

St. Therese Catholic Church

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From the Parable of the Good Samaritan... But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him (Luke 10:33-34).

MASSSES | 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.

First Friday Mass: 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE)-Wednesdays from 8:00

to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m.

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

Carmelite Nuns: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

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SACRAMENTS

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

Letter from the Pastor



Blessed Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and Fourth Day of the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, everyone! The Novena will finish this coming Friday, July 15; then, on Saturday, July 16, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we will replace the regular liturgy for the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass with the Liturgy for Our Lady of Mount Carmel. In case you didn't check social media or our electronic bulletin, **we dedicated the 7:00 p.m. Masses from July 7th through July 16th to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, with each including a longer homily and a talk at the end of Mass by the newest friar assigned to our community, Bro. John Mark Charlesworth.**

Here is a quick overview of the Brown Scapular: The story is told that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock (an English Carmelite priest and brother) in the 13th century, and that she gave him an article of clothing called a scapular (so called because it hangs over the scapula or shoulder bones) as an abiding sign of her special love and motherly protection. It is also said that she gave him and all who devoutly wear the Brown Scapular this promise: **"This shall be to you and to all Carmelites a privilege, that anyone who dies clothed in this shall not suffer eternal fire; and if wearing it they die, they shall be saved."** By wearing it or, even better, by being enrolled in it, a person is saying "Yes" to Mary: "Yes, I want you to be my Heavenly Mother. Yes, I believe that when I was baptized, I became a member of God's family, and that I have not only a Heavenly Father, God, but also a Heavenly Blessed Mother, you, God's greatest creature. I also believe that, as part of this Family, I have older brothers and sisters, the angels and saints. I believe in and want your special love for me; I want your motherly protection. I, for my part, will try to live up to the demands of the Christian life in imitation of you and your Son Jesus Christ. By clothing me with this physical sign of your motherly love, I trust that you will also help clothe me with your virtues of humility, faith, hope, and charity, of prayer and self-forgetfulness, of friendship with and obedience to God and His Church, and with your other virtues."

It is good to keep in mind that the Brown Scapular is not a magical charm that will get you into Heaven automatically. It is meant to be used as an act of religion, not as an act of superstition. **Superstition is trying to get God to do what you want; religion is trying to do what God wants.** And Jesus and Mary, working through the Scapular, will help you to do God's will, so that you can already taste—in this life!—the joy of really being a son or daughter in God's Family. In gratitude, remember to kiss your Scapular and pray at least one Hail Mary each day. Here is a quick Scapular story:

A man was running around the track at a local school to get some exercise. While there, he met two other men, and they spent some time in conversation. It turned out that both men he met were fallen-away Catholics, no longer going to Church, etc. So, the man spoke to them about the Catholic faith, about Mass, and so on, and gave each of them a Brown Scapular before departing. A few months later he was helping out at a soup kitchen and a man kept trying to get his attention. He didn't notice him, so the man finally got right in his face, and said, "Do you remember me?" "No." "You gave me a scapular a while ago. Now do you remember?" "No, I'm sorry. I give lots of scapulars away." "Well, I met you while working out at a track. I didn't tell you this at the time, but every night for ten years, I had terrible nightmares. I would dream of snakes chasing me and trying to eat me. Each night I would wake up from this nightmare so shaken that I couldn't get to sleep again. It got so bad that I felt like killing myself at times. But from the day you gave me that scapular and I put it on, I haven't had one of those nightmares again."



Genesis 3:15 and Revelation 12 both relate that the Woman and her Child, Mary and Jesus, are in a life and death battle with the ancient dragon, Satan, and they together overcome him. Not just Jesus, but Jesus AND Mary together.

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

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

O Most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of Christ, Immaculate Virgin, we praise and honor you as our Queen and Mother. Help us to persevere in constant prayer for the needs of our world and share with you in the work of redemption. Be with us, Holy Virgin, guide us on our way, as we journey together in faith, hope, and love to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Mary, Queen Beauty of Carmel, pray for us and obtain our requests. Amen.

All are welcome to continue (we started on July 7th last week) to join us at our 7:00 p.m. Masses this week as we honor Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Each Mass will include a longer homily about her and then a talk afterwards by Brother John Mark Charlesworth, our newest Carmelite Brother assigned to our community. **On Saturday, July 16, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, at our 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, we will replace the liturgy for the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time with the liturgy for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.**

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The Carmelites consider the Blessed Virgin Mary to be a perfect model of the interior life of prayer and

contemplation, as well as a model of virtue. She is seen as the one who points Christians to Christ. As she says to the servants at the wedding at Cana, "Do whatever He tells you."

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, OCD, a revered authority on Carmelite spirituality, wrote what devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel truly means: A special call to the interior life, which is preeminently a Marian life. Our Lady wants us to resemble her not only in our outward vesture but also in heart and spirit. If we gaze into Mary's soul, we shall see a spiritual life of incalculable wealth: a life of recollection, prayer, uninterrupted oblation to

God, continual contact, and intimate union with Him. Mary's soul is a sanctuary reserved for God alone, where no human creature has ever left its trace, where love and zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of mankind reign supreme. Those who want to live their devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel to the full must follow Mary into the depths of her interior life.

Carmel is the symbol of the contemplative life, the life wholly dedicated to the quest for God, wholly orientated towards intimacy with God; the one who has best realized this highest of ideals is Our Lady herself, 'Queen and Splendor of Carmel'".



Faith and Love in the *Eucharist*

7-Day Eucharistic Conference

July 23 -30 { Mass 7:00 pm | Talk 8:00 pm



Fr. Ed Broom, OMV
Oblates of the Virgin Mary



St. Therese Roman Catholic Church, 1100 E Alhambra Rd, Alhambra, CA 91801

Fr. Ed Broom, OMV, will present this FREE 7-day Eucharistic Conference, "Faith and Love in the Eucharist," here in our church from July 23 to 30, 2022. It will begin each evening with Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by the talk at 8:00 p.m. Don't miss the graces Jesus has in store for you at this conference!

LOVE GOD... LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

This is our call, the sum of all it means to live as Christ's holy people in the world. Moses told the people that the law—all that sums up this call to love God and neighbor—isn't something far off, distant, and hard to reach. It is in our hearts and minds, on our lips. We have only to live what has been instilled in us through the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, the fullness of God's love that dwells in us through Christ. We who are baptized into Christ's life rely on this presence as we extend ourselves in service, as did the Samaritan who saw the need of the injured traveler and stopped everything to give comfort, care, and mercy. Love of neighbor is a sign of the love of Christ.

LOVE GOD: What does it mean to love God with all our heart, being, strength, and mind? We turn our hearts to God in prayer, quiet moments of reflection, and participation in the Mass and Sacraments. Our whole being may turn to the Lord in trust in the midst of troubled times or when we need courage. We find strength to live as Christ's people, even when faced with the questions, doubts, and derision of others. We may turn to the Lord with our mind as we prayerfully read sacred Scripture and learn more fully the teaching of the Church. All of these things point to a singular desire to know God deeply. The love we have for God is, after all, a reflection of the great love God has for each of us.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan points to the impact our love of God is to have in our lives. The priest and Levite were more concerned with observing the letter of the law rather than living its essence. The Samaritan found himself unable to pass by without coming to the traveler's aid. Who are the travelers whom we meet? What is our response? Are we so filled with the love of God that we cannot ignore the suffering of hunger or homelessness, the needs of the lonely and sick? Loving God necessitates loving our neighbor. We cannot have one without the other. Jesus shows us that the love we are to share is selfless, sacrificial. The Samaritan not only cared for the traveler's wounds, but took him to find shelter and paid for his care. He went the extra mile on the journey of faith. Who is your neighbor today? How will you love him or her?

You can't
love God
if you don't
love your
neighbor.

Excuses, Excuses

If you get pulled over for speeding, you might have several excuses to use, but did you ever say that you didn't know you had to obey the speed limit? As the saying goes, ignorance of the law is no excuse. That is what Moses is telling the people in the first reading. The laws of God are not difficult to understand. Anyone with a conscience should be able to live with them. By the time of Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees had added many more laws. The scholar who questioned Jesus about eternal life knew what was important: loving God with all your being and loving your neighbor as yourself. If he had stopped there, he would have been all right. But by asking, "Who is my neighbor?," he implied that there are limits to love. That's why Jesus used the parable of the Good Samaritan to show that love is as simple as helping someone in need.

Even today, we find people making excuses for not doing what God asks of us. We want someone else to interpret it for us, hoping they will find a loophole we can use to ignore God's commands. We judge people who need help, saying they choose to be poor or homeless. We say that between work and family obligations, we have no time to give to the community. We sign our kids up for so many sports that we don't even go to church on Sundays. We always have time to watch our favorite TV shows, but there's never enough time for daily prayers.

Before you start beating yourself up with guilt, remember that God expects us to take care of our families, to spend time with our children, and even to take time to rest and relax. If we are willing to look at our lives and bring them to God, asking for guidance, we are making the first steps to keeping God's law of love. Even Jesus, whom Paul describes in the second reading as the image of God and source of all creation, had to die on the cross to show God's love to the world. Jesus understands the difficult choices we make. Ask for His help—and you shall receive.

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	July 2 / 3, 2022			
	Unrestricted.....	\$16,310.00	June 4/5	\$15,102.00
	Restricted	\$ 3,611.00	June 11/12.....	\$23,042.00
	T O T A L.....	\$19,921.00	June 18/19.....	\$10,107.00
			June 25/26.....	\$10,720.00

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Fasting from the Wound of Unbelief

Today, I choose to fast from the wound of unbelief. You can always check your level of unbelief with a simple question: **Am I focused on my problems or on His promises?** Belief activates God's grace in our lives; unbelief pulls us into a downward



PAUSE TO HEAR GOD SPEAK:

“But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us!” Jesus said to him, “If you can! Everything is possible to one who has God.” Then the boy's father cried out, “I do believe! Help my unbelief!” (Mark 9:22-24).

They told him, “The fever left him yesterday, about one in the afternoon.” The father realized that it was at that time that time Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live,” and he and his whole household came to believe (John 4:52-53).

spiral. Our problems look unsurmountable, and the solutions are nowhere in sight. When Moses sent spies into the land of Canaan, ten saw giants, while only **Caleb and Joshua saw the promise of the land of milk and honey**. Joshua had seen God deliver Israel from Egypt and many miracles in the desert. Joshua believed that God was bigger than giants. When we don't experience God in a powerful and supernatural way, unbelief has an easier way into our lives. God becomes an ideology or a distant being. Unbelief turns us back to our former misery (like the Israelites wanting to return to slavery in Egypt) instead of forward into the promise of God. From now on, let us focus on God's promises in the midst of our problems.

Facing Your Giants

TAKE TIME TO ASK YOURSELF:

- What part of my life seems to have more problems than promise?
- What are the “giants” in my life?



PRAY SLOWLY: Heavenly Father, I renounce unbelief and repent all the ways in which I have sinned because of it, particularly the ways in which I have seen problems instead of promise, wanted to go back to old things, and thought poorly of you. I reject every form of unbelief in my life. I renounce any lies that I have come to believe, including such lies as “God won't come through” or “Miracles are for others.” I renounce any companion emotions such as fear, doubt, or mistrust. Send your Holy Spirit to bring me into the power, promise, and goodness you have planned for me. Amen.

The above is taken from the book, *Lenten Healing*, by Ken Knipmann—available for sale in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

July 9 to July 16, 2022

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Raymond Reyes, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Mary Cassidy, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Juliana Goh, INT

9:00 a.m.: Irma, Enrique, and Henry Munoz, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Marietta Okamoto, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Tom Johnson, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Chun Tsai Yang, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Nora & Salvador Hernandez, B-Day INT

7:00 p.m.: Libby Payne, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Geri Holman, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Mark Catron, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Chun Tsai Yang, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

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

7:00 p.m.: Sheila Breese, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Gracie Holman, INT

*7:30 a.m.: John Li, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Ernie Grimm, 21st B-Day INT

7:00 p.m.: Desiree Gauder, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Michelle Martinez, B-Day INT

*7:30 a.m.: John Li, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Ernest Need, Sr., RIP

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD, INT

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel,
215 East Alhambra Road,
Alhambra, California.

The Carmel Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays.

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).

Quiet Listening Prayer

From *THE WAY OF PERFECTION*

by St. Teresa of Avila



If you have to pray to Him by looking at His picture, it would seem to me foolish. You would be leaving the Person Himself in order to look at a picture of Him. Wouldn't it be silly if a person we love very much and of whom we have a portrait came to see us and we stopped speaking with him so as to carry on a conversation with the portrait? Do you want to know when it is very good to have a picture of Christ and when it is a thing in which I find much delight? When He himself is absent, or when by means of a great dryness He wants to make us feel He is absent. It is then a wonderful comfort to see an image of One whom we have so much reason to love. Wherever I turn my eyes, I would want to see His image. With what better or more pleasing thing can our eyes be occupied than with One who loves us so much and who has in Himself all goods. Unfortunate are those heretics who through their own fault have lost this consolation among others (Ch. 34, No. 11).

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

+ Raul Resendez: July 12—11:00 a.m.

+ Peggy Centola: July 16—9:30 Rosary and 10:00 a.m. Mass, followed by burial at Resurrection and reception in the Parish Hall

Outside the Parish

Carmelite Pilgrimage with FR. RAYMOND BUENO, OCD, to the Marian Shrines of Wisconsin on October 5-12. \$3,295 (double room occupancy) includes round-trip non-stop AA flights from LAX, land travel by deluxe coach, 3*/4* hotels with private bath/daily breakfast/dinner, all touring, daily Mass. \$200 Early bird Discount by May 15th. Add \$450 for single room occupancy. For details, call Louisa & Jack Day at (323) 360-5186 or (323) 403-8768

14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land (September 28 to October 11, 2022, led by Fr. Darrin Merlino, CMF, for \$4,989). For more information, contact Parishioners Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 285-6687 or remembertoatl@sbcglobal.net.

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