



The Little Flower Weekly

A Weekly Addition to the St. Therese Parish Bulletin



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SPECIAL EDITION!

Be sure to pick up a copy of the special "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" edition of *THE LITTLE WAY*, the newsletter for Saint Therese Carmelite School, which we are hoping to have printed in time for Thursday's feast day. It will include more info about Our Lady, as well as letters from our Pastor, Fr. Philip Sullivan, and the School Principal, Alma Cornejo.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Feast Day Masses on Thursday, July 16

You are invited to join us in honoring the patroness of the Carmelite Order on her feast day, Thursday, July 16, with a **Solemnity Mass at 7:30 p.m.**, as well as at our regular **Noon Mass**.

"Jesus Is Our Rock!"

By Fr. David
Guzman OCD

Nope—you do not build on sand. I've tried it. Doesn't work. What we are speaking of here is the need to build on rock—firm strong, solid, foundation. Jesus is our Rock. God is our Rock. On such firm ground we will not falter or break down but remain sure and strong. Did not our Lord Himself decide to

Reading 1: 2 Kings 24:8-17

Responsorial Psalm: 79:1-5, 8-9

Gospel: Matthew 7:21-29

build on Rock? "You are Peter ("Petros,") and upon this Rock I will build my Church," and so the grace of God was established for all who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

He continued in his address to Peter, "...and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." The rain and floods may come, and the winds blow and buffet His House, but It will not collapse. Throughout our salvation history are many stories of how to stay in the truth that God is God and God alone. He is our surety.



In our first reading we heard how God's holy city, Jerusalem, fell. The young King Jehoiachin did evil in the sight of the Lord. It was a lingering evil built up through his forebears, who had built their house on sand. This, the Babylonian exile, occurred in 576 B.C., when Jerusalem was conquered by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar. An additional wave of exile reoccurred ten years later.

Choose well where you will put your life, which foundation you will choose. I suggest you let your choice be Jesus, and let your choice be strong. God loves you—so much that He sent His dearly beloved Son so that you may believe in Him and have your faith built upon Him, His Holy Church, His Commandments and His Sacraments, so that you may not falter nor perish. Be holy, do not sin! Your surety is in Jesus and His Church. May you always find your strength and blessings in Him.

Photos from Fr. Matthias' Recent Retreat

These photos were submitted and/or taken by Fr. Matthias while he was on his recent **annual retreat and interim chaplaincy at the Desert House of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns in Georgetown, California.**

"Yes," Fr. Matthias says, "the bottom left photo is of an ol' bear that I encountered."

(The picture of the nuns is from their website).



A LITTLE ABOUT THE CARMELITE NUNS WHO LIVE IN GEORGETOWN, CALIFORNIA

Website: <https://www.carmelitemonastery.org/home.php>

The community of Carmelite Nuns in Georgetown was originally sited in Sacramento, California, when they were founded in 1935. The then-Bishop of Sacramento inquired of them what would be needed for the initial establishment of the monastery. Mother Seraphine replied, **"Excellency, St. Teresa felt that to begin a monastery a house and bell were necessary. Bishop, we have the bell."**

The first Mass of this new foundation took place at midnight on Christmas Eve, 1935, in a farm house. The scene of Mary and Joseph in a cave, awaiting the birth of Jesus, blended so well with that moment. And the new community experienced a poverty not unlike that known to Mary, Joseph, and Jesus; a poverty they rejoiced in for several years, until the end of our country's "Great Depression."

Fifty years later, they relocated to Georgetown, where Fr. Matthias just spent his retreat. Their address indicates not only the location of their monastery but also the goal of their community. After the nuns settled in their first house in Sacramento, Mother Mary Seraphine wrote to Mother Agnes at the Lisieux Carmel and entreated her to ask her sainted blood sister, St. Thérèse, to obtain from God the favor that all who would be called to this new Carmel would be **Victims of Merciful Love**—as was St. Thérèse. When the community ultimately moved to Georgetown in the El Dorado Forest in 1981, they received their new address of **6981** Teresian Way. They wondered, "Why such a long number..." since they were the only ones living on that street. After some prayerful reflection, they realized that St. Thérèse made her oblation to Merciful Love on **June 9**, and that '81 was the year the address was assigned to them, so **6981** echoes their vocation.

Miscellaneous



THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Holy Neighbors! Did you know that our neighbors here in Alhambra include the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Cloistered Discalced Carmelite Nuns, and the Missionaries of Charity?! That's a lot of "holy" for one little city.

The Missionaries of Charity have been here since 1993, when Mother Teresa herself came to Alhambra to open their house. Their main ministry— although they also have a visitation ministry to the homebound—is to pray for the world—especially their sister Missionaries who are actively working with, among others, "the poorest of the poor."

Photo to the left: Fr. Philip with the Missionary sisters after celebrating Mass in their convent.

URGENT!

We are in need of more Lysol disinfectant spray and disinfectant wipes, which we need to clean the pews between the Masses, etc. If you can please donate any, it would be very much appreciated! Just bring them to the tables in the church vestibule or drop them off on the office porch (ring door first!). God bless you for caring!

THE BOAT OF LIFE

A Maritime Limerick

I attest that my faith in God never fails;
He *always* steers my boat as it sails.
Whether I stand on the starboard or portside,
I can weather any change in the tide,
Since He's there during the worst of life's stormy gales.



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10th Birthday Anniversary

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, August 1, 2020

12:00 – 2:00

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(Across the Street from Don Bosco Tech)

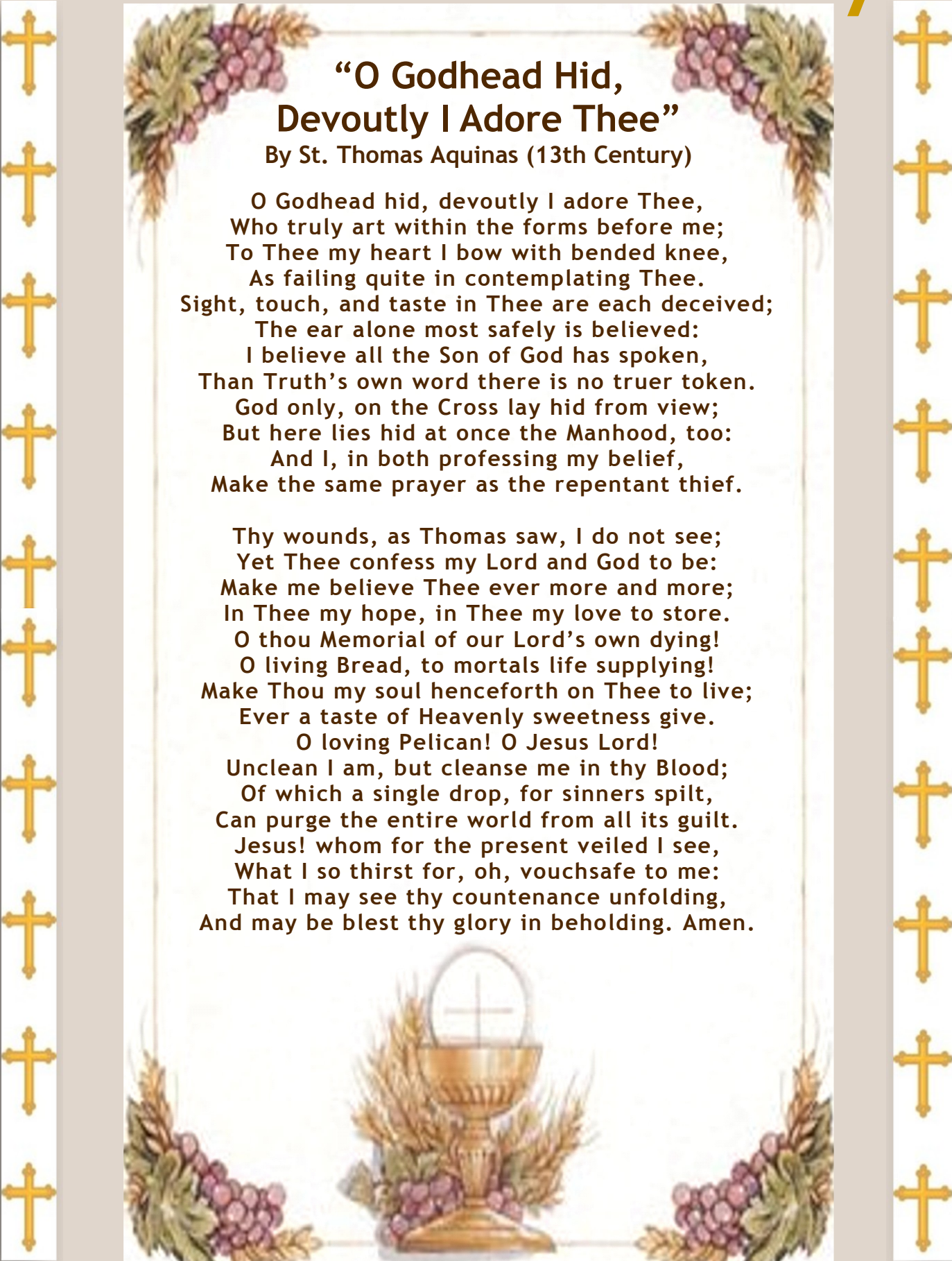
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A Communion Prayer




“O Godhead Hid, Devoutly I Adore Thee”

By St. Thomas Aquinas (13th Century)

O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore Thee,
Who truly art within the forms before me;
To Thee my heart I bow with bended knee,
As failing quite in contemplating Thee.
Sight, touch, and taste in Thee are each deceived;
The ear alone most safely is believed:
I believe all the Son of God has spoken,
Than Truth's own word there is no truer token.
God only, on the Cross lay hid from view;
But here lies hid at once the Manhood, too:
And I, in both professing my belief,
Make the same prayer as the repentant thief.

Thy wounds, as Thomas saw, I do not see;
Yet Thee confess my Lord and God to be:
Make me believe Thee ever more and more;
In Thee my hope, in Thee my love to store.
O thou Memorial of our Lord's own dying!
O living Bread, to mortals life supplying!
Make Thou my soul henceforth on Thee to live;
Ever a taste of Heavenly sweetness give.
O loving Pelican! O Jesus Lord!
Unclean I am, but cleanse me in thy Blood;
Of which a single drop, for sinners spilt,
Can purge the entire world from all its guilt.
Jesus! whom for the present veiled I see,
What I so thirst for, oh, vouchsafe to me:
That I may see thy countenance unfolding,
And may be blest thy glory in beholding. Amen.



Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the main body of the Church as follows:

***DAYS/HOURS**
Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm;
Saturdays from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

***Note:**

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed during any Mass; that is, funerals, weddings, etc., meaning that there will be no adoration during those times.

Please **help us to keep Our Lord accompanied at every hour during Adoration in the church!** Just go to the website, <https://adorationpro.org/ThereseCA> and click on **WEEKLY COMMITMENT** to view the schedule and to sign up.

When you enter your name on a time slot, it means you are **COMMITTING to adoring Jesus in our church at that same time on that same day EVERY week.** It's unlimited as to how many can sign up for each hour. You will be sent automatic reminders beforehand.

Once you've arrived to the church for your hour, check-in by using your Smartphone (or use the kiosk once it's installed in the church) to visit the site and click **ADORER SIGN IN.** Then click Scheduled Adorer Sign In and select your name and then confirm it. IF your name does not appear, you are either not scheduled for that hour or you arrived too late or too early.

Can you
not
watch
one hour
with Me?

Finding substitute adorers to take your place is super easy. If you cannot attend a particular week, go to the site to find a sub or invite a friend to take your place. The current password is subpass. **If your schedule changes and you can no longer commit to coming every week, email 247adorationchapel@gmail.com to be removed.**

After you've signed up, please **consider also adding your name to the Substitute Adorers list** to support your fellow Committed Adorers. Please let your friends and family know about the Adoration Sign-up site so we can have trusted adorers watch with Jesus every hour.

Thank you again for your willingness to serve St Therese Church and keep God's people safe. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Blessings be upon you,
-Richard and Gabriel
Coordinators

