

St. Therese Catholic Church



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MASSES | CONFESSIONS

Masses: Saturdays: 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.

Monday-Friday Masses: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. and *7:15 p.m.
(***NO** 7:15 p.m. on Wed.; Tues's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).
Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:15 p.m.,
and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE
STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube)
Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.;
Saturdays 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
and **Sundays** from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

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Then they handed Him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that He said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:18-21).

ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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



SACRAMENTS

- Baptisms: Register online
- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

The Pastor's Letter

My Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

I would like to continue our "little" break from St. Therese and her writings to focus on **this important month dedicated to the sanctity of human life**. I recently went to pray at the Planned Parenthood in Pasadena during the 40 Days for Life campaign and was very edified to see that most of the people praying there were our parishioners from St. Therese! I want to thank Rose Curiel, our parishioner, for coordinating this powerful campaign for life and I'd like to encourage all of you to dedicate an hour of your time there during this campaign!

As many of you know, I served in our Ugandan Mission for three years. While there, I used to write about life issues for Catherine Contreras' Vox Vitae blog that existed at that time. Here is one of the posts that I wrote, testifying to a profound experience of human life that I had while living there:

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.



"Let the Children Come..."

I always felt that God brought me to Uganda not primarily to help others but to change me. I'm not sure how that's going to happen, but I think I experienced a flash of it at a school Mass for young children this past Sunday.

Every Thursday evening, one of us Carmelite Fathers celebrates Mass for the Benedictine Sisters in a neighboring village. These sisters run a boarding school of 160 children from ages 7 to 13, along with a health clinic. On one Thursday, I was asked to return the following week for a Sunday Mass with the school children. After the Thursday Mass, one of the sisters kindly showed me the little schoolhouse where I would be celebrating the Sunday Mass. When I saw it, I couldn't believe how small it was. I politely asked sister: "Sister, are we going to be able to fit 160 children in here?" She said with a smile and a bounce: "Oh yes, Father!"

Ten days later, I arrived for the Sunday Mass. As I stepped into the little schoolhouse, sure enough, 160 little bodies were all crammed together on rows of benches set up for the Mass. I immediately sensed that the children felt comfortable being so close to each other. There was a great energy and warmth in the room. If I could sum up that energy, it was a sense of excitement, innocence, and pure joy all wrapped up into one. I completely came alive. They were so happy to see me! All those little faces and big round eyes were focused on me.

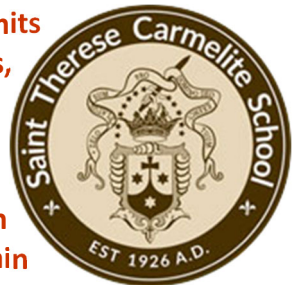
As Mass proceeded, their loud and joyful singing and drumming reminded me of something I would have seen in National Geographic as a young child myself. But there was something so much more going on; I was witnessing the Kingdom of Heaven! Pure unadulterated goodness, innocence, joy, and peace. I almost lost it at the sign of peace. When I went out to shake a few of the children's hands, they all thrust out their hands to be shaken. I went back to the altar for the Agnus Dei and began to break the Body of Christ. As they started singing, I thought how Jesus must look upon these innocent children and smile. At that point, the tears started to flow. It was definitely a moment.

I realized later that children are one of Uganda's greatest assets, not liabilities. Uganda is one of the youngest countries in the world, with a median age of 15. There are literally children everywhere. They're walking around in bands in every village and on every dusty road across this beautiful country. They're filled with enthusiasm, zest for life, laughter, joy, and hopes for the future. And they're some of the friendliest kids I've ever seen, always ready with a wave and a hooray! One of our Carmelite Fathers back in the States put it best after his visit to Uganda: "With all those kids, every day is a celebration!" How true. How beautiful. Children are never a problem. They are a big blessing from God Himself. Jesus summed it up best when He said: "Let the little children come to me, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these!"

—FPM

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY FOR 2023-2024:

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students, regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin, to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools. While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs. St. Therese Carmelite School publishes the above policy in the staff and parent/student handbooks, public relations/recruitment brochures and in other publications such as the parish bulletin and school newspaper. The School also publishes applicable grievance procedures in the staff and parent/student handbooks.



Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary Seeks Young Adult Volunteers



The Alhambra Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary is seeking **YOUNG ADULTS TO JOIN AS AUXILIARY ASSOCIATES**. Volunteers will be called to assist in fundraising events for the benefit of the Carmelite Nuns. Your help will be needed twice a year—in the Spring and Fall—as well as with other special projects throughout the year. Volunteers need not attend the monthly meetings but will receive the minutes via email. Your time commitment would be flexible. For more info, please contact Jessica Morgan at jessica.morgan@gmail.com.



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.

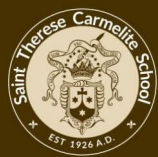


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RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, November 4
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Sunday, November 5

Come find treasures for low prices! The school will be hosting their Fall Rummage Sale in two weeks!

Come one, come all, and snatch things up before they sell out!



Interested in donating items?

We accept the following items in good condition:

Clothes, accessories, household décor, small household appliances (blenders, pressure cookers, slow cookers, etc.), books, toys, furniture

We do not accept the following:

Large electronics (printers, fax machines, computers, TVs, etc), car parts

Items only accepted November 1, 2, and 3, due to space constraints. Thank you!



Our Little Flowers Club, Little Women Club, and Troops of St. George will be selling treats after the 9:00, 11:00, and 1:00 Masses next Sunday, October 29. Funds will support their upcoming activities

We appreciate your generosity!

Change to Thursday Evening Schedule



Beginning November 2, there will no longer be an evening Mass on *Thursdays. Instead, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 p.m., EVERY THURSDAY, concluding with Benediction.

Be assured that all the Mass intentions that were previously scheduled for the Thursday evenings after November 2nd will be celebrated by one of the Friars at another time.



*** HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY will be moving to Monday evenings (after the 7:15 p.m. Mass).**

Join us!

Parish Movie Night!

COMING THIS SATURDAY TO A PARKING LOT NEAR YOU! Join us on **Saturday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m.**, for our next Parish Movie Night on our Big Screen in our parking lot! The featured movie will be **ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD** (1951 version).

What's the plot? This comedy is about the Pittsburgh Pirates' brash and abusive manager who receives the help of an angel to win games and become a better person in the process."



Rosary Making Workshop

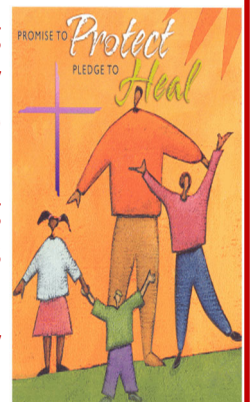
THE AVILA YOUNG ADULTS invite everyone to join them for this Rosary Making Workshop on **Saturday, October 28, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard** (inside the parish office building).

Your fee of \$15 includes the rosary-making lesson, a rosary-making kit, and a continental breakfast.



Safeguard the Children - Did You Know?

Pornography addiction affects young people's mental health: Protecting children from pornography is getting harder and harder in today's increasingly sexualized and digital world. When young people become addicted to pornography, it changes their brain chemistry and hinders their ability to grow in healthy, normal ways. Viewing pornography can also blur boundaries for a young person, leaving him or her more vulnerable to sexual abuse. In fact, abusers often use pornography to desensitize their victims. For more information on the dangers of pornography and addiction, read the VIRTUS® article "Pornography Addiction and Neurobiology" at iacatholics.org/did-you-know.



World Mission Sunday

TODAY, Sunday, October 22, is World Mission Sunday.

Please make a donation! Your contribution will help to bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities. In a world where so much divides us, **World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism**, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses. You can find more info at <https://onefamilyinmission.org/>

Centenary Committee!

Thank you to all those who have joined this special committee. We have gotten a lot of great ideas and even greater enthusiasm to make this an anniversary to remember!

More info to come!



ONGOING MEETINGS AND MINISTRIES

AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (Ages 21—39, singles/couples): For more info, go to Avila Outreach on Facebook OR contact the Coordinator, Blake Taylor, at AvilaYoungAdults@gmail.com.

DETENTION MINISTRY: A program for those 21 and older to visit youth in the Juvenile Detention Center in detention in L.A. To sign up or for more info, contact Tom Bleich at tombleich@mac.com

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, this group of faithful Catholic parents support one another and their loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meets monthly in the LA Archdiocese with a 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 SATURDAYS DEVOTION: This group was formed, in response to Our Lady's requests at Fatima, to honor and make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Join us after the 8:00 a.m. Mass every first Saturday of each month to pray the Rosary and meditate for 15 minutes. For any questions, please leave your contact information for Maria Alejandra at the parish offices.

FLAME OF LOVE: Learn about the Blessed Mother's messages of grace to seer Elizabeth Kindelmann. Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room every Monday—one from Noon to 2:00 p.m., the other one from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m. The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the parish offices. If you have any questions, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

GPS (GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services): Assists mothers from "Pregnancy to Preschool" Phone/Text: (626) 238-5476.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: A fraternal order of Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church and community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight at (888) 869-3124.

ROSARY MAKERS: This group makes rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on Mondays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. All are welcome to join!

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP: A Spanish prayer group within the community of St. Therese that unites in prayer for the purpose of serving God and the priests and families of St. Therese. The group also trains intercessors committed to serving St. Therese Church. For more info, call Adriana Valle at (323) 448-5316.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Meets in the church every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at (626) 281-3706.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Annual weekend retreat for women held during Lent at El Carmelo Carmelite Retreat House in Redlands, California. Contact the Captain, Louisa Day, at (323) 360-5186.

Mass Intentions

STC Class of '73 Reunion!

October 21—October 28, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: D. Allison, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 am (Carm): Engracia Vales, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Mark Escobedo, Birthday INT

11:00 a.m.: Arianna Lanier, INT

1:00 pm: Aurora Holguin, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Lidia & Marco Roman, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Anabel & Anthony Uy, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Anna, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ruby and Helene Nunez, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Virgilio and Martita Lopez, 70th Anniv

Tuesday:

6 am.: Gualberto Lizama & Manuela Ojeda, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Anna, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Candida Escobedo, RIP

7:15 pm: (Spanish): Deacon Otto Lacayo, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Larry Dumont, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Cecilia, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Armando Stephen Cano, RIP

7:15 p.m.: **NO MASS—Confessions 7-9 p.m.**

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Eulalia & Anicedo Lindo, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Cecilia, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Robert Kirin, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Michael Odoneo, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Martinus Sugiri Hardjasamita, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Grace Lowenberg, INT

8:00 a.m.: Msgr. Cesar Encinares, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Maria Odoneo, INT

Saturday Morning:

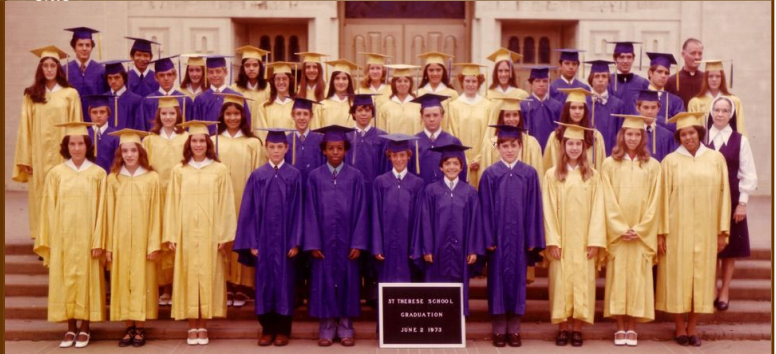
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT

8:00 a.m.: Giovanna Setiady, Birthday INT

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and holidays.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:15 p.m. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).



St. Therese School Class of '73's FIFTIETH REUNION!

To rekindle friendships fifty years after 8th grade graduation, a reunion event will take place in Alhambra at **1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2023.**

If you or one of your family members attended one, two, or more years with the Class of 1973—whether or not you or your family member *graduated* with them—please come to share fond memories and enjoy an afternoon together.

For more information, please contact Grace (Mulvihill) Van Orden at (626) 890-8913 (call or text) OR rgvo1@yahoo.com.

Also, visit their Facebook Page:

St. Therese School, Alhambra, Class of 1973

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Response:

Give the Lord glory and honor

29th Sunday in OT

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

+ Celia Makiewicz (pronounced Mack-o-vich) (wife of Les Makiewicz)

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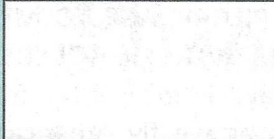
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