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St. Therese Catholic Church

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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and His disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever He tells you" (John 1:1-5).

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

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PASTOR'S COLUMN



Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

I wish you all God's protection and peace during this difficult time of wildfires, lost homes, no power, and evacuations. I am deeply sorry for all our parishioners, friends, and relatives who have lost their homes in the last week or so! It's difficult to fathom how many lives have been adversely affected due to these wildfires. And yet, for us believers, it is at a time like this that we must rise to the occasion and be Christ for others in their need. It is in times of great tragedy or adversity that the greatest heroes or saints arise. So how can we give of ourselves right now, especially to those in need? How can we give of our resources and abundance to those who have lost everything?

I visited one of the burn areas on Friday the 10th and saw the best of humanity stepping up to help others through aid stations with free food and water. This goodness is ultimately a reflection of the goodness of God, but it is through our charity and generosity that God's goodness is revealed to others. So let us be little reflections of God's goodness for others. Let us be the ones who restore hope in humanity! And let us bring God into every act of charity or work of mercy that we perform! Maybe it is for a time such as this that we were put on this earth. Let's not squander an incredible opportunity!

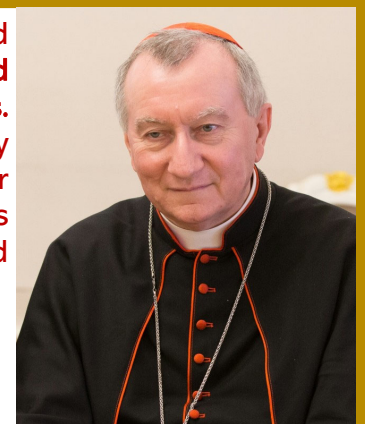
Please look to our website (home page, left column) for how you can help people within our Catholic community through their GoFundMe pages. Thank you and God reward you for your generosity! **We'll continue with St. Therese's Act of Oblation to Merciful Love in next week's bulletin.**

The Vatican's Secretary of State issued the letter below on behalf of the Holy Father regarding the wildfires in Los Angeles County.

—Fr. Peter Mary

Saddened by the loss of life and the widespread destruction caused by the fires near Los Angeles, His Holiness Pope Francis assures you and the communities affected by this tragedy of his spiritual closeness. Entrusting the souls of the deceased to the loving mercy of almighty God, His Holiness sends heartfelt condolences to those who mourn their loss. He likewise prays for the relief efforts of the emergency services personnel, and imparts his blessing to all as a pledge of consolation and strength in the Lord.

—Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State





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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

10 AM-3 PM

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The Gifts of the Spirit



The readings for this Sunday echo with joy and celebration. Isaiah (62:1-5) paints a vivid picture of God's covenant with His people as a

marriage. **"As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you."** This imagery of marriage conveys the intimate and unbreakable bond God desires to have with us. Just as a wedding is a time of joy and renewal, these words remind us that God is constantly renewing us in His love.

St. Paul's words in 1 Corinthians (12:4-11) reveal how God equips His Church with diverse gifts of the Holy Spirit to build up His Kingdom. These gifts are not for personal glory but for the benefit of all. Each of us is called to recognize and use our gifts to serve one another, reflecting the joyful harmony described in Psalm 96: "Sing to the Lord, all you lands; announce His salvation, day after day." Together, these readings invite us to rejoice in God's faithfulness and share His love with the world as joyful witnesses to His kingdom.

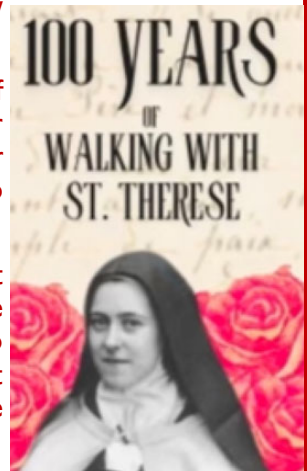
Gala of Roses on Feb. 1

As of this writing, due to the postponement caused by the fires, several ticket holders for the Gala (to be held on February 1st) have had to cancel since they already had plans for the new date.

We were sold out before the fires, but because of the ticket cancellations, we have a bit of room. Our maximum is 230 people, so call the office (626-282-2744, ext. 0) and let us know if you'd like to attend.

Give your name, the number of tickets you would like, your phone number, and your email, and we will get back to you.

PRIORITY: Your seats are not confirmed until we receive \$100 for each seat, so whoever makes their payment first will be the first to be seated.



COR JESU YOUTH & FAMILY NIGHT



YOUTH! FAMILIES! FR. ROBERT INVITES YOU to the next Cor Jesu Night on **Friday, January 24, from 6:15 to 9:00 p.m.** (rescheduled from January 10). The theme this month is *"Lust vs Purity of Heart,"* and our featured saints are **SS. Louis and Zelig Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux.** See the schedule below:

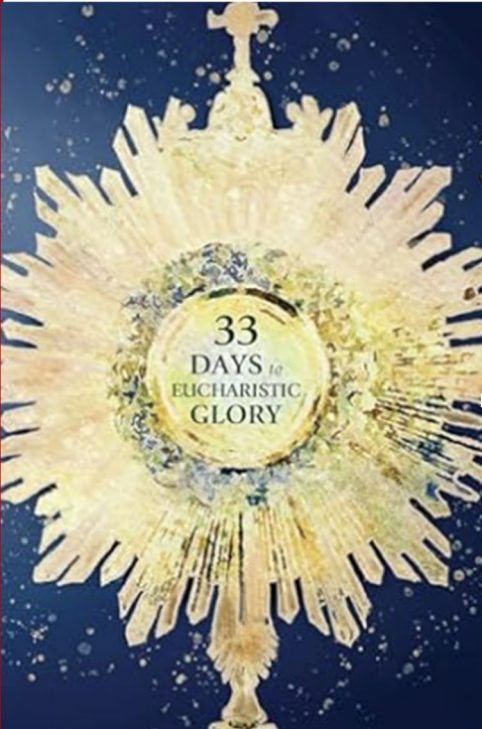
6:15 PIZZA SOCIAL—Meet in the Hall! We will have pizza at the tables in front.

6:45 PM BREAK OUT INTO CENACLES/GROUPS (1) High School-ers, 2) Middle School-ers (6th, 7th, 8th Grades), 3. *Parents, and 4) *Children)

8:15 PM: HOLY HOUR/CONFESSIONS (ALL parishioners, etc., are welcomed to join us!): Helping youth and their families encounter Jesus (traditional benediction, chants, soft praise, music, Gospel reflection, compline).

*Children from three years through 5th Grade will have the "Virtues in Practice" Program. Parents will break into their own cenacles for reflections on the Sunday Gospels, commitments, intercessory prayer, etc. Bring a Bible and a Rosary! We'll see you there!

PARISH CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST



On the last weekend of December, St. Therese Parish gave away free copies of Matthew Kelly's award-winning book, *"33 Days to Eucharistic Glory."* If you didn't receive a copy of the book, stop by the office during our open hours and pick one up. If you have one of the books, we hope you have been reading and discussing one chapter each day (just two to three pages). The goal is for each person to grow in faith and get closer to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



After each of the Masses on **Sunday, February 2**, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus, the priests will invite all those who would like to consecrate themselves to Jesus in the Eucharist to come forward and pray the consecration prayer.

Together we will invite Jesus to help us love Him more, encourage others to love Him more, and become empowered to share the truth about the "Source and Summit" of our Faith.

Financial Offerings



January 11 / 12, 2025

Unrestricted..... \$18,216.00
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 December 28 / 29 \$28,935.00
 January 4 / 5 \$54,273.00

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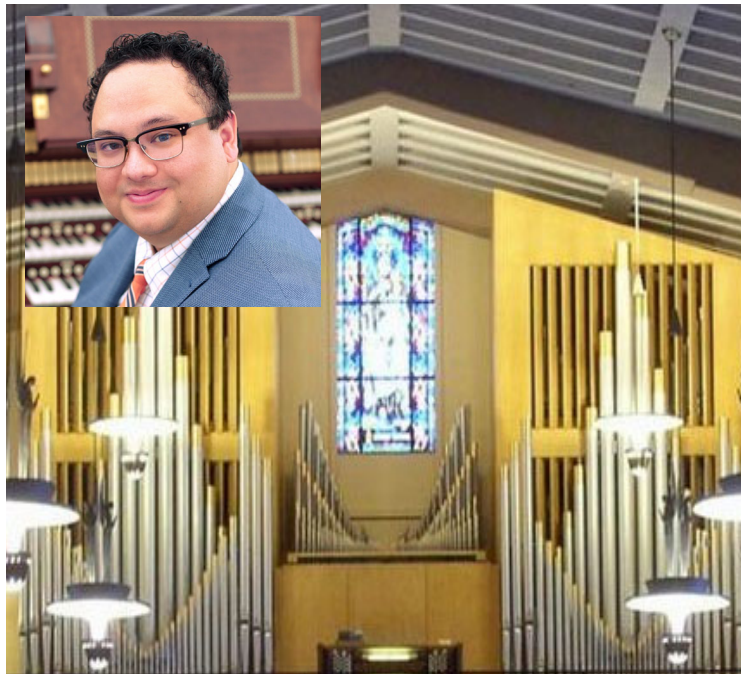
CENTENNIAL FINALE: ORGAN CONCERT!

Join us on Sunday, February 2nd, as we conclude our 100th anniversary year and the Christmas season with an ORGAN CONCERT performed on our 72-rank Wicks/Schantz Pipe Organ!

DAVID BALL, Julliard-trained organist and the head of music ministry at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove, will perform.

This free concert will be held on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Join us after the concert for a . . .
A Cheese and Wine Reception
 in the Guadalupe Courtyard!



National Eucharistic Revival

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 20: Gospel

For many of us, the Gospel is one of our favorite parts of the Mass. We get to hear the stories about Jesus and the Apostles, how Jesus worked miracles of healing, and the words that He taught. It is easy to imagine the scenes in our minds as we listen to the words.

What does the word Gospel mean? The glossary of the Catechism defines Gospel as “[t]he ‘good news’ of God’s mercy and love revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. [...] The Gospel is handed on in the apostolic tradition of the Church as the source of all-saving truth and moral discipline” (CCC, Glossary, “Gospel”).

The four Gospels are named after their human writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The Second Vatican Council teaches, “The apostles preached, as Christ had charged them to do, and then, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they and others of the apostolic age handed on to us in writing the same message they had preached, the foundation of our faith: the fourfold Gospel, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John” (Dei Verbum, 18).

At the conclusion of the Gospel passage for a particular Mass, the priest or deacon says, “The Gospel of the Lord!” Our response in faith is, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!” Then, the priest or deacon kisses the page he just read from and says silently, “Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away.”

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



The Miracle at Cana: A Sign of Transformation and Grace



THE WEDDING AT CANA, RECOUNTED IN JOHN 2:1-11, is a moment of profound revelation, where Jesus performs His first public miracle at the urging of His mother, Mary. When the wine ran out, a potential embarrassment for the hosts, Mary turned to Jesus with quiet confidence, saying, "They have no wine." Though Jesus initially responded, "My hour has not yet come," Mary, full of faith, told the servants, "**Do whatever He tells you.**"

Her intercession not only set the stage for the miracle but also underscored her unique role as an advocate for humanity, guiding us to trust in her Son. Through Mary's intervention, Jesus revealed His divine power by transforming ordinary water into the finest wine, a sign of abundance, joy, and the new covenant He would bring.

This miracle foreshadows the ultimate transformation that Jesus would institute in the Eucharist. Just as He changed water into wine at Cana, He would later transform bread and wine into His Body and Blood at the Last Supper (and continues to do daily at the Mass). Both miracles point to the generosity and abundance of God's grace. The water jars, originally used for Jewish purification rites, symbolize the old covenant, which Jesus fulfills and surpasses through the new covenant of His blood. The Eucharist, like the wine at Cana, is a sign of divine generosity and an invitation to participate in the heavenly banquet.

The miracle at Cana invites us to reflect on Christ's transformative power in our lives, through His sacraments and His ongoing work of grace, turning the ordinary into the extraordinary and bringing us closer to His divine presence.

Mass Intentions

January 18—25, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Doris Marikian, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Gloria Therese, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Cheah and Goh Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Otto Lacayo, INT

11:00 a.m.: Avelina Fuentes, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Fred Abelá Birthday INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Averyl Rose Sia, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mrs. Teresie Nally, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Deacon Joseph Mizerski, RIP

7:15 p.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Madeleine Young, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: The Marks Family, INT

7:15 p.m.: Brian Mitchell, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Tito Sia, Jr., Birthday INT

7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mary Colombiere, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Deacon Joseph Mizerski, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: August Pastoral, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Belen N. Vales, Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: Belen Juarez, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Andy Francia, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Raymond Tittmann, Birthday INT

Saturday (Morning):

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community

8:00 a.m.: Michael Alexander, INT

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

***Open to the public except on Sundays and some holidays.**

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass and the HOMILIES at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m. Masses. Be sure to "tune in"!

Pilgrimages

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, AND ITALY with Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD: Join this 14-day pilgrimage from July 11 to 24, 2025, to all four countries listed above. For more info and to receive an itinerary, contact ABM Tours at 310-514-3323 or 408-903-6305 or maddatubeth2@gmail.com. See more info at abmtours.com.

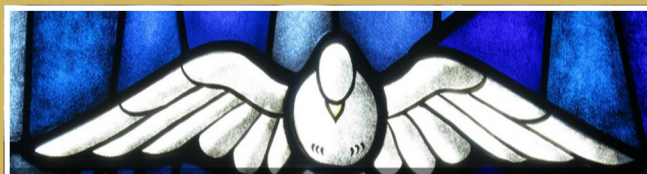
FOR ZION'S SAKE I WILL NOT KEEP SILENT, AND FOR JERUSALEM'S SAKE I WILL NOT BE QUIET

ISAIAH 62:1



Psalm 96

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.



There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord, there are different workings but the same God
1 Corinthians 12:4-6

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