



Saint Therese Church



March 20, 2016

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 (332) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD **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: Fill out an application (on the website) at least six months in advance.
Facilitator: Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

Other Ministries/Programs:

- ***Annulments:**
Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)
- ***Avila Young Adult Group:**
Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284
- ***Bible Study:** Debbie Robles 679-6370
- ***Carmelite Spiritual Reading Group**
Mondays, Jim Gillette (213) 448-1039
- ***Detention Ministry:** Sonia Macias (323) 724-6443
- ***Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4p.m.**
- ***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
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- ***Tea at Therese Women's Group:**
Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



“Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.”
— St. Thérèse de Lisieux

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, 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.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:

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Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)
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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.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore, I am not disgraced. --Isaiah 50:7

Holy Week Schedule

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday & Wednesday, March 22 and 23, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

MASSES & SERVICES:

NO morning Masses Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday (March 24)

7:30 p.m.: Mass of the Lord's Supper with
Service of the Washing of the Feet,
followed by a procession to the Altar of Repose

You are also welcome to attend a 5:00 p.m. Mass
at the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Convent,

215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra (No Washing of the Feet Service)

NOTE: The Adoration Chapel will be closed from 7:30 p.m.
on Holy Thursday through 6:00 a.m. on Easter Monday

Good Friday (March 25)

12:00 p.m.: Reflections on the Seven Last Words

1:00 p.m.: Way of the Cross

† 2:00 p.m.: Sacred Liturgy

† 3:00 p.m. Sacred Liturgy at Cloistered Convent

† 7:30 p.m.: Sacred Liturgy (repeated)

† (Includes Veneration of the Cross and
distribution of Holy Communion)

Holy Saturday (March 26)

7:30 p.m.: Solemn Easter Vigil Mass
(No Rites of Baptism/Confirmation this year)

Easter Sunday (March 27)

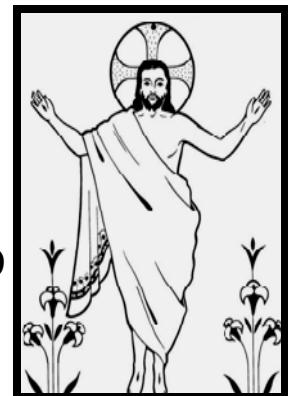
Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.;
and 1:00 p.m. Latin High Mass

Note: NO 5:00 P.M. MASS!

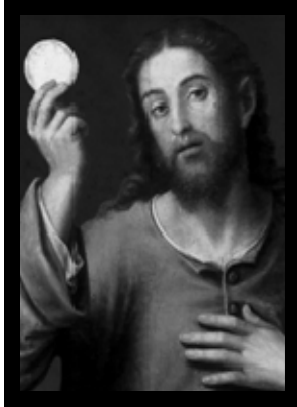
Divine Mercy Mission by Fr. Robert Barcelos, OCD

Thursday, March 31, through Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3

(See the details on Page Four of this bulletin)



“EUCHARIST: DISCOVERING THE MASS IN THE BIBLE” (Facilitated by Ruben & Rhonda)



If you'd like to know more about what the Church teaches about the Holy Eucharist and the roots of the Mass in the Bible, you are invited to attend this series! It will deepen your knowledge of the Last Supper, Communion, and the Great Feast. Jesus said *“This is my Body”* and *“This is my Blood.”* Some say they're merely symbols of remembrance. Others, that they're really the Body and Blood of Christ, but can't explain how that's possible. The Eucharist

is the center-point of the Mass—but *why?* The answers are here. Renowned teacher Dr. Brant Pitre guides us through Scripture, history, and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and miracle of the Eucharist. With deep insight, Dr. Pitre gives a fresh perspective for understanding the mystery that is the Eucharist. Classes began February 9 and will continue to meet on **Tuesday evenings in the Parish Library from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., on the following dates: March 22, April 5 and 19, and May 10 and 24.** For more information, contact the class facilitators, Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (235) OR Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (225).

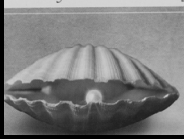
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Ask most folks leaving the church today, *“What day is it?”* and they will reply, *“Palm Sunday.”* Not too long ago, today was known as the *“Second Sunday of the Passion,”* and in 1970 it was renamed *“Passion Sunday.”* In its most recent incarnation, the name for this day includes both aspects of the celebration: **“Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.”** When our calendar was reformed, the entire structure of the week to come was revised even as the traditional name, *“Holy Week,”* was retained. The major benefit of the restructuring of our calendar is to help us see that the *Triduum*, the great three days beginning at sunset this Thursday and extending until sunset on Easter Sunday, is at the heart of the Christian life.

The word *“passion”* connotes deep, focused engagement. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He may appear passive, but He is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the day that begins at His last meal with His apostles and ends with His burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence. The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year's history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow. Have a happy *“Palm Sunday”!*

JAMES

Pearls for Wise Living



BIBLE STUDY

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT!

All are invited to join us for our current Bible Study, featuring the video series, **“JAMES: PEARLS FOR WISE LIVING,”** an 11-part study with author Jeff Cavins—held every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room. It began on March 9, but you may join anytime through June 1. There is a **\$20 fee per person**, which includes a workbook. Like the book of Proverbs, James is a book of wisdom, a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. This study offers *“pearls for wise living”* by applying the wisdom of James to the present day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances. Through this study, you will find an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life; learn how just a few small words can change your entire life; see how God's wisdom helps us face suffering; learn the secret to finding joy in the midst of trials; and find value in suffering. For any questions, please contact Debbie Robles at 679-6370 OR debrobles@me.com.



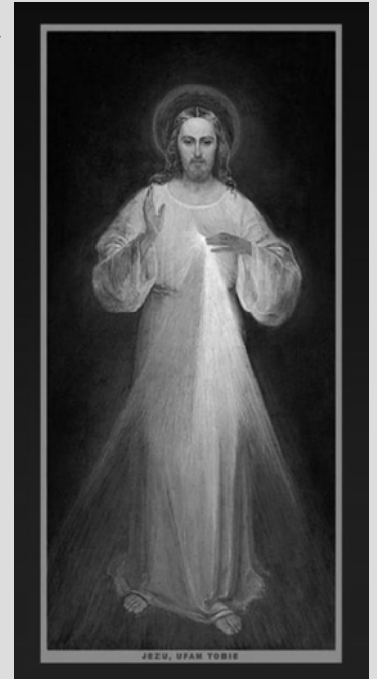
Congratulations to this happy group for just completing a 20-week study of the Book of Acts! The Spirit now moves them on to ponder James. Join them at Wednesday evening Bible Study.

PARISH MISSION WITH FR. ROBERT BARCELOS, OCD

“Into the Heart of Mercy” - March 31–April 3

Our Holy Father has declared the period from December 2015 to November 2016 to be a “Year of Mercy.” Pope Francis has asked us “to be witnesses of mercy” by reflecting on and practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Fr. Robert will preach on this theme and help us to become “disciples of mercy”.

- ✠ Thursday, March 31, 7:00 p.m.: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Conference, and Benediction
- ✠ Friday, April 1: 7:30 p.m. First Friday Mass and Conference, followed by the monthly All-Night Vigil (ends with Benediction at 5:45 a.m.)
- ✠ Saturday, April 2: 8:00 a.m. Mass, followed by a Conference; 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass with Conference
- ✠ Sunday, April 3: *Divine Mercy Sunday
 - *3:00 to 4:45 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Holy Hour, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Conference
 - 3:00 to 5:00 pm: Confessions
 - 4:45 pm: Benediction
 - 5:00 pm: Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Robert Barcelos, OCD

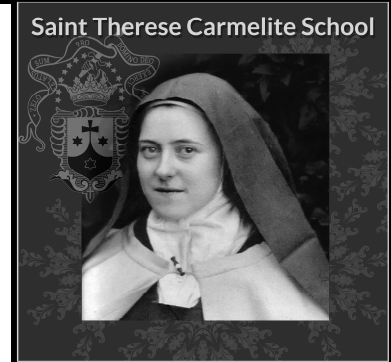


SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.

“I can nourish myself on nothing but truth.” – St. Thérèse de Lisieux

- STCS Family Mass on Palm Sunday, March 20, at 9:00 a.m.
- School Mass on Wednesday, March 23, at 8:00 a.m.
- Living Stations of the Cross on Thursday, March 24, at 11:00 a.m.
- No School on Good Friday, March 25
- Easter Vacation from March 28 through Apr 1 (classes resume Apr 4)
- School Mass on Friday, April 8, at 8:00 a.m.
- First Reconciliation on Saturday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m.
- STCS Family Mass on Sunday, April 10, at 9:00 a.m.
- School Mass on Friday, April 15, at 8:00 a.m.



Saint Therese Carmelite Parish School invites you to our Annual Silent Auction, “*Black and White Masquerade*,” on **April 8** at Almansor Court. It is our hope that you can support this extraordinary event to benefit our school by your prayers, by donating an item or a service to our auction, by sponsoring the event through a monetary donation, and/or by coming with your family and friends. Please feel free to contact us at 289-3364 or sainttheresecarmeliteschool@gmail.com.

We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our school.

What is Freemasonry? Are Catholics Free to Become Masons?

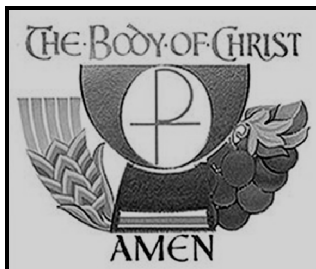
Freemasonry is a fraternal organization that traces its origins to the loose organization of medieval stonemasonry. Today, in the United States, the Fraternity is divided between fifty-one Grand Lodges (one for each State, plus DC), which have a total membership of just under two million. Freemasonry is incompatible with the Catholic faith. Freemasonry teaches a naturalistic religion that espouses indifferentism, the position that a person can be equally pleasing to God while remaining in any religion. Masonry is a parallel religion to Christianity. Freemasonry displays all the elements of religion, and as such it becomes a rival to the religion of the Gospel. It includes temples and altars, prayers, a moral code, worship, vestments, feast days, the promise of reward and punishment in the afterlife, a hierarchy, and burial rites.

Historically, one of Masonry's primary objectives has been the destruction of the Catholic Church; this is especially true of Freemasonry as it has existed in certain European countries. In the United States, Freemasonry is often little more than a social club, but it still espouses a naturalistic religion that contradicts orthodox Christianity. The Church has imposed the penalty of excommunication on Catholics who become Freemasons. This penalty was explicit in the 1917 code of Canon law (Canon 2335), and it is implicit in the 1983 Code (Canon 1374): "... the Church's negative judgment in regard to Masonic association remains unchanged since their principles have always been considered irreconcilable with the doctrine of the Church and therefore membership in them remains forbidden. The faithful who enroll in Masonic associations are in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion."

For men who would like to join a fraternal organization, the Knights of Columbus is the perfect choice. To join, contact the Grand Knight for the Alhambra Knights, Thomas Quintana, at 863-7061.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STRE: Classes are in session today, Sunday, March 20, as well as on April 3 and 17—from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. For any questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).



**M A N D A T O R Y
RETREAT DAY FOR ALL
2ND-YEAR EUCHARIST
STUDENTS ON SAT., APRIL
9:** All 2nd-year Eucharist students must attend this retreat, along with their parents, from Noon to 5:00 p.m. in the Hall, followed by

attendance at the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (which will include the Rite of Covenant and blessing).

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Classes are in session today, Sunday, March 20, as well as on April 10 and 24—from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.



**S A C R A M E N T O F
CONFIRMATION:** Bishop O'Connell will be here at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Therese on Sunday, May 22, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. For questions, contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2) or rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com.

RCIA Adult Faith Formation

First Communion on April 3, 11:00 a.m.: All the Elect and Candidates should attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass to receive your First Holy Communion.

The next RCIA classes will be on Thursdays, April 7, 14, and 28, and May 5 and 12—at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES FOOD DRIVE

This weekend, March 19 and 20, boxes have been placed near the church doors to collect your donations of non-perishable food (cans, boxes, bags, etc.). These items will be used to prepare packages for the Easter celebrations of those in need. You may also donate hams (bring to office).

Remember... God will not be outdone in generosity!



*Whoever is generous to the poor
lends to the Lord,
and He will repay him for his deed.
--Proverbs 19:17*

SEMI-ANNUAL CHURCH CLEANING

The Altar Society will be cleaning the church on Monday, March 28, beginning at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to come help with this big job! Bring a bucket, and we will provide the cleaning solution and the rags!

*"Zeal for your house consumes me."
--Psalm 69:9*



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Masquerade

A silent auction, dinner and dance.

Saint Therese Carmelite School invites everyone to our Annual Silent Auction, *"Black and White Masquerade,"* on April 8, 2016, at Almansor Court in Alhambra. Tickets are \$75 per person, which includes dinner, dancing, the silent auction, and entertainment.

For tickets, contact (626) 289-3364 or sainttheresecarmeliteschool@gmail.com.

Be one with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration

"On Palm Sunday His 'Hour' had finally come. It was time now for Him to make the last public affirmation of His claims, which He knew would lead to Calvary. Once He acknowledged their praise, then there were only two courses open to the city: confess Him as did Peter, or crucify Him. Either He was their King, or else they would have no king but Caesar."

—Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen, *Life of Christ*, Ch. 33, p. 274).

To sign up as a committed adorer, please contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (235) or



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

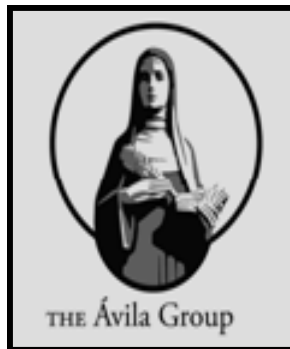
Below you will find the total collections for the previous four weekends. Due to the upcoming holidays, this bulletin was printed before the weekend of March 13/14. Those totals will be available next week.

February 13 / 14.....	\$16,050.00
February 20 / 21.....	\$13,139.00
February 27 / 28.....	\$12,914.00
March 6 / 7.....	\$17,797.00



"...for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

ON-GOING MEETINGS/CLASSES



AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (Ages 21–39, singles and couples): Join us most first Saturdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard, as well as for social events (movie/pub nights, sports events, concerts, dances, etc.). For more information, contact Paula Grimm (909-703-1284 or pgrimm.dir@gmail.com).

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (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 March 24.

WOMEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Join us for prayer and discussion, along with tea and treats! (Play area for children!). Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. The next meeting will be **March 25**. For more info, contact Dara 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. For more information, please contact Kelly Mohun at (805) 421-7548 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions

For Holy Week (3/19/16 TO 3/26/16)

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Rhony Laaigo INT

Palm Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Vanessa Karam INT
 7:30 a.m.: Alexander, Lauren, and Ellena Cheah INT
 9:00 a.m.: Emma Rose Marie Grumbine RIP
 11:00 a.m.: Ricardo L. Alfonso RIP
 1:00 pm (Latin) Huong Tan INT
 5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday of Holy Week:

6:00 a.m.: Orlando Vales INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Ellie Gkatzimas INT
 8:00 a.m.: Arthur & Jim Rivanis RIP

Tuesday of Holy Week:

6:00 a.m.: Ernie Jorbina INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Anthony Brajkovich RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Roseann Lancilot Munger RIP

Wednesday of Holy Week:

6:00 a.m.: Teresa Dominic RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Zelile Marie-Louise OCD INT
 8:00 a.m.: In Thanksgving

Holy Thursday:

(Chapel) *5:00 p.m.: Marcus Saputra INT
 7:30 p.m.: Kenneth Locke RIP

Good Friday:

No Masses

Holy Saturday:

7:30 p.m.: Kenneth Locke RIP

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

Intentions of our Holy Father for March 2016:

1) That families in need may receive support and their children grow up in healthy and peaceful environments; 2) That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

L e c t o r s

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Olivia Carnegie / Ron Sandoval
 9:00 a.m. Lily Edusma / Franklin Teng
 11:00 a.m. Pat Cervantes / Andy Zepeda
 5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas / Miriam Lopez



Floral Dedications

During Lent we will not have flowers on the altar. However, you may make arrangements for a Floral Dedication for any Sunday—May 1 or after. This can be in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one. To do so, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. Bouquets are \$40 and up.



Personal Ads

FOR RENT: Beautiful single family home (3 BR, 2 BA) in great location (2-car garage, forced air/heat, complete kitchen—stove, refrigerator, microwave). Available April 1st for \$2,400 per month (pay first and last). Contact Pedro at 487-5312.

Outside the Parish

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend for Healing after Abortion... for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat is designed to help work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential. Next dates are April 1-3 in Duarte. Cost \$215 per person. To register, contact 1-866-272-2435 or www.rachelsvineyard.org

Join us for **World Youth Day in Poland**—including a tour of Auschwitz and a Pilgrimage to Rome. Includes round-trip airfare, lodging, all meals, tips. For more info, go to prrometours.com or call 570-309-1346 or email reservations@prrometours.com.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. PAUL KOENIG, OCD: Travel to Poland & Italy in the steps of St. John Paul II, the great "Mercy Pope," from **April 13 - 26**. 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>.

Avenue of Travel with Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD presents "Marian Shrines of Europe" with Fr. Jan Lundberg on Sep. 16-30 (15 days 13 nights). \$4141 per person, double occupancy, includes Airfare from LAX. (single supplement, add \$571 extra). Check with us for departures from other cities. Visits to Madrid, Avila, Fatima, Santiago DeCompostela, Burgos, Lourdes, Barcelona, Montserrat, Saragossa. Prices include daily buffet breakfast, 13 dinners, daily Mass, Travel Protection Plan included. If interested, book ASAP with deposit \$559 per person before rates go up. Final pymt due 6/1/2016. Send check to Avenue of Travel, P.O. Box 60068, San Angelo, TX 76906. Contact Angela Yang at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

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