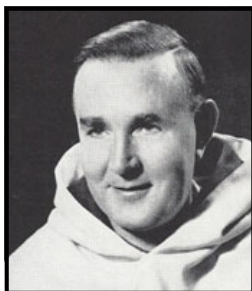
† Fr. Richard Mandoli, OCD

A Priest of the Discalced Carmelite Order since 1987 (3/13/1946–1/4/2015)

† Fr. Kevin McArdle, OCD

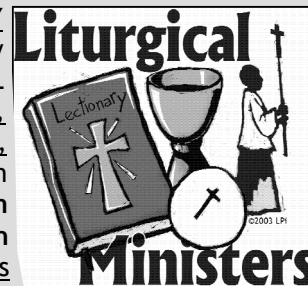
A Priest of the Discalced Carmelite Order since 1936 (2/2/1918–1/15/2015)

May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them!



LITURGICAL CATECHESIS RETREAT/TRAINING

There will be a MANDATORY liturgical ministry retreat/training day for ALL current & new Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Sacristans, and Ushers on Saturday, February 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the church. This training is required to remain on the serving schedules. Our goal is to come together as liturgical ministry groups for the purpose of prayer and reflection, as well as to review procedures for each ministry so that we can all be on the "same page" of instructions. If you cannot make this date, contact Fr. Leonel or Rhonda to arrange a private training session before continuing. Reflections will be led by Fr. Leonel & Fr. Philip. The RE staff will lead the training sessions. Please mark your calendars now and save the date. We hope to see everyone there!



RESPECT LIFE NEWS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN (Feb. 18 - Mar. 29)



By the grace of God, since its launching as a worldwide movement in 2007, *40 Days for Life* has achieved a stunning track record, as follows: *650,000 Pro-Life Volunteers Assisted in 3,336 Pro-Life Campaigns, which were held in 559 Cities in 27 Nations Resulting in: 9,699 Lives Saved * 107 Abortion Workers Quitting * 59 Abortion Centers Being Closed!*

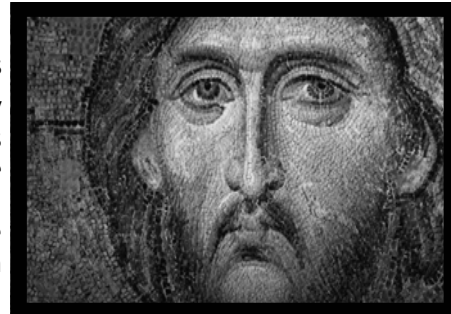
OneLifeLA REPORT

LAPD estimated the crowd at 10,000 people, making One Life LA the 3rd largest Pro Life event in the NATION! Thank you everyone for joining us!! See you next year! And let's all remember: Every One Life Has Dignity and Respect, From the Womb to Natural Death.



BIBLE STUDY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY All adults are invited to our Bible Study, held every Wednesday through June 3! We are studying Fr. Robert Barron's DVD series, **PRIEST, PROPHET, KING**. Come join us for this deeply biblical presentation, wherein Fr. Barron weaves high theology with his accessible teaching style to present Jesus' three-fold mission. Sessions are held every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. The program fee is \$30 each, and will be collected at the first session. Please call Debbie Robles at (626) 679-6370 to place your name on the registration list.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

When you are going through something hard and wonder where *God* is remember the teacher is always quiet during a test.

STRE: Next scheduled classes will be February 8 and 22. Please remember that all families are required to attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass together.

RCIA



Adult Faith Formation

Please pray for the catechumens, candidates and confirmandi who continue on their faith journeys. The next class will be Thursday,

January 29, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

Your Journey Begins at St. Therese



Class is in session today, January 25, followed by the Rite of Welcome (for the 1st year candidates) at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please remember that all students and their families are required to attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass together.



ADORATION CHAPEL



"O You who are mad about Your creature! True God and true Man, You have left Yourself wholly to us, as food, so that we will not fall through weariness during our pilgrimage in this life, but will be fortified by Your celestial nourishment." --St. Catherine of Siena

To sign up for an hour every week, please call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

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

January 17 /18, 2015

Unrestricted.....	\$12,125.00
Restricted	\$ 980.00
T O T A L.....	\$13,105.00

December 13 / 14.....	\$16,876.00
December 27 / 28	\$17,861.00
January 3 / 4	\$34,184.00
January 10 / 11	\$18,633.00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

For the Women's Retreat!
at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands on March 13, 14, and 15.

Call one of the Captains for information and to reserve your room: Ernie O'Conner at 445-4333; Louisa Day at (323) 722-9399; or Cecilia Tweedy at 712-3478.

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2014

We surpassed our Archdiocesan goal for 2014! Thank you for all your continued support and generosity.

Please use your Contribution Envelopes when possible.

50 / 50 RAFFLE WINNER

As stated in the rules of our Car Lease Raffle (located on the website under the Raffle info in the Events section), in the paragraph entitled "ODDS": *"If fewer than 500 tickets are sold by 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2014, St. Therese Church may, at its sole discretion, elect to cancel the car lease raffle and convert the raffle to a 50/50 Cash Raffle."*

As there were only approximately 300 tickets sold (many of them during the festival for only \$5 each), we elected to convert this raffle to a 50/50 Cash Raffle. The total collected was



\$1,874. **Congratulations to the winner, Art Alderate, who won half of that: \$937.**

Thank you to all who purchased tickets! God bless and reward you!

"Word of Life" Quote of the Week:



"A child is not something owed to one, but is a gift. The 'supreme gift of marriage' is a human person. A child may not be considered a piece of property, an idea to which an alleged 'right to a child' would lead. In this area, only the child possesses genuine rights: the right 'to be the fruit of the specific act of the conjugal love of his parents,' and 'the right to be respected as a person from the moment of his conception.'" --

Catechism of the Catholic Church 2378

GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES 

Are you pregnant? Do you need help? Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (GPS) counselors are available to help you with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are offered privately and confidentially. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email gps.pregnancy@gmail.com.



St. Therese School
Transitional Kindergarten through Eighth Grades
OPEN HOUSE
 Sunday, January 25, 2015
 Mass at 9:00
Open House/Science Fair/Book Fair
 10:00 - noon

For a school tour with our principal, Mrs. Lovano,
 Please call (626) 289-3364
 1106 E. Alhambra Rd., Alhambra, CA www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org

Visit Mars Rover Model at St. Therese School



BAPTISM MINISTRY

Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, Ext. 225 - In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to attend a class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library (next date is Feb. 3). The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday (next open Baptism is February 14th at Noon). Note: There are no Baptisms during Lent.

SELECTING THE GODPARENTS:

Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) is at least 16; 2) has been Confirmed; and 3) is a practicing Catholic. A form attesting to this will need to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

ONGOING MINISTRIES & CLASSES

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group, formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro, is for anyone who is grieving for 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 meeting will be January 28th. For additional information, please contact Deacon Joe and Lorraine Mizerski at 282-2744 (333).

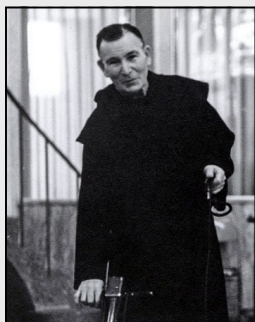


WOMEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP:

Come join us for a prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats! Children are welcome (play area available). We hold these meetings at 10:00 a.m., on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (In the Avila Room in the Parish Offices, 510 North El Molino Street). Our next meetings will be on February 12 and 26. For more information, contact Dara Barbosa at (301) 542-9701.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES:

Join us for these Irish Dance classes—for adults AND kids ages 4 and up. The classes are taught by Kelly Mohun and are held in the Parish Hall every Wednesday from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m. To sign up or for more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548.



**ST. THERESE 90TH ANNIVERSARY
 DESKTOP CALENDARS FOR SALE!**

This is a beautiful, customized desktop calendar. It contains over 35 historical photos from when our current church was first built. While it is definitely a collector's item, it is also very practical as you can schedule your events and appointments during 2015. You may purchase yours at the Religious Goods Counter after the Sunday Masses or in the Parish Offices during our open hours. They are \$10 each or two for \$15!

Mass Intentions

For the Week of 1/24/15 to 1/31/15

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Belen Juarez RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Aroon Seeda INT
 7:30 a.m.: Parishioners
 9:00 a.m.: Joann Du INT
 11:00 a.m.: Zeferina Gonzalez RIP
 1:00 p.m. (Latin): Mickey Smith RIP
 5:00 p.m.: Juana Reynoso RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Injo Tek Hok & Lan Injo RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: George Gibbs RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Maureen Castillo INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory
 *7:30 a.m.: Tony Ponce RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Patrick McAllister INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Samuel R. Alfano RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Isabella DeSarro RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Theresa Gundlach RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Tom Timmings B-day INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Jose N. Vales RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Leslie Kirk INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Bernard Timothy INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Margaret Lowenberg RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Nicole Solaun INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m. Huo Chen Yu Mei & Huo Kuo Shung RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
 8:00 a.m.: Joshua Joseph Ribaya INT

*Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road—open to the public every day **except** on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.

Floral Dedication

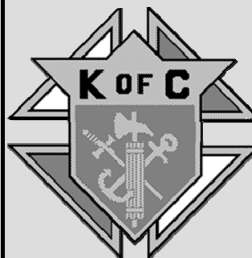
This week's floral dedication is in:

Giancarlo Moretti (RIP)

To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, leave a message for **Giovanna Setiady** at 281-9049. Bouquets are \$40 and up.



MEN! CONSIDER BECOMING A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS!



For more information, call **Mike Pulciano**, the Grand Knight for the Alhambra Council, at 641-0870.

Outside the Parish

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Spain (with attendance at Teresian Int'l Mtg in Avila) with **FR. LEONEL & FR. ROBERT BARCELOS** from Aug. 3-18, 2015 (16 days, 14 nights). Price reduced to \$4,170 each (dbl occ), includes airfare, lodging, 14 b'fasts/dinners, and 13 lunches. **SPACE IS LIMITED!** Contact Angela Yang, Avenue of Travel, at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

13-DAY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE with Fr. Darrin Merlin, CMF, **June 23-July 5, 2015**, for \$4379 (all inclusive). For more info, call Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at 285-6687 or email rememberto@sbcbglobal.net

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Intentions of our Holy Father for January 2015:

1) That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace; and 2) That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Charitt Torres

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Ron Saldoval / Thu Nguyen
 9:00 a.m. Lucas Setiady / Jim Raney
 11:00 a.m. Jeff Storey / Lorraine Mizerski
 5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas / Confirmation Students

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