

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 12, 2020 **MINISTERED BY THE DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS** Estab. 1924



Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD X222;
Associate Pastor: Fr. David Guzman, OCD X232;
Carmelite Vocation Director: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD X224

In Residence:
Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD X335;
Fr. Donald Kinney, OCD (Chaplain for the Carmelite
Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles);
Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD (7th Grade Teacher)

Deacons: Deacon Joseph Mizerski X333;
Deacon Gilbert Vargas X333

NEW PARISHIONERS

Register in the office
at 510 N. El Molino
Street, Alhambra.

Office Hours are Monday through
Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm;
from 2:00 to 5:00 pm; and from
6:00 to 8:00 pm (closed from
1:00 to 2:00 pm and
from 5:00 to 6:00 pm).

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
is open 24/7. An electronic key is
needed from 5:00 pm to 6:00 am
(available in the office for \$20).

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL (626) 289-3364

[www.SaintThereseCarmelite
School.com](http://www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com)

Principal: Alma Cornejo
X661

Principal @[sainttheresecarmelite
school.com](mailto:sainttheresecarmelite
school.com)

Chaplain: Fr. Matthias
Lambrecht, OCD X224

See our VIDEOS on
the School's Facebook page
or on the Church's
Website: > Our School
> Videos



MASSES AND 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.

Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary: Mon-Sat after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Friday: Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office) six months+ in advance

Holy Communion to the Sick: Fred & Margaret Padilla, (626) 282-0943

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office to schedule an appointment.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Grade School, Confirmation

for Youth & Adults,
RCIA, and Liturgical
Ministries): Call
the main office



"THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD"



"Why was Jesus Baptized?" Every January the Church celebrates the Baptism of Jesus Christ, an event recorded in all four Gospels. But the question is often asked, "Why was Jesus Baptized?" Baptism, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Paragraph 1279), "...includes the forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, birth into new life by which man becomes an adoptive son of the Father, a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit." But Jesus was sinless and is eternally the Son of the Father. Even John the Baptist seems confused by what Jesus did. "John would have prevented Him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?'" But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.' Then he consented" (Matt. 3:14-15). In the context of Matthew, "righteousness" is a fulfillment of the Law.

So why was Jesus Baptized? Emeritus Pope Benedict the XVI explains it beautifully:

"The Significance of this event could not fully emerge until it was seen in light of the Cross and Resurrection. Descending into the water, the candidates for Baptism confess their sin and seek to be rid of their burden of guilt. What did Jesus do in this same situation? ...Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; He bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated His public activity by stepping into the place of sinners. This inaugural gesture is an anticipation of the Cross. The whole significance of Jesus' Baptism, the fact that He bears "all righteousness," first comes to light on the Cross: The Baptism is an acceptance of death for the sins of humanity, and the voice that calls out "This is my beloved Son" over the baptismal waters is an anticipatory reference to the Resurrection" (Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth, Vol. 1).

For further reading on the Baptism of Christ see Paragraph 536 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

OneLifeLA Event

JOIN VOX VITAE and other SO CAL PRO-LIFERS FOR THE ANNUAL OneLifeLA EVENT ON JANUARY 18!

The Youth & Young Adult Kick-Off Rally will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the La Placita Gazebo. The Walk will begin at 12:30 p.m.!

TO VOX VITAE TEENS & OTHER VOLUNTEERS: Vox Vitae Teens will be in charge of greeting all the OneLifeLA participants as they arrive, along with handing out placards to walk participants. Teens and Volunteers should arrive by 10:00 a.m. for instructions (meet at the La Placita Gazebo).

PARKING is available at Union Station for \$8 or take the GoldLine into Union Station from Pasadena or from your closest GoldLine Station (cross Alameda Street in front of Union Station to get to La Placita).

REMINDER! Bring water bottles! Food trucks will be available to buy your lunch after the Walk. You may also bring your own.

FOR MORE INFO, contact Catherine at (213) 395-8977 or go to the OneLifeLA website (www.onelifela.org).



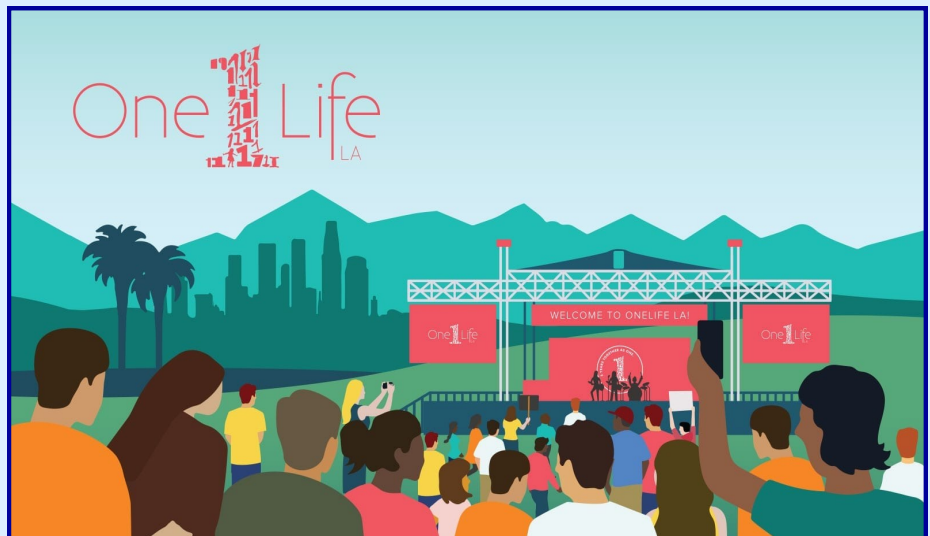
Complete Schedule for OneLife LA:

La Placita/Olvera Street
11:00 am: Youth/Young Adult Rally
12:30 pm: Walk Begins

LA State Historic Park
2:00 pm: Festival
4:00 pm: Program Concludes

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
5:00 pm: Requiem Mass for the Unborn

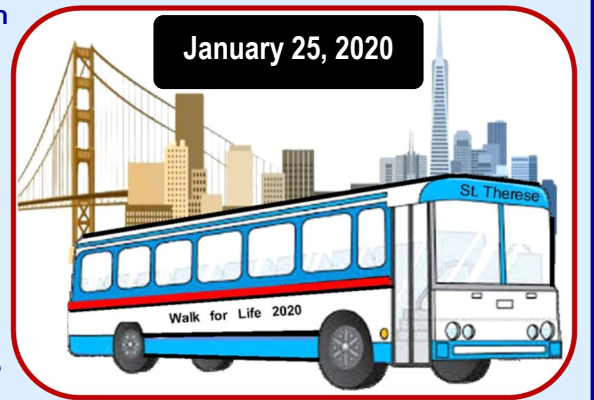
Imperial Western at Union Station, Downtown LA
7:00 pm Young Adult After Party



BUS TO WEST COAST "WALK FOR LIFE"

Vox Vitae invites YOU to join them for the Walk for Life in San Francisco on January 25th!—less than three weeks from now! The Walk and its counterpart, the March for Life in Washington, DC, commemorate the anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that stripped legal protection from unborn children on January 22, 1973. Since then, more than 60 million babies have been aborted in the United States. The Walk for Life is not a party. Rather, over 60,000 people gather together to remember the dead and resolve anew to work to end abortion. We remember also the wounded mothers, fathers, and other family members of the babies.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN to go to the 2020 Walk for Life (we'll have TWO buses!). Join us! You can register at VoxVitae.org at the Events page. Our tentative schedule on **Saturday, January 25, is:**



Please be a VOICE FOR LIFE! Register today! We're filling up fast!

Midnight - Check-in at St. Therese Church; **1:00 a.m.**—Depart; **7:00 a.m.**—Arrive in San Francisco; **7:30 a.m.**—Continental breakfast; **9:30 a.m.**—Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption; **11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**—Info Faire (Lunch can be purchased; bring your own lunch money!); **12:30-1:30 p.m.**—Speakers and rally; **1:30 p.m.**—Walk for Life; **4:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at Pier 1; **5:00 p.m.**—Protest at UCSF, the nation's abortion training headquarters and where they harvest organs from late-term babies; **5:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at UCSF; **6:00 p.m.**—FREE BBQ dinner at Our Lady Star of the Sea; **7:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at Our Lady Star of the Sea; **1:30 a.m.**—Arrive back at St. Therese Church on January 26.

The anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade* is an especially important time to demand legal protection for unborn babies.

COR JESU YOUTH

Our next **COR JESU NIGHT** will be Friday, January 17 ("Becoming Missionary Disciples of Jesus: St. Elizabeth of the Trinity & Bl. Titus Brandsma" (Envy vs. Gratitude), and will include viewing the five-minute film, *"The Veil Removed"* (produced by St. Therese's R.D. Delgado). Note: We had the privilege of viewing it at the December Cor Jesu Night; in all, it has had over 600,000 views on YouTube. See the link on our website or enter www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOLZDaTglaM on your computer's URL line.

Our next **SERVICE** events will be the two **PRO LIFE EVENTS**, OneLifeLA on January 18 (see Page Three) and the Walk for Life in San Francisco (see above).

THANK YOU to all those who donated blankets and LOTS of warm clothing for those in need; to John "Fun Coordinator" Wrot and all the participating youth (Anna, Elizabeth, James, Gianna, and Aliya) for the hilarious skit; to Mauricio Guardado for his powerful testimonial about his time in El Salvador as a former Communist turned devout Catholic dad; to Sr. Mary Joseph, Sr. Pia, and Fr. David for sharing stories about the Carmelite Saints; to the Gomez Family for picking up the pizza; and to JESUS, for forgiving our sins and working in us!

See you this coming Friday!

A car full of donated blankets and winter clothing! Thank you!



Christmas Caroling at Santa Teresita (12/2019)

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

"...for God loves a cheerful giver"
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the last few weekends.

NOTE: The second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month is for our School (THIS weekend!).



January 4 / 5, 2020

Unrestricted.....\$12,734.00
Restricted\$ 639.00
T O T A L\$13,373.00

December 14 / 15.....\$11,812.00
December 21 / 22..... \$34,115.00
Christmas 2019..... \$15,511.00
December 28 / 29..... \$15,189.00

Check Users:
Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



STRE (Kindergarten through 8th Grade, including Eucharist Preparation): Welcome back! Next classes are **Sunday, January 26.**

CONFIRMATION (High School): Next classes for First Year (C1) are **Sunday, February 2, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m.** Classes for Second Year (C2) are **Sunday, January 26, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m.**

RCIA: For those wishing to become Catholic or to complete your Sacraments, join us! Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are **January 16, 23, and 30.**

ST. VITUS DANCE ACADEMY

Attention: Students in Grades 5 through 12! Want to learn to dance? This class is perfect for beginners and experienced dancers alike! Ballroom styles will be covered, with a primary focus on East Coast Swing. In addition, students will be introduced to folk styles, such as Square, Contra, and English Country dancing. Through interactive lessons, students will learn how to connect rhythms from the music to their steps. At the completion of the classes, students will have learned a wide variety of dance steps, preparing them to confidently approach the dance floor on any occasion. As this class is cumulative, weekly attendance is recommended for the best class experience.



Classes are held in the Hall (5:45 to 6:45 p.m.). First class was **January 10; remaining classes will be on January 17, 24, and 31.** Cost is \$5 per lesson (*paid monthly*). That's four lessons for \$20! Questions? Contact Jessica Standage at jcpianjo@yahoo.com or Michelle Sandberg at (323) 346-5012 (call or text).

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JANUARY

January 21: St. Agnes - STUDY: *"Invited to Courageous Love"*

January 22: Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children - WATCH THE MOVIE: *"The Value of Life"* or *"Why I Left Planned Parenthood"*

January 24: St. Francis De Sales - STUDY: *"True Reformers: Introduction to the Devout Life"*

BLOOD DRIVE IN TWO WEEKS!

The Alhambra Knights of Columbus Council 2431 and St. Therese Church will host a Blood Drive on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall (benefitting the patients of City of Hope). Schedule your life-saving donation today! Either call our appointment line at 218-7171 or go online to www.idonateblood4hope.org (click LOCATE A BLOOD DRIVE and then enter the code STAL in the second box in the section, "Search by Sponsor"). Although appointments are recommended, walk-ins are welcome. Please bring a valid photo ID or a passport to register. Donors must be in good health, with no cold or flu symptoms on the day of the Blood Drive. Each participant will receive one In-N-Out gift card after donating blood. For any questions, please call the number listed above. **God bless you for caring!**



Ongoing Events/Meetings

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room between September and June. For more info, contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or at 679-6370.

CATHOLIC KARATE is for boys, girls, and men from 7 to 60. Learn self-defense, increased self-control, and confidence. For more info, contact John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.

CONSECRATION TO MARY: Follow-up group for those already consecrated to Jesus through His mother, the Mother of God. Meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. For more info, call Angela at (310) 701-8386.

DETENTION MINISTRY: If you're 21 or older, join us in visiting the youth (ages 8 to 18) in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meet monthly in the LA Archdiocese with our chaplain in a safe confidential setting. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for **parents:** EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR Courage LA for **persons struggling with same sex attraction:** CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com).

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: Held every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (originally formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro) is for those grieving 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. **The next meeting will be January 22.**

INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP: Join us in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices to pray for priests every **Thursday at 8:00 p.m.** (following Benediction in the church). For more info, call Blanca at 281-7070.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: For Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Frank Bodeman, at (888) 869-3124.

LEGION OF MARY: The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Winter Meetings are Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: For info on Church teaching about openness to life, contact Jack & Katrina Crow at 292 -1906 or katrina.fcp@gmail.com for **English** OR Martha Lacayo for **Spanish** at 372-0808 or Martha.fcp@gmail.com. Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System/NaproTechnology are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact one of them to register for the classes.

RISE MEN'S MINISTRY: All men who have made the challenge at www.MenRiseUp.org are encouraged to join us on **Saturday mornings for the Rosary at 6:45 a.m., followed by a video and discussion from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m.** in the Parish Meeting Room. For questions, contact Greg Keller at greglks@yahoo.com.

ROSARY MAKERS: Help make rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. For more info, call Maria Alejandra at 993-4236.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Come to the church every **Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.** to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at 281-3706.

Mass Intentions

Floral Dedications

**For the Week of
January 11 through January 18, 2020**

Saturday:

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

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Galletta Family, INT

9:00 a.m.: Michael DiMaio, INT

11:00 a.m.: Daisy Torres, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Mariano B. Corradetti, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Roger Jensen, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Lorraine & Scott Yam INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Bruce Hines, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Vivian Ruhl, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary Welsh, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Licia Nicassio, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Jesse Cisneros, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Eric Romero Martinez, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Deputy Joseph Solano, RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Peter Santoso, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Alexia Salazar, Birthday INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

Consider making a floral dedication in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one!



Bouquets are \$50+ each. To arrange for a dedication, call Giovanna at 281-9049.

Outside the Parish

Pasadena Community Orchestra presents its second FREE concert of the season **Friday, January 24**, at 8 pm, in the Sanctuary of First Church of the Nazarene (PazNaz), 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena-- 1 block west of Michillinda Ave/ La Salle High School. The concert will feature the world premiere of local composer Dante Luna's **Stamping Grounds**. Beethoven's masterful **Coriolan Overture** will open the program, which will also include Charles Griffes' **The White Peacock** and Kalinnikov's **Symphony No. 1 in G minor**. A light reception will be offered following the concert. Do come - the music will be wonderful, seating is comfortable (and wheel-chair safe), and parking is free. For further information, please call 626.445.6708 or see PCO's website at: <http://www.pcomusic.org>.

HELP FOR MARRIAGES: 82% of marriages that complete the nine-month *Retrouvaille* (REH-tro-v-eye) program are still together five years later? For questions or registration, call 909-900-5465 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Confidential!

Lectors

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Alice Cheung

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Rex Owens/ Blanca Ruvalcaba

9:00 a.m. Lucas Setiady

11:00 a.m. Sarah Halpin / Jeff Storey

5:00 p.m. Charlie Gopez

Personal Ads

ROOM FOR RENT in Rosemead apartment to clean, quiet person. Shared bathroom, kitchen privileges. \$630/mo., incl. utilities. Prefer woman but must be non-smoker/non-drug user. Call Rosa at 756-2072.

SEEKING TO RENT a private room with a non-sharing bath. Clean, quiet, non-smoking/non-drinking lady always pays on time. Can afford up to \$700/ mo., plus security. Call Valerie at 353-7648.