

# SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 4, 2019 **MINISTERED BY THE DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS** Estab. 1924

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## NEW PARISHIONERS!

The office is at 510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra. Office  
Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm;  
2:00 to 5:00 pm; and 6:00 to 8:00 pm—closed from 1:00  
to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Eucharistic Adoration  
Chapel is open 24/7. An electronic key is needed from  
5:00 pm to 6:00 am (available in the office for \$20).

Then Jesus said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Then He told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest? I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "...you have so many good things stored up for many years; rest, eat, drink, be merry!'" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God" (Luke 12:15-21).



## MASSES AND 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.

Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office)  
at least six months+ in advance

Holy Communion to the Sick:  
Fred & Margaret Padilla, (626) 282-0943

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office  
to schedule an appointment.

## SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL (626) 289-3364



[www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com](http://www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com)

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page or on  
the Church's website > Our School > Videos

# "Playing A Bizarre Game"

By Dr. Chad Pecknold  
Catholic Herald (7/2/19)



In graduate school at Cambridge, a group of us once played an unusual card game one of our philosophers made up. There were a few procedural rules for taking turns, but basically everyone had their own rule for winning, that is, their own distinct purpose and objective in the game. If you decided that your purpose was to hold all the jokers, or to hold both black kings but never the red kings, or to hold only the two of spades, then upon achieving this objective, you won. In fact, you could go on for quite a while without anyone ever guessing your rule, and so you could keep winning. And your neighbor, similarly could keep winning. But if anyone guessed your objective during play, then you lost your hand, and were out of the game. The longer you played, the more you figured out the objectives of other players. So it was really a game of bluffing about your ultimate ends. But the game necessarily excluded the objectives of the many, and rewarded those who could veil their objectives long enough to dominate and have victory over all.

I have often thought of this bizarre—and I must add, very disorienting—game as the perfect metaphor for a certain kind of liberalism which claims neutrality with respect to the purposes of life, liberty, and happiness—things which can only find their purpose in God. It may at first seem like a game which allows people to share in a common thing, but as the game goes on it becomes clear that there is no commonality at all. The game could go on for quite awhile but, in the end, the advantage always goes to the person who can deceive the best.

At the end of yet another Pride Month this past June, I couldn't help but sense that this type of bewildering game is currently happening in America—courtesy of this same sort of liberalism. It wasn't too long ago that just a tiny percentage of the population began asking for a redefinition of marriage. However, we now have people forcing bakers to make certain kinds of cakes, school administrators redefining sex education in public schools, transgender men dominating women's sports, and so-called trans-kids “twerking” on floats in pride parades. Things have escalated quickly and what was strange has seemingly become commonplace.

When former President Obama lit up the White House a few years ago for Pride Month with the colors of the pride flag, it felt like that card game all over again—a game in which the common thing was defeated, and the hand of identity politics won yet another round in the game of liberal ends. On a well-traveled road near my neighborhood, I frequently see a million-dollar home that proudly flies an American flag—except that it has been altered to display the colors of the pride flag in place of our red, white, and blue. It is a consistent development after the Supreme Court, the White House, and Corporate America all indicated their obeisance to the new standard. But what kind of standard is it?

In truth, pride is a standard which cannot tolerate a common good. It must take away from the good which is common, and become the part which rules over the whole. It is not a truly American standard. It does not represent a common thing or a common object of love in which we can all participate. It is an exceptional standard built around sexual desire, identity, and power. St. Augustine called such a thing “it libido dominandi”—the lust for domination. And no one can argue that lust hasn't dominated. But there are signs that pride goeth before a fall. Even some tireless proponents of “the cause” have expressed concern that the percentage of young men who consider themselves “allies” of the cause has nearly been cut in half since 2016, from 62% to only 35%. One of these proponents, Andrew Sullivan, writes: *“The turn began in the year that the Obama administration—with no public discussion or congressional support—imposed critical gender theory on America's high schools, determining one's sexual identity to be whatever a student says it is. The imposition of trans-ideology by fiat on the entire country's young—along with severe public stigma for those with even the slightest question—was almost textbook leftist authoritarianism.”*

The standard of sin always depletes people precisely by dominating them, enslaving not only their souls, but whole nations. Pride is the standard for the desires of the few dominating the many. As Augustine writes, *“I cannot refrain from speaking about...a city which aims at dominion, which holds nations in enslavement, but is itself dominated by that very lust of domination.”* It's the city of that card game. It is our hope that Americans can turn to a better flag than the pride flag. In the meantime, Catholics should help their fellow Americans look to a better city.

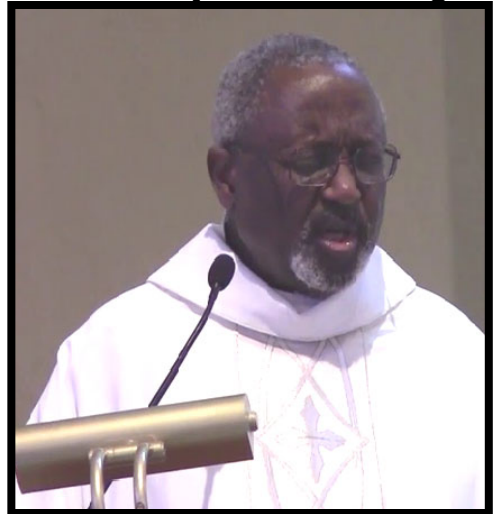
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Chad Pecknold received his PhD from the University of Cambridge (UK) and has been a Theology Professor at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, since 2008. Dr. Pecknold is also a frequent contributor to debates in the public square, writing regular columns for First Things and National Review on a range of topics related to the importance and impact of Church teaching on social and political questions.

# Reception for Fr. Robert Bishop Today!

Fr. Robert Bishop will complete his service at St. Therese Church by celebrating his final 1:00 p.m. Latin Mass today, Sunday, August 4.

Following the Mass, all are invited to the Hall for a coffee-and-cake reception. Take advantage of this great opportunity to thank Fr. Bishop for his many years of faithful service.



## "VANITY OF VANITIES..."

Today's readings urge us not to misuse our relatively limited time on earth. Even someone who lives well beyond the age of 100 has only lived a bare, miniscule portion of eternity. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. St. Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of Heaven in everything they do, and Jesus Himself asks us to treasure **NOT** earthly wealth, but God alone.

Unfortunately, from the negative, unfeeling way in which we see many people—including even daily Mass-goers!—treat others, and by how selfishly these persons appear to lead their lives (thinking only of themselves and their close family members and friends), it seems that they **COULDN'T REALLY BELIEVE** that there is a Heaven and a Hell—fundamental teachings of our Catholic Faith—or they would certainly display more Christ-like qualities. Especially as people get older and "nearer to crossing over to the other side,"—closer to eternal life, a life that will *never, never, ever* end!—you would think they would go out of their way to "do unto others..." as they would have done unto themselves. Sadly, many live out their days in this world as though these temporary lives and fragile bodies will never end. So many go through their lives no differently than do non-believers. Non-believers aren't worried about what will happen when they die—and neither, it seems, do these people. They are very likely in denial about their callousness.

The truth is, however, that no one who gets to Heaven, Purgatory, or Hell will be taking any money or property with them. Once we enter into eternity, there will be no haves and have-nots, no rich and poor, no landlords and tenants, no bosses and employees, no masters and servants. No, the only thing any of us will bring to Heaven that we had with us on earth will be...OUR HEARTS.

If your heart sought to imitate Our Lord and His Saints and attempted to always show love and kindness to others—acquaintances, strangers, and foes, as well as friends and families—then your heart will be richly (no pun intended!) blessed in Heaven. However, if your heart now bears the marks of one who lives without showing mercy and compassion to those whom God put in your path, then **NOW** is the time to truly begin to believe in ETERNITY by changing your actions, your sins of omission, your thoughts, and your callous use of words. It's not too late! You can live like Jesus! Love God **NOW** by truly following the example of Christ in the final years—or months?, weeks?, days?, or hours?—of your life.

To every thing  
there  
is a season, and  
time to every  
purpose  
under the heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

# FINANCIAL OFFERINGS *"...for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the previous four weekends.

**NOTE:** The second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month is for our School (next is August 10 / 11).



**July 27 / 28, 2019**  
 Unrestricted..... \$ 8,182.00  
 Restricted ..... \$ 420.00  
 Missionary Appeal .... \$ 7,416.00  
**T O T A L ..... \$ 16,018.00**

June 29 / 30..... \$18,520.00  
 July 6 / 7..... \$13,150.00  
 July 13 / 14..... \$34,347.00  
 July 20 / 21..... \$14,041.00

**Check Users:**  
 Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

## DETENTION MINISTRY



Come and join us in bringing God's love and mercy to incarcerated youth (ages 8 to 18) at Central Juvenile Hall / Eastlake (by L.A. County USC Medical Center). Volunteers participate in spiritual support to incarcerated juveniles, Mass and Communion services, and religious education. Volunteers must be 21 years and over. For more information, please contact Sonia Macias at (323) 724-6443 or [sonia\\_macias@hotmail.com](mailto:sonia_macias@hotmail.com) OR Miriam Lopez at [mimilc@hotmail.com](mailto:mimilc@hotmail.com).

*"For I was in prison and you visited me."  
 -Matthew 25:36*

*"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me."  
 -Matthew 25:40*

## WE'RE IN A RUSH! SO OUR KIDS CAN FLUSH!

We are seeking donations to upgrade both our School restrooms and the Parish Hall restrooms. These restrooms are almost 60 years old...



which is...VERY OLD in "restroom years".

Please make it clear on your check that you are donating towards the restrooms.

## Photos/Certificates

If you or your child received one of the Sacraments this past Spring, please come to



pick up your photo and/or y o u r Certificate from the Parish Office by October 15.

## Our School

[www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com](http://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.

We wish all our School families a blessed SUMMER VACATION!

Please contact the office by phone or email to register your child for the 2019-2020 school year (289-3364 or [admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com](mailto:admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com)).



# COME AND SEE... For Young Women from 18 to 35



*"Trust in the Lord... And He Will Grant Your Heart's Desire!"*

The Cloistered Discalced Carmelite Nuns invite all single women from 18 to 35 to join them for a day of discernment. It will be held on **Saturday, September 7**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Carmel of Teresa Monastery, 215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra.

Please RSVP by August 31 by either calling 588-7048 or E-mailing [vocations@carmelteresa.org](mailto:vocations@carmelteresa.org).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION FOR THE RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAMS** for BOTH Elementary and High School Grades will take place in the Parish Meeting Room on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**, as follows:

- \* **STRE** (Transitional Kindergarten through 8th Grade, including Eucharist Preparation): At 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center. The first classes will begin on **September 8 at 9:00 a.m.**
- **CONFIRMATION** (High School): At **Noon**, in the Parish Meeting Room. The first class for C1 will be on **September 8 at 9:00 a.m.**; the first class for C2 will be on **September 15 at 9:00 a.m.**



Each student must bring a copy of his or her Baptism certificate to the orientation. Registration forms will be available at that time.

**A L S O . . .**

**RCIA:** Anyone wishing to become Catholic or to complete their Sacraments (First Communion/Confirmation) is welcome to join us! Orientation will be held on **Thursday, August 29**, at 7:00 p.m. Classes are held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., from September to June.

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION



**Thursday, August 15th**, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven and is a holy day of obligation (an obligation, yes—but more of a privilege!).

Mass times for this solemnity will be as follows: In the morning at 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00, and in the evening at 7:30.

Please note that because this feast falls on Thursday, there will be **NO HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION** on August 15.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION:** Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, Summer is a favored time for family reunions--a time when we trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes. The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, and customs.

## Ongoing Events / Meetings

**BIBLE STUDY:** Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room **between September and June**. Next session begins **September 4** (Contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or at 679-6370).

**CATHOLIC KARATE** is for boys, girls, and men from 7 to 60. Learn self-defense, increased self-control, and confidence. Season 3 began July 11. For more info, contact John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** for the 11:00 a.m. Mass is every Wednesday from September to June (from 7:30-9:00 p.m.).

**CONSECRATION TO MARY:** Follow-up group for those already consecrated to Jesus through His mother, the Mother of God. Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. For more info, call Angela at (310) 701-8386.

**DETENTION MINISTRY:** If you're 21 or older, join us in visiting the youth (ages 8 to 18) in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

**EnCOURAGE:** Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meet monthly in the LA Archdiocese with our chaplain in a safe confidential setting. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for **parents:** EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR Courage LA for **persons struggling with same sex attraction:** CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com.).

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** Held every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

**"FORMED" CATHOLIC MEDIA** is available for **FREE** to ALL our parishioners! Discover all the best Catholic content in one place: movies, talks, audio dramas, and a great selection of popular e-books. To register, go to FORMED.ORG on our website, click on the icon, enter your name, email address, a password, and your zip code--and get started!

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** This group (originally 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 **August 14 and 28**.

**INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP:** Join us in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices to pray for priests every **Thursday at 8:00 p.m.** (following Benediction in the church). For more info, call Blanca at 281-7070.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** For Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Frank Bodeman, at (888) 869-3124.

**LEGION OF MARY:** The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** For info on Church teaches about openness to life, contact Jack & Katrina Crow at 292-1906 or katrina.fcp@gmail.com for **English OR** Martha Lacayo for **Spanish** at 372-0808 or Martha.fcp@gmail.com. Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System/NaproTechnology are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact one of them to register for the classes.

**RISE MEN'S MINISTRY:** All men who have made the challenge at [www.MenRiseUp.org](http://www.MenRiseUp.org) are encouraged to join us on **Saturday mornings for the Rosary at 6:45 a.m., followed by a video and discussion from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m.** in the Parish Meeting Room. For questions, contact Greg Keller at greglks@yahoo.com.

**ROSARY MAKERS:** Help make rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. For more info, call Magda at (213) 300-7776.

**ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP:** Come to the church every **Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.** to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at 281-3706.

# Mass Intentions

# Floral Dedications

## Week of August 3 through August 10, 2019

### Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Eulogio Diaz, RIP

### Sunday

\*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Hannah Barnett, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Claire Sandoval, INT

11:00 a.m.: Virginia Hernandez, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Ursula V. Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Evangeline Holman, RIP

### Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Pierre Lapare, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Pierre Lapare, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

### Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Cynthia Asinas, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Galahad Daniel Joseph Wrotniewski, INT

8:00 a.m.: Missionaries of Charity of Alh & San Diego, INT

### Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Pierre Lapare, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Joseph & Dianne Boskovich, INT

8:00 a.m.: Elroy Kanamu, RIP

### Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Elroy Kanamu, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Rhony Laigo, INT

8:00 am: Fr. John Hopkins, INT

### Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Dolores McAllister, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Julien Borromeo Labarsouque, INT

8:00 a.m.: Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD, INT

### Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Elroy Kanamu, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Freddy Grimm, Birthday Intention

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

This week's Dedications are:

† Loving Memory of  
Virginia Hernandez



# Outside the Parish

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, a former pastor of ours, will lead a 6-day **SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City (December 8 to 13)**. \$1,599 per person, double occupancy. For more info, contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 or maddatubeth@gmail.com.

**THE FIVE KEYS:** The San Gabriel Pastoral Regional Office invites everyone to join them for a series of talks about five keys to living a Christian life. The talks will continue for the next **FIVE MONDAY EVENINGS** (July 22, 29, and August 12, 19, and 26), from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. each evening. For details, see the flyer on our website under News/Events.

**Beautiful Marian Pilgrimage to FATIMA, PORTUGAL** with Fr. Matthew Wheeler from **October 7-15**. All inclusive cost from LAX: \$2995 'til July 15. For sign-ups after July 15, add \$200. For more info, go to [www.syversentouring.com/fatima.html](http://www.syversentouring.com/fatima.html) or call Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.

**ARE YOU HOMEBOUND?** You can view the Mass on TV on Channel 56 (KDOC) every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. For a free copy of the Mass prayer book, call 1-800-430-0930.

# Personal Ads

**SEEKING CARETAKER** for an elderly lady. Call 500-7612 if you would like an interview.

**WANTED TO RENT: BEDROOM** for July and August in quiet, safe place. Am a quiet, single female, practicing Catholic, who will be out and about most of the time. Internet access preferred. Contact Michelle at 617-504-8982.

Retired woman **SEEKING TO RENT A ROOM** with a separate entrance, non-sharing bathroom, and kitchen privileges. Can pay \$685/mo + \$500 security. Pays on time, doesn't smoke/drink, has no pets. If you have availability, please call 627-1899.

# Lectors

## Saturday

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Larry Dumont

## Sunday

7:30 a.m. Rex Owens / Flora Santoso

9:00 a.m. Rosa Natividad / John Kienker

11:00 a.m. Lucy Lopez / Pat Cervantes

5:00 p.m. Peter Chiu / Charlie Gopez