

St. Therese Catholic Church

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Ten lepers stood at a distance from Him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when He saw them, He said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going, they were cleansed (Luke 17:12-14).

MASSES | CONFESSIONS

Masses—Saturday: 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 and 8:00 a.m.

(the daily 8:00 a.m., the Sunday 11:00 a.m., and the weekday 7:00 p.m. Masses are **LIVE STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube); **Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass**

Masses on Monday, *Tuesday (*Spanish), Wednesday & Thursday EVENINGS at 7:00 p.m. (Tues. and Thurs. are preceded by a showing of The Chosen, Season 2, from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m.); **First Friday Mass: 7:00 p.m.**

CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE)-Wednesdays from 8:00

to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Carmelite Nuns Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Monday-Saturday

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

Monday – Friday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm; 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page
or on the Church's website home page

SACRAMENTS

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



And one of them, a Samaritan, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you" (Luke 17:15-19).

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Blessed 28th Sunday of the Year, everyone!

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Saint Therese Carmelite School Benefit Dinner/Live Auction such a success. Thanks to your prayers and elbow grease and patient endurance, we were able to increase the fundraising for our awesome Classical Curriculum Carmelite School by almost fifty percent from last year!!! Let us keep sharing with others the Good News of Jesus and His Church—and His Carmelite School here in Alhambra. Please **take some two-fold school brochures** (from the tables by the doors) with you when you leave the church, and leave them outside stores, hand them to people (after asking Jesus whom He wants you and Him to go and say “hello” to), tell your relatives, call in to a radio program and talk to them about our school, etc. We never know whom the Holy Spirit wants to bring together to do some networking and further His Kingdom through Catholic Carmelite education faithful to the development of the individual human being in a healthy environment of faith, academics, and virtue!

A quick note about the Gospel today: Remember that Jesus is still on the way to Jerusalem, the Great King's City, and that He is teaching His disciples about discipleship (Chapter 9 of Luke's Gospel). Thanks to our Baptism and Confirmation, we are keeping our eyes and hearts and minds on Jesus, with the help of Mary and Joseph and St. Therese, our guardian angels, etc. The model for our life is not this or that saint, but the Lord Jesus Himself, with the help of our other family members, visible and invisible. EYES ON JESUS! Right? Okay, so whatever He is doing, we are meant to share. Well, today He is healing the bodies of ten people who are suffering tremendously from leprosy. The Gospel says, "As they were going, they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him" (Luke 17:11-19). Notice that St. Luke (a medical doctor!) makes a distinction between healing and cleansing, or between physical healing of the body and the inner healing of the soul and spirit of the person. Only one person realized Who had physically healed/cleansed him of leprosy, which leads him to come back and enter into a relationship with the Lord Jesus and experience inner healing, which is what the physical healing is always ordered towards. So, when we pray with people, we always want to pray for—above all—inner healing, a closer relationship with Jesus. And **that prayer IS ALWAYS ANSWERED RIGHT AWAY**, even if the person's body does not experience any noticeable physical healing. Inner healing is never total and complete in this life, but every time we pray for that with someone, Jesus will help them to experience a little bit more of His peace and joy!

Let me know if you are interested in helping out with going door-to-door in our parish boundaries for an hour or two, inviting others to consider supporting St. Therese Church and Saint Therese Carmelite School, and briefly praying with them before saying goodbye and going to the next house. Inviting others to open their hearts to Jesus and His Church-Kingdom is always quite an adventure!!!

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, Fr. Thomas, OCD

ABIDING PRESENCE: How Holy Communion Heals Wounds of Abandonment

(From Chapter Four of Be Transformed: The Healing Power of the Sacraments by Bob Schuchts) | 8th installment

Several months after attending a healing retreat, Fr. Edward said that the fruits of his healing continued to be a source of joyful communion with the Trinity and the people he serves: “Here we are, months after our retreat, and my experience of the Father's (and Jesus') love continues to deepen. At times, my heart overflows with gratitude and compassion, especially as I share that love with those I serve. I remember mentioning at the retreat that my deep prayer during my ordination to the priesthood was to minister with the heart of the Father. I didn't know how that prayer would be answered, or even what that kind of ministry looked like, but now I see that prayer being realized... Thank you for leading me deeper into the heart of the Father. What a blessing! What a life!” After hearing this testimony of Fr. Edward, I began to wonder why Jesus' Real Presence in Holy Communion did not heal him before that moment on the retreat. Jesus certainly could have healed him at any time.

I know Fr. Edward prayed for healing many times before the retreat. But after praying about this, the Holy Spirit showed me that there were obstacles in Fr. Edward's heart that needed to be addressed before he could receive the grace. Fr. Thomas Keating offers valuable insight regarding how these obstacles can be removed through contemplative prayer, freeing our hearts to become more receptive to Jesus' abiding presence in Holy Communion: “The Eucharist received in Holy Communion awakens us to the permanent presence of Christ within us at the deepest level. The Eucharist, like the Word of God in Scripture, has its primary purpose being to bring us to the awareness of God's abiding presence within us... Contemplative prayer reduces the obstacles to the transforming energy of the Eucharist, so that we can manifest in our attitudes and behavior the living Christ within us. If we do not have a discipline to reduce the obstacles in us to experiencing the presence of God, the full power of the sacraments is

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Saint Therese Carmelite School invites YOU to join them for their first annual Tea Party and Fashion Show! It will be held in the Parish Hall at **3:00 p.m., on Saturday, October 15!** Enjoy tea and sandwiches while watching a Fashion Show featuring girls from our school modeling elegant outfits perfect for any event. Your "Sunday Best" attire is required; hats and pearls recommended.

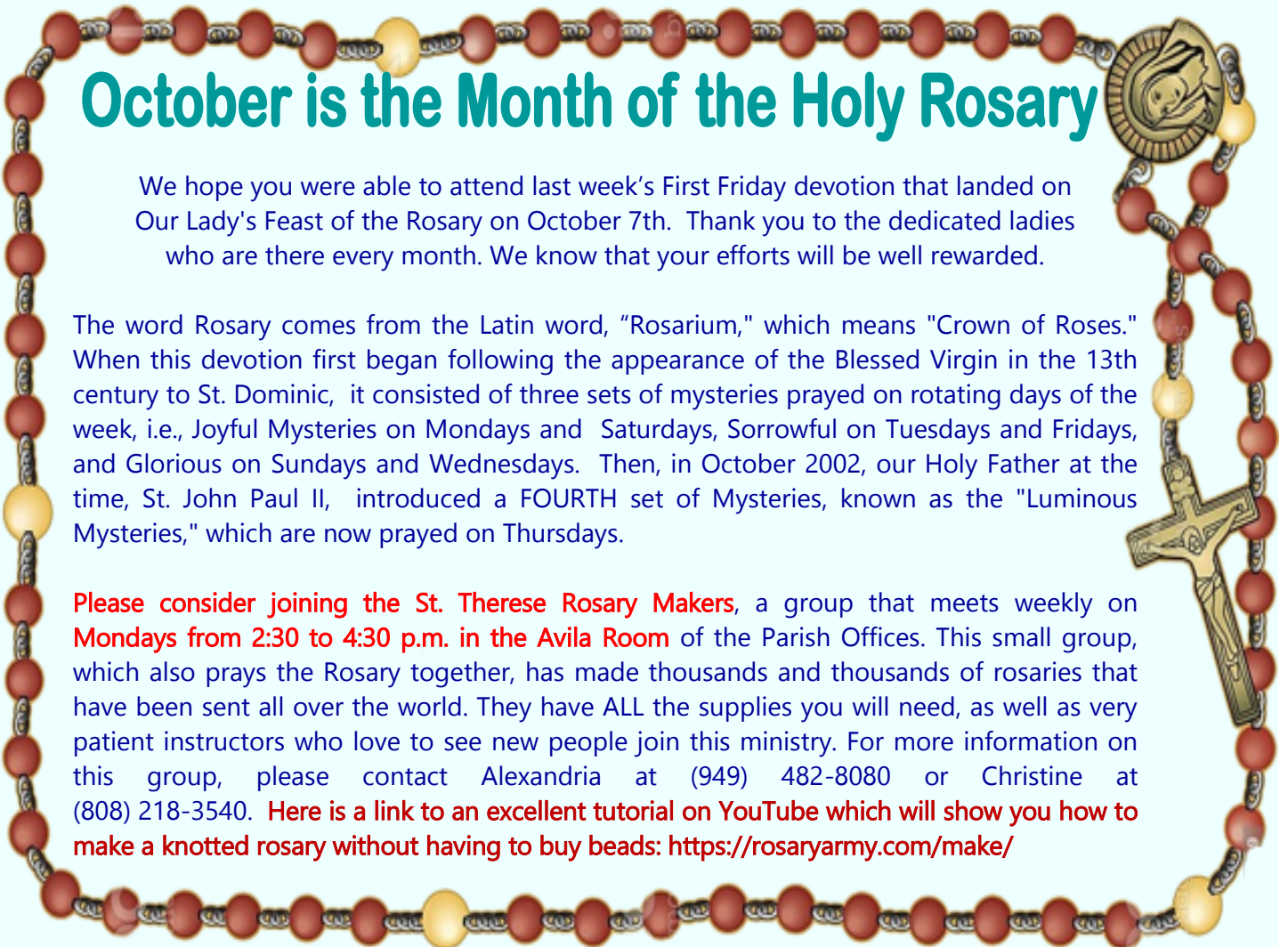
The admission is \$25 per person. Get your tickets SOON at the School Office. For questions, call (626) 289-3364, Ext. 660.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

We hope you were able to attend last week's First Friday devotion that landed on Our Lady's Feast of the Rosary on October 7th. Thank you to the dedicated ladies who are there every month. We know that your efforts will be well rewarded.

The word Rosary comes from the Latin word, "Rosarium," which means "Crown of Roses." When this devotion first began following the appearance of the Blessed Virgin in the 13th century to St. Dominic, it consisted of three sets of mysteries prayed on rotating days of the week, i.e., Joyful Mysteries on Mondays and Saturdays, Sorrowful on Tuesdays and Fridays, and Glorious on Sundays and Wednesdays. Then, in October 2002, our Holy Father at the time, St. John Paul II, introduced a FOURTH set of Mysteries, known as the "Luminous Mysteries," which are now prayed on Thursdays.

Please consider joining the St. Therese Rosary Makers, a group that meets weekly on **Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Avila Room** of the Parish Offices. This small group, which also prays the Rosary together, has made thousands and thousands of rosaries that have been sent all over the world. They have ALL the supplies you will need, as well as very patient instructors who love to see new people join this ministry. For more information on this group, please contact Alexandria at (949) 482-8080 or Christine at (808) 218-3540. **Here is a link to an excellent tutorial on YouTube which will show you how to make a knotted rosary without having to buy beads:** <https://rosaryarmy.com/make/>



Holiday Luncheon & BOUTIQUE

Friday, October 21

Join the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary for this festive event on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21**, at Connolly Hall at Holy Family Church, 1501 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena. It will include a Treasure Sale, the Nuns' Specialty Breads, Candy, Nuts, and Handmade Items, as well as holiday gift items, a 50/50 Raffle, and a Silent Auction. The schedule is: 10:30 a.m.: Boutique & Social house; 12:00 Noon: Luncheon

To **RSVP (by October 17!)**, mail your check (made out to Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary for \$35 per person), along with your name, the names of any guests, and your phone number, to: Kathy Cardoza, 710 Lindaraxa Park South, Alhambra 91801. **For any questions, call Kathy at (626) 570-9012.**

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.



	October 1 / 2, 2022	September 3 / 4.....\$14,904.00
Unrestricted.....	\$17,591.00	September 10 / 11\$20,569.00
Restricted	\$ 1,288.00	September 17 / 18\$10,766.00
T O T A L.....	\$18,879.00	September 24 / 25\$15,593.00

CHECK USERS:
Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

Second Collection This Weekend for Our School!

Every second weekend of each month, we have a Second Collection to help support our School. The second weekend of October will be **THIS weekend, October 8 and 9**. Please help support our very special School so it can continue offering a true Catholic education!

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diluted, and they do not achieve their full potential to transform us." These are important words for all of us to hear and take to heart. We all, I believe, have many obstacles that keep us from receiving the full grace of Holy Communion. Fr. Keating is simply affirming what the Church has always taught. The sacraments, in themselves, are powerful blessings, but all of us need to dispose and prepare our hearts to receive their full effects in our lives (CCC, 1098). Contemplative prayer is an excellent way to dispose our hearts, allowing us to become more receptive, with a greater capacity for unity and charity.

Without the proper disposition of our hearts and communal unity and connectedness, our way of living out the sacrament of Holy Communion can too easily become an anti-witness, lacking charity, creating more disunity, and intensifying wounds of abandonment in us and in our families and communities. On the other hand, every authentic celebration and reception of Holy Communion fosters greater unity and charity, bringing us ever more deeply into communion with Jesus and with the "communion of saints," thus healing these primordial wounds of abandonment that plague all of us in one way or another.

May all of us continually hunger and thirst for a greater intimacy with Jesus, knowing that the bond of communion that unites us to Him and to one another is so much more real and satisfying than any false intimacy the world has to offer.

What are the barriers in your heart that prevent Jesus' abiding presence from being manifested more fully? What are your thoughts and reactions to Fr. Edward's healing experience?



Pasadena's **Forty Days of Life** began its peaceful prayer and fasting vigil on September 28. Before it ends on November 6, we ask that you try to spend some time with us at the Pasadena Planned Parenthood facility praying to end abortions there. Their busiest days for abortion are Tuesdays. If you are able, please join us anytime Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Let's pray that ALL abortions be stopped.



**Pasadena 40 Days for Life Vigil location: Pasadena Planned Parenthood
1045 N Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California
Vigil Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.—5:00 p.m.—or on your own**

For questions, contact Rose Curiel at (323) 528-8094 or indigorose40daysforlife@gmail.com. Learn more at

Fasting from the Sin of Lust

PAUSE TO HEAR GOD SPEAK:

"Passing encounters are only a caricature of love; they injure hearts and mock God's plan."
-St. John Paul II

"But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart."
-Matthew 5:28

Today, I choose to fast from the sin of lust. We usually think of lust in terms of sexual desire. But if we expand our thinking just a bit, we can really understand how deadly this sin is. Lust, Like gluttony, is an attachment to pleasures of the flesh. With lust, though, the pleasure we get comes at the expense of other people. We take something from them that doesn't belong to us. Pornography, masturbation, and sexual fantasy violate the dignity of others, turning their bodies, or our own, into things. Lust isn't just a sin of action, but a sin of our thoughts. As we reflect on this, may God bring us to conversion from any lust in our lives.



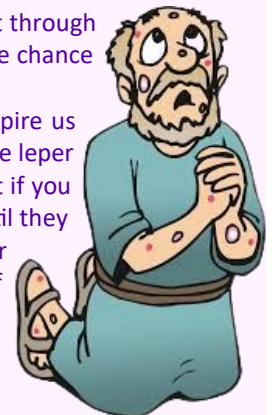
**Take time to ask yourself:
Where in my life do I serve myself over others?
How do I use others to get the things that I want?**

Heavenly Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce lust and repent all the ways in which I have sinned because of it. I reject every form of lust in my life. I ask you, Father, to forgive me, and I forgive myself for my lustful heart and actions. Holy Spirit, make me aware of any lustful thoughts, feelings, and actions. Amen.

Miracles of Faith

Besides being cured, what do Nathan (today's first reading) and the leper who thanked Jesus (today's Gospel) have in common? Both of them began to believe. Nathan proclaims Israel's God to be the only God; he even wants to worship the Lord in his own country. The only leper who returned to thank Jesus was "glorifying God in a loud voice" (Luke 17:15). It makes me wonder... what miracles do we see that help us grow in faith? For an answer, we can look at a second thing they had in common: they both asked for help. Sometimes we get caught up in self-sufficiency mode, thinking we have to handle all our problems by ourselves. We may miss out on good solutions by not asking for help. Help often comes from someone who shows us a way through our problems, without solving them for us. Perhaps if we talk about the problem with another person, the solution will become obvious to us. If you think asking for help is a sign of weakness, you may be missing a chance for God to act through one of your friends and give you support. And, of course, you can ask God for help in prayer, giving God the chance to speak to your heart with the answer or the encouragement you need.

Miracles don't just happen to other people. We may have friends who help us in times of need or inspire us with their faith, but we have to decide to make a leap of faith ourselves. The third thing that Nathan and the leper did in common was express their faith. You can spend your whole life thinking that you are a Christian, but if you never express that faith, it will be no more than a theory. Scientists work with theories all the time, but until they write out the math or do the experiments, the theory is never proven. St. Paul in the second reading, for example, was suffering in prison, but he didn't mind because his suffering demonstrated the importance of Jesus' message to him. So, he wrote from prison in the hope that other Christians would be encouraged in their faith. Perhaps you know of someone who inspired you with their faithfulness and dedication. Having a friend who helps us grow in faith can be a very nice miracle indeed.



The Real St. Therese

Signs and Wonders...



An installment from *The Passion of Thérèse of Lisieux* by Guy Faucher

St. Thérèse knew the teaching of traditional theology: “Martyrdom of the heart is no less fruitful than the shedding of blood.”

Thanks to her godmother’s insistence, she wrote the famous letter that was

to become “Manuscript B.” What is striking in this text—a jewel of spiritual literature—are the writer’s promising questions. One would say that she never rested, she was ever searching, never satisfied. In her dream, a saint had assured her that God was pleased with her and that her life would be short. Anyone else would have been satisfied with that, but these signs were not sufficient for her.

After enumerating all the vocations that attracted her—warrior, priest, deacon, apostle, doctor, martyr—she wrote: **“At last my mind was at rest. Charity gave me the key to my vocation. I understood that LOVE COMPRISED ALL VOCATIONS, THAT LOVE WAS EVERYTHING, THAT IT EMBRACED ALL TIME AND ALL PLACES...THAT IT WAS ETERNAL! There, in the excess of my ecstatic joy, I cried out: ‘O Jesus, my Love ... At last I have found my vocation. MY VOCATION IS LOVE!’ Yes, I have found my place in the Church and it is you, O my God, who has given me this place in the heart of the Church, my Mother. Thus, I shall be everything, and thus my dream will be fulfilled.”**

The inspiration and lyricism contained in these lines are exceptional. She finished with a synthesis of the Little Way, and once again expressed the already asserted hope of becoming the prey of Love. Happily (for us), the recipient answered her goddaughter immediately and asked for further explanation. In her letter of September 17, Thérèse clearly explains her thought: “My desires for martyrdom are nothing, they do not give me the boundless confidence I feel in my heart. What pleases God...is to see me love my littleness and poverty, and the blind hope I have in His mercy. It is trust, and nothing but trust that must bring us to Love.... Since we see the way, let us run together!” Thus, Therese continued to run.

During the month of November, Thérèse fell ill. She would not be leaving for the Saigon Carmel. Her zeal for the foreign minions was no less ardent: “We must help the apostles by our prayers and love. Their battlefields are ours.”

Early Protestants (in the 16th century) believed there were no longer any apostles or prophets in the Church after the death of the original twelve Apostles and St. Paul. Today, the continuationists (those believing that the Holy Spirit’s gifts are continuing), made up of Pentecostals, charismatics, and third-wave evangelicals, have rejected this traditional Protestant view of the gifts. “Third wave” refers to evangelicals who historically had been cessationists (those who believe the gifts have ceased), but who have now accepted the continuation of the gifts in the Church.

The problem with cessationism is that it fails to recognize that miracles are not primarily to be used as evidence of correct doctrine. Instead, they are part and parcel of the Gospel. **Signs and wonders are to accompany the proclamation of the Gospel (Hebrews 2:4 | Mark 16: 17-20). As long as the Gospel is preached, signs and wonders and the gifts of the Spirit are to continue as well.**

This is also very clear from 1 Corinthians 13:8-10, which teaches that the gifts will continue until “the perfect comes.” Although some Protestants hold that the coming of “the perfect” refers to the completion of the New Testament, the great majority of biblical scholars hold that it refers to the Second Coming of Christ, citing St. Paul’s words: “when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away (1 Corinthians 13:10), Hence, the gifts were to continue until the Second Coming.

That signs and wonders, including gifts of healing and miracles, were to be part of the Gospel is clear from Jesus’ commissioning of His disciples: “And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. In my name, they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; if they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover’” (Mark 16:15-18).

Paul writes, “Christ, through me, has led the Gentiles to obey God... (Rom. 15:18). Both Jesus and Paul connect the preaching of the Gospel to signs and wonders that include gifts of healing and deliverance.

When we look at the commissioning texts in the Gospels, we see the central place given to healing and deliverance. Jesus “called His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction” (Matthew 10:1). He then continues the commission: “And proclaim as you go, saying ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons.” The Gospels of Mark and Luke report the same commissioning, including the commands to preach and to heal, which the disciples faithfully carried out (Mark 6:7,12-13; Luke 9:1-2, 6).



BOTH COLUMNS WILL CONTINUE NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions

Quiet Listening Prayer

October 8 to October 15, 2022

Saturday evening:

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

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Elena Reyes, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Tyler Koes & Family, INT

9:00 a.m.: Donor's Intention

11:00 a.m.: Dorothy Woo Yik Khoon, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Daniel S. Alvarez, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Nicolas & Christina Yang, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Raymond Girvigian, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Bill Owens, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Nancy Holman, Birthday INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Jim Boles, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Michael & Loy Valenzuela, INT

8:00 a.m.: Megan Grimm, 5th Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Ryan Anthony Siy, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Jay Shower, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Madeleine Tittmann, 22nd Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Emmanuel Lim, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Deceased Religious, Relatives, and Benefactors of the Discalced Carmelite Order

8:00 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT

7:00 p.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Kin Cheah, INT

*7:30 a.m.: James Lim, INT

8:00 a.m.: Rosario "Loy" Valenzuela, Birthday INT

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Gerardo Adan, RIP

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It is open to the public every day except Sunday.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

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

**By Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD
Pastor**

Someone asked recently: "At the end of Mass, when you say something like, 'If someone has a pain in your eye, or left knee, or if someone is struggling with anxiety, we can pray with you after Mass outside.' How do you, Fr. Thomas, know that someone has that pain or issue going on?"



The short answer is, I don't! But after praying quietly for a word from my Heavenly Father Who knows each of His Children who are suffering, and wants to help them, I try to notice if I'm feeling something in my eyes or ears or some discouragement in my spirit, and when I think I might have noticed something—even if it's ever so slight—I take a risk and put it out there in case someone is suffering in that area of the body or spirit.

Most of the time some people respond, but not always. It's okay to just ask and take a risk, and if I didn't hear it correctly or missed something, then at least I did my part and tried. **We do the possible (inviting others into the healing peace of Jesus), and Jesus does the impossible (the actual healing of the other person)!**

Personal Ad

Seeking a part-time caregiver for an elderly female parishioner (she lives within walking distance of St. Therese). Applicants must be able to speak English. Call Mary at (626) 840-0955 and leave a message with your phone number.

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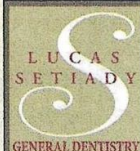
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