

# Saint Therese Church

December 9, 2018 Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars Established 1924

[www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org](http://www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org)  
510 North El Molino Street - Alhambra, California 91801 - (626) 282-2744

**Pastor:** Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (222)

**Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD (224)

**In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD (335) AND Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD (324)

**Deacons:** Deacon Joseph Mizerski (Lorraine Mizerski) AND Deacon Gilbert Vargas (Frances Vargas) (333)

**Vocations:** Carmelite: (909) 629-9495; Archdiocesan (213) 637-7515

## Sacraments:

**Confessions:** Wednesday: 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

**Baptisms:** Once a month on a Saturday

**Weddings:** Fill out an application (web-site or office) six months+ in advance.

- Wedding Liturgy/Rehearsals: Mary Malone  
MerryPage@gmail.com or (760) 844-2725

## Other Programs:

**-Annulments:** Lorraine Mizerski (333)

**-Avila Young Adult Group:**  
Fr. Matthias (224)

**-Bible Study:** Debbie Robles 679-6370

**-Detention Ministry:** Sonia Macias  
(323) 724-6443

**-Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4 p.m.**

**-Intercessors Prayer Group:**  
Blanca Ruvalcaba 281-7070

**-Knights of Columbus:** Grand Knight:  
Ramon Burce (888) 869-3124

**-Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

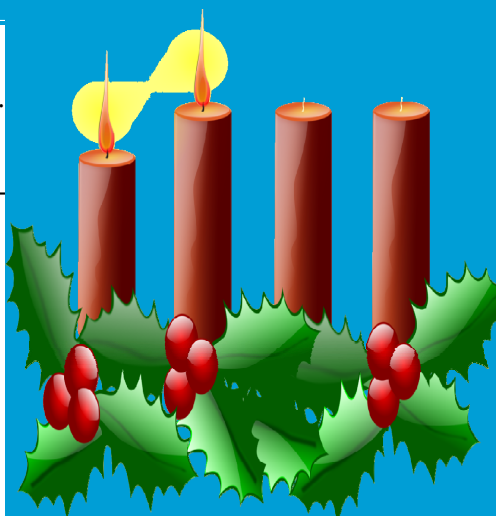
**-Natural Family Planning:**  
Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

**-OCDS:** Stan Interrante 714-996-4164

**-Retrouaille Marriage Ministry**  
909-900-5465 (help for marriages)

**-Rosary Makers:** Mondays, 6-8 p.m.  
Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776

**-St. Joseph Prayer Group:** Wed,  
6:15 p.m., Lucy Marikian 281-3706



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## 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.

## Devotions:

**Daily Rosary:** Prayed Monday through  
Saturday 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.

## Saint Therese Carmelite School:

289-3364 - Principal: Alma Cornejo (661)  
principal@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com  
Web: SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

### Parish Secretary:

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

**Finance:** Noralyn Cailan (228)  
cailannocds@gmail.com

### Music Director:

Charlotte Lansberg  
cjlansberg@choochoorecords.com

### Respect Life Ministry / Vox Vitae:

Catherine Contreras (112)

### Cor Jesu Youth Ministry:

Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD (224)

### Ministry to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla (626) 282-0943

## Religious Education (Grade School, Youth & Adult Confirmation, R C I A, and Liturgical Ministries):

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

**New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please register online or in the Parish Office**

(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 by calling the office at 282-2744.

# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULES



## Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Saturdays, December 15 and 22: 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays, December 12 and 19: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

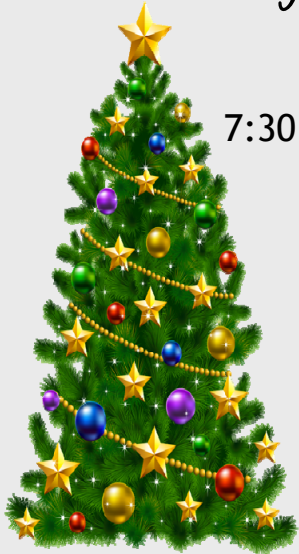
## Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas

### Christmas Eve:

5:00 p.m. (Family Mass);  
7:30 p.m. (Simple Mass); and Midnight (Traditional Choir)

### Christmas Day:

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



## New Year's Eve Masses

Monday, December 31 at Midnight

In conjunction with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles (Begins at the Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 East Alhambra Road, at 8:00 p.m. (Free-will offering only); call the Sisters at 289-3364 for more information.)

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1

Masses at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.



# "RISE," A NEW ONLINE MEN'S MINISTRY



**ATTENTION ALL MEN!** Do you want tomorrow to be better than today? Are you willing to do what it takes to become a **BETTER MAN** for yourself, your family, and those around you? The **R I S E 30-Day Challenge** gives you a practical plan to take your life and relationships to the next level.

· **COST:** \$30

· **More INFO.:** Go to: [www.MenRiseUp.org](http://www.MenRiseUp.org)

· **Questions:** Contact Andy Acosta  
Text: 703-8939  
Email: [A.Acosta2046@gmail.com](mailto:A.Acosta2046@gmail.com)

**4 WEEK FORMAT**

- Daily 3- to- 5-minute videos sent to you
- Daily Challenge: simple, but transformational
- Accountability Partner  
\*Encouraged to attend (no mandatory)
  - Saturday Morning Men's Meeting  
6:45 a.m. Rosary
  - 7 - 7:30 a.m. Video/Discussion

**WHAT IS RISE?**

**RISE** gives men a battle plan for daily living, while walking alongside them each day.

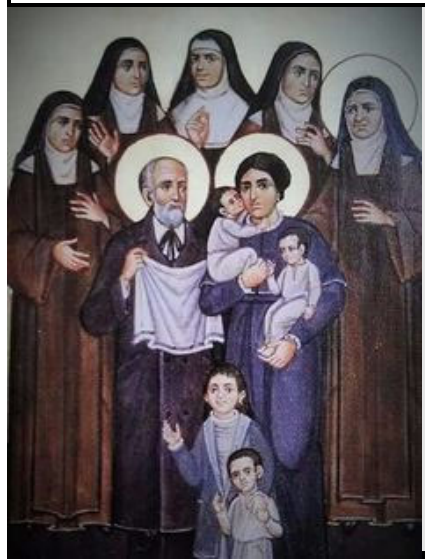
When men understand their profound dignity as sons of God, and are re-oriented towards what really matters, the impact on themselves and those around them will be significant. Men are encouraged to walk with a brother (friend/relative) through the 30-day challenge. In forming these relationships around a common battle, men will hold each other to a higher standard, and true Christian brotherhood will be born. **RISE** is for every man, whether they're just seeking, or have been well-formed, because it takes them deep into their own hearts, and challenges them to make what they've learned practical. The results are nothing but life-changing.

**ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!**

# Consecrate Your Family to Jesus Through Our Lady of Guadalupe

**THE LITTLE FLOWER**  
**CONSECRATION MINISTRY: Guiding Souls to Heaven**

"God gave me a father and a mother more worthy of heaven than of earth..."  
-St. Therese of the Child Jesus



All families and those representing their families who have been preparing for the Family Consecration will make it at Mass **TODAY**, Sunday, December 9—at both the 9:00 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. Masses. After Mass, you are invited to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular. This will be outside in front of the church.

If you have any questions, please call Angela at (310) 701-8386.



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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT:

# PEACE

A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord

Matthew 3:3



# WIN A BIKE!



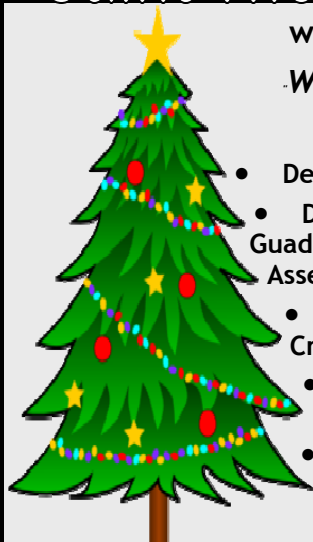
As a fundraiser for Saint Therese Carmelite School, we have received a gift of three bicycles to raffle off to three lucky winners. Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased at the Gift Shoppe in the main church vestibule after the weekend Masses. The winning tickets will be drawn after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on December 23rd.

These bikes will make great Christmas presents for your child—or another loved one! (Pictured below is one of the bicycles; students NOT included! ;- ). See all bike photos on our website or posted by the Gift Shoppe.

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*When one loves, one does not calculate.*  
-St. Therese



- December 10th (Monday): PSO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- December 12th (Wednesday): Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 8:00 a.m., followed by a Special Assembly in the Hall.
- December 14th (Friday): Feast of St. John of the Cross - Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- December 21st (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m. & Las Posadas at 11:30 a.m.
- December 22nd - January 6th: Christmas Vacation
- January 7th (Monday): School resumes

We are accepting new student applications for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

(289-3364 or [admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com](mailto:admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com))



# 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 previous four weekends. **NOTE:** There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month for our School (next is THIS WEEKEND, December 8 / 9.) Thank you!



**December 1 / 2, 2018**  
 Unrestricted.....\$12,771.00  
 Restricted ..... \$ 4,544.00  
**T O T A L ..... \$17,315.00**

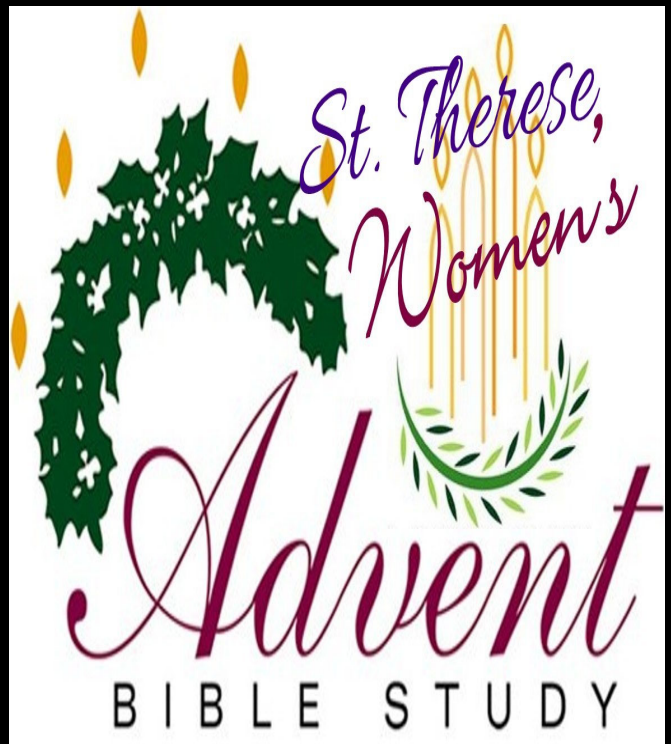
**November 3 / 4..... \$16,045.00**  
**November 10 / 11..... \$22,290.00**  
**November 17 / 18..... \$11,638.00**  
**November 24 / 25..... \$19,408.00**

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

# WOMEN'S ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

**WOMEN!** Join us for a Scripture Study for Advent and Christmas! "*Rooted in Hope*" echoes and expands upon the Advent tradition of a Jesse tree. This study will help to incorporate reading Scripture into your daily Advent prayers, while weekly meetings in the Mount Carmel Room (located in the Parish Offices on El Molino Street) will help you stay on track, as well as provide community and prayer support.

The next gathering will be this Monday, December 10—presented, for your convenience, at **TWO** times: **MORNING** from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., and **EVENING** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. For details, E-mail or text Micaela Darr at [micaela.darr@gmail.com](mailto:micaela.darr@gmail.com) or 236-6147.



# DETENTION MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Come bring God's love to incarcerated youth at Central Juvenile Hall Christmas Celebration! It will be held on **\*Saturday, December 15,** from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Central Juvenile Hall-Eastlake, in Los Angeles.

\*Advance pre-registration is required! Space is limited! Volunteers must be 21 and over. (The incarcerated youth are between the ages of 8 and 18 years old.)

**Writing to Adult Men in Prison:** Bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to incarcerated adult men! Serve their spiritual and religious needs by writing to them.

\*To register for the Christmas Celebration and for information on the writing ministry, please contact Sonia Macias at (323)724-6443 or [sonia\\_macias@hotmail.com](mailto:sonia_macias@hotmail.com) OR Miriam Lopez at [mimilc@hotmail.com](mailto:mimilc@hotmail.com). *"For I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36*

## USHER INFO NEEDED



It has come to our attention that we have several ushers who have been graciously assisting at the Masses BUT for whom we have no contact info!

Although we greatly need and appreciate your help volunteering as “fill-in” ushers, it is very important that the staff of St. Therese has your contact info! Everyone who participates in any of our ministries MUST follow Archdiocesan guidelines and have attended a VIRTUS training class. Also, the Archdiocese requires that anyone who has contact with money MUST be on record with the Parish.

To provide this information, please contact Damon Ayala, Head Usher, at [dme4music@gmail.com](mailto:dme4music@gmail.com).

## SACRISTAN TRAINING



All adults and high school students—BOTH NEW & CURRENT—who serve or would like to serve as a St. Therese Church Sacristan (**one who prepares the altar for the celebration of Mass**)—including for funerals and weddings—are **required** to attend the upcoming training session on **Saturday, December 15, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon** (followed by lunch). Seventh and Eighth Graders who would like to serve as assistants may also attend. The session will be conducted by Bro. Jason, Seminarian Daniel Lopez, and Rhonda Storey. To attend, please RSVP to by e-mailing Rhonda Storey at [rhondalstorey@gmail.com](mailto:rhondalstorey@gmail.com). The entrance to the sacristy is next to the Adoration Chapel entrance (at the top of the stairs).

## Ongoing Parish Meetings/Events

**BIBLE STUDY:** Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, e-mail Debbie Robles at [debrobles@me.com](mailto:debrobles@me.com) or call or text her at 679-6370.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** for the 11:00 a.m. Mass is every Wednesday (September-June) from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

**CONSECRATION TO MARY:** Follow-up group for those who have already been consecrated to Jesus through His mother, the Mother of God. Meets 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](mailto:EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com); OR Courage LA for **persons struggling with same sex attraction**: [CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com](mailto:CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com)).

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** Every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (confessions are available during the Mass).

**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 Wednesday, December 12.**

**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, Ramon Burce, at 695-2842 or the national line 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. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

**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 Magda at (213) 300-7776.

**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 12/8 to 12/15/18**

**Saturday:**

5:00 p.m.: Vincent Huyen Vu, RIP

**Sunday**

\*7:30 am: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Alexander, Lauren, & Ellena Cheah, INT

9:00 a.m.: Alvin & Anthony Cailan, INT

11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Lourdes P. Vales, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Gilberto Gomez, RIP

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Alvin & Anthony Cailan, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Anne, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

**Tuesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Blesilda Tuan, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa, RIP

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Saint Therese Carmelite School Staff, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, INT

**Thursday:**

6:00 a.m.: Andrew Garibian, Birthday INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Miriam, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

**Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Alvin & Anthony Cailan, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Parents of Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski, RIP

**Saturday:**

6:00 a.m.: Yu-Mei, Kuo Shang, and Tai Seng Huo, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Maria Ruvalcaba, RIP

\*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public every day except Sundays/holidays.

To arrange for a floral dedication (in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones), call **Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.**  
**Prices start at \$45.**



## Outside the Parish

UPCOMING RETREAT AT SACRED HEART RETREAT HOUSE, 920 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra, with Fr. Jeremiah Shryock, CFR: **"Into the Deep: Growing in intimacy with God through Silent Prayer"** from **Monday, December 10, through Saturday, December 15:** The retreat will include 3 hours of silent prayer together each day. It is recommended that those who attend these retreats already have a regular prayer life and are relatively comfortable with silence. Contact Suzan Elliott at 289-1353, X204, or [retreatcoordinator@carmelitesistersocd.com](mailto:retreatcoordinator@carmelitesistersocd.com).

**FULL-TIME JOB OPENING:** The Carmelite Sisters at Sacred Heart Retreat House are seeking a **full-time (40 hours/week) Housekeeper/Kitchen Floater.** If you are interested in this special opportunity to join our retreat house team, please call Margaret at 289-1353, X252, or send your resume to [fcfcadmin@carmelitesistersocd.com](mailto:fcfcadmin@carmelitesistersocd.com).

# Lectors



**Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Alice Cheung / Lucy Lopez

**Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Florence Goh / Ron Sandoval

9:00 a.m. John Kienker / Lucas Setiady

11:00 a.m. Sarah Halpin / Andy Zepeda

5:00 p.m. Charlie Gopez

# Deaths

Please pray for the souls of:

† Ambrosia Bustamante  
 ~ Wife of Louis Bustamante ~

† Hilda Everett  
 ~ Aunt of Peter Beerel ~  
 Mass at 2 pm on Dec. 15

† Georgette Rini  
 ~ Long-time parishioner ~  
 Funeral Mass at SS Felicitas  
 On Sat., Dec. 15, at 9 AM

