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St. Therese Catholic Church



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Jesus told His disciples two parables, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?... Why do you see the splinter in your brother's eye but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? (Lk 6:39, 41)

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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or on the Church's website >Our School > Videos



SACRAMENTS

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months in advance

• Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

PASTOR'S COLUMN



Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

The holy season of Lent is upon us! **Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday, March 5**, with Masses at 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. **Confessions will follow the evening Mass from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.** And don't forget . . . we begin our Soup Nights every Friday in Lent starting March 7 (from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.), followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m., and the First Friday Mass for March after Stations. A Blessed and Holy Lent to you all!

Let's now look at St. Therese's most famous poem, *Living on Love!* —Fr. Peter Mary



LIVING ON LOVE by St. Therese of Lisieux



On the evening of Love, speaking without parable, Jesus said: "If anyone wishes to love me all his life, let him keep my Word. My Father and I will come to visit him. And we will make his heart our dwelling. Coming to him, we shall love him always. We want him to remain, filled with peace, In our Love!"

Living on Love is holding You Yourself.
Uncreated word, Word of my God, Divine Jesus, you know I love you. The Spirit of Love sets me aflame with His fire. In loving you, I attract the Father. My weak heart holds Him forever. O Trinity! You are Prisoner
Of my Love!

Living on Love is living on your life,
Glorious King, delight of the elect.
You live for me, hidden in a Host.
I want to hide myself for you, O Jesus!
Lovers must have solitude,
A heart-to-heart lasting night and day.
Just one glance makes my beatitude.
I live on Love!

Living on Love is not setting up one's tent
At the top of Tabor.
It's climbing Calvary with Jesus,
It's looking at the Cross as a treasure!
In Heaven I'm to live on joy.
Then trials will have fled forever,
But in exile, in suffering I want
To live on Love.

Living on Live is giving without limit,
Without claiming any wages here below.
Ah! I give without counting, truly sure that
when one loves, one does not keep count!
Overflowing with tenderness, I have given
everything. To His Divine Heart, lightly I run.
I have nothing left but my only wealth:
Living on Love.

Living on Love is banishing every fear,
Every memory of past faults.
I see no imprint of my sins.
In a moment love has burned everything...
Divine Flame, O very sweet Blaze!
I make my home in your hearth.
In your fire I gladly sing:
"I live on Love!"

Living on Love is keeping within oneself
A great treasure in an earthen vase.

My Beloved, my weakness is extreme.
I'm far from being an angel from Heaven!
But if I fall with each passing hour,
You come to my aid, lifting me up.
At each moment you give me your grace:
I live on Love.

Living on Love is sailing unceasingly,
Sowing peace and joy in every heart.
Beloved Pilot, Charity impels me,
For I see you in my sister souls.
Charity is my only star.
In its brightness I sail straight ahead.
I've my motto written on my sail:
"Living on Love."

Living on Love, when Jesus is sleeping,
Is rest on stormy seas.
Oh! Lord, don't fear that I'll wake you.
I'm waiting in peace for Heaven's shore...
Faith will soon tear its veil.
My hope is to see you one day.
Charity swells and pushes my sail:
I live on Love!

Living on Love is wiping your Face,
It's obtaining the pardon of sinners.
God of Love! May they return to your grace,
And may they forever bless your Name...
Even in my heart the blasphemy resounds.
To efface it, I always want to sing:
"I adore and love your Sacred Name.
I live on Love!"

Living on Love is imitating Mary, bathing your
divine feet that she kisses, transported.
With tears, with precious perfume,
She dries them with her long hair...
Then standing up, she shatters the vase,
And in turn she anoints your Sweet Face.
As for me, the perfume
with which I anoint your Face
Is my Love!

"Living on Love, what strange folly!"
The world says to me, "Ah! Stop your singing,
Don't waste your perfumes, your life.
Learn to use them well."
Loving you, Jesus, is such a fruitful loss!
All my perfumes are yours forever.
I want to sing on leaving this world:
"I'm dying of Love!"

Dying of Love is truly
sweet martyrdom,
And that is the one
I wish to suffer.
O Cherubim!
Tune your lyre,
For I sense my exile is
about to end!
Flame of Love, consume
me unceasingly.
Live of an instant,
your burden is
so heavy to me!
Divine Jesus, make my
dream come true:
To die of Love!

Dying of Love is
what I hope for.
When I shall see my
bonds broken,
my God will be
my Great Reward.
I don't desire to
possess other goods.
I want to be set on fire
with His Love.
I want to see Him,
to unite myself
to Him forever.
That is my Heaven...
that is my destiny:
Living on Love!



ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5!

ASH WEDNESDAY is this coming Wednesday, March 5th. Masses will be at 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and *7:00 p.m.—Note: **NOT at 7:15 p.m.** Ashes will be distributed during the Masses. *CONFESSION will follow the evening Mass (approximately 8:00 p.m.)

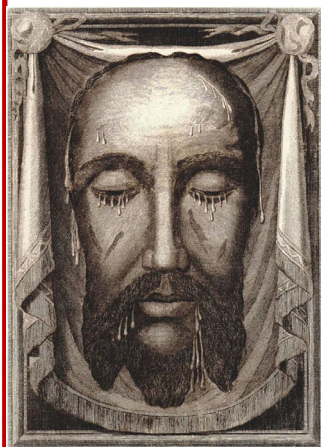
SOUP NIGHTS & STATIONS: Our first Soup Night will be on Friday, March 7, and will be sponsored by Saint Therese Carmelite School (Soup Night is EVERY Friday of Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Hall). Soup Night is followed each Friday by Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 p.m. On the First Fridays of Lent (March 7 and April 4), Mass will follow the Stations. All free-will offerings will go to the sponsoring ministry or group.

As of February 25, we still need SPONSORS for the following Soup Nights: March 14, March 21, April 4, and April 11 (The Flame of Love will sponsor March 28). Please call the church office if your group, ministry, or family would like to sponsor one of these dates.

God bless you for your dedication to St. Therese Church and Parish!



SAVE THESE DATES!



More Info to Come!

- Feast of the Holy Face Bilingual Mass: Shrove Tuesday, March 4, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.: Rosary and preparatory prayers followed by a bilingual Mass celebrated by Fr. Stephen Watson, followed by Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction.

- St. Patrick's Celebration: Saturday, March 15, beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be

delicious food and live music! Don't miss it! Details to come!

- The Holy Face of Jesus Relic: Presentation and Veneration: Monday, March 17, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.: Speaker at 6:00 p.m., followed by veneration of the Holy Face relic until 10:00 p.m.
- 24 Hours for the Lord: Friday, March 28, at 8:00 a.m., through Saturday, March 29, at 8:00 a.m. Each Deanery in the Archdiocese will have one church where it will take place, and **St. Therese Church was chosen for Deanery 10.** There will be confessions and adoration throughout these 24 hours.
- Pilgrimage of Hope - Saturday, April 5: The Archdiocese will sponsor a six-mile "Pilgrimage of Hope" for Jubilee 2025. Beginning at 8:00 a.m., at **All Souls Church in Alhambra,** we will travel to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels for Mass at 11:30 a.m. with Archbishop Gomez.

"FR. JEROME APPEAL" FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS



Next weekend, March 8 & 9, a special collection will be taken at all the Masses to help our Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in the Carmel of St. Teresa in Alhambra. **Special pink envelopes will be in the pews.** Please make a donation to help provide for their daily needs and the upkeep of the Monastery.

The Carmelite Monastery was instrumental in St. Therese Parish's establishment, and there has always been a special closeness and loving support between the Parish and the Monastery.

THANK YOU!



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STCS Soup Night

Friday, March 7, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

It is a Lenten custom of the Parish to hold a meatless meal on Fridays in Lent to promote fellowship in the School and Parish. These meals are hosted by the different ministries of the parish.

Our school Soup Night will be this Friday. All are invited and encouraged to attend Soup Night! Soup Night is free for all to attend, although donations are accepted.

Immediately following Soup Night, Stations of the Cross will be held in the church at 7:00 p.m. On March 7 and April 4, Stations will be followed by First Friday Mass.

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Fiat40 Women's Challenge for Lent

Ladies of St. Therese Parish: Would you like to grow deeper in your relationship with God this Lent by focusing on Mary's virtues? Are you wanting accountability and encouragement in your spiritual life? Do you feel Christ nudging you to go deeper? Please join us for a mini Fiat90 challenge called Fiat40 this Lent! You can find out more about Fiat90 and Fiat40 at <https://fiat-90.com/>.



The challenge starts on Ash Wednesday, March 5th (download the Fiat40 booklet from the website above and start on your own)

. . . and then you will meet for fellowship and accountability in the Lisieux Room in the Parish Office building (510 North El Molino Street) immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the following Saturday mornings in Lent: March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12—from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Please email Katrina Crow at katrina.fcp@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or have further questions.



Women's Retreat at El Carmelo

Join the women of St. Therese Church for our annual Lenten Retreat weekend at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands on **March 14-16, 2025 (Friday night to Sunday afternoon): Double room occupancy (2 per room): \$230 each person, includes two nights & six meals; OR Single room occupancy (private room): \$260 each person, includes two nights & six meals**

The theme is, **"LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY,"** and our retreat master will be Fr. Philip Sullivan, former pastor of our parish.

A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is required to reserve your room. Check or money order payment only (VenMo, Zelle, or credit cards not accepted). Make checks payable to: El Carmelo Retreat House (memo: "Women's silent retreat, March 14-16, 2025). The registration form can be found in the brochure located by the church entrances. Payment(s) can be mailed to the retreat captain, Chantal Richardson, 15730 Nelson Ave., City of Industry, CA 91744. If a registration form is unavailable or you would like more information please contact Chantal at chantalmarierichardson@gmail.com | (951) 743-8801 (call or text). You must be age 18 and older to attend.



Join us in Pasadena & discover the power of your prayers! The Opening Kickoff is **TODAY, Sunday, March 2, at 3:00 p.m.** at Planned Parenthood at **1045 North Lake Avenue in Pasadena.** Parking is available on the streets—just read the signs carefully and be courteous not to block driveways! The official start of the 40 Days is on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.



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To learn more—and get involved—please visit us at www.40daysforlife.com/pasadena. Volunteers are needed now more than ever!

To help or for more information, contact: Rose Curiel at indigorose40daysforlife.com

PASADENA EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The pastors of the Catholic parishes in our area of the Archdiocese have come together with the support of our bishop to welcome the **Pasadena Eucharistic Revival and Procession.**

The Revival will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, uniting all the Pasadena-area Catholic parishes, and will **culminate with a**

Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Pasadena on the evening of Saturday, May 17th. Fr. Peter hopes that many of you will be able to participate in this procession. Please save the date of **May 17th!**

Stay tuned for more details! If you're interested in helping to support this event, please contact our own Deacon Rex Owens at deaconrex@outlook.com.



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GOD IS CALLING

to a religious vocation. It is such as these our Apostolate supports.

You are invited to join Deus Vocat every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Lisieux Room (in the Parish Office building, 510 North El Molino Street) to pray for vocations. For more info, please contact:

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"Could you not watch one hour with me?" -Mark 14:37



"Keep yourselves free from sin so that every day you may share in the mystic meal; by doing so our bodies become the body of Christ"

St. Hesychius of Jerusalem (Eastern Orthodox Monk who was a Biblical Interpreter [d 450]). Feast Day: March 28



St. Hesychius was a priest who wrote about the Bible in the liturgy. He finds in every sentence of the Bible a mystery of dogma, and reads into texts of the Old Testament the whole complex of ideas in the New. His comment on Isaiah, xix, 1, "the Lord will ascend upon a swift cloud, and will enter into Egypt" is "Christ in the arms of the Virgin". Water represents always to him "the mystical water" (of baptism), and bread, "the mystical table" (of the Eucharist).

St Hesychius was also well known for his preaching and teaching. Like St. Cyril of Jerusalem, he taught a realistic doctrine of the Eucharist, which he regarded as a sacrifice identical with that of the cross. Hesychius taught that Christ was present to transform us through our inner absorption of his whole being.

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Mass Intentions

March 1—March 8, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Geri Holman, INT

Sunday

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

7:30 a.m.: Lim Ah Wee, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Angelle Chambliss & Family, INT

11:00 a.m.: Dominga & Leopold Fuentes, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Ursulina Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Teresa & Tiburcio Buenaente, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Agatha Minson Oh, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Gabby Haro, Birthday INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Antero Sia, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: John Torres, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Ash Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Gertrudes Sajulga, Birthday INT

7:30 a.m.: All Humanity and
Thanksgiving for God's Creation

8:00 a.m.: Monica Grimm, Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Alfredo Garcia, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

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

8:00 a.m.: Pilar Solaun, RIP

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

*7:30 a.m.: Balfour Alexander Wong, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Liam Joseph Coyle, INT

7:30 p.m. (post Stations): Engracia Vales, RIP

Saturday (Morning):

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

8:00 a.m.: Isabel Aragon, INT

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