

St. Therese Catholic Church



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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. and *7:15 p.m.
(***NO** 7:15 p.m. on Wed.; Tues's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).
Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:15 p.m.,
and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE
STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube)
Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.;
Saturdays 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
and **Sundays** from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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"Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him (Matthew 21:37-39).

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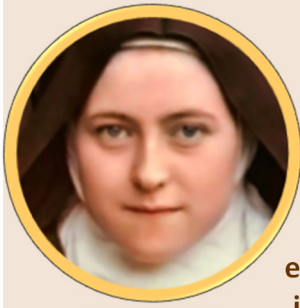
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SACRAMENTS

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- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office



The Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

What a magnificent feast day of St. Therese that we celebrated at our parish last Sunday! As I said to one of our friars: "Therese is working her "magic" again!" The Masses were full, our new Auxiliary Bishop came, and rose petals could be seen everywhere outside the church! As Bogie said to Louie at the end of Casablanca: "This is the beginning of a beautiful friendship!" And this is true for us with our glorious patroness! We are only at the beginning of three graced-filled years with St. Therese, through whose intercession many miracles have occurred. So, enjoy one of my favorites below!

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

Thrift Shop Visitor (From *Shower of Heavenly Roses* by Elizabeth Ficocelli)

My husband, Mike, is a Vietnam veteran and the Commander of the Disabled Veterans Chapter in Prescott, Arizona. The Chapter runs a local thrift shop, and when the person in charge of it left, Mike stepped in to run it. I was worried about his doing that, since he's not well. One day Mike was working at the shop. There were two women working in the back, sorting through deliveries and pricing items. Mike had his back to the front door when he suddenly felt a light tap on his shoulder. It startled him, because he had not heard the bell on the front door.

He turned around to find a young woman with brown hair, no makeup, jeans, a loose-fitting shirt, and a baseball cap, holding a bag. She said, "I would like to donate this." Mike took the heavy bag from her and set it on the counter. When he turned around to thank the woman, she seemed to have vanished. He asked the women in the back if they had seen her. They confirmed they had, but they did not see her leave and did not hear the bell on the door either time.

Bewildered, Mike called me at the nursing home where I live because of my medical infirmities. I told him to open the bag and tell me what was inside. The bag contained a sealed box, which he opened and reported that it contained a beautiful statue of an angel holding a sword. I confided to my husband that I had been praying for him about his declining health, including praying a novena to St. Therese of the Child Jesus and directing prayers to St. Michael, my husband's namesake. I explained to my husband that the statue was St. Michael the Archangel, adding, "Sweetheart, the statue is meant for you in answer to my prayers. You need to bring it to me and I will get it blessed so you can take it home."

After he closed the shop that day, Mike brought the statue to me. I inspected the incredible detail, amazed at how each feather on Michael's wing looked almost real. On the wall in my room, I have a number of pictures of the Blessed Virgin as well as a picture of St. Therese. I said to Mike, "Look at all the pictures on my wall and tell me if you recognize any of them." At the time, my husband was not Catholic and wouldn't have known the Blessed Virgin from Brigitte Bardot. He walked over to the corner of the room and pointed his finger at the picture of St. Therese and said in amazement, "That's her! That's the woman from the thrift shop!" He turned to me, asking if that was Mary. "No," I replied. "That's St. Therese of the Child Jesus to whom I have prayed since I was a child. She and I go way back, and occasionally she does me a favor. I told her about you and how worried I am about your health, so she sent you St. Michael the Archangel. I'll get him blessed and you can find him a place of honor at home."

My husband did just that. He took the blessed statue home and placed a beautiful plant next to it. He tells me, "It's really strange, but there is never any dust on the statue or the plant." Mike converted to Catholicism and was baptized during a Mass. This is really a miracle because Mike had always felt that there was no redemption for him because of what he experienced in Vietnam. Today, Mike prays to St. Michael regularly and, when he dreams of Vietnam, where he served three tours of duty, he invokes the power of St. Michael the Archangel to help him overcome the nightmares.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & BOUTIQUE

The Auxiliary for the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns invites you to this annual event to support the Nuns. It will be held in Connolly Hall at Holy Family Church in South Pasadena (1501 Fremont Avenue) on **Friday, October 20**, beginning with the Boutique and Social Hour at **10:30 a.m.**, followed by the **Luncheon at Noon**.



Please RSVP as soon as possible by sending the following information to KATHY CARDOZA at 710 Lindaraxa Park South, Alhambra 91801: **Your Name, Number of Tickets, Names of your guests—if any—and Your Phone Number.** Enclose a check for the total number of persons listed (\$35 per person). **Make your check payable to: Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary.**

Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary Seeks Young Adult Volunteers



The Alhambra Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary is **seeking YOUNG ADULTS TO JOIN AS AUXILIARY ASSOCIATES.** Volunteers will be called to assist in fundraising events for the benefit of the Carmelite Nuns. Your help will be needed twice a year—in the Spring and Fall—as well as with other special projects throughout the year. Volunteers need not attend the monthly meetings but will receive the minutes via email. Your time commitment would be flexible. For more info, please contact Jessica Morgan at jessica.morgan@gmail.com.



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



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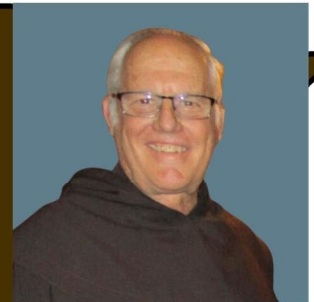
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Change to the Evening Mass Schedule



First, please note that there will be **NO EVENING MASS on Friday, October 13**, as all the friars will either be at the *Little Way* Dinner and Auction or out of town (this does not affect the morning Masses that day).

Second, **beginning November 2**, there will **no longer** be an evening Mass on **Thursdays**. Instead, we will have **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., EVERY THURSDAY** (Benediction will begin at 8:45 p.m.).

Be assured that all the Mass intentions that were previously scheduled for the Thursday evenings after November 2nd will be celebrated by one of the Friars at another time.

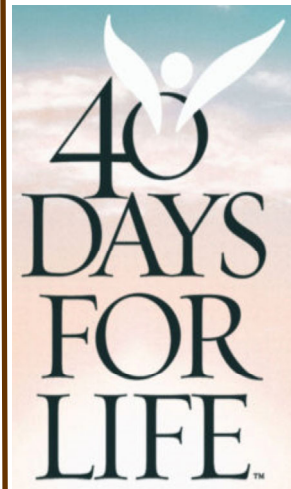
Parish Movie Night!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m.**, for our next Parish Movie Night on our Big Screen in the parking lot! The featured movie will be **ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD** (1951 version).

What's it about? This comedy is about the Pittsburgh Pirates' brash and abusive manager who receives the help of an angel to win games and become a better person in the process."



40 Days for Life



Pasadena's Forty Days of Life will start their peaceful prayer and fasting vigil on Wednesday, September 27, and it will continue through November 5th. Try to spend some time at the Pasadena Planned Parenthood facility and pray to end abortions there. Their busiest day for abortions is Tuesday.

We will be there weekly from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The location is 1045 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, and the vigil hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. You may also go on your own (with a

friend!) on Saturdays.

For more info, contact Rose Curiel at 323-528-8094 or indigorose40daysforlife@gmail.com

Safeguard the Children - Did You Know?

Talking with your children: It is good practice for parents to have ongoing conversations with their children about family values, safety, and "what if" scenarios. Talking with your children before something happens gives them the tools and confidence to make safe, good decisions, and to react appropriately in a variety of situations. Even if these conversations feel huge or overwhelming, they are critical to have. Start small—perhaps in the car on the way to school or a game—and build on previous conversations to give your child a full picture of what to do and how to handle tricky situations. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Talking With Your Kids," at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



We Deserve Nothing, Yet God Gives Everything

By Fr. John Muir

Some of Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week Jesus tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value—up to and including his own son.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants, the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice—and here is where the weirdness deepens—Jesus seems to disagree with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: **God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a totally undeserved inheritance.** Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. God's mercy is a breathtaking gift given to us who do not deserve it. What if we embraced this kind of desire for God's Kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? **Let's seek God's Kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give us the good things we don't deserve.**

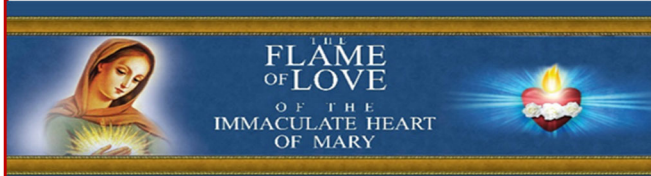
Centenary Committee!

We are beginning to plan for the celebration of our 100th Anniversary in 2024 (St. Therese Church was founded in 1924 by the Discalced Carmelite Friars from the Irish Province).



If you would like to join the Committee for the Parish Centenary Year, chaired by Fr. Stephen Watson, please call the Parish Office at (626) 282-2744, ext. 0, and leave your name, phone number, and email address. Our first meeting was last Wednesday, October 4th... BUT you may still join us to help us plan and help out with this BIG celebration.

The Flame of Love: The Greatest Gift of Grace for Our Time



Living in the Flame – Weekly Agenda
Friday: Immersion into the Lord's Passion
 + Fasting and Holy Hour

Jesus said: "With all the love of your heart, immerse yourself in My sorrowful Passion. When you arise in the morning, recall what was awaiting Me the entire day after the terrible torments of that night. While at work, contemplate the Way of the Cross and consider that I did not have any moment of rest. Totally exhausted, I was forced to climb the mount of Calvary. There is much to contemplate. I went to the limit, and I tell you, you cannot go to excess in doing something for Me."

"From Noon until 3:00 p.m., adore My sacred Wounds. Hopefully you can keep fasting until the time My sacred Body was taken down from the Cross... If you accept to sacrifice yourself, My daughter, you will receive an even greater abundance of graces."

Join the Cenacle: Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room every Monday. One from noon to 2:00 p.m., the other one from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m. The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the parish offices.

If you have any questions, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

Mass Intentions

October 7—October 14, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Our Lady of Fatima Apostolate

Sunday:

*7:30 am (Carm): Mother Brenda Marie OCD INT

7:30 a.m.: Maria Theresa Lopez, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Jassmine Ren, INT

1:00 pm: Ramon Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Angel Martinez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Jassmine Ren, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ana Maria Morlett, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Ciriaca Seguerra-Cruz, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Margaret Lowenberg, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Victoria Edusma, RIP

7:15 pm: (Spanish): Nancy Holman, Birthday INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Pearl Escobar, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Megan Grimm, 6th Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: **NO MASS—Confessions 7-9 p.m.**

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Ryan Anthony Siy, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Jay Shower, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Madeleine Tittmann, 23rd B-day INT

7:15 p.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Jassmine Ren, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Suzy R. Tan, Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: **NO MASS DUE TO NO PRIESTS AVAIL.**

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Kin Cheah, INT

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and holidays.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:15 p.m. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

STC Class of '73 Reunion!



St. Therese School Class of '73! Join us for a FIFTIETH REUNION!

To rekindle friendships fifty years after our 8th grade graduation, we are pleased to announce that a reunion event will take place in Alhambra at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

If you or one of your family members attended one, two, or more years with our Class of 1973—whether or not you or your family member *graduated* with our class—please come to share fond memories as we enjoy an afternoon together.

For more information, please contact Grace (Mulvihill) Van Orden at (626) 890-8913 (call or text) OR rgvo1@yahoo.com.

Also, visit our Facebook Page:

St. Therese School, Alhambra, Class of 1973



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