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Saint Therese Church

January 11, 2015 **Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars** Established 1924

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

Masses & Services: Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am; Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm; Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm; Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm

Devotions: Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass; Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm; Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm; Fatima Devotion: 13th of the month from May through October

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession): Wed., 7- 9 pm;
and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Baptism: Register at 284-0020 (1)

Weddings: Call 6 months before

RCIA: Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

Other Ministries / Programs:

Grief Support, 2nd/4th Wed.,

2:30-4 pm: Deacon Couple 333)

Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias

(323) 724-6443

First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer Vigil—

7:30 pm-6:00 am

Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight—

Mike Pulciano 641-0870

Legion of Mary: Tues., 7:00 pm

Natural Family Planning—

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

Respect Life Ministry / Foot Soldiers:

Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942

Rosary Makers/Mondays, 6-8 pm: Ed

William 975-1838 tieknt@gmail.com

St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wednesdays,

6:15 pm - Albert Grana 576-0872

“Tea at Therese” Women’s Group:

(2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10 am)

Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



Parish Mission Statement:

St. Therese Church is an active and Eucharistic Parish Community dedicated in faith and service to a loving and merciful God under our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux. We are committed in our ministries to providing discipleship through evangelization and fostering a contemplative life, resulting in Christian formation and spiritual growth of our members.

Parish Secretary:

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

Finance: Noralyn Cailan (228)

Christian Services:

Bridie McDermott (224)

Choir Directors:

9:00 a.m.: Marcia Martinez-Bateman
(775) 771-4992

11:00 a.m.: Paula Grimm
(909) 703-1284 / pgrimm.dir@gmail.com

**Coordinator for Lectors and
Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion at the Altar:**

Fr. Leonel Varela (222)

Coordinators for Ministry to the

Sick: Fred & Margaret Padilla
282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

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

* Pre K through 8th Grade

* Adult Religious Ed

Youth & Adult Confirmation

Programs: Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)

Email: rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-
3364 - Principal: Carmela Lovano (661)

clovano@stthereseschoolalhabra.org

Web Site: stthereseschoolalhabra.org

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please come to the Parish Office to register.

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. Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson – 289-0388

The Baptism of the Lord - January 11, 2015

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! —Isaiah 55:1

CATECHESIS: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

by Ruben Beltran, Confirmation Coordinator



Today we celebrate 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 Catechism of the Catholic Church (Paragraph 536).

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Therese School is proud to be a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.

Wishing you a New Year filled with God’s eternal love! Happy New Year!

- No School on January 19 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Open House on January 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Catholic Schools Week Festivities from January 25 through 30
- Ongoing New Student Registration for TK - 8th Grade
- Ongoing Student Guest Program - Your child is invited to experience a day with our students
- Ongoing Collection of Non-Perishable Food for our Christian Services Pantry
- Ongoing Collection of Box Tops for Education



We encourage you to visit the school office or our website www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org for important information and updates. Please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Carmela Lovano, by phone at 289-3364 or by email at clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org to schedule a tour. We look forward to hearing from you!

RESPECT LIFE NEWS & EVENTS



St. Therese Church will participate in **OneLifeLA** on **Saturday, January 17**. OneLifeLA is the first-ever, large-scale pro-life event held in downtown L.A. Its mission is to unite communities and inspire positive action through an annual event that promotes the beauty and dignity of every human life—from conception to natural death. **GET ON THE BUS!** To reserve a seat on the St. Therese bus,

please call Catherine Contreras, the Respect Life Coordinator, at (213) 435-3942. **The bus will leave from our parking lot at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 17.** The cost will be \$10 each. You can also get a St. Therese OneLifeLA T-shirt (in Carmelite brown), for \$9 each. The event begins at La Placita on Olvera Street. From there we will walk up Temple Street, then cross Grand Avenue, and continue down 1st Street, where we will join a family-friendly picnic with music, entertainment, food trucks, and exhibits from community organizations. (The walk is largely uphill, so bring comfy shoes!) If you would prefer to get there on your own, please check the OneLifeLA article on our website for details about **Public Transit, including directions from various stations.**

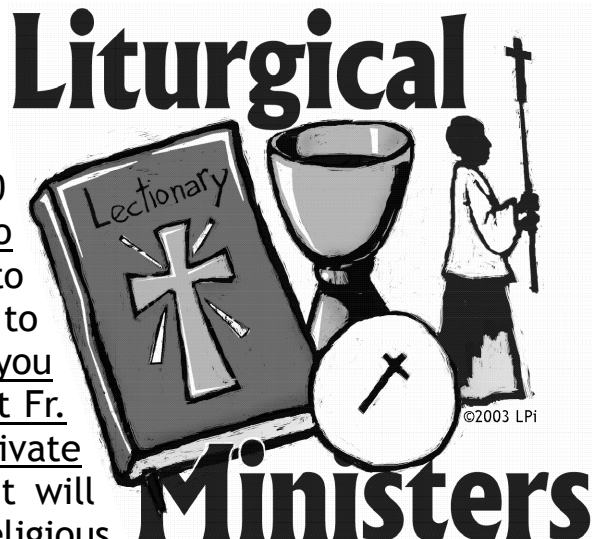


RESPECT LIFE ROSARY: Thursday, January 22, marks the 42nd anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision. The San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will once again hold their annual Respect Life Rosary in front of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Building (125 S. Grand Avenue, Pasadena, CA). This peaceful one-hour event will begin at 12 noon and conclude around 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend and pray the Rosary. Contact David Flores at (626) 422-3211 or legisperitis@yahoo.com OR Tim O'Donnell at (818) 731-4983 or jayod@verizon.net.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE (February 18 – March 30): By the grace of God, since its launching as a worldwide movement in 2007, *40 Days for Life* has achieved a stunning track record, as follows: 650,000 Pro-Life Volunteers Assisted in 3,336 Pro-Life Campaigns, which were held in 559 Cities in 27 Nations Resulting in: 9,699 Lives Saved * 107 Abortion Workers Quitting * 59 Abortion Centers Being Closed!

LITURGICAL CATECHESIS RETREAT/TRAINING

There will be a MANDATORY liturgical ministry retreat/training day for ALL current & new Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Sacristans, and Ushers on **Saturday, February 7**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This training is required to remain on the serving schedules. Our goal is to come together as liturgical ministry groups and to all be on the same page of instructions. If you cannot make this date, you will need to contact Fr. Leonel or Rhonda Storey to arrange a private training session before continuing. The Retreat will be led by Fr. Leonel & Fr. Philip. The Religious Education staff will be leading the training breakout sessions. Please mark your calendars now and save the date. We hope to see everyone there!



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BLOOD DRIVE



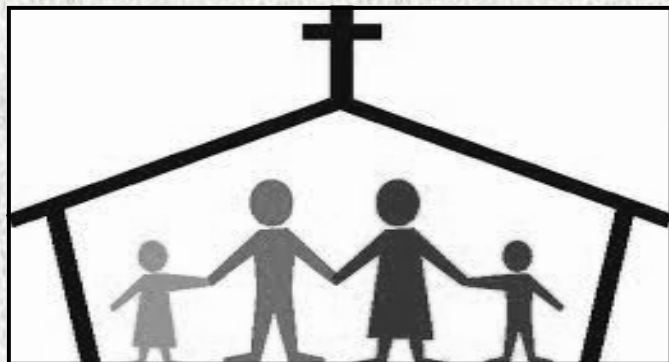
St. Therese will sponsor a Blood Drive in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, January 18**, between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. All donations will benefit Cedars Sinai Hospital in continued gratitude for the care given to Deacon Joe Mizerski. Your gift may save someone's life! **To make an appointment, please call Lorraine Mizerski at 282-2744, ext. 333**, and leave your name, phone number, and the approximate time you'd like to come. Walk-ins are also welcome! God bless you for thinking of others!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STRE: Classes are in session today! Scheduled classes for Feb. are the 8th & 22nd.

Please remember that all families are required to attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass together.

The Rite of Enrollment for 2nd year Eucharist students is today, January 11.



RCIA—Adult Faith Formation

RCIA continues: Please pray for the catechumens, candidates and confirmandi who continue on their faith journeys. Classes this month are on Thursdays, January 15 and 29, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Next Sunday, January 18, will be the Rite of Acceptance for the Catechumens and Candidates. It will begin on the steps of the church at 10:30 a.m. and continue at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

CONFIRMATION



CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH
Today's classes are cancelled!

Next Class is Jan. 25. The Rite of Welcome for the 1st year candidates will be held at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Please remember that all students and their families are required to attend the 5pm Mass together.





ADORATION CHAPEL

"I adore and venerate you as much as ever I can, though my love is so cold, my devotion so poor. Thank you for the good gift of this your holy Body and Blood, which I desire to receive..."

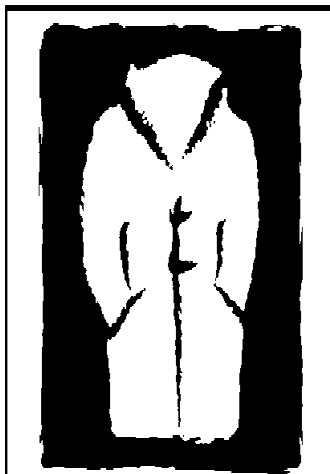
- St. Anselm (Archbishop and Doctor of the Church)

To sign up for an hour every week, please call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

SEEKING DONATIONS OF COATS

"For I was naked and you clothed me..." Mt 25:35-36

Colder weather is just around the corner—and some people do not have protection from it. Diaconate Formation Couple, Frances and Gil Vargas, are collecting un-needed coats to distribute to local homeless individuals and families. If you have a clean coat to spare (child's small through Adult XX, we would be most happy to find someone to share it with. Please email your information to gil_vargas@att.net, and we will contact you to arrange for pick up.



ONE WARM COAT

"Word of Life" Quote of the Week:



"Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity."

— Pope Francis

GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES (GPS)

Are you pregnant? Do you need help?

Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (GPS) counselors are available to help you with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are offered privately and confidentially. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email gps.pregnancy@ymail.com.



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

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

January 3 / 4 (Includes Christmas collections)

Unrestricted.....	\$28,126.00
Restricted	\$ 6,058.00
T O T A L	\$34,184.00

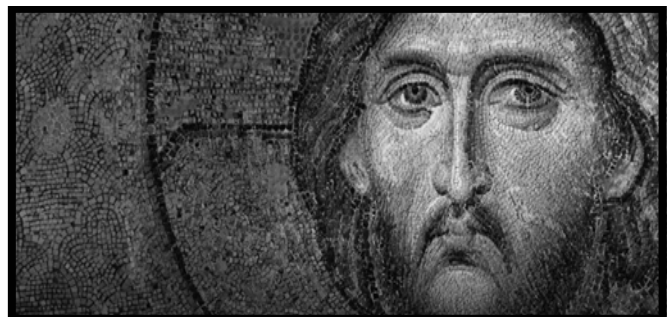
November 29 / 30.....	\$16,015.00
December 6 / 7.....	\$16,343.00
December 13 / 14.....	\$16,876.00
December 27/28	\$17,861.00

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2014

We surpassed our Archdiocesan goal for 2014! Thank you for all your continued support and generosity.

Please use your Contribution Envelopes when possible.

NEW SESSION OF ADULT BIBLE STUDY



The 2015 Bible Study begins **Wednesday, January 14**, and continues through Wednesday June 3! All adults are invited! We will be studying Fr. Robert Barron's DVD series, **PRIEST, PROPHET, KING**. Come join us for this deeply biblical presentation, wherein Fr. Barron weaves high theology with his accessible teaching style to present Jesus' three-fold mission. Sessions will be held **every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Meeting Room**. The program fee is \$30 each, and will be collected at the first session. Please call Debbie Robles at (626) 679-6370 to place your name on the registration list.

ST. THERESE 90TH ANNIVERSARY DESKTOP CALENDARS FOR SALE!

This is a beautiful, customized desktop calendar. It contains over 35 historical photos from when our current church was first built. While it is definitely a collector's item, it is also very practical as you can schedule your events and appointments during 2015. You may purchase yours at the Religious Goods Counter after the Sunday Masses or in the Parish Offices during our open hours. They are \$10 each or two for \$15!



BAPTISM MINISTRY

Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, Ext. 225 - 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 (next date is Feb. 3). The fee is \$100 per child or \$25 for the class only. Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday (next open Baptism is February 14th at Noon). There are no Baptisms during Lent.

SELECTING THE GODPARENTS: Canon Law requires you to have 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 of each prospective godparent.

ONGOING MINISTRIES & CLASSES

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 January 21st. For additional information, please contact Deacon Joe and Lorraine Mizerski at 282-2744 (333).

WOMEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP:



Come join us for a prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats! Children are welcome (play area available). We hold these meetings at 10:00 a.m., on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (In the Avila Room in the Parish Offices, 510 North El Molino Street). Our next

meeting will be on January 22. For more information, contact Dara Barbosa at (301) 542-9701.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES: Join us for these Irish Dance classes—for adults AND kids ages 4 and up. The classes are taught by Kelly Mohun and are held in the Parish Hall every Wednesday from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m. To sign up or for more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548. or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.



NOVENA TO THE INFANT OF PRAGUE

We will hold a Parish Novena to the Infant of Prague beginning January 16 and ending on Sunday the 25. Please make sure to check the vestibule tables for the novena prayer cards so you can pray this special novena along with us!

Mass Intentions

For the Week of 1/10/15 to 1/17/15

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Hank Kan Luk Fung RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Kenneth A. Locke RIP

7:30 a.m.: William Cuellor RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Elena Grant Cahir RIP

5:00 p.m.: Leila Noelle Tweedy INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Huo Chen Yu Mei & Huo Kuo Shung RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Joseph & Paul Tassi RIP

8:00 a.m.: Ron Ellis RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Ann Meade Whalen RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Yeo Family INT

8:00 a.m.: Shenita Gutierrez & Vickie Wallace RIP

Wednesday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Pamela Platts INT

8:00 a.m.: Ofelia Mariscal RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Huo Chen Yu Mei & Huo Kuo Shung RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Lori Duardo RIP

8:00 a.m.: Zeferina Gomez RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Ann Meade Whalen RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Arthur Lowenberg RIP

8:00 a.m.: Edgar Lopez RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m. Kim Ki Chul RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Obed Arzate RIP

*Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road—open to the public every day except on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.

Floral Dedication

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 start at \$40.



Personal Ads

FOR RENT: Lovely home, 104 S. Fremont, Alh. (3BR, 1BA, nice kitchen, laundry rm. hook-ups, small gated front yd, garage pkg for 1 small car & carport for 1. \$1,700/mo, with 1st/last due upfront. Call Pedro at 487-5312

Outside the Parish

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Spain (with attendance at Teresian Int'l Mtg in Avila) with **FR. LEONEL & FR. ROBERT BARCELOS** from Aug. 3-18, 2015 (16 days, 14 nights). \$4,568 each (dbl occ), includes airfare, lodging, 14 b'fasts/dinners, and 13 lunches. Contact Angela Yang, Avenue of Travel, at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

13-DAY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE with Fr. Darrin Merlin, CMF, **June 23-July 5, 2015**, for \$4379 (all inclusive). For more info, call Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at 285-6687 or email remembertoptl@sbcglobal.net

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NEW CATHOLIC TALK RADIO STATION! Immaculate Heart Radio KHJ 930AM began in July 2014. Check it out!

Intentions of our Holy Father for January 2015:

1) That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace; and 2) That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Marta Timar

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Jackie Johnson / Flora Santoso

9:00 a.m. Lily Edusma / Elena Muhr

11:00 a.m. Lorraine Mizerski / Ignacio Verduzco

5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches / Vickie Blair

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