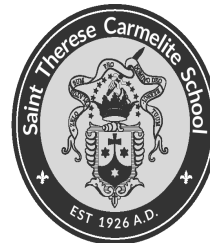




Saint Therese Church



May 1, 2016

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

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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



May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!
-- Psalm 67:6

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.

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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.

CATECHESIS Q & A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

"Is Confession a Time for Spiritual Direction?"

By Fr. Ryan Erlenbush



In his seminary days, St. Alphonsus was strongly opposed to the idea of making confession into a time of spiritual direction. "After all," he said, "there is only so much time; and if the priest gives too much advice, many confessions will go unheard." St. Alphonsus saw spiritual direction as integral to the work of the confessor. Still, we simply must admit that confession is not spiritual direction proper and there is the realistic fact of time constraints. What will be necessary, then, is to discuss the occasions in which it is appropriate (and perhaps even obligatory) for the priest to give *some* spiritual counsel to the penitent without taking on the role of a therapist.

Answering the penitent's questions: Certainly, there will be times when the penitent has a question regarding the seriousness of a sin, or even as to whether a particular act is a sin at all. While the priest must be careful to keep the confession from turning into a simple conversation, a truly pastoral zeal should lead him to answer questions simply and directly. Penitents need to be cognizant of those who are also in line for Confession.

Directing the penitent toward contemplation: It is the opinion of St. Alphonsus and of the best of the doctors of the spiritual life that the confessor ought at least occasionally to question the penitent regarding his interior life and, generally, to offer at least some advice, direction, and encouragement. When a penitent has overcome mortal sin and is generally living in the state of grace, it will be essential to his spiritual growth that he begin to practice regular meditation; for instance, the Rosary. Likewise, as the soul grows into closer union with God, the Savior will lead the penitent more and more toward contemplative prayer: thus, the faithful servant of Christ will eventually be brought into the dark night of the senses (on the verge of the purgative and illuminative ways). At this time, especially, it will be necessary for the confessor to question and advise the penitent regarding personal prayer. St. Alphonsus states that the confessor is a father, a physician, a teacher, and a judge. Especially in his role as father and teacher, the confessor must be ready and willing to direct the penitent through periods of spiritual dryness and toward the life of contemplation. Here, we must mention that the good confessor will move the soul toward contemplation neither too quickly nor too slowly.

Confession as a universal avenue of spiritual direction: It is said that St. John Vianney could hear the confessions of grave sinners who had spent years away from confession in not much more than ten minutes. Certainly, most priests will not be quite so wise as the Curé, hence we should not be surprised if a confession occasionally takes more time. Still, in general, we can safely say that the questioning and directing of penitents should not usually be a grave burden on either priest or people. In any case, the lay faithful generally want the direction of a holy priest—and they deserve this guidance, since Christ has entrusted the duty of pastoring souls specifically to priests. Therefore, it will be necessary for priests to give some level of (informal) spiritual direction to penitents in the confessional.

In Conclusion: Following the direction of St. Alphonsus, it does not seem that a confession should take much time at all. Indeed, though the priest should always give some little bit of advice or encouragement, this should never devolve into a simple conversation as this would be quite disrespectful of the Sacrament itself. Moreover, the level of "spiritual direction" appropriate for the confessional is still quite minimal. Spiritual direction is more appropriate and thorough when done so through an appointment. A proper "Examination of Conscience" and prayerful readiness should be completed before entering the confessional. Remember 1st Corinthians 11:29: "...because whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the Body, eats and drinks judgment on himself."

For the full article, please go to www.newtheologicalmovement.blogspot.com/2011/08/is-confession-time-for-spiritual.html

AZTEC FLOWER SONGS AND STORY: The Prophetical Case for Guadalupe

On May 5, 6, and 7, you have the chance to hear more about the story of Juan Diego's encounter with Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1531. Her appearance, which has inspired and fascinated the faithful for hundreds of years, is said to be one of the forces behind creating the Mexico that we know today: a blend of Spanish and native blood. What if the Guadalupe encounter had been prophesied thousands of years before 1531? What if Juan Diego's journey to the top of Tepeyac Hill to gather flowers in his cloak/tilma had been mirrored in Ancient Flower songs and stories known to millions across Meso America prior to this historic event?

Through extensive research, Joseph Julián and Monique González have made startling discoveries that reveal unknown links between ancient Aztec poetry and the apparitions of Guadalupe. Joined by Ezekiel Stear (he has a Ph.D. in Colonial Spanish Language and Literature) and Chris Garcia (expert practitioner of Meso American percussion), the group will show that there is much more to the Guadalupe story than anyone has ever imagined. Delving into ancient Indigenous American culture and beliefs, this new information makes the case of an epic salvific plan thousands of years in the making. If proven true, the implication is more than far-reaching—it changes history! Come out



and celebrate Mary's month and Cinco de Mayo weekend by attending this exciting and ground-breaking three-night lecture series. Mark your calendars for the evenings of **May 5, 6, and 7, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in our Parish Hall.**

Men!



**Refresh
Your
Spirits!**

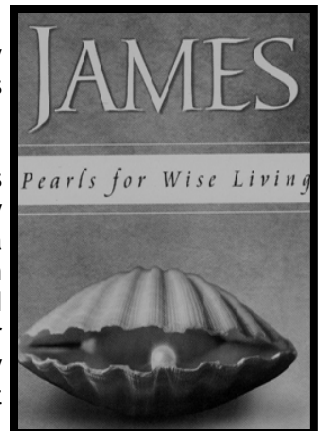
MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT AT EL CARMELO

Come join us on May 20, 21, and 22, for our Annual Retreat conducted by the Carmelite Fathers at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands. The rate for the weekend retreat is \$170 (shared room) or \$198 (single room) which includes a private bath, meals, and peace and tranquility. The retreat also includes the Sacraments, Conferences, private consultations, etc. A non-refundable \$50 deposit (check or money order made out to El Carmelo) is required to reserve your room. For reservations and/or information, contact Jack Day at (323) 722-9339 or Dean Tweedy at 712-3452.

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 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.



GPS—GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES EVENTS

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT: Distribution of the baby bottles will take place after all of this weekend's Masses (April 30 & May 1). Please take one home and use it as a bank by filling it with coins, bills, or checks. Bring your filled baby bottles to Mass on the weekend of May 21 & 22 where they will be collected by GPS volunteers as you enter the church.



CINCO DE MAYO BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER TODAY, SUNDAY,

MAY 1: Come celebrate LIFE and enjoy a typical Mexican Breakfast in the Parish Hall after all of today's morning Masses (7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.).

THANK YOU! Your donation and participation will support the life-affirming services of GPS—Guadalupe Pregnancy Services of helping women who experience an unplanned pregnancy and supporting women in need who have infants/babies. Counseling, Education, Resources, and Referrals are provided by trained Client Advocates through the GPS Maternal Instincts Program & Talents Program. GPS is Pro-life & Pro-Family! For more information, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.

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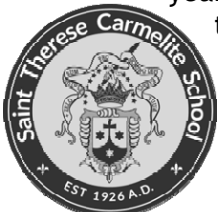
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Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.

“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” —St. Thérèse de Lisieux

- Parent Guild Meeting on Monday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m., in the Hall
- First Friday School Mass on May 6 at 8:00 a.m.
- Teacher Appreciation Day on Friday, May 6
- First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m.
- May Crowning Mass on Sunday, May 8, at 9:00 a.m.
- Our Lady of Fatima School Mass on Friday, May 13, at 8:00 a.m.
- Spring Concert on Thursday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m.
- School Mass on Friday, May 20, at 8:00 a.m.

We are accepting applications for the 2016 - 2017 academic year. We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our school, to take a tour, or to spend a day with our teachers and students.



Saint Therese Carmelite School



Please feel free to contact us at 289-3364 or by email: sainttheresecarmeliteschool@gmail.com.



SCRIPTURE MEDITATION—THE GIFT OF PEACE: We are offered another vision in today's second reading, a vision of the New Jerusalem, "coming down out of Heaven from God" (Revelation 21:10). Read between the lines describing the radiant city, and we find that the greatest beauty revealed is the beauty of perfect symmetry and order, a city founded on the faith of the twelve tribes of Israel and the Twelve Apostles, lit only by the glory of God. The first reading and the Gospel are linked to this idealized description of the New Jerusalem. In both we read of distress and disturbance countered by the gift of peace. "My peace I give to you," Jesus assures His disciples at the Last Supper (John 14:27). In keeping with that gift, the apostles and elders, in the reading from Acts, decide not to disturb the peace of new Gentile believers. The undue burden of circumcision will not be imposed on them.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: One ancient Roman custom approved by the Church was the **veiling of the bride**. When a single woman pledged her life to Christ, in a way of life not dissimilar to today's religious women, the outward sign of this commitment was a veiling. In ancient Rome, a woman with an uncovered head was unmarried, and a veiled woman was "off limits to suitors." It was one small step to decide that a bride should receive a veil from the hands of the Church as a sign of her new state in life. The sung prayer that accompanied the veiling was beautiful, a kind of consecratory prayer that was very similar to the prayer of ordination, or the prayers for blessing holy water or chrism. The "nuptial blessing" originally mentioned only the woman, although we know that the veil was often extended to cover the husband's shoulders also. The blessing was located before the kiss of peace, which the priest gave to the husband, and the husband to his new bride. Remember that this is in the early centuries, long before the kiss of peace virtually disappeared from liturgy. The veiling and blessing was required when priests or deacons married and was recommended to laypersons, but it was forbidden for certain public sinners and second marriages. The veiling of the couple was preserved in England until the Reformation, and is returning to practice among Swedish Lutherans after having fallen into disuse about seventy-five years ago.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop O'Connell will be the celebrant at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Therese on **Sunday, May 22**, in order to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon the RCIA adults and the youth of our community, which includes St. Therese Parish, St. Monica Academy, and our home-school students. If you wish to join our Confirmation and have not contacted Ruben at the Parish, please do so as soon as possible. We need a copy of each candidate's Baptism certificate and their sponsor's name. There will be a **mandatory** practice in the church for the candidates and their sponsors on **Thursday, May 19, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Questions? Contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2) or rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com.



RCIA Adult Faith Formation: Next classes are on Thursdays, May 5 and 12.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION



Classes are in session today, **Sunday, May 1**—from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

See the article above for details about the Rite of Confirmation in May.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STRE: The final classes for this year will be today, **Sunday, May 1**, and **Sunday, May 15**—from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m.

FIRST COMMUNION

Practice for all E2 and E2/OC students will be in the church on **May 17 and 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** The Rite of First Holy Communion will be on **Saturday, May 21, at 10:00 a.m.** (drop off your child in the Hall by 9:30 a.m.).

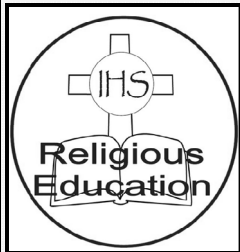


SEEKING VOLUNTEER TEACHERS

For 2016 / 2017 for:

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION
(TEENS)
and
1ST COMMUNION
PARENT CLASSES**

If you enjoy teaching and have the ability to “connect” with teens or adults, we are looking for you!



For more information about TEACHING 1ST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES TO PARENTS/ADULTS IN THE SUNDAY FAMILY PROGRAM, contact Rhonda Storey, Director of Religious Education, at 284-0020 (225) OR rhondalstorey@gmail.com

For more information about TEACHING HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH IN THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM, contact Ruben Beltran, the Confirmation Coordinator, at 284-0020 (235) OR rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com.

*Be one with
Jesus in*

Eucharistic Adoration

This food we call the Eucharist, of which no one is allowed to partake except one who believes that the things we teach are true, and has received the washing for forgiveness of sins and for rebirth, and who lives as Christ handed down to us. For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Savior being incarnate by God's Word took Flesh and Blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food consecrated by the Word of prayer which comes from Him, from which our flesh and blood are nourished by transformation, is the Flesh and Blood of that incarnate Jesus.”

- St. Justin Martyr, 2nd Century

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

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

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

April 23 / 24, 2016

Unrestricted.....\$11,208.00
Restricted \$ 1,114.00
T O T A L\$12,322.00



March 26 / 27 (Easter)\$23,849.00
April 2 / 3.....\$19,980.00
April 9 / 10.....\$12,767.00
April 16 / 17.....\$14,797.00

“...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 (next date is May 7), 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 pgrimm.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 May 11 and 25.

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 1stkdock@gmail.com.

“TEA AT THERESE” WOMEN’S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Join us for prayer and discussion, along with tea and treats! (play area if you have 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 May 12 and 26. For more info, contact Dara at (301) 542-9701.

Mass Intentions

For Week of 4/30/16 TO 5/7/16

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Robert Locatell RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Aroon Seeda INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Huong Tran INT

11:00 a.m.: Gus & Kathy Dennison INT

1:00 pm (Latin) David Steele RIP

5:00 p.m.: Connie Salazar & Esther Caballero INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Larry & Martha Campos RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Teresa Medina INT

8:00 a.m.: Mary Lou Workman RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Antonio Cailan INT

*7:30 a.m.: Isidore Arrambide INT

8:00 a.m.: Robert Locatell RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Stephen Vasari RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Isidore Arrambide INT

8:00 a.m.: Bowler Family INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Moses Goh INT

*7:30 a.m.: Linda Orte INT

8:00 a.m.: The Tran Family INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Chona Gines Casugo RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sam Casper, Jacob, Monica, & John Park RIP

8:00 a.m.: Angelle & Karina Laigo INT

7:30 p.m.: Carmina Doria INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Virgil & Maria Odone INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Magdalena Gomez RIP

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

Floral Dedications

To make arrangements for a Floral Dedication 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.



Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

+ Vicky Coleman (long-time parishioner)

+ Therese Hong Nguyen (mother of Jennifer Nguyen)

Personal Ads

Single Woman SEEKS A HOUSE TO RENT. Please contact Joanne at 422-8036 if you have one available.

GUEST HOUSE FOR RENT IN ALHAMBRA: 1 BR, 1 BA. Non-smoker, no pets. Prefer single woman. \$1,800 per month (first and last due at rental). Call 570-9418.

Outside the Parish

Pasadena Community Orchestra presents their fourth concert of the season on Fri., May 13, at 8 pm. The program features Young Artist Competition winner Alexander Agate performing Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 1, Listz's Hungarian Rhapsody, Shostakovich's Festival Overture, and Dvorak's melodic Czech Suite Op. 39. Music Director and Conductor Bethany Pflueger conducts. **Admission and parking are free.** First Church of the Nazarene, 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena. More information at pcomusic.org.

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 info.

Avenue of Travel presents "Marian Shrines of Europe" with Fr. Jan Lundberg, on Sep. 16-30 (15 days 13 nights). \$4141 per person, double occ., includes airfare from LAX. (single supp, add \$571). Ask us about departures from other cities. Visits to Madrid, Avila, Fatima, Santiago DeCompostela, Lourdes, Barcelona, Monserrat, etc. Cost includes daily buffet breakfast, 13 dinners, daily Mass, Travel Protection included. Contact Angela Yang at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

Intentions of our Holy Father for May 2016:

1) That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed; and 2) That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Ignacio Verduzco

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Jackie Johnson / Blanca Ruvalcaba

9:00 a.m. Nancy King / Beatriz Pelayo-Garcia

11:00 a.m. Andy Zepeda / Pat Cervantes

5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas / Confirmation Student

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