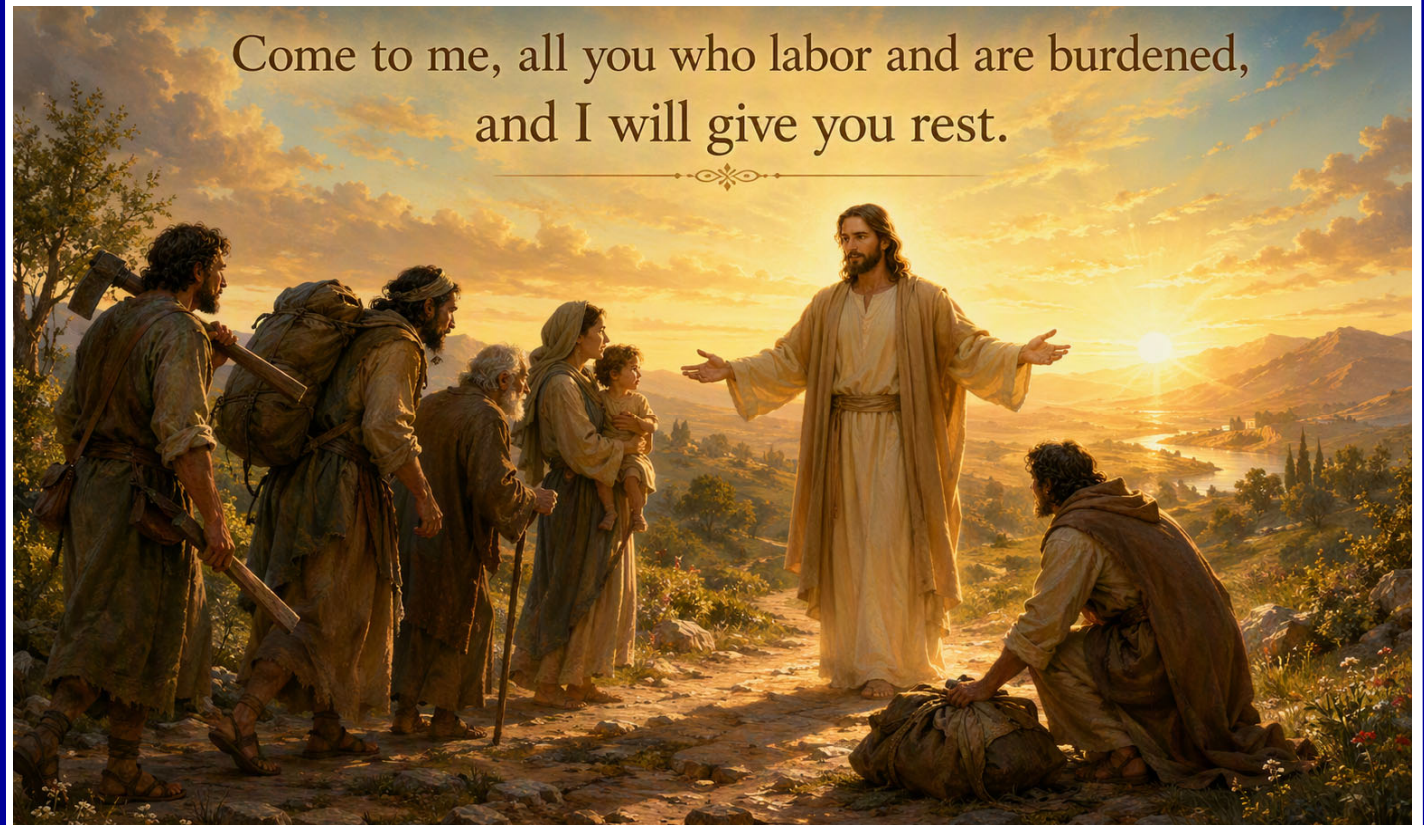




St Therese Catholic Church



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Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
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MASSES | CONFESSIONS

Masses: Saturdays: 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 & 8:00 a.m.

Rosary: Monday-Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Monday and Tuesday evenings: *7:15 p.m. Mass
(*Monday evening Mass followed by Healing Service;
Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. is in Spanish).

Thursday evenings: 7:00 pm Exposition & Adoration

First Fridays: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

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

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.;

Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and

Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm | 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

I wish you all a Happy and Blessed 250th Anniversary of our country! Let us pray together that we will remain “one nation under God!” To commemorate this day, I’d like to share this **Presidential Message about the U.S. Catholic Bishops Honoring the 250th Anniversary of American Independence.**

—Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.



Today, Melania and I join in prayer with the Catholic Bishops gathered in Orlando, Florida, as they consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the occasion of our 250th year of American Independence—a powerful moment in our national story and a poignant reminder that America has always been guided by the loving hand of God. Even in the centuries before the United States was conceived in nationhood, America was a land of prayer, a place of miracles, and home to some of the most faithful and devoted Christians to ever live. From the heroic bands of Christian missionaries, settlers, and explorers who tamed the unknown to spread the Gospel to the priests, chaplains, and churchgoers who forged our spirit in

every generation since, the love of Jesus Christ has stood at the center of our identity and way of life.

Inspired by this proud birthright of faith, just years after the end of the Revolutionary War, Bishop John Carroll—the first Catholic bishop in the United States and cousin of Catholic Founding Father Charles Carroll—consecrated our young Republic to Mary, the Mother of God. Today, this grand legacy of faith in America reaches yet another historic milestone as America’s Catholic Bishops consecrate our Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, during which they will prayerfully “celebrate the abundant gifts” that God has “given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” And following today’s consecration, on June 12, Christians in the United States and around the world will celebrate the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, a joyful celebration of God’s boundless love for all His creation.

This year’s Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus also fittingly marks the anniversary of one of the most momentous days in Western civilization’s long twilight struggle against atheistic communism. On June 12, 1987, President Ronald Reagan delivered his historic address at Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, Germany, in which he famously implored Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev to “tear down this wall.” On that very day, just over 200 miles away, Pope Saint John Paul II, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, was speaking in his native Poland. On the Westerplatte Peninsula—the place where, in the opening days of World War II, an isolated force of around 200 Polish warriors held out for seven days against approximately 4,000 German troops attacking from sea, land, and air—the Pope challenged a gathering of Polish youth: *“Each of you, young friends, also finds your own ‘Westerplatte’ in life. A set of tasks that must be undertaken and fulfilled. A just cause that you cannot simply fail to fight for. A duty, an obligation, from which you cannot shirk, you cannot ‘desert.’ Finally—a certain order of truths and values that must be ‘upheld’ and ‘defended,’ just as at Westerplatte, within oneself and around oneself. Yes, defended—for oneself and for others.”*

Thanks to the moral leadership of President Reagan and Pope Saint John Paul II, the tireless work and determination of free men and women around the world, and the moral witness of millions who endured prolonged suffering within the Captive Nations, the godless forces of Soviet communism were vanquished—and the human spirit triumphed.

Today, nearly four decades later, our Nation and our culture confront a new set of menacing ideologies seeking once again to cast God out from our society. But today, as Catholic Bishops consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in this 250th year of our Independence, we recommit ourselves, like President Reagan and Pope Saint John Paul II, to defending our spiritual identity and great civilizational inheritance. Above all, we pray that America will continue for the next 250 years, and beyond, to be a land of faith, a country of miracles, and a light and glory to all nations.

—Donald J. Trump, President of the United States

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For centuries, the Shroud has inspired devotion and reflection on the Passion of our Lord. While the Church does not *require* belief in its authenticity, many Catholics believe that it is, and they honor it as a powerful testament of Christ's immense love and sacrifice for humanity.

At this presentation, replicas of the instruments of Christ's suffering—the leather whip, crown of thorns, nails, and spear—will be exhibited to help us more deeply understand the reality of His Passion and the depth of His mercy. **SPACE IS LIMITED... EMAIL GRACE TODAY AT HER EMAIL ABOVE—HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW.**

Triduum for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

A Triduum of Masses to prepare for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patroness of the Carmelite Order, will be celebrated and preached by Fr. Stephen Watson. He will also celebrate the Feast Day Mass on July 16. The **Triduum dates are: Monday, July 13, through Wednesday, July 15, with Mass each of those three evenings at 7:00 p.m. (NOT 7:15 p.m.).** The Feast Day Mass will also be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.—on **Thursday, July 16.**

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the Mass, there will be **NO Holy Hour on that Thursday.** Watch the bulletin and/or the website for possible updates to this schedule.

Also, we will pray a **Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel at each of the Masses from July 7 through July 15.** You can find this Novena prayer at the top of the next page (Page Four).



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

July 7 – 15 (Feast: July 16)

Oh most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity... O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this my necessity; there are none that can withstand your power.

O show me herein you are my Mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. Amen.



A Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass

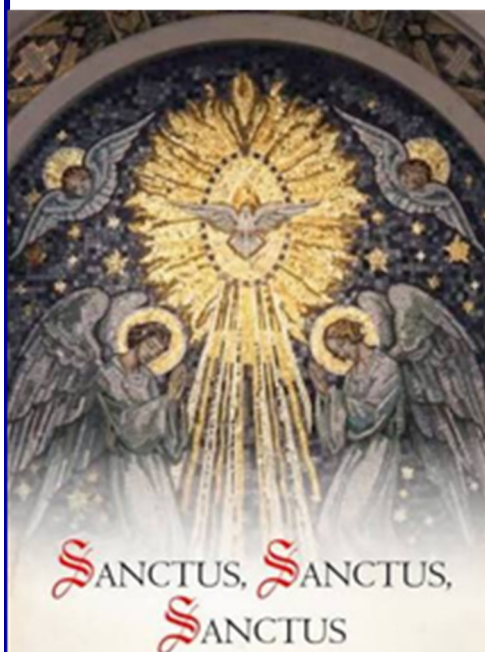
Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 45: Sanctus—A Foretaste of Heaven

This next part of the Mass is called the Sanctus, perhaps more commonly referred to as the *Holy, Holy, Holy*. As is true with many parts of the Mass, we can find these words in the Holy Scriptures. The prophet Isaiah saw a vision of the Lord on a throne with angels singing, “*Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts!*” (Is. 6:3). In St. John’s vision of Heaven, the four living creatures continuously exclaim, “*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come*” (Rev. 4:8). Perhaps we will also recognize the second part of the Sanctus from the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday: “*Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest*” (Mt. 21:9).

St. John Chrysostom describes the presence of angels during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with these words: “The angels surround the priest; all the temple, especially the sanctuary, is populated with celestial hosts of angels who honor God, present on the altar” (Understanding the Mass, p. 131). In a very real way, the Sanctus helps to remind us that our participation in the Mass is truly a foretaste of Heaven.

Singing with the Angels: Charles Belmonte relates that a certain “Cardinal Bona (seventeenth century) explains that this hymn contains three praises and two petitions: First, we extol the holiness, power, and supreme dominion of God when we say, ‘*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of [hosts].*’ Then, we praise His glory which shines forth in all creatures, when we say, ‘*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*’ Third, we laud Christ by saying, ‘*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*’ ... The two petitions are: ‘*Hosanna in the highest;*’ we say it twice, asking for our salvation and everything that leads to it. The first petition is addressed to God, and the second to Christ” (Understanding the Mass, p. 133–134).

Source: Fr. Luke Spannagel’s blog at <https://www.stphils.com/Church/Eucharistic-revival-walk-through-the-Mass/>



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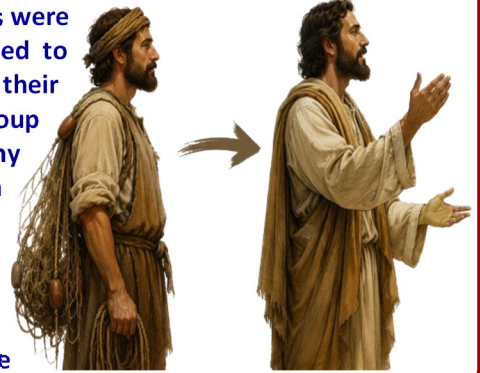
A disciple and an apostle are closely related terms often used in a religious context, especially in Christianity, but they describe different roles. **A disciple is, at its core, a learner or follower.** The word comes from a term meaning "student," and it refers to anyone who accepts the teachings of a leader and seeks to live by them.

In the New Testament, disciples were those who followed Jesus, listened to His teachings, and tried to model their lives after His example. This group was broader and included many people beyond the well-known twelve.

An apostle, on the other hand, has a more specific meaning. The term means "one who is sent out." The twelve apostles were

chosen from among the disciples and given a special mission—to spread the message and establish the faith in new places. In Christian tradition, the twelve apostles were personally selected by Jesus and entrusted with authority and responsibility to lead others.

The key difference, therefore, lies in their roles: all apostles were disciples first, but not all disciples became apostles. Disciples focus on learning and following, while apostles are commissioned to lead, teach, and carry the message outward to others.



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Day of Prayer and Reflection for Vocations
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July 25, 2026
St. Therese Parish Hall
9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

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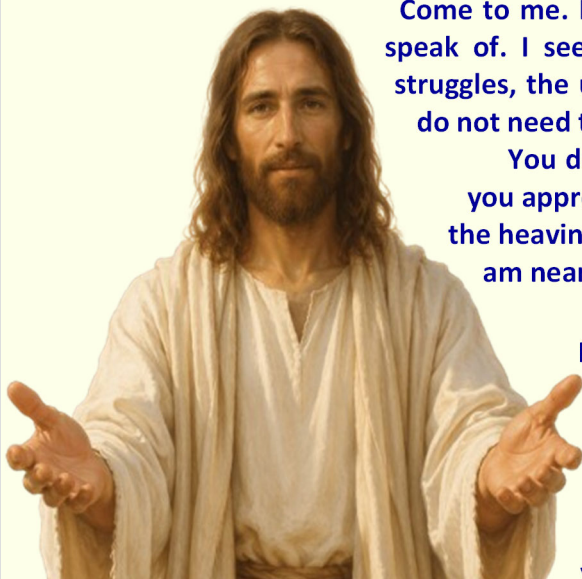
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You do not need to prove yourself worthy, nor gather strength before you approach. Bring me your weariness. Bring me your doubts, your fears, the heaviness you have learned to carry alone. I am not distant from you—I am near, with arms already open. Let me take what you cannot carry.

My heart is not harsh or demanding. I am gentle with you. I am patient. I do not press you down further—I lift you. Walk with me, learn from me, and feel the difference of my presence beside you. What felt crushing will grow lighter, not because the road disappears, but because you no longer walk it alone. Rest in me.

Lay down your burdens, one by one. Breathe again. Let your soul be quiet in my love. This is the gift I give you—not escape, but peace. Not absence of struggle, but a heart held and strengthened within it. Come to me all you who are weary and burdened... and I will give you rest.



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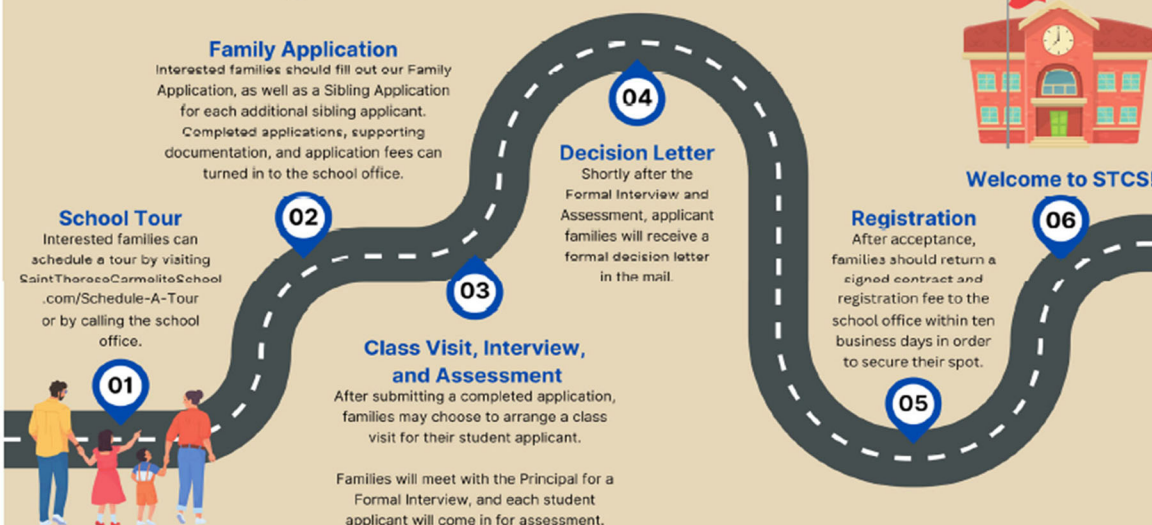
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June 13 / 14	\$27,584.00
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Mass Intentions

July 4—July 11, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: David Tuan, B-Day INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Sr. Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

9:00 a.m.: Anthony Luis Hamlig, INT

11:00 am: Martha Lacayo & Lucy Coyle, INT

1:00 p.m.: Basilio Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Nida V. Nazareno, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Teresa, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Maria May Josephine Peralta, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Sabrina Kiowski, INT

Tuesday (+7:15 p.m. in Spanish):

6:00 a.m.: Emma Rodriguez, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Mark H. Asayama, INT

7:15 p.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Philip and Juphilsia, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Kim Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 am: Helmut Tittmann, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Park Ho Soon Maria, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Fred Leathem, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Soriano & Domingo Fuentes, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Heidi Halpin, INT

Saturday Morning

*7:30 a.m.: Alhambra Cloistered Carm. Nuns

8:00 a.m.: Maeve Kretschmer, 3rd B-day INT

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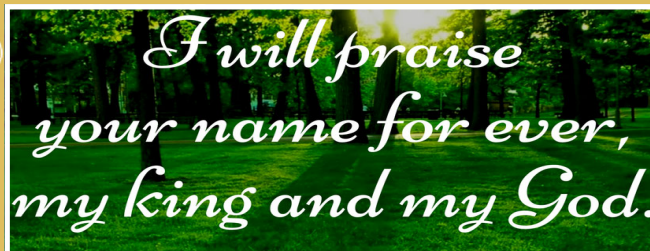
Pilgrimages

The complete itinerary for the following pilgrimage is on the website (OUTSIDE THE PARISH section).

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE with Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, from November 22—December 3, 2026. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus in Galilee, Tiberius, Caesarea, Cana, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jericho, Mt. Carmel, Jerusalem, etc. Walk the Via Dolorosa, take a two-hour boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, float on the Dead Sea, and much more! \$4,599 each (from LAX). Contact: Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839.



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