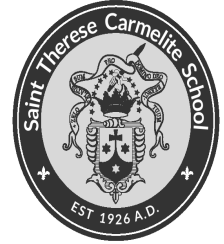




Saint Therese Church



Dec. 13, 2015

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

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(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code).

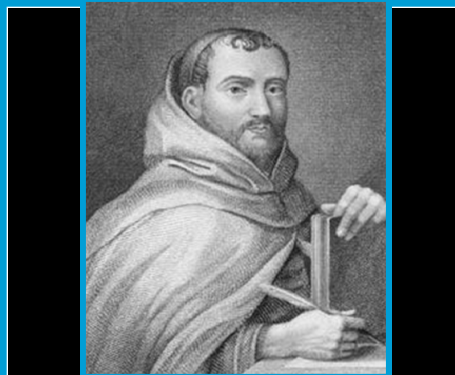
Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (332) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD (222) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD and Deacon Bro. Charles Nawodylo, OCD **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333) **Vocations:** Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocesan: (213) 637-7515

Sacraments:

Confessions: Wednesday: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday
Weddings: Call 6 months in advance
Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

Other Ministries/Programs:

***Annulments:**
Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)
***Carmelite Spiritual Reading Group**
Mondays, Jim Gillette (213) 448-1039
***Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4p.m.**
***Bible Study:** Debbie Robles 679-6370
***Detention Ministry:** Sonia Macias
(323) 724-6443
***Knights of Columbus:** Grand Knight
Tom Quintana: (626) 863-7061
***Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
***Natural Family Planning:**
Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906
***OCDS:** Stan Interrante 714-996-4164
***Respect Life Ministry:**
Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942
***Rosary Makers:** Mondays, 6-8 p.m.
Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776
***St. Joseph Prayer Group:** Wed,
6:15 p.m., Albert Grana 576-0872
***Tea at Therese Women's Group:**
Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701
***Avila Young Adult Group:**
Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284



St. John of the Cross, OCD
Feast Day: December 14
(1542 - 1591)

Masses & 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.
Holy Days:
6:00, 8:00, 10:00am & 7:30p.m.
Devotions:
Rosary: After Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass;
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-
8:00p.m.; Intercessors for Priests:
Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.; First Friday Mass
and All-Night Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

St. Therese Carmelite School:

289-3364 - Principal: Alma Cornejo (661)
stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com
Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org
School Chaplain: Fr. Leonel Varela

Parish Secretary:

Denise McMaster-Holguin (223)
denisekay@hotmail.com

Finance: Noralyn Cailan (228)

Christian Services:

Bridie McDermott (224)

Choir Directors:

9:00am: Marcia Martinez-Bateman
(775) 771-4992
11:00am: Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284
pgrimm.dir@gmail.com

Altar Ministries:

Fr. Leonel Varela (222)

Ministry to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla (626) 282-0943

Religious Education & RCIA:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)
rhondalstorey@gmail.com

Youth & Adult Confirmation

Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)
rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

Parish Vision Statement:

To be a spiritual Catholic Family focused on prayer as well as service to the Gospel through a Sacramental life. We envision our Parish as a community of stewards dedicated to building up the Body of Christ through active ministry while living the example of simplicity, humility, confidence and love of our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. --Isaiah 12:30

Thank You!

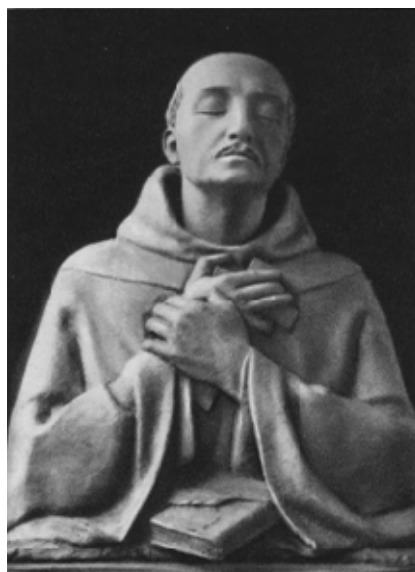
...to everyone
who helped to make
last weekend's Winter
Festival & Christmas
Boutique a success!

These include those who:

- ◆ Organized and ran the Festival and Boutiques
- ◆ Helped seek company donations
- ◆ Set up/tore down booths, tents, tables & chairs, electric wiring, boutiques, etc.
- ◆ Decorated the grounds, booths, stage, Hall
- ◆ Sponsored a booth or other feature
- ◆ Emceed, DJ'd, or performed on stage or on the grounds
- ◆ Worked in a booth, in the Tree Lot, or in the Boutiques
- ◆ Made crafts for the Little Flower Boutique
- ◆ Served as security
- ◆ Baked or cooked
- ◆ Helped with ticket selling and bookkeeping
- ◆ Worked in the St. Nick photo booth and workshop
- ◆ Patronized the Festival and Boutiques... AND
- ◆ Anyone who did anything to help!



We especially want to give a very big THANK YOU to the Chairperson, RHONDA STOREY, for coordinating the entire Festival; and to RUBEN BELTRAN, for serving as her "right-hand".



MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Please join us this Monday evening, December 14, at 7:30 p.m., for a special Solemnity Mass in honor of the Carmelite priest and mystic, St. John of the Cross. This Mass is in addition to our

regular Masses at 6:00 and 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE CHURCH



The Knights of Columbus will be setting up the Christmas trees, etc., in the church **THIS TUESDAY, December 15, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** If you'd like to lend a hand, drop by that evening.



HELP US CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Volunteers are needed to help clean the church for Christmas. If you can help, please come to the church on Monday, **December 21, beginning at 9:30 a.m.** (any time you can give us will be appreciated!) Please bring your buckets, rubber gloves, and cleaning rags. Cleaning solution will be provided.



LEGION OF MARY DISCUSSION GROUP:

“True Charity: Mercy and Justice,” will be the topic for the next session, held **TONIGHT, SATURDAY, December 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**, in the Parish Library. Learn and Defend the Catholic Faith through Mary. Just listen or add to the conversation. Bring a friend or meet new people. Refreshments served. For more information, call 457-1564 or email placenci@sbcbglobal.net.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Please find Christmas Flower offering envelopes in the pews, as well as in your envelope packets that you received in the mail.

Your donations will help us to beautify the church with poinsettias for Christmas! God bless you!



SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL IS PROUD TO BE A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND SERVICE.

“A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul.” —St. Therese

The students, staff, and families of our parish school would like to thank each and every one of you who prayed for the success of, volunteered, shopped, or ate at last weekend's Winter Festival & Christmas Boutique. We are so grateful for your support!! Please join us at any or all of the following upcoming events:

- St. John of the Cross Mass this Monday, December 14, at 8:00 a.m.
- Las Posadas on Wednesday, December 16, at 2:00 p.m.
- Christmas Concert & Pageant on Thursday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m.
- DogHaus Fundraiser in Alhambra on Friday, December 18, from Noon to 8:00 p.m.
- Christmas Break from December 19 through January 3 (School Resumes on January 4)
- St. Peter Thomas—Mass on Friday, January 8, at 8:00 a.m.
- School Mass on Friday, December 15, at 8:00 a.m.
- No School on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Monday, January 18)
- Roe V. Wade Respect Life Mass on Friday, January 22, a 8:00 a.m.
- Catholic Schools Week Festivities from January 24 to 29

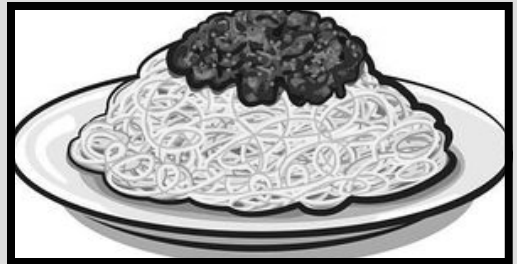


Please join us for fun and food at our monthly restaurant fundraisers. Please remember to bring a flyer or to mention STCS, and a portion of your purchase will be donated to our school!

SPAGHETTI WITH SANTA CLAUS



The Alhambra Knights of Columbus cordially invites you to come and enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner



with Santa on Saturday, December 19 between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m., in our Parish Hall. Adults are \$10; all those 17 and under are free! Please bring an unwrapped gift.

ST. THERESE DETENTION MINISTRY



Come bring God's love to incarcerated youth at our annual Christmas Celebration! It will take place on Saturday, December 19, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Central Juvenile Hall-Eastlake, Los Angeles. Space is limited! Volunteers must be 18 years and over and must pre-register. Incarcerated youth are ages 8 to 18 years. For information on signing up for the Christmas Celebration and/or visiting incarcerated youth, please contact Sonia Macias at 323-724-

6443 or sonia_macias@hotmail.com or Miriam Lopezmimilc@hotmail.com

"For I was in prison and you visited me." -Matt. 25:36

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." -Matt. 25:40

BAPTISM MINISTRY



In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to attend a class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library. The next classes for which you can enroll are January 5 and February 2. The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Upcoming open baptism dates are Saturdays, January 23 and February 20, both at 11:00 a.m. For more info, call Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (X225)

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS: Canon Law requires 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 for each prospective godparent.



GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES:

Are you pregnant and in need of help? GPS counselors are available to help with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are private and confidential. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email gps.pregnancy@ymail.com.



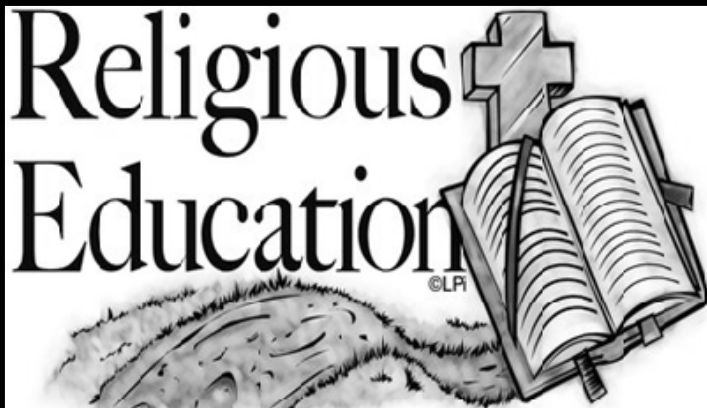
Saturday Evening, December 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AND AZTEC POETRY: The undiscovered prophetical link

"She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come." - Proverbs 31:25

All are invited to come and hear an untold part of the Guadalupe story! This presentation will be held **TONIGHT, Saturday, December 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**, in the Parish Meeting Room. In his research for his symphonic-choral work *Misa Azteca*, **COMPOSER JOSEPH JULIAN GONZALEZ** delved into the world of Aztec poetry and found pre-Conquest songs/poems that suspiciously mirror the story of Juan Diego and the Guadalupe apparition of 1531. As a result of years of intensive research and interviews with leading Nahua/Aztec scholars, Gonzalez and his wife Monique will demonstrate and present how these poems prepared the hearts and minds of the Meso-American people for Guadalupe and the Gospel message, which led to millions of conversions in the first five years. A Question and Answer period will follow the presentation.

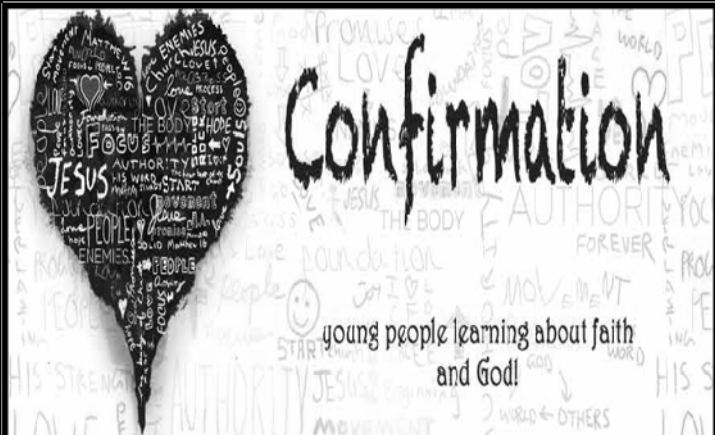


"O what a wonderful and intimate union is established between the soul and You, O lovable Lord, when it receives You in the Holy Eucharist! Then the soul becomes one with You, provided it is well disposed by the practice of the virtues, to imitate what You did in the course of Your life, Passion, and death."
- St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi



STRE NEWS: PARENTS! Religious Education is an extremely important part of the faith life of every Catholic family! If your children are not attending Catholic School, they NEED to be enrolled in a Religious Education program. Classes for elementary grades are held twice monthly on Sundays—from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Next classes are Sunday, December 20 (9:00 a.m., through the 11:00 a.m. Mass). If you have not yet registered, please do so before the start of class! For any questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).



YOUTH CONFIRMATION . . .

Classes are held in the Parish Center from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays, including mandatory attendance at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, along with the sponsor of each student. The next classes are Sunday, December 20.

C2 Students: Please bring your Bibles to every class!

RCIA Adult Faith Formation

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or completing your sacraments in the Catholic Church, please come to this class for more information. Classes are held on Thursdays from 7:00 to 900 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. The next date is **December 17**. For questions, please contact 284-0020 (1).



**WORD OF LIFE
“QUOTE OF
THE WEEK”**

“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, ‘Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit

of your womb.’” – Luke 1: 41-42

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below you will find the total collections for last weekend and the previous four weekends.

December 5 / 6, 2015

Unrestricted.....	\$14,741.00
Restricted	\$ 428.00
T O T A L	\$15,169.00

November 7 / 8.....	\$25,470.00
November 14 / 15.....	\$22,820.00
November 21 / 22.....	\$11,574.00
November 28 / 29.....	\$13,758.00

TOGETHER IN MISSION REPORT:

Parish Goal:	\$68,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$58,853.50
Amount Paid:	\$57,798.50
*Balance owed to Archdiocese:	\$10,801.50

Thank you for your contributions!

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ONGOING MINISTRIES & CLASSES

YOUNG ADULTS (Ages 21–39, singles and couples): Join us for our events, including 1) Formation Talks every first Saturday of the month at 6:00 p.m., (next is December 5) in the Guadalupe Courtyard (includes prayer, a guest speaker, discussion, and a potluck); and 2) Weekend Social Events: Members will host informal events, such as movie nights, pub nights, wine tastings, sports events, concerts, shows, dances, etc. For questions, contact Paula Grimm at pgrimm.dir@gmail.com.



LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA: Increase your knowledge of the faith through audio CDs given by well-known speakers, as well as books to inspire your faith journey. The Kiosk is available the first weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of every month. For additional information contact Vicky Sandoval at geribah03@gmail.com or (323) 803-9956.

CARMELITE SPIRITUAL READING GROUP: All are invited to join us every Monday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Library in the Parish Center. Lectio Divina is practiced on the first and third Mondays and Spiritual reading is done on the second and fourth. All are welcome! For more info, contact Jim Gillett at 213-448-1039 or jimgillett@me.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group, formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro, is for anyone who is grieving for 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 December 23. For additional information, call the office at 282-2744.

WOMEN’S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Come join us for this prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats! Children are welcome (play area available). Meetings are normally held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. However, because of Christmas, the meeting for December will be on the 17th. For more information, contact Dara Barbosa at (301) 542-9701.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES: Irish dance classes are held on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (for 45 minutes to one hour). Classes are for kids 4+ and for adults and are taught by Mrs. Kelly Mohun. For more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions

For the Week of 12/12/15 to 12/19/15

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Tung Fung RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Ed Broom INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishiners

9:00 a.m.: Isaiah Ribaya INT

11:00 a.m.: Kathleen Lopez RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Alice Sims RIP

5:00 p.m.: Rey-David Palomares INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Rey-David Palomares INT

*7:30 a.m.: Antonio J. Cata RIP

8:00 a.m.: Victor & Yeong Maidah Anniv. INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Michael Alexander Cheah INT

*7:30 a.m.: Eleanor Miller RIP

8:00 a.m.: Otto Lopez INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: George & Joan McDonald RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Elenita Mora RIP

8:00 a.m.: Jessie Ray RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Rey-David Palomares INT

*7:30 a.m.: Melina Suarez INT

8:00 a.m.: Gracia Velasquez RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Josefina Siat Mercado RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Alcaayaga RIP

8:00 a.m.: Rey-David Palomares INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: John Benedict Odone INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Fausto Vasquez RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road;
Open to the public every day except Sunday.

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. Bouquets are \$40 and up.



Outside the Parish

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. PAUL KOENIG, OCD: In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, travel to Poland & Italy in the steps of St. John Paul II, the great "Mercy Pope," from **April 13 - 26, 2016**. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or Jack Day at (323)722-9339. Details available at <http://www.syversentouring.com/carmel>

PILGRIMAGE: Avenue of Travel presents "Marian Shrines of Europe" with FR. JAN LUNDBERG, **September 16 -30, 2016**, for \$2,929 per person (double occupancy; single, add \$571). **Airfare NOT included.** Visits to Madrid, Avila, Fatima, Santiago De Compostela, Burgos, Lourdes, Barcelona, Montserrat, and Saragossa. Prices include daily breakfast; 13 dinners, and Daily Mass. To hold a space, make a deposit of \$250 plus optional insurance of \$209; final payment due 6/5/16). Contact Angela Yang at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367. Must be PHYSICALLY FIT as lots of walking.

EL CARMELO RETREAT HOUSE, operated by the Discalced Carmelite Friars, will receive a portion of the commission on any travel booked through www.elcarmelotravel.com. Save AND help maintain the center. Also book hotels, cars, cruises, etc.

Fr. Joseph Parathanal's Pilgrimages to: **HOLY LAND:** April 2016; **INDIA:** September 2016. Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or 323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Find out how to make a good marriage better and a better marriage great. Call Winston and Dinah Perez at 818-527-6362 or go to www.memconline.org email: memcweekend@gmail.com

Intentions of our Holy Father for December 2015:

1) That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own; and 2) That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Charitt Torres / Alice Cheung

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Jackie Johnson / Lucy Lopez

9:00 a.m. Jim Raney / Rosa Natividad

11:00 a.m. Andy Zepeda / Ignacio Verduzco

5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches

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