

St. Therese Catholic Church

April 23, 2023

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Est. 1924

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But they constrained Him, saying: "Stay with us, because it is towards evening, and the day is now far spent." And He went in with them (Luke 24:29).

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 7:00 p.m.
(Tuesday's evening Mass is in Spanish).

Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:00 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 (INSIDE & OUTSIDE)-**Wednesdays** from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; **Saturdays** from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and **Sundays** from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm; 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Pastor: Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD X222

Associate Pastor: Fr. David Guzman, OCD X232

In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD, Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD; and Fr. Godfrey Chandya, OCD

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page



SACRAMENTS

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

Letter from Fr. Thomas, Pastor

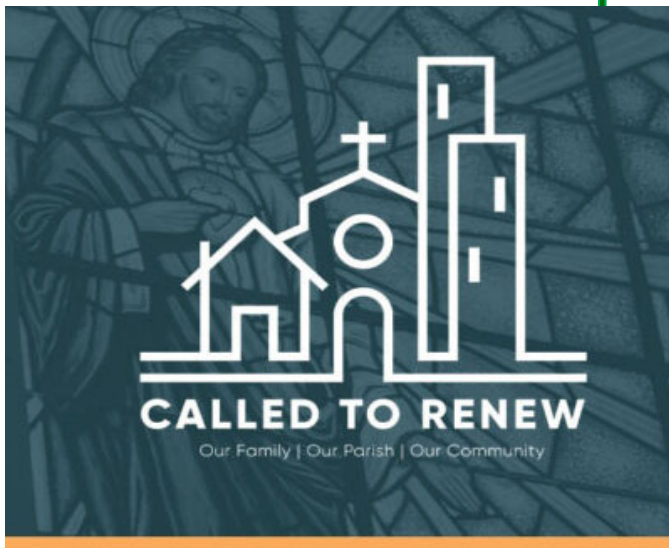
Jesus is risen! Blessed Easter Week Three, everyone!

We spent the six weeks of Lent preparing to renew our Baptismal promises, and now we are involved in the glorious task of living a renewed and resurrected baptismal life in the Lord Jesus. Here are some important texts from Scripture that can help each of us to be more grateful for and remain rooted in this New Life and not waste the hard work of Lent by going back to our old lives: **Mark** 1:9-11; 10:38-39; **Luke** 12:50; **Acts** 1:5; chapter 2; 10:37; 19:2-7; **Romans** 6:3-9; **1 Corinthians** 12:13; 15:29; and **Galatians** 3:27.

I also wholeheartedly encourage everyone to go to the "Little Singers of France" choir concert this coming **Thursday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the church (Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. that evening)**. See Page Five for all the details.

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, —Fr. Thomas of the Trinity, OCD

"CALLED TO RENEW" Reception



You are invited to a reception for our Archdiocesan **CALLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN** on **Sunday, May 7, after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Masses**. It will take place at the front and parking lot side entrances of the church. This reception will give you an opportunity to talk to Campaign Team members and to prayerfully consider how the Lord might be calling you to contribute financially/spiritually to this important event in the life of our Parish and of our Archdiocese. We hope to see YOU there!

WELCOMING RECEPTION FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED, ETC.

Also in front of the church on **Sunday, May 7, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass**, you are invited to come and welcome and celebrate with the seven adults and eleven children who were newly baptized into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil on April 8.



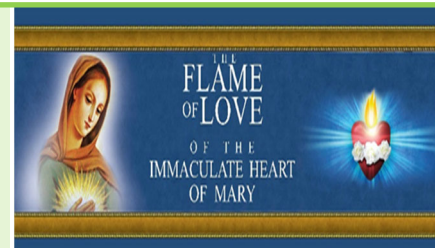
Also present will be those who completed their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil (First Communion, Confirmation) AND the children who will have received their First Communion during the 11:00 a.m. Mass that same day. There will be food and drink (complimentary, but you are welcome to make a donation). This is an opportunity to show true Christian community!

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

Essential Prayer #2 - The Unity Prayer

My Adorable Jesus,
 May our feet journey together.
 May our hands gather in unity.
 May our hearts beat in unison.
 May our souls be in harmony.
 May our thoughts be as one.
 May our ears listen to

the silence together.
 May our glances
 profoundly
 penetrate each other.
 May our lips pray together to
 gain mercy from the Eternal Father.
 Amen.



The Unity Prayer is Jesus' prayer asking us to enter His life. May our feet journey not to our happy place but to Calvary. May our hands gather not for ourselves but gather souls. May our lips pray for mercy not for ourselves but for others. Jesus said, "Through this prayer, Satan will be blind and souls will not be led into sin." The Lord explained, "Satan being blind signifies a worldwide triumph of my Sacred Heart, the freedom of souls and a full opening of the road of salvation."

Join the Cenacle: For all those interested, we encourage you to attend our Cenacle session every Monday in the Avila Room. You can attend either the Noon to 2:00 p.m session, or the 5:00 to 7:00 p.m session. If you have any questions, please call Maria Alejandra at (626) 282-2744. When the recording comes on, enter 1 + 235.

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FR. BROOM'S TALKS ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

MAY 4, 11, 18 & 25

4-WEEK PROGRAM

THURSDAYS
 MASS: 6:00 PM
 TALK: 7:15 PM
 GROUPS: 8:15 PM

FREE OF CHARGE

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FR. ED BROOM, OMI

REGISTER: 2023ActsTherese@gmail.com

Fr. Ed Broom will return to St. Therese Church to give four (free) talks on the **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**.

The talks will be held on **Thursday evenings, May 4, 11, 18, and 25**, beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by the

talks at 7:15 p.m. each night (Small Groups will follow at 8:15 p.m.).

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! To do so, send an email to 2023ActsTherese@gmail.com.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to the Hall **TODAY, Sunday, April 23**, after the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. **Masses**, for a delicious breakfast of **PANCAKES, EGGS, AND SAUSAGE**. Admission is **\$7 for adults, \$5 for teens (13-18), and FREE for kids (12 and under)**. All proceeds will go toward the Parish Building Renovation Fund. We'll see YOU there!



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Faith Academics Virtue



“Because children have abounding vitality, because they are in spirit fierce and free, therefore they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, "Do it again"—and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, "Do it again" to the sun; and every evening, "Do it again" to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we.”--G.K. Chesterton

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE!

Now is the time to clean out your closets, the basement, the attic, and anywhere else you keep things you don't need or use any longer. **Bring your unwanted items (clean and in good condition and/or working order to the Parish Hall on the following days: Monday through Thursday, April 24–27, between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. on those days.**

Then... come and see what you need and or want when **the sale is open on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29!**



1106 East Alhambra Road
Alhambra, California 91801

Parent Formation Night



**“Healing the Heart’s Brokenness:
Building an Intimate
Relationship with Christ”**

With Fr. Robert Barcelos, O.C.D.

Wednesday, May 3,
7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Visit

**[SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com/
ParentFormation](http://SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com/ParentFormation) to RSVP.**

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French Boys' Choir

St. Therese Church will host the French Boys' Choir from Paris, France (Les Petits Chanteurs de France) on Thursday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m., in the Church (Mass will take place at 6:00 p.m.) These children have been singing and travelling in France and all over the world for nearly ten years and are now touring the Southwest U.S.

This choir of 20 passionate boys and teenagers, from 8 to 18 years old, is conducted by Veronique Thomassin-Olivier, and accompanied by François Olivier, who is also the Titular of the Choir Organ at the prestigious church St. Eustache at Paris.

Their repertoire includes music from the sixteenth century to the present day, including the Hallelujah chorus from Handel's Messiah and Ave Maria from Gounod, as well as music pieces from French folklore. The choir will be available after the concert to sell their latest CD.



HOUSING FOR THE BOYS' CHOIR

This choir, which sings all over the world for humanitarian purposes, is in need of one-night's housing. There are fifteen boys and teenagers from eight to eighteen years of age, the bus driver (60 years old) who has traveled with us the last ten years and is a full member of the choir; one married couple and their ten year old daughter. The boys and teens have to be hosted by a minimum of pairs, and they can share a bed if necessary. None has any allergies or special diets. The children are very adaptable and are used to staying with many families. Call the office if you can house two or more (626-282-2744, ext. 0).

The Real St. Therese

When the hemoptysis began, she was reassured and rejoiced: "At last, I could give him the impression that I'm really sick. Never shall I forget the scene this morning when I was coughing up blood. Dr. de Corniere had a puzzled look." On July 8, some thought it time to administer the Last Sacraments: "I fear only one thing: that all this will change." It was a justifiable fear. "I want to be anointed very much; let them laugh at me afterwards if they want to" (she knew that some of the sisters did not think she was in danger of death). It was not only some of the sisters, but the superior of the Carmel himself. Yet in fairness to him, we must emphasize that Therese, because of the efforts she made not to sadden those around her, hardly presented the image of someone at death's door. Canon Maupas said to her: "Oh! You're only trying to mislead us. You're not going to die; very soon you'll be running in the garden. You don't look like a person who is dying. Give you Extreme Unction? But the sacrament wouldn't be valid. You're not sick enough!" Therese became prey to doubts, and this is a more subtle form of suffering. Perhaps she was mistaken and had deceived everyone: "It came into her head that she wasn't seriously ill, that the doctors were mistaken about the state of her health. She told me (Mother Agnes) about these trials and added: 'But these changes only touch the surface of my soul . . . Ah! nevertheless, they are great trials!'"



An installment from *The Passion of Thérèse of Lisieux* by Guy Faucher

It must be admitted that the progress of the disease threw outsiders off the scent, since it amazed the doctor himself. Three days after she was taken down to the infirmary, Dr. de Corniere seems to have shared Canon Maupas' opinion. He found her "better than usual" ... Therese informed the family of these sudden improvements: "Tell them ... that I'm a child of contradiction. They think I am dying, and I don't faint away; then they think I'm alive and I'm on the threshold of death. I am a real contradiction." On July 13 she was sure that her Spouse was at the door and had only a few more weeks to live. She reminded the Guerins of the paradox: "One day Dr. de Corniere looks so dismayed that I think I am at Heaven's gate, and the next day he goes off quite happy, saying: 'Why, you're on the road to recovery.'"

At the end of July there were fresh doubts: "I'm not about to die. It's too bad if no one can any longer understand anything." Therese grew somewhat tired of the frequent discussion and the morbid game of prognosis which often took place in her presence as to when she was going to die. In August the uncertainty continued. No one could any longer understand the progress of the sickness. She herself had misgivings about her imminent death. Like Robinson Crusoe on his island, she could not see the ship that she had been told was coming to save her: "I said to myself: 'They've deceived me! I'm not going to be leaving!'" **Continues next week, space permitting.**

Shower of Roses Annual Benefit Luncheon



LAST CHANCE! The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary invites you and your guests to attend this year's Shower of Roses, **"Nourish Your Heart's Garden."** It will feature a lecture by Mr. Randy Shulman, the Vice President of Advancement & External Relationships at Huntington Library & Gardens, entitled, **"Behind the Scenes at Huntington Library."**

The date of this event is **THIS Wednesday, April 26**, beginning with a social hour at 10:30 a.m.

(includes Raffle Drawings | Opportunity Prizes | Silent Auction), followed by the Luncheon at 12:00 p.m. It will be held at San Gabriel Country Club, 350 East Hermosa Drive, San Gabriel (hosted valet parking) The cost of admission is \$65 each. **To make your reservation, please call Kathy Cardoza at (626) 570-9012.**

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- Traditional Values
- Carmelite Spirituality

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Raffle for Mother's Day!

Take a chance on winning this beautiful **"Our Lady of Guadalupe" apron!** It's just \$3 per ticket or \$5 for two tickets. All proceeds will go to support St. Therese Church.



Get your tickets from the "gift shop" in the main vestibule of the church after the weekend Masses.

The winning ticket will be drawn on Mother's Day.

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.

April 15 / 16, 2023



Unrestricted..... \$23,986.00
 Restricted \$ 1,310.00
TOTAL.....\$25,296.00

March 18 /19 \$10,617.00
 March 25 / 26 \$16,885.00
 April 2 / 3 \$13,071.00
 April 8 /9...\$27,259.00

CHECK USERS:
 Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

Mass Intentions

April 22—April 29, 2023

Saturday Evening:

8:15 p.m.: Susan Green, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 am (Carm): Michael Rice, INT

7:30am: Joan Bothast, RIP

9:00 am: Vina Vargas & Robertina Mendoza, INT

11:00 a.m.: Joseph Dampf, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Widanta Family, INT

5:00 p.m.: Sarita Lopez, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Frank Matranga, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Debi Hrman, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Nicole Solaun, INT

7:00 p.m.: Louise Jamila Sunga, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Bob Meyer, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Patricia Kiechler, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Nicole Solaun, INT

7 p.m.: Maria Nguyen Thi Thanh Van, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Bob Meyer, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Lucas Hong & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Carolina Melgar, INT

7:00 p.m.: Anthony Brajkovich, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Bob Meyer, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Sheny Lopez, Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Louise Jamila Sunga, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Bob Meyer, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Louise Jamila Sunga, rip

7:00 p.m.: All Souls, RIP

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Louise Jamila Sunga, RIP

***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 7:00 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).

Quiet Listening Prayer

The Interior Castle: The Fourth Mansion
By St. Teresa of Avila

Let them take the advice that, when they feel this languishing in themselves, they tell the prioress and distract themselves from it insofar as they can. The prioress should make them give up so many hours for prayer so that they have only a very few and try to get them to sleep and eat well until their natural



strength begins to return, if it has been lost through a lack of food and sleep. If a Sister's nature is so weak that this is not enough, may she believe me that God does not want her to practice anything but the active life, which also must be practiced in monasteries. They should let her get busy with different duties; and always take care that she not have a great deal of solitude, for she would lose her health completely. It will be quite a mortification for her; in how she bears this absence is the way the Lord wants to test her love for Him. And He will be pleased to give her strength back after some time. If He doesn't, she will gain through vocal prayer and through obedience and will merit what she would have merited otherwise, and perhaps more (12-13).

Outside the Parish

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT JUNE 13-21, 2023, WITH FR. HUY NGUYEN: From the beautiful dream of Mother Angelica to the beautiful Shrine in Hanceville, Alabama!. Experience the Pope St. John Paul II Eucharistic Museum, procession to the Lourdes Grotto, spiritual talks by the Friars, Healing Service, with a visit to EWTN and so much more. For more info contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839. ONLY 6 spots still open!

Personal Ad

College Student is in NEED OF A CAR (auto was destroyed in the recent storms). Please call Maria at (818) 331-2160.