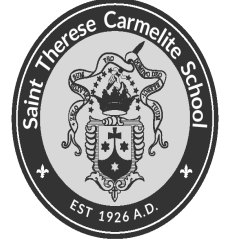




# Saint Therese Church



Dec. 20, 2015

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

[www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org](http://www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org)

510 North El Molino Street - Alhambra, California 91801 282-2744 - FAX 282-7560

(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 (222) **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.  
Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

### Other Ministries/Programs:

- \***Annulments:**  
Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)
- \***Carmelite Spiritual Reading Group**  
Mondays, Jim Gillette (213) 448-1039
- \***Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4p.m.**
- \***Bible Study:** Debbie Robles 679-6370
- \***Detention Ministry:** Sonia Macias (323) 724-6443
- \***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., Albert Grana 576-0872
- \***Tea at Therese Women's Group:**  
Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701
- \***Avila Young Adult Group:**  
Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284



Blessed Mary of the Angels, OCD  
Feast Day: December 16  
(1661 - 1717)

### 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, 10:00am & 7:30p.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 Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org

**School Chaplain:** Fr. Leonel Varela

### Parish Secretary:

Denise McMaster-Holguin (223)  
denisekay@hotmail.com

**Finance:** Noralyn Cailan (228)

### Christian Services:

Bridie McDermott (224)

### Choir Directors:

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

**11:00am:** Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284  
pgrimm.dir@gmail.com

### Altar Ministries:

Fr. Leonel Varela (222)

### 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.

**With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. --Isaiah 12:30**

# 2015 / 2016 CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULES

## Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Wednesday, December 23: 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 30: 7:00-9:00 p.m.



## Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas

### Christmas Eve

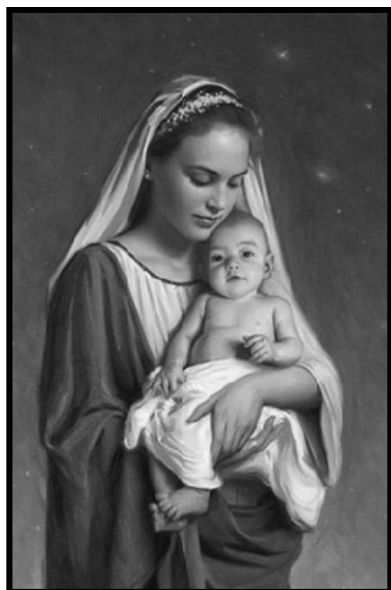
5:00 p.m. (Family Mass)  
7:30 p.m. (Simple Mass)  
Midnight (Traditional Choir)

### Christmas Day

7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m.,  
1:00 p.m. Latin High Mass  
(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass!)



## New Year's Eve Celebration with St. Therese Parish and the Carmelite Sisters of Sacred Heart Retreat House



8:00 to 10:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Retreat House,  
(920 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra)

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



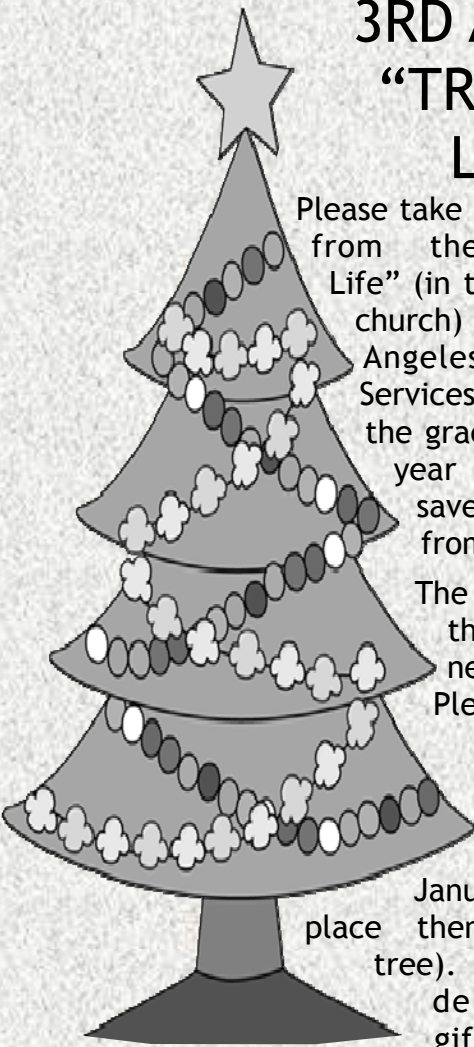
### *Schedule*

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 at St. Therese  
\*Midnight Mass at St. Therese Church  
\*Confessions will continue throughout the Mass.  
The Midnight Mass will be followed by our monthly  
all-night vigil, ending with Benediction at 5:30 a.m.

**NO ALL-NIGHT VIGIL ON FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 1st!**

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Friday, January 1):

Masses at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.



## 3RD ANNUAL “TREE OF LIFE”

Please take an “ornament” from the “Tree of Life” (in the back of the church) to help Los Angeles Pregnancy Services (LAPS). By the grace of God, this year they have saved 381 babies from abortion!

The babies and their mothers need your help. Please return the items listed on the “ornaments” by Sunday, January 4 (just place them under the tree). We will deliver these gifts to the Center on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.




## THIS MONDAY! HELP US CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Volunteers are needed to help clean the church for Christmas. If you can help, please come to the church this **Monday, December 21, beginning at 9:30 a.m.** (any time you can give us will be appreciated!). Please bring your buckets, rubber gloves, and cleaning rags. Cleaning solution will be provided.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Please find Christmas Flower offering envelopes in the pews, as well as in your envelope packets that you received in the mail. Your donations will help us to beautify the church with poinsettias for Christmas! God bless you!



# SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL IS PROUD TO BE A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND SERVICE.

*“The splendor of the rose and whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm.” –St. Therese*

- Merry Christmas! We are on break through January 3 (We’ll resume on January 4).
- Feast of St. Peter Thomas—Mass on Friday, January 8, at 8:00 a.m.
- No School on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Monday, January 18)
- Roe V. Wade Respect Life Mass on Friday, January 22, a 8:00 a.m.
- Catholic Schools Week Festivities from January 24 to 29

Please join us for fun and food at our monthly restaurant fundraisers. Please remember to bring a flyer or to mention STCS, and a portion of your purchase will be donated to our school! Please support our school by purchasing Scrip (gift cards) for your regular daily purchases. Scrip can be purchased in the school office for grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, department stores, and much more. Please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Cornejo, by phone (626) 289-3364 or by email [stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com](mailto:stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com). We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our new school. We look forward to hearing from you!



## CHRISTIAN SERVICES FOOD PANTRY

We are VERY LOW on NON-PERISHABLE FOOD in the pantry! Please help us restock it—as well as helping to supply us with food for those in need for Christmas!



We need: CEREAL, CANNED VEGETABLES AND FRUIT, PASTA & SAUCE, BOXED BAKING MIXES, CANNED BEANS AND SOUP, CANNED MEAT & TUNA, CANNED PASTA. Please . . . No expired food! We're not allowed to distribute anything past its "use by" date. May God bless you for your care for others!

*"When I was hungry, you gave me to eat."  
—Matthew 25:35*

## PARKING LOT TO BE RESURFACED DEC. 28-31

All Parishioners, Adorers, and Visitors! Please be aware that we are having the asphalt in the parking lot resurfaced on December 28, 29, 30 and 31 (it will be ready for parking for the Midnight Mass on New Year's Eve).

There is plenty of street parking around the church and offices. However, take note to park on the correct side of the street on Tuesdays as that is our assigned street cleaning day. Park on the east side of the street from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and on the west side from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

## BAPTISM MINISTRY



In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to attend a class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library. The next classes for which you can enroll are January 5 and February 2. The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Upcoming open baptism dates are Saturdays, January 23 and February 20, both at 11:00 a.m. For more info, call Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (X225)



**REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS:** Canon Law requires 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 will need to be signed by a priest from the parish for each prospective godparent.



## G U A D A L U P E PREGNANCY SERVICES:

Are you pregnant and in need of help? GPS counselors are available to help with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are private and confidential. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email [gps.pregnancy@ymail.com](mailto:gps.pregnancy@ymail.com).

# Be one with Jesus in *Eucharistic Adoration*



## How to Find Christmas Peace by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

You cannot find peace on the outside but you can find peace on the inside, by letting God do to your soul what Mary let Him do to her body, namely, let Christ be formed in you. As she cooked meals in her Nazarene home, as she nursed her aged cousin, as she drew water at the well, as she prepared the meals of the village carpenter, as she knitted the seamless garment, as she kneaded the dough and swept the floor, she was conscious that Christ was in her; that she was a living Ciborium, a monstrance of the Divine Eucharist, a Gate of Heaven through which a Creator would peer upon creation, a Tower of Ivory up whose chaste body He was to climb "to kiss upon her lips a mystical rose." As He was physically formed in her, so He wills to be spiritually formed in you. If you knew He was seeing through your eyes, you would see in every fellowman a child of God. If you knew that He worked through your hands, they would bless all the day through. If you knew He spoke through your lips, then your speech, like Peter's, would betray that you had been with the Galilean. If you knew that He wants to use your mind, your will, your fingers, and your heart, how different you would be. If half the world did this there would be no war!

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Happy Birthday, Jesus!



### STRE NEWS:

**PARENTS!** Religious Education is an extremely important part of the faith life of every Catholic family! If your children are not attending Catholic School, they NEED to be enrolled in a Religious Education program. Classes for elementary grades are held

twice monthly on Sundays—from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Classes are in session today, Sunday, December 20; for January, classes are on the 10th, 24th, and 31st.

For any questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).

# YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Classes meet today, Sunday, December 20. Classes in January will be on the 10th and 31st.

**All C2 Students:** Mark your calendars! The Confirmation Retreat will be on February 19-21 in Big Bear. Watch for details! Also, the date of your Confirmation has been set for Sunday, May 22, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Bishop O'Connell will preside.

We wish all our students and their sponsors and families a very Merry Christmas! God bless you all!



## RCIA Adult Faith Formation

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or completing your sacraments in the Catholic Church, please come to this class for more information. Classes are held on Thursdays from 7:00 to 900 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. The next dates are **January 7, 14, and 28.** For questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).

**WORD OF LIFE  
"QUOTE OF THE WEEK"**



During this Advent and Christmas season, let us to meditate on how God took flesh in the womb of the Virgin

Mary and made Himself little. This Incarnation speaks to us of the coming of a God who is close and who chose to experience human life from the very beginning in order to save it totally, in its fullness. And so the mystery of the Lord's Incarnation and the beginning of human life are closely and harmoniously connected and in tune with each other in the one saving plan of God, the Lord of the life of each and everyone. -Pope Benedict XVI

**FINANCIAL OFFERINGS**

May God reward you!

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

December 12 / 13, 2015

Unrestricted.....	\$19,700.00
Restricted .....	\$ 654.00
<b>T O T A L .....</b>	<b>\$20,354.00</b>

November 14 / 15.....	\$22,820.00
November 21 / 22.....	\$11,574.00
November 28 / 29.....	\$13,758.00
December 5 / 6.....	\$15,169.00

**TOGETHER IN MISSION REPORT:**

Parish Goal:	\$68,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$58,853.50
Amount Paid:	\$57,798.50
<b>*Balance owed to Archdiocese:</b>	<b>\$10,801.50</b>

Thank you for your contributions!

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**ONGOING MINISTRIES & CLASSES**

**YOUNG ADULTS (Ages 21–39, singles and couples):** Join us for our events, including 1) Formation Talks most first Saturdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., (NO GET-TOGETHER IN JANUARY; next will be February 6) in the Guadalupe Courtyard; and 2) Weekend Social Events: Members will host informal events, such as movie nights, pub nights, wine tastings, sports events, concerts, shows, dances, etc. For questions, contact Paula Grimm at [pgrimm.dir@gmail.com](mailto:pgrimm.dir@gmail.com).



**LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA:** Increase your knowledge of the faith through audio CDs given by well-known speakers, as well as books to inspire your faith journey. The Kiosk is available the first weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of every month. For additional information contact Vicky Sandoval at [geribah03@gmail.com](mailto:geribah03@gmail.com) or (323) 803-9956.

**CARMELITE SPIRITUAL READING GROUP:** All are invited to join us every Monday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Library in the Parish Center. Lectio Divina is practiced on the first and third Mondays and Spiritual reading is done on the second and fourth. All are welcome! No Meeting on December 28! For more info, contact Jim Gillett at 213-448-1039 or [jimgillett@me.com](mailto:jimgillett@me.com).

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** This group, formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro, is for anyone who is grieving for 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. Because of Christmas, the next meeting will not be until January 13. For additional information, call the office at 282-2744.

**WOMEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP:** Come join us for this prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats! Children are welcome (play area available). Meetings are normally held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. However, because of Christmas, there will be NO MEETING for December. For more information, contact Dara Barbosa at (301) 542-9701.

**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 and are taught by Mrs. Kelly Mohun. For more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548 or [1stkdcc@gmail.com](mailto:1stkdcc@gmail.com).

# Mass Intentions

**For the Week of 12/19/15 to 12/26/15**

**Saturday:**

5:00 p.m.: Hazel, Patricia, and Robert Lessard RIP

**Sunday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Rey-David Palomares INT

7:30 a.m.: Fr. Jan Lundberg, OCD INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD INT

5:00 p.m.: Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD INT

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Rey-David Palomares INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Huo Tai Seng, Yu-Mei, Kuo Shung Huo RIP

8:00 a.m.: Virgilio Lopez INT

**Tuesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Bernard Perkins OCD INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Bernard Perkins OCD INT

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Bernard Perkins OCD INT

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Jane Jani Widjaja RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Philip Yan RIP

8:00 a.m.: Rey-David Palomares INT

**Thursday—Christmas Eve**

6:00 a.m.: Augustine Goh RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

8:00 a.m.: Andrew Maidah INT

5:00 p.m.: Maryanne Losorelli INT

7:30 p.m.:

Midnight: Mary Rose Go INT

**Friday—Christmas Day**

\*7:30 a.m.: Yolanda Rossy INT (PRIVATE—For Nuns only)

7:30 a.m.: Ron Ellis RIP

9:00 a.m.: Alejandro & Michelle Fernandez INT

11:00 a.m.: Marcelina & Juanito Noche RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin):

**Saturday:**

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena of Masses 1

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Friars of St. Therese Church INT

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

# Floral Dedications

To dedicate a floral arrangement 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.



# Outside the Parish

**CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. PAUL KOENIG, OCD:** In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, travel to Poland & Italy in the steps of St. John Paul II, the great "Mercy Pope," from **April 13 - 26**. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or Jack Day at (323)722-9339. Details available at <http://www.syversentouring.com/carmel>

**EASTERN EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE,** Sept. 12-27, in celebration of the Jubilee "Year of Mercy": Croatia, Dubrovnik, Medjugorje, Vienna, Budapest, Prague, places associated with Saints John Paul II and Faustina (the "Divine Mercy" Shrine), and many more. \$3,999 (double occupancy) all inclusive, air, transfers, land transport and lodging, breakfast/dinner, daily Masses and much more—all led by a Carmelite Chaplain. Insurance and single supplement available and optional. For more info, please contact Beth at [maddatubeth@gmail.com](mailto:maddatubeth@gmail.com) or (408) 903-6305.

**PILGRIMAGE:** Avenue of Travel presents "Marian Shrines of Europe" with FR. JAN LUNDBERG, **September 16 -30, 2016**, for \$2,929 per person (double occupancy; single, add \$571). Airfare NOT included. Visits to Madrid, Avila, Fatima, Santiago De Compostela, Burgos, Lourdes, Barcelona, Montserrat, and Saragossa. Prices include daily breakfast; 13 dinners, and Daily Mass. To hold a space, make a deposit of \$250 plus optional insurance of \$209; final payment due 6/5/16). Contact Angela Yang at [aokyang@gmail.com](mailto:aokyang@gmail.com) or 394-4367. Must be PHYSICALLY FIT as lots of walking.

**EL CARMELO RETREAT HOUSE,** operated by the Discalced Carmelite Friars, will receive a portion of the commission on any travel booked through [www.elcarmelotravel.com](http://www.elcarmelotravel.com). Save AND help maintain the center. Also book hotels, cars, cruises, etc.

# Lectors

**Saturday:**

5:00 p.m. Lucy Lopez / Marta Timar

**Sunday:**

7:30 a.m. Florence Goh / Olivia Carnegie

9:00 a.m. Lily Edusma / Nancy King

11:00 a.m. Lorraine Mizerski / Jeff Storey

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

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