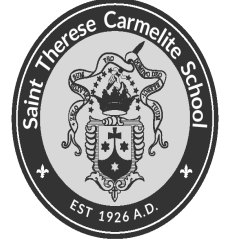




# Saint Therese Church



December 25, 2016

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

[www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org](http://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 (222) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Charles Nawodylo, OCD (224) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD

**Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

**Vocations:** Carmelite: (909) 629-9495; Archdiocesan (213) 637-7515

## Sacraments:

**Confessions:** Wednesday: 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

**Baptisms:** Once a month on a Saturday

**Weddings:** Fill out an application (web-site or office) six months+ in advance.

Facilitator: Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

Wedding Coordinator: Erin Thibideaux (760) 447-5395 / EGPutman@gmail.com

## Other 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 Mike Stauffer: (310) 916-8419

### -Legion of Mary: Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

### -Little Flower Playgroup:

Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701

### -Natural Family Planning:

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

### -OCDS: Stan Interrante 714-996-4164

### -Rosary Makers: Mondays, 6-8 p.m.

Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776

### -Silver Legacy for Grandparents:

1st Mon., 7 pm; Susana Martinez at 289-9362.

### -St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wed, 6:15 p.m., Lucy Marikian, 281-3706



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
— John 1:5

## 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.

## St. Therese Carmelite School:

289-3364 - Principal: Alma Cornejo (661)

stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com

Web: SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

## Parish Secretary:

Denise McMaster-Holguin (223)

denisekay@hotmail.com

**Finance:** Noralyn Cailan (228)

## Choir Directors:

**9:00am:** Marcia Martinez-Bateman (775) 771-4992

**11:00am:** Charlotte Lansberg  
cjlansberg@choochoorecords.com

## Respect Life Ministry / Vox Vitae:

Catherine Contreras (112)

## Altar Ministries:

Fr. Charles Nawodylo OCD (224)

## Ministry to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla (626) 282-0943

## Religious Education & RCIA:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

rhondalstorey@gmail.com

## Youth & Adult Confirmation

Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)

rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

## 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.



*“Let this be a sign to you: In a manger you will find an infant in swaddling clothes” (Luke 2:12).*

Dear Parishioners, The above words of the angel to the shepherds of Bethlehem are also meant for us. Down through the centuries, the Child in the manger evokes the mystery of God’s love. For us the Savior is born in such lowliness and poverty as to lay in a feed trough for animals. God has made Himself poor so that we might be rich in His love and grace. Of all the Christian mysteries, Christmas elicits the greatest joy. As Christians, we are blessed to live in joy and to give this joy to others. Let us make a special effort to cultivate joyousness in our families and radiate it into our communities.

We look forward to sharing our joy with you and your family this Christmas!  
-The Discalced Carmelite Friars and the Parish Staff

# New Year's Schedule

“New Year’s Eve Celebration” With the  
Carmelite Sisters and St. Therese Church  
8:00 to 10:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Retreat House  
(920 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra)

11:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at St. Therese Church

## Schedule

**8:00-9:00 p.m.:** Registration at the Retreat House,  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Conference

**9:00-10:00 p.m.:** Adoration & Confessions

**10:00-10:30 p.m.:** Benediction and Refreshments

**10:30 p.m.:** Rosary Walk to St. Therese Church

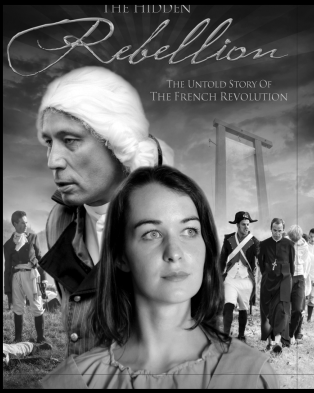
**11:00 p.m.:** Conference by Carmelite Fathers Midnight Mass at  
St. Therese Church (Confessions heard throughout the Mass)

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Sunday, January 1)

Masses at St. Therese Church at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.,  
1:00 p.m. in Latin, and 5:00 p.m.



## JOIN US FOR AN ENCORE PRESENTATION OF "THE HIDDEN REBELLION"



St. Therese Parish will host an encore presentation of a nationally-talked-about docu-drama entitled, "The Hidden Rebellion," on Saturday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. At its first showing earlier this month, the Hall was filled!

Discover the dark side of the French Revolution and how modern persecution started, followed by the resistance of Catholics in both Europe and America. This is an engaging drama, full of substance, hope, and courage. It has been endorsed by Cardinal Raymond Burke, aired by EWTN, and presented by Ignatius Press--a Catholic blockbuster in the making! **The movie will be followed by a Question and Answer session with its Franco-American producer, Daniel Rabourdin. Beverage and snacks will be available. All attendees will receive a raffle ticket for a special prize. A donation is suggested of \$10 per adult; \$1 per child (12 years and over please!).**

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Because of the holidays, the bulletin printing schedule was advanced. The totals for the weekend of December 17/18 will not be available until the January 15 bulletin. Below are the last four available totals.



November 19 / 20.....	\$15,243.00
November 26 / 27.....	\$16,494.00
December 3 / 4.....	\$17,515.00
December 10 / 11.....	\$18,118.00

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

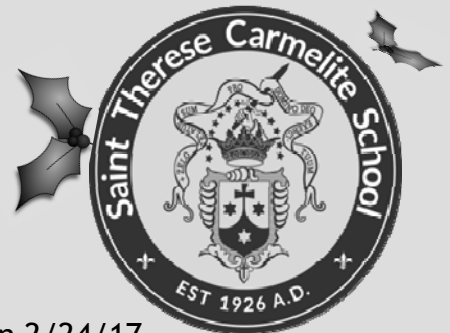
Thank you for your continued support of St. Therese Carmelite School.

# SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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

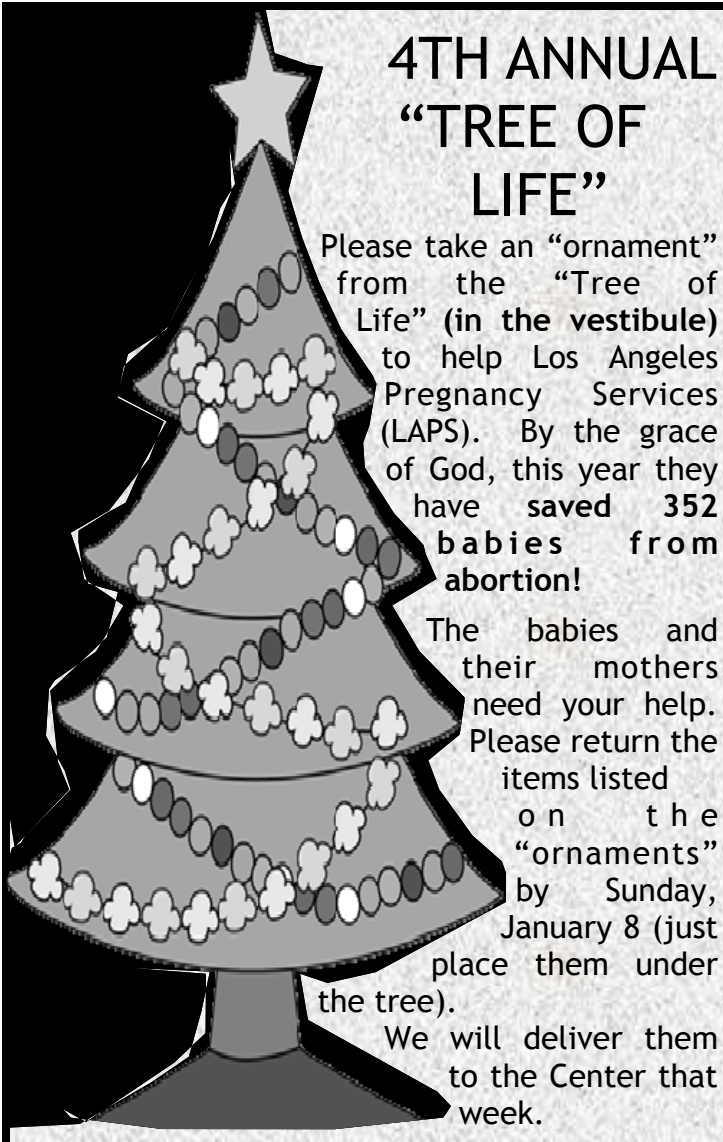
*"Trust and trust alone should lead us to love."*  
-St. Therese of Lisieux

- Christmas Vacation through January 2
- Tuesday January 3: School Resumes
- Friday January 6: First Friday Mass at 8 am
- Monday January 9: PSO Meeting at 6:30 pm
- Friday January 13: Mass at 8 am
- Monday January 16: MLK Day No School
- Friday January 20: Mass at 8 am
- Friday January 27: Mass at 8 am
- Sunday January 29: Family Mass at 9am & Open House 10 am - 3 pm
- Catholic Schools Week Festivities: 1/29 - 2/4



Save the Date for our Silent Auction Gala on 2/24/17

We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our wonderful school, to take a tour, or to spend a day with our amazing teachers and students. Please feel free to contact us at (626) 289-3364 or by email: [admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com](mailto:admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com).



## 4TH ANNUAL “TREE OF LIFE”

Please take an “ornament” from the “Tree of Life” (in the vestibule) to help Los Angeles Pregnancy Services (LAPS). By the grace of God, this year they have saved **352 babies from abortion!**

The babies and their mothers need your help. Please return the items listed on the “ornaments” by Sunday, January 8 (just place them under the tree).

We will deliver them to the Center that week.

## GIVE THE FOLLOWING GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS:

- To your enemy . . .forgiveness,
- To your opponent . . .tolerance.
- To a friend . . . your heart.
- To a customer . . . service.
- To all men . . .charity.
- To children. . . a good example
- To yourself . . . respect

-Author Unknown

## CHRISTMAS QUOTES

*The Son of God became a man to enable men to become the sons of God. -C.S. Lewis*

*This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols; but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ.*

- Frank McKibben



*Love has a name. JESUS*

*Love has a place. Our hearts.*

*Love has a story—And it's not finished yet.*

*God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame.*

-Elizabeth Barrett Browning



*How many observe Christ's birthday! How few, his precepts! 'Tis easier to keep Holidays than Commandments. -Benjamin Franklin*

*Best of all, Christmas means a spirit of love, a time when the love of God and love of our fellow men should prevail over all hatred and bitterness, a time when our thoughts and deeds and the spirit of our lives manifest the presence of God. -George F. McDougall*

*Love came down at Christmas, Love, all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas; Star and angels gave the sign. -Christina Rossetti*

*Somehow, not only for Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others, is the joy that comes back to you. -John Greenleaf Whittier*

*God sent a star to light the night for the Way, the Truth, the Life—His Son. He sent the Light of Life to prove His heart so we would invite His Son into our own. God has given us all the light we'll ever need to find peace on earth, goodwill to men. -Pamela F. Dowd*

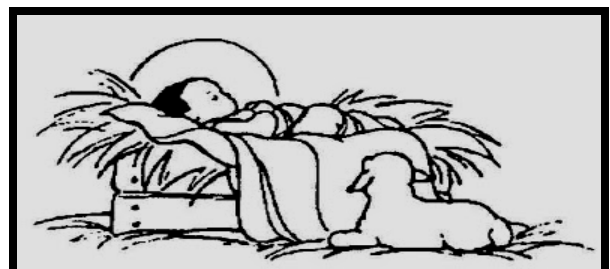
*PEACE IS . . . gazing at the stars with the knowledge that you know their Creator; closing your eyes in sleep without fear of tomorrow; the stillness in your heart when trouble swirls around you; a quiet mind in a raging world. -Unknown*

*Where there is faith, there is love; Where there is love, there is peace; Where there is peace, there is God; And where there is God; there is no need. -Leo Tolstoy*

*The flow of blessings in our life is directly related to our passing blessings along to someone else.*

-Thomas Kinkaid

*The giving of gifts is not something man invented. God started the giving spree when He gave a gift beyond words, the unspeakable gift of His Son. - Robert Flatt*



## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



You cannot find peace on the outside, but you can find it on the inside, by letting God do to your soul what Mary let Him do to her body; namely, let Him be formed in you. As He was physically formed in her, so He wills to be spiritually formed in you. The Eucharist began at Bethlehem in Mary's arms. It was she who brought to humanity the Bread for which it was

famishing. It was she who nourished the Lamb whose life-giving Flesh we feed upon."

-St. Peter Julian Eymard

Our Chapel is open 24/7. To commit to coming for the same hour each week, please contact the coordinator, Ruben Beltran, at 284-0020, ext. 235, or [rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com](mailto:rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com).

## 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 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library (next are January 5 and February 2). The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Baptisms are on Saturdays (next open are January 21 and February 18) at 11:00 a.m.

**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 need to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

## JUST FOR FUN



# ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED YOUTH CONFIRMATION



### Elementary Catechesis

**(STRE)** - Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade (includes Eucharist Preparation classes) - Classes are on Christmas break until Sunday, January 8, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

**Confirmation**—High School Teens (9<sup>th</sup> Grade through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) in public and Catholic High Schools! **Class dates** for candidates, parents, and C-2 sponsors:

**C1 (1<sup>st</sup> year):** Sunday, January 8, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass AND Tuesday, January 10, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**C2 (2<sup>nd</sup> year):** Sunday, January 22, from 9:00 - 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass AND Tuesday, January 31, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.



## ON-GOING MEETINGS / CLASSES / MINISTRIES

**AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP** (Ages 21–39, singles/couples): Join us on most first Saturdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard, as well as for social events. The next get-together will be Saturday, February 4. For more information, contact Paula at 909-703-1284 or [pgrimm.dir@gmail.com](mailto:pgrimm.dir@gmail.com).

**BIBLE STUDY:** Join us **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** Following time for gathering, each session will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. For more info about these sessions, visit [www.AscensionPress.com](http://www.AscensionPress.com), or contact Debbie Robles at [debrobles@me.com](mailto:debrobles@me.com) or 679-6370.

**DETENTION MINISTRY:** Join us in visiting the youth in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

**“GOING DEEPER”:** Adults are welcome to join us in the Hall every **Wednesday at 7:30 pm.** Each week Parishioner, Author, and Producer Leo Severino will give a talk about a topic of our Catholic Faith in order to answer questions about God, our existence, and His Church—during which attendees are free to interject questions.

**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 meeting will be **December 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.

**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 at (805) 421-7548 or [1stkdoc@gmail.com](mailto:1stkdoc@gmail.com).

**LEGION OF MARY:** Consider becoming a member of the Legion. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room). The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary.

**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.

**SILVER LEGACY:** **Grandparents** are invited to discover how to support and assist their children with their own families. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month in the Parent Service Association Room of the school classroom building (last room on the lower level—across from the south side of the Parish Hall). For more info, call Susana Martinez at 289- 9362. **Next meeting is Monday, January 2.**

**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

**For Week of 12/24/16 TO 12/31/16**

**Saturday—Christmas Eve**

5:00 p.m.: Yu Chu Wan Lan RIP  
 7:30 p.m.: Estella M. Sanchez RIP  
 Midnight: Cailan Family INT

**Sunday—Christmas Day:**

7:30 a.m.: Kin Cheah & Florence Goh INT  
 \*9:00 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Therese  
 9:00 a.m.: Madeline Purdy RIP  
 11:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis RIP  
 1:00 pm (Latin) Armando Garcia INT  
 5:00 p.m.: NO MASS

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 1  
 \*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns Christmas Novena 9  
 8:00 a.m.: Maggie Lopez INT

**Tuesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Elizabeth Fieux INT  
 \*7:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena 2  
 8:00 a.m.: Bob Longo RIP

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Jim Chase, Jr., RIP  
 \*7:30 a.m.: Elizabeth McAllister INT  
 8:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 3

**Thursday:**

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 4  
 \*7:30 a.m.: Hai Nguyen RIP  
 8:00 a.m.: Linda K. Hesse RIP

**Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Therese Hong T. Nguyen RIP  
 \*7:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena 5  
 8:00 a.m.: Laigo Family INT

**Saturday:**

6:00 a.m.: Natalie Mulvihill RIP  
 \*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community  
 8:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 6

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

# Floral Dedication

Make a dedication in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones!

Bouquets are \$45 plus.

Call Giovanna at 281-9049.



# Outside the Parish

**Carmelite Pilgrimage for the Fatima Centenary (June 7-15, 2017)** to Braga, Coimbra, Fatima, Lisbon, etc. Cost: \$3,395 if reserved by Feb. 15 (double occupancy; single rooms not avail). Includes R/T non-stop air from L.A., airport taxes, land transport by luxury coach, 2 nights in Braga, 4 nights in Fatima, and 1 night in Lisbon—all with private bath; Daily breakfast/dinner & 3 lunches; Daily Mass. Contact: Jack & Louisa Day at (323)722-9339 or (323)360-5186 OR Caroline Syversen (800)334-5425/ [www.syversentouring.com/Carmel](http://www.syversentouring.com/Carmel)

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE JUNE 25 - JULY 6**, with Fr. Darrin Merlino, CMF, & Fr. Gaspar Masilamani, CMF. Visit Nazareth, Caesarea, Bethlehem, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Bethany, Jerusalem and much more! \$3,999, Dbl. occupancy. Includes daily Mass, direct flights from LAX, fabulous hotels, breakfasts/dinners, airport taxes, entrance fees. Contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at 285-6687.

# Personal Ads

**LONG-TIME PARISHIONERS' HOME FOR SALE:** The 4-BR / 2-BA home of Andy and Joan Cullen (412 North El Molino) is for sale. The family prefers to sell to a parishioner before putting on the market. Short walk to Church/School. Contact Parishioner and Listing Agent Angela Lazzara, at 826-3717.

**INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER:**

1) That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over; and 2) That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.



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