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Saturday: 9:00 a.m. & Sunday Vigil: 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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a.m. Mass is live streamed on our Facebook

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Confessions under the red umbrellas on

Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and on

Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS:

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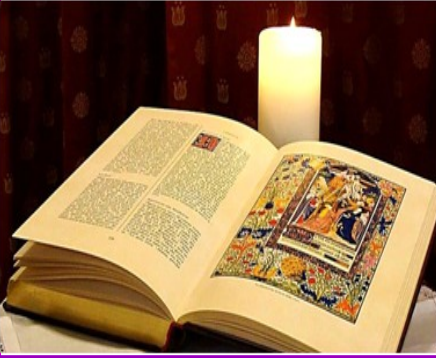
He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then He called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat, along with the hired men, and followed Him (Mark 1:19-20).



New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please register online: www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

We have a mail drop in front of the office at 510 North El Molino Street. It is located on the right side of the door.

FROM THE PASTOR



Greetings, everyone! The annual Church Unity Octave began on January 18 and goes until January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. As we all struggle for greater personal, family, Church, and societal unity in the face of all sorts of temptations to greater disunity, let us pray extra hard this week for that "unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force" (Ephesians 4:3).

Today, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, is also the Sunday that Pope Francis established as **"The Word of God" Sunday**. One way of honoring the Word of God more could be to **find a special place in the home where we could put a Bible and keep it open**, so that anyone passing by might be able to read a few words from God and be refreshed and guided. Here is an article about the "Sunday of the Word of God":

POPE FRANCIS' APOSTOLIC LETTER By Vatican News

The timing of Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *motu proprio*, "Aperuit Illis," published on September 30, 2020, is significant: September 30 is the Feast of St. Jerome, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin, and who famously said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". This year also marks 1,600 years since his death. The title of the document, "Aperuit illis," is equally important. They are its opening words and are taken from St Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures".

Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis says he wrote this Letter in response to requests from the faithful around the world to celebrate the **"Sunday of the Word of God."** In the *motu proprio* (literally, "of his own initiative"), Pope Francis declares that **"the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God."** This is more than a temporal coincidence, he explains: The celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."

Pope Francis invites us to find ways to "mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity". He suggests that the sacred text be enthroned "in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God's Word". In highlighting the proclamation of the Word of the Lord, it would be appropriate "to emphasize in the homily the honor that it is due. The Bible is not meant for a privileged few; it belongs to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words. The Bible cannot be monopolized or restricted to select groups either, because it is the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity".

He writes that "the homily possesses a quasi-sacramental character" and warns against improvising or giving "long, pedantic homilies or wandering off into unrelated topics." Rather, he suggests using simple and suitable language. For many of the faithful, he writes, "this is the only opportunity they have to grasp the beauty of God's Word and to see it applied to their daily lives". The Pope uses the scene of the Risen Lord appearing to the disciples at Emmaus to demonstrate what he calls "the unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist". Since the Scriptures everywhere speak of Christ, he writes, "they enable us to believe that His death and resurrection are not myth but history, and are central to the faith of His disciples". When the sacraments are introduced and illumined by God's Word, explains the Pope, "they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge His saving work".

"The role of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures is primordial," writes Pope Francis. "Without the work of the Spirit, there would always be a risk of remaining limited to the written text alone. This would open the way to a fundamentalist reading, which needs to be avoided, lest we betray the inspired, dynamic and spiritual character of the sacred text." It is the Holy Spirit who "makes Sacred Scripture the living word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of His holy people." Pope Francis invites us not to take God's Word for granted, but instead to "let ourselves be nourished by it, in order to acknowledge and live fully our relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters".

The Pope concludes his Apostolic Letter by defining what he describes as "the great challenge before us in life: to listen to Sacred Scripture and then to practice mercy. God's Word has the power to open our eyes and to enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity". The Letter closes with a reference to Our Lady, who accompanies us "on the journey of welcoming the Word of God, teaching us the joy of those who listen to that Word—and who keep it."

Healing Prayer Formation

Here is a good prayer asking for Divine help to heal our families, communities, and nation. It is taken from the Second Eucharistic Prayer of Reconciliation:

Hatred can be overcome only by love.

It is truly right and just that we should give you thanks and praise, O God, almighty Father, for all you do in this world, through our Lord Jesus Christ. For though the human race is divided by dissension and discord, yet, we know that by testing us, you change our hearts to prepare them for reconciliation. Even more, by your Spirit you move human hearts that enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries may join hands, and peoples seek to meet together. **By the working of your power, it comes about, O Lord, that hatred is overcome by love, revenge gives way to forgiveness, and discord is changed to mutual respect.** Therefore, as we give you ceaseless thanks with the Choirs of Heaven, we cry out to your majesty on earth, and without end we acclaim: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord....

Quiet Listening Prayer

This meditation deals with dryness in prayer and with what, in St Teresa's opinion, might take place at this stage, how it is necessary to test ourselves, and with the fact that the Lord tries those who are in these dwelling places.

1. I have known some souls and even many—I believe I can say—who have reached this state and have lived many years in this upright and well-ordered way, both in body and soul, insofar as can be known. After these years, when it seems they have become lords of the world, at least clearly disillusioned in its regard, His Majesty will try them in some minor matters, and they will go about so disturbed and afflicted that it puzzles me and even makes me fearful. It's useless to give them advice, for since they have engaged so long in the practice of virtue they think they can teach others and that they are more than justified in feeling disturbed.



2. In sum, I have found neither a way of consoling nor a cure for such persons other than to show them compassion in their affliction—and, indeed, compassion is felt on seeing them subject to so much misery—and not contradict their reasoning. For everything in their minds leads them to think they are suffering these things for God, and so, they don't come to realize that their disturbance is an imperfection... What it seems to me would be highly beneficial for those who through the goodness of the Lord are in this state (for, as I have said, He grants them no small mercy because they are very close to ascending higher) is that they study diligently how to be prompt in obedience.

-St Teresa, *The Interior Castle*, Mansion III, nn. 1, 2, 12.

"A NEW DAY HAS DAWNED"



Today we hear how Jonah (Jonah 3:1-5, 10), sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil. **A new day has dawned!** When the whole city repented the very first day, they showed it by wearing sackcloth and fasting from food. Sometimes we might think that way: That repenting means only punishing ourselves or feeling sorry. Jesus sees things differently. He preached a repentance that meant changing one’s heart, a new way of looking at things, a new way of acting. (Note: Consider reading the whole book of Jonah, just 48 verses, together with a good commentary. The book is read at Jewish services at Yom Kippur as a profound reflection about God and about all of us.)

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:29-31). He calls for the needed change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to

stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. **A new day has dawned.**

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). As fishermen, Simon and Andrew would have considered their family, their partners, and their boat as the most important things in their lives. Yet the disciples don’t even hesitate when called by Jesus. They leave behind their boats, their nets—even their own father!—to follow Jesus. They don’t worry about what they will do or look back at what they are leaving behind. Now they are fishers of men. **A new day had dawned!** Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, even the apostles! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well? In the Gospel today, we see an example. The first people He calls to be disciples were fisherman. The apostles’ “repentance” was also more than just giving up sins. They were beginning a new life and a new way of looking at the world.

The rest of Mark’s Gospel—all of Jesus’ preaching and healing, His death and resurrection—describes the inauguration of this kingdom of God. For Mark, the life of Jesus is the center point of history, where everything leads up to Jesus, and everything follows from Jesus. Because compared to Jesus and the life He offers, everything else is secondary.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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

NOTE: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month for our School.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



January 9 / 10, 2020	
Unrestricted	\$20,914.00
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TOTAL.....	\$26,934.00

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Christmas Eve / Day	\$22,596.00
December 26 / 27	\$21,067.00
January 2 / 3	\$24,498.00

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SCHOOL NEWS

ORDER FROM PANDA EXPRESS AND HELP OUR SCHOOL! The last Panda Express fundraiser was a HUGE success, raising over \$400! So...let's do it again! This coming **FRIDAY, JANUARY 29**, you can order food online all day long from any location in the U.S.! Just go to the web link below and enter the code: **902074** (you may also use the Panda Express app). **TWENTY-EIGHT PERCENT** of the total \$ amount goes to our School!

PANDA EXPRESS WEBLINK: <https://community.pandaexpress.com/virtual-fundraiser/events/promotions/e23d0745-adfe-9918-e98a-28f228c4487a/en/landing>

SCHOOL MASS & OPEN HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 31: The School families will be attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The Open House will follow between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Begin upstairs in the Parish Center.

Beauty Will Save the World

...including the beloved parrots around St. Therese Church ;-)



WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

You are invited to a virtual Endow Study beginning **Thursday, February 4!** We will be reading St. John Paul's apostolic letter, "**Salvifici Doloris**," to approach the question of why God allows suffering and how we are to understand it and participate in it as a means to our own sanctification. To join us or learn more, please email Alexis.irene22@gmail.com.

What is an Endow Study? Endow brings women into small group communities that transmit the depth of our Catholic faith and intellectual tradition to awaken each participant's particular genius and ignite them as luminaries who heal, mother, and prepare families and the world for the love of Christ.

How it works: Endow groups typically meet once a week for about one hour and a half to two hours each meeting. During the meetings, each participant takes turns reading from the material. Within each chapter, discussion questions are provided that tie the concepts of the study with our everyday lives. We treasure the discussions because this is how the sisterhood is deepened and how the Lord speaks into our lives through others. There is no reading ahead or homework required for any participant. Endow was created to build communities of strong women who take every opportunity to learn how to better live out their feminine genius.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO JP CATHOLIC

Scholarship Opportunity for Catholic College: Are you looking for an affordable, Catholic education? John Paul the Great Catholic University is offering several scholarship programs for parishioners of St. Therese Church. **Some parishioners may even be eligible to have their FULL tuition covered!**

JPCatholic offers programs in creative arts, media, business innovation, and theology—and classes are being offered in-person and online.

You can learn more about the scholarships and eligibility requirements at <https://ipatholic.edu/scholarships/st-therese-alhambra/>



Scholarship Opportunities for Parishioners

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[Click Here](#)

Putting Prayer into Practice

Masses/Adoration on Mondays and Thursdays

MONDAY NIGHTS

Join your Parish Community every MONDAY evening to strengthen your faith! The schedule is as follows:

- 7:00 p.m.: Mass
- 7:30-8:00 p.m.: Adoration
- 8:00-8:30 p.m.: Teaching



You can also watch *The Chosen* on YouTube.com.

THURSDAY NIGHTS

Join your Parish Community every THURSDAY evening to refresh your soul! The schedule is as follows:

- 6:30 p.m.: Viewing of an Episode of *The Chosen*
- 7:00 p.m.: Mass
- 7:30-8:30 p.m.: Adoration



Be sure to dress warm! (Bring a blanket!)

Wednesdays are for St. Joseph PRAYER GROUP CONSECRATION MINISTRY

Join the ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP every Wednesday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass for prayers to St. Joseph (sit on the St. Joseph side of the "outdoor church".



PREPARE TO CONSECRATE YOURSELF TO ST. JOSEPH! Our first gatherings will be **Wednesday, February 10**, and then each Wednesday thereafter through March 17 in the Guadalupe Courtyard. Choose either Noon or 6:00 p.m. to attend (enter through the door by the Adoration Chapel).

The Consecration will take place on the Feast of St. Joseph, **Friday, March 19**. Books are available for purchase for \$15 each. Call to arrange to pay for/pick up. For more info, contact Maria Alejandra de Jesus at 993-4236.

Saturday Evenings

HEALING PRAYER TRAINING

You are invited join other parishioners VIA ZOOM for Fr. Thomas' HEALING PRAYER TRAINING. Training is held on **Saturday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** (join anytime during that time slot).

Here is the link: <https://zoom.us/j/91328296798?pwd=QzllQ3lSMG5aK3k3ZFJLN0gzaHV0dz09> (no spaces).

The Meeting ID is **913 2829 6798**, and the Passcode is **UC3YxA**.



Mass Intentions

**For the Week of
January 23 through 30, 2021**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Louis Masse, RIP

Sunday

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

7:30 a.m.: Jean Motz, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Mary Helen Cassidy, INT

11:00 am: Raymond Tittmann, B-day, INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Aiden Malone, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Fidel Leos, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Zeferina Gonzalez, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Cecilia Arellano, INT

Tuesday:

**6:00 a.m.: Christmas Flower Memorial and
Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, INT**

*7:30 a.m.: Katie Schreiber, INT

9:00 a.m.: Walter Sumner, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Jake Noel Edusma Pulido, INT

*7:30 am: Rosanna & Elena Ramson, INT

9:00 a.m.: Julia Munoz, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Virgilio & Sarah Lazatin, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

9:00 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Norma Jean Nedd, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

9:00 a.m.: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, INT

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

9:00 a.m.: 1) Keith Hufnagel, RIP

2) Maria Odon, B-day INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel,
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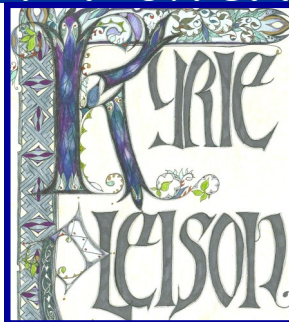
LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

**9:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—
Saturday) and 11:00 a.m. Sunday
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Facebook AND YouTube
(for those not attending).**

Feast of Faith

The Penitential Rite

Standing together in the presence of the Lord, we acknowledge our weakness, our sins and faults, our and failings. But the penitential rite is really less about our sins than it is about God's mercy. It is not a time for individual confession, like a mini-sacrament of reconciliation. It is, rather, a preparatory rite, preparing us to praise the mercy of Christ as we acknowledge our own weakness.



When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch of fish—when he realizes who is in the boat with him—he falls at Jesus' feet with the words, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). We are like Peter. The more aware of the Lord's presence we become, the more awareness we also have of our sinfulness, our weakness.

The penitential rite of the Mass takes several forms, from the traditional Confiteor or "I confess" to a litany, spoken or sung by the deacon or cantor with responses by the entire assembly. The penitential rite always includes the words Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison—Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. This ancient Greek prayer came to the Roman liturgy from the East, and still echoes in many of the litanies of the Eastern Rite Churches. These words turn our gaze from our own weakness to the gentleness, the kindness, the forgiving love of Christ.

DEATHS

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

† **Carmen Kelly**

(parishioner and former choir member)

† **Megs Herrera**

(long-time parishioner)

† **Flora Santoso**

(wife of John Santoso,
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