

Saint Therese Church

December 15, 2013 **Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars** *Established 1924*

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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 (Ext. 226) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. David Guzman, OCD (X222) and Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (Ext. 232) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD (X336) **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (X333) **Vocations:** Fr. David Guzman OCD (X 222); Regional: 909-629-9495 - Archdiocesan: 213-637-7515

Masses & Services: Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am; Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm; Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm; Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm

Devotions: Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass; Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm; Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm; St. Joseph Mass: Third Tuesday from November to April; Fatima Devotion: 13th of the month from May to October

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession): Wed., 7:00 - 8:30 pm;
and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Baptism: Register at 284-0020 X225

Weddings: Call six months before date

RCIA: Rhonda Storey 284-0020, X225

Other Ministries / Programs:

Bible Study: Aurora Juarez, 688-9349

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias
323-724-6443

First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer Vigil,
7:30 pm-6:00 am

Holy Family Infertility Support Group:
Katrina Crow, 292-1906

King's Men: 1st/3rd Thurs eves
Rex Owens, 323-273-8825

Knights of Columbus: Mike Pulciano,
641-0870

Legion of Mary: Mon., 7:00 pm

Natural Family Planning: 292-1906

Respect Life Ministry: Catherine
Contreras, 213-435-3942

Rosary Makers: Ed William
768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com

St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wednesdays,
6:15 pm - Albert Grana 576-0872

Gaudete Sunday



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

St. Therese Church is an active and Eucharistic Parish Community dedicated in faith and service to a loving and merciful God under our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux. We are committed in our ministries to providing discipleship through evangelization and fostering a contemplative life, resulting in Christian formation and spiritual growth of our members.

Parish Secretary: Denise McMaster-Holguin (Ext. 223)

Finance: Noralyn Cailan, X228

Christian Services: Bridie McDermott
(Ext. 224)

Choir Directors/Organist:

11:00 a.m.: George and Barbara Klump
(818) 249-8472

9:00 a.m.: Marcia Martinez-Bateman
(775) 771-4992

Liturgical Coordinators:

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon
Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 333)

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla, 282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (Ext. 225)
rhondalstorey@gmail.com

* Pre K through 8th Grade

* Adult Religious Ed

Youth / Adult Confirmation

Programs: Ruben Beltran, 284-0020,
Ext. 235. Email:

rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

St. Therese Catholic School:

289-3364 - Principal: Carmela Lovano,
clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org
Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org

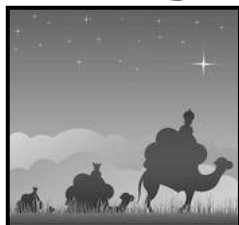
New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please come to the Parish Office to register.

510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra—**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 to 5:00 pm; 6:00 to 8:00 pm—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm** **Eucharistic Adoration** - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson – 289-0388

**“You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
—Matthew 24:44**

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2013**

2013 Schedule for Christmas & New Year's



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Wednesday, December 18 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 21 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS:

Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and Midnight



Christmas Day: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. AND a Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.
(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day)

“NEW YEAR’S EVE EVENING OF THANKSGIVING,”

A Joint Celebration with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles

SCHEDULE:

PART I at Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra:
(free-will offering will be gratefully accepted.)

8:00-9:00 p.m.: Registration, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

10:00-10:30 p.m.: Benediction/Refreshments

10:30 p.m.: Leave Sacred Heart for a Rosary Procession to St. Therese Church

PART II here at St. Therese Church:

11:00 p.m.: Conference (Confessions will be heard at the same time)

Midnight: Holy Mass at St. Therese Church



St. Therese School News

St. Therese School would like to CONGRATULATE all FIRST COMMUNICANTS upon receiving their RITE OF ENROLLMENT.

Please consider participating in the following:

- ◆ Rite of Enrollment for 2nd Graders & Family Mass today, 12/15, at 9:00 am. Mass
- ◆ Christmas Program on 12/17 at 6:30 pm in the Church.
- ◆ Ongoing New Student Registration for TK - 7th Grade
- ◆ Ongoing Guest Program—Your child is invited to experience a day with our students
- ◆ Ongoing Collection of Non-Perishable Food for our Christian Services Pantry
- ◆ Ongoing Collection of Box Tops for Education



We encourage you to visit the school office or our website, www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org, for important information and updates. Please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Lovano, by phone at 289-3364 or by email at clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Special

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS



Help us beautify the church for Christmas by donating in the Christmas Flower offering envelopes (found in the pews or on the tables by the church doors). You may enter the names of those you wish prayed for on the envelopes, and a Mass will be offered for them on Sunday, January 12, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. God bless you for your help!

FOOD COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS

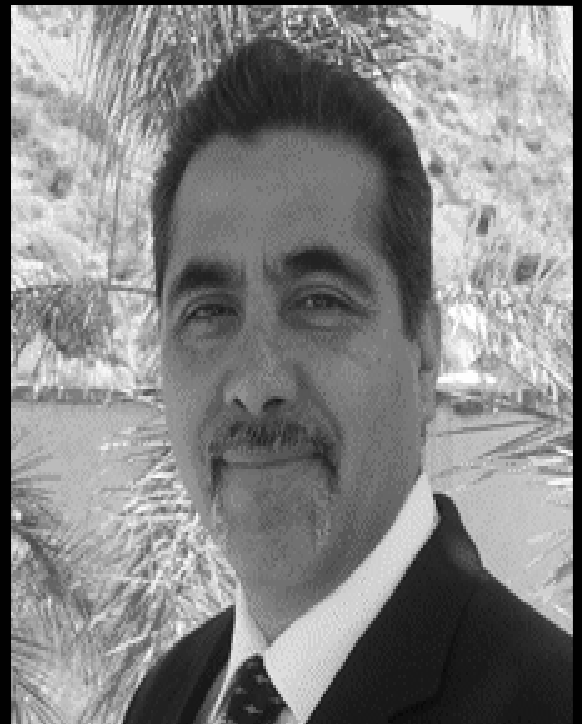


Next weekend there will be boxes placed at all the church doors to collect your **donations of non-perishable food items** (canned, boxed, bagged). You may also bring gifts of hams or turkeys to the offices on El Molino during open hours. All of these items will be used to prepare Christmas Baskets for those who are in financial need at this time of year. Remember! God will not be outdone in generosity!

JESSE ROMERO TO SPEAK

AT ST. THERESE PARISH

P a r e n t s ! You are the primary catechists of your children! On January 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the Hall, you are invited to learn how to speak to your children about the Faith and how the media influences our culture by attending a talk given by Jesse Romero called "Twelve Steps to Being a Good Catholic". Jesse will share Catholic teaching with an exciting style that is guaranteed to strengthen, edify, and fortify everyone with a deeper love for God.



All parents are invited to attend this important talk; attendance is MANDATORY for the parents of our Religious Ed and Confirmation students! Donations appreciated!

**NO CAFETERIA CATHOLICISM!
NO COMPROMISING!**

Parish Ministries

Respect Life Ministry:

THE TREE OF LIFE: LET EVERY BABY'S LIGHT SHINE! Please stop by the Christmas "Tree of Life" in the main vestibule of the church and take one or more of the STAR ornaments hanging from it. Then just bring back the item written on it and place it underneath the tree or bring to the offices. These gifts will go to mothers and their babies in need. God bless you for caring!

FAST & PRAY: Please join Foot Soldiers For Life every Wednesday in our weekly Fasting and extra Prayer for the needs of increasing Respect for Life in this world.

T-SHIRTS: Foot Soldiers for Life still has ProLife T-Shirts available for sale! Stop by the offices and see all the designs expressing support for Life!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STRE NEWS: Classes are in session TODAY, Sunday, December 15, and on Sunday, December 22, from 9:00 to Noon each day, including the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

JESSE ROMERO will be here on January 13 to address the parents of our students! Attendance is mandatory for our STRE parents. Please see Page Three for details.

RCIA PART I: Interested in becoming Catholic or being fully initiated? Attend our classes in the Parish Meeting Room at 7 pm on selected Thursdays (next: December 19) and join us at selected 11:00 a.m. Masses (next: Jan. 19).



RCIA PART II: "Consuming the Word," is an Apologetics Course for those initiated into the Church through RCIA—either here or at another parish—who wish to take their Faith to the next level. Meetings are on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00

pm, in the Parish Meeting Room (next date is January 14), and are conducted by Rhonda Storey and Ruben Beltran. Call for details.

CONFIRMATION



YOUTH CONFIRMATION: Classes are in session TODAY, Sunday, December 15, and next Sunday, December 22, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., including 5:00 p.m. Mass.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Any baptized Catholics over 18, who made First Communion and wish to be Confirmed, are invited to attend Adult Confirmation Classes in the Parish Offices

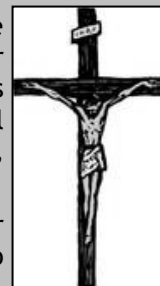
twice a month on Saturday afternoons from Noon to 1:00 pm. Next date is December 21.

JESSE ROMERO TO SPEAK TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUTH: Parents! Please come to the Hall on Monday, January 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., to hear Jesse Romero speak on "How to be Good Catechists for Your Children". This talk, **MANDATORY FOR THE PARENTS OF OUR STUDENTS**, is sponsored by Ruben and Rhonda. See Page Three for more info.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

FAITH NIGHTS: All high-school youth are welcomed to join us in the Parish Center for Faith Nights on Confirmation Class days immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass—until 8:00 p.m. Next meetings are today, Sunday, December 15, and next Sunday, December 22.

CONTACT Ruben at 284-0024, ext. 235, or rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com for more info about upcoming events or for other information.



Parish Ministries / News:

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



"In each of our lives Jesus comes as the Bread of Life—to be eaten, to be consumed by us. This is how He loves us. Then Jesus comes in our human life as the hungry one, the other, hoping to be fed with the Bread of our life, our hearts by loving, and our hands by serving. In loving and serving, we prove that we have been created in the likeness of God, for God is Love, and when we love we are like God. This is what Jesus meant when He said, 'Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect.'"

--Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

To sign up for an hour every week, please call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS!

By patronizing the advertisers on the back of our bulletin, you are supporting our parish!

When you call them for their services, be sure to tell them you saw their ad in our bulletin! If YOU would like to advertise YOUR business in the bulletin, please call Paluch at 1-800-231-0805.

BAPTISM MINISTRY Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, Ext. 225 - In order to take part in our Baptism Program,



PARENTS & GODPARENTS are required to: 1) Attend a class (next is January 7)—fee is \$100 per child or \$25 for the class only—from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Library; and 2) Attend a Presentation Sunday Mass (next open date is January 19 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass). Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday at Noon (next open Baptism is January 25).

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

THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Below are the totals for last weekend's collection and for the previous four weeks:

December 7 / 8, 2013

Unrestricted.....	\$10,841.00
Restricted	\$ 1,971.00*
TOTAL.....	\$12,812.00

*Includes donations for the new fence

As a friendly suggestion for those who are employed, we propose a realistic donation of at least one hour of pay per week.

November 9 / 10, 2013.....	\$12,336.00
November 16 / 17, 2013.....	\$10,256.00
November 23 / 24, 2013.....	\$13,587.00
November 30 / Dec. 1, 2013.....	\$13,172.00

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2013

"Love Never Fails"

Our assigned goal.....	\$64,563.00
Donations received as of 12/9/2013.....	\$65,999.00
Donations collected <u>OVER</u> goal.....	\$ 1,436.00

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped us not only reach our goal, but also to go OVER it! God bless you for your generosity!

COLLECTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE TYPHOON IN THE PHILIPPINES

Thank you, St. Therese Parishioners and Friends. for your contributions to aid the victims of the recent Haiyan typhoon in the Philippines. These donations, as well as our collection from Thanksgiving Day, will



be donated to Catholic Relief Services to help the victims of this disaster with food and drink. There's an even greater need to rebuild their broken spirits and lives. Together we can make a difference. Thank you on behalf of all the victims—those who died and those who are meagerly surviving. Mabuhay and God bless us all.

WIN AN OIL PAINTING OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE!

While visiting here on his break from Uganda last month, Fr. Jan brought an oil painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe, created by an African woman who lives in the Carmelite Mission in Uganda. We are raffling it off, with all proceeds benefiting the Carmelite Student House in Jinja, Uganda. Tickets can be purchased after all the weekend Masses at the Religious Goods counter through **NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**, at \$2 for one or \$10 for six. This painting would make an excellent Christmas present for a loved one who has a special devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The drawing will be held on Sunday evening, December 22nd.



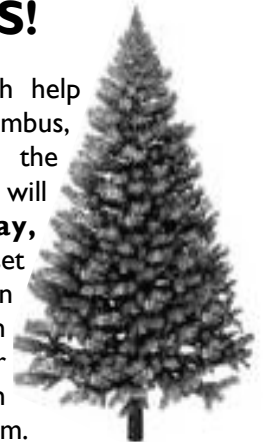
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HELP TO DECORATE ST. THERESE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

The St. Therese Altar Society, with help from the Alhambra Knights of Columbus, invite you to help them decorate the church for Christmas. The Knights will be in the church this **Monday, December 16, at 5:30 p.m.**, to set up the trees, followed by a reception on the church veranda (in front). On **Monday, December 23**, the Altar Society will be cleaning the church and decorating it from 9 am until 2 p.m.



This Christmas end a quarrel.

Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust.

Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Keep

a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge.

Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Examine your

demands on others. Think first of someone else.

Be kind; be gentle. Appreciate. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Express your gratitude. Gladden the heart of a child. Welcome a stranger. Take pleasure in the beauty and the

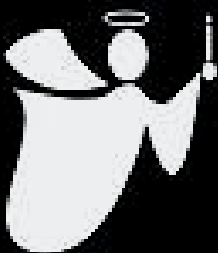
wonder of Earth.

Speak your love.

Speak it again.

Speak it yet

Once again.



Mass Intentions

**For the Week of
12/14/13 to 12/21/2013**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Maria Lee Ngan INT

Sunday:

*7:30 am Michael Alexander Cheah INT
7:30 a.m. Vilma Chau RIP
9:00 a.m.: Parishioners
11:00 a.m.: Marianna Boles RIP
1:00 p.m. (Latin): Sandy Soden RIP
5:00 p.m. Concepcion Aguilar RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: George & Joan McDonald RIP
*7:30 am Eleanor Miller RIP
8:00 a.m.: Luis Carlos Villa INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Barbara Breckinridge RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Hilton Green RIP
8:00 a.m. Jo Ann Finley RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Therese Wong RIP
8:00 a.m.: Fausto Vasquez RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Alcayaga RIP
*7:30 a.m. Lorraine Brost RIP
8:00 am Virgilio Lopez 9st b-day INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD INT
*7:30 am Sr. Elizabeth Therese INT
8:00 am: Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD B-day INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. John Hanery RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
8:00 a.m. Priests of St. Therese Parish INT

*Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road—open to the public every day **except** on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and 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. *Each bouquet is \$40 (two for \$80).*



Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

† Bro. Leonard Mary

Outside the Parish

CARMELITE MISSIONARY PILGRIMAGE TO UGANDA: February 14-24, 2014, with Chaplain Fr. David Costello, OCD, and tour guide Sr. Antonia. \$2,892 per person including r/t air, housing, most meals, and daily Mass. Call 394-4367; email aokyang@gmail.com for more info.

You are invited to join Fr. Joseph Parathanal of Holy Family, So. Pas, on two Pilgrimages: GRAND MARIAN Pilgrimage-MEDJUGORJE, FATIMA, LOURDES, SPAIN, & ITALY (May 2014); and ROYAL TOUR TO INDIA-ST. THOMAS, MOTHER TERESA (Sept. 2014). Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or call (323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618).

Discover what a life-changing MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND can do for your marital relationship. Your spouse is God's gift to you. What you make of your marriage is your thanks to God. Find out how to make a good marriage better and a better marriage great. For more info, contact Winston and Dinah Perez at 818-527-MEMC (6362) or go to www.memconline.org or email: memcweekend@gmail.com

EL CARMELO RETREAT HOUSE, operated by the Discalced Carmelite Friars, will receive a portion of the commission on any travel you book through their site: www.elcarmelotravel.com. Same low rates as other travel websites—but helps maintain the center. Also book hotels, cars, cruises, concerts, etc.

Intentions of our Holy Father for December 2013:

1) That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need; and 2) That Christians, enlightened by the Word Incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Savior's coming.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Charitt Torres

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Florence Goh / Aurora Dolores
9:00 a.m. Lily Edusma / Madeline Nguyen
11:00 a.m. Jeff Storey / Andy Zepeda
5:00 p.m. Vickie Blair / Heinrich Ranches