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Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars



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He said, "To what shall we compare the Kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade" (Mark 4:30-32).

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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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,



There's lots to celebrate and talk about this week! First of all, I just want to **congratulate once again our newly ordained deacon, Deacon Rex Owens**, and thank him for his continued service to our Parish! I would also ask you to **congratulate and pray for our own Fr. Stephen Watson on the 40th Anniversary of his priesthood today**, Sunday, June 16! It is fitting to celebrate this occasion on Father's Day, as Fr. Steve has spent 40 dedicated years as a spiritual father to so many! His special anniversary Mass will be at today's 9:00 a.m. Mass.

In continuation of that celebration, we will have one of our Centennial events shortly afterwards: our Parish Picnic! **If you have a ticket, we will see you at Lacy Park any time between Noon and 5:00 p.m., in Section 6 at Lacy Park in San Marino.** The even bigger Centennial event is the next day, **Monday, June 17, when we will celebrate a 5:00 p.m. Mass with Archbishop Gomez and Bishop Nunes.** The 11:00 a.m. choir will be present, along with five of our former Carmelite pastors who have served here at St. Therese. We are also inviting other friars from our province, along with some of the local clergy. Please come to celebrate 100 years of faith and our Carmelite presence here at St. Therese!

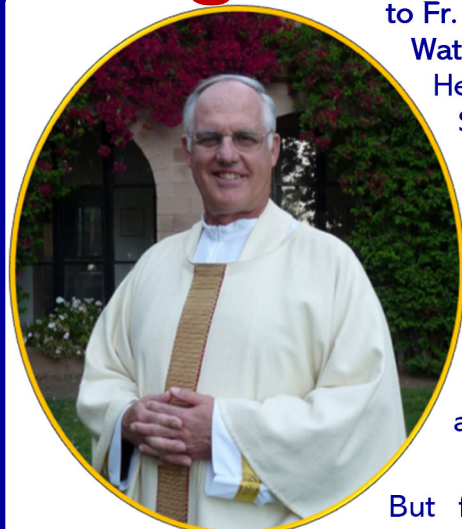


You, our parishioners, are the *biggest* part of making us the parish that we have been and will be for the *next* 100 years! **Don't forget that we will have special commemorative merchandise for our Centennial on sale at the picnic and after the June 17th Mass**, including T-shirts, hoodies, tote bags, and blankets.

God bless you all and hope to see you at all these events! And **Happy Father's Day to all the dedicated fathers in our Parish!—and that includes our resident priests!**

—Fr. Peter Mary

40th Jubilee for Fr. Stephen Congratulations!



to Fr. Stephen Francis
Watson of the Cross!
He was ordained in
San Jose on June
16, 1984—forty
years ago
today!

Fr. Stephen has
chosen to
celebrate this
special
anniversary today
at Lacy Park.

But first, he will be
the main celebrant at
today's **9:00 a.m. Mass**, concelebrated by the
Carmelite Friars who served as pastors at St.
Therese since 1984. Former Pastors Frs. David
Costello, Patrick Sugrue, Matthew Williams, Jan
Lundberg, and Philip Sullivan will all be here to
help celebrate Fr. Stephen!

St. Therese Parish Picnic



If you are one of the **200+** people who has a ticket
for today's picnic... **TODAY IS THE DAY!** We will see
you at **Lacy Park (Section 6)** in **San Marino anytime
between Noon and 5:00 p.m.** There will be food,
games, social time, and lots of fun!

We will provide boxed lunches for each person that
we have reservations for... **BUT you are also
encouraged to bring a dish or dessert to share!**

There is plenty of picnic table seating (in the shade)
for everyone, but it's suggested to bring chairs and
picnic blankets for more comfortable seating!

**NO NOON TIME CONFESSIONS
ON SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH!**

Welcome, Archbishop Gomez!

Please welcome Archbishop Jose Gomez to St.
Therese **THIS MONDAY, JUNE 17!** He will
celebrate a special Mass at **5:00 p.m.** that day
to mark **the midpoint celebration of our
centennial year.** Our Regional Bishop Brian
Nunes and **five former St. Therese
Pastors** will be concelebrating (**NO
7:15 p.m. Mass that evening!**).



Please join us at this special Mass
this Monday to pray for St. Therese
Parish and for all your needs.

COMMEMORATIVE CENTENNIAL T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

At today's picnic, we will be
selling St. Therese
commemorative T-shirts and
hoodies for our 100th year as a
Parish! They are also available via
a link on our website!

Happy Father's Day!

...to all our fathers,
grandfathers,
godfathers,
stepfathers, foster
fathers, uncles, and
"like-a-father"s in
our Parish! May God bless you with
patience, wisdom, and love!



Our **Father's Day Novena of Masses**
will begin this Monday, June 17. To
enroll someone—living or deceased—
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and enclose an offering inside.
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It is through the Cross that we can be an offering to the Eternal Father—we are invited into the love of the Cross!

April 8, 1962: Jesus: “Do not be distracted when you make the sign of the Cross. Think about the Three Divine Persons . . . Make the sign of the cross five times, while thinking of my Five Wounds. Always look at my eyes bathed in blood from so many blows that I received—even from you.”

April 13, 1962: Mary: “Start making the sign of the Cross five times, offering yourselves to the Eternal Father through the wounds of my Divine Son. Do the same at the conclusion. Sign yourselves this way when you get up and when you go to bed, and during the day. This will bring you closer to the Eternal Father through my Divine Son, filling your heart with graces.”

Reference: Building on Solid Rock Flame of Love Retreats Session 1 Part 2 at <https://flameoflove.us/building-on-solid-rock/>

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 7:00 p.m. For more info, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

"LET ME INTRODUCE YOU..." By Fr. Stephen F. Watson OCD



Since the founding of St. Therese Parish in 1924, eighteen **Discalced Carmelite Friars** have served its parishioners as one of its nineteen pastors (we'll explain that later!). **Fr. Malachy Cranfield** was appointed the first pastor of the new parish. Without delay, he began holding meetings with the parishioners to organize various parish societies.

Fr. Gerard Houlihan, the second pastor, brought the Sisters of Providence to staff the new school, which they did up until the 1980's. **Fr. Andrew Kenny** (No. 3), one of the Irish friars who came to California for the purpose of establishing the new parish, had his turn as the third pastor. He is seen in the vintage pictures of the Parish Picnic.

Fr. Patrick Collins (No. 4) served as Pastor beginning in 1939. He had originally come to Alhambra while still a seminarian and was ordained at St. Vibiana's Cathedral. Fr. Patrick began fundraising to build a new church but, with the U.S. entering World War II, those efforts were curtailed. **Fr. Martin Lydon** (No. 5) was Pastor from 1945 to 1948. He is remembered as a tireless organizer and was *also* involved in the continued fundraising for a new church.

Fr. James Gilmartin (No. 6), assigned as pastor from 1948 to 1954, was the pastor who was *finally* able to do what those before him only dreamed of doing: build a new church! He hired an architect, J. Earl Trudeau, to draw up the plans, and the church was completed by the end of 1950—at a cost of \$225,000. It was dedicated on January 14, 1951, by Cardinal McIntyre, then Archbishop of Los Angeles.

In 1954, **Fr. Columban Fitzgerald** (No. 7) became pastor and arranged for a new rectory to be built. In 1959, also under the leadership of Fr. Columban, a new convent was built for the Sisters at 520 North Vega. **Fr. Gerald Winters** (No. 8) was assigned as pastor in 1960. Due to increased school enrollment that year, Fr. Gerald oversaw the construction of the present school classrooms and parish hall. From 1966 to 1972, **Fr. William Fenton** (No. 9) was our Pastor. He installed a new church organ and updated the sanctuary for the new post-Vatican II liturgy.

Fr. Matthew McKeogh (No. 10) served from 1972 to 1978. During his term, abortion was legalized (in 1972), resulting in the formation of our first Respect Life Organization, the "Pro-Life Federation." From 1978 to 1984, **Fr. William Fenton** (No. 11) again served as pastor (this is the reason why only eighteen friars have served as one of our nineteen pastors!). To this day, memories of him are still strong in the minds of many of our parishioners.

Fr. David Costello (No. 12) was Pastor from 1984 to 1990. Fr. David is the pastor who instituted our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Program in 1988, as well as programs like "Renew" and "Come Home" for Catholics who had left the Church. **Fr. Patrick Sugrue** (No. 13) was then appointed pastor from 1990 to 1996. During his pastorate the adoration chapel was relocated from a small chapel on the east side of the church to the former baptistry. He also began the fundraising to build our current Parish Center. **Fr. Stephen Watson** (No. 14) served as Pastor from 1996 to 1999 (only three years instead of the usual six because of being elected Provincial in 1999). During his term, he made great strides in increasing the funds raised for the Parish Center. Fr. Steve was the *first* Pastor assigned to St. Therese who was *not born in Ireland*. **Fr. Matthew Williams** (No. 15) was appointed pastor when Fr. Stephen was elected Provincial. During his pastorate, the groundbreaking for the new 10,000 square-foot, multi-use Parish Center took place on November 8, 1999, and was dedicated on November 5, 2000.

Fr. Jan Lundberg (No. 16) oversaw the installation of marble flooring under the church pews, as well as new pews and kneelers. During his time as pastor, the debt for the new building was paid off. The next pastor was **Fr. Phillip Sullivan** (No. 17), who arranged for the friars to move out of the former rectory into the convent on Vega and oversaw turning the rectory into the Adoration Chapel, offices, and Conference Rooms for additional meeting space. He also brought classical education to the School, with an emphasis on forming the students into lifelong, faithful Catholics. Fr. Philip served nine consecutive years as pastor, the only pastor to have done so.

Fr. Thomas Koller (No. 18) brought to the Parish the charism of being both a contemplative and a charismatic priest. While he was here, he created a lay-led Healing Prayer Ministry (still held here following our Monday night Mass). As of August 1, 2023, our current Pastor is **Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio** (No. 19). Fr. Peter Mary was ordained a Carmelite priest on August 15, 2015, here at St. Therese Church. Fr. Peter Mary says, *"It is an honor to serve the good people of St. Therese. I have always been edified by their great faith and devotion. In many ways, it feels like coming home for me!"*

The Carmelite Friars feel both proud and humbled for the blessing of serving St. Therese Parish for the last century!

The Discalced Carmelite Friars are a *BIG* part of the rich 100-year history of St. Therese Parish.
Let us all walk with St. Therese as we journey together in faith during our Centennial year.

VOX VITAE PRO-LIFE TEEN CAMP

Vox Vitae regrets to announce that—due to unforeseen circumstances—our Catholic Pro-Life Teen Leadership Camp and our Adult Summit (originally scheduled to take place this week) have been CANCELLED.

We look forward to welcoming the teens at our monthly Teen Night resuming in September AND our teens and adults at next year's Camp and Summit. Please keep Vox Vitae and its members—and all the endangered babies in your prayers! God bless you!



HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY WILL BE OFF UNTIL JUNE 24

This Monday, June 17, the Healing Prayer Ministry **will not be present after the evening Mass**. However, it will resume in the church on Monday, June 24, after the 7:15 p.m. Mass.

MISSION CO-OP SPEAKER HERE JUNE 29TH & 30TH

Every summer, the Archdiocese of L.A. sends missionaries to speak at its parishes via the Mission Co-op Plan. This year, on the weekend of June 29th and 30th, our parish will welcome Deacon Al Austin from the Lay Mission-Helpers Association (LMH)—an organization that makes it possible for lay Catholics to share their talents and witness to their faith around the world. Since its foundation in Los Angeles in 1955, LMH has sent over 750 lay men, women, and families on mission to 37 countries. Currently, LMH serves in Ghana, Uganda, and Peru. Their missionaries come from across the United States and serve three-year terms as teachers, nurses, computer technicians, project managers, accountants, administrators, pastoral workers and other professionals. Deacon Al served as a lay missionary in Papua New Guinea. For more information about LMH, visit www.laymissionhelpers.org. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the missionary work of Lay Mission-Helpers!

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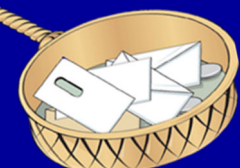
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Mass Intentions

June 15—June 22, 2024

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: L. A. McGrath, INT

Sunday

- *7:30 a.m.: Victor Gilberto Arenas, INT
- 7:30 a.m.: Kin & Michael Alexander Cheah, INT
- 9:00 a.m.: Gilbert Holman, RIP
- 11:00 a.m.: Albert J. Shower, Sr., RIP
- 1:00 p.m. (Latin): Denise Sookhan, Birthday INT
- 5:00 p.m.: Edward Morales, RIP

Monday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 1
- *7:30 a.m.: Jose Munoz, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Kwai Hang Lau, RIP
- 7:15 p.m.: Victor Herman Arenas, Birthday INT

Tuesday

- 6:00 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD
- *7:30 a.m.: Nate Coyle, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Albert Grimm, 13th Birthday INT
- 7:15 p.m.: Father's Day Novena 2

Wednesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Mr. and Mrs. Giambalvo, INT
- *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 3

Thursday

- 6:00 a.m.: Lita Crowell, INT
- *7:30 a.m.: Dorca Sanchez, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 4

Friday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 5
- *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Mary Sebastian, RIP

Saturday (Morning):

- *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT
- 8:00 a.m.: John Torres, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel (located at 215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra).**

Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass and the HOMILIES at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m. Masses. Be sure to "tune in"!

Pilgrimages

OUR LADY OF CHAMPION (approved Apparition) **PILGRIMAGE** with Saint Therese Parish's **Father David**: to visit the Shrines of Wisconsin, **AUGUST 10-16, 2024**. This is a Spiritual Retreat Pilgrimage including visits to Our Lady of Champion Shrine and our Carmelite Holy Hill Basilica. Two additional groups flying out of San Francisco and Tucson will be joining us on this fabulous journey. The per person/double occupancy total rate is \$2348 (from LAX). We will visit various Shrines of Our Lady, including Holy Hill Basilica and the Carmelite Nuns Cloister in Denmark, WI. Pick up a Pilgrimage Flyer for more information or email denisekay@hotmail.com.

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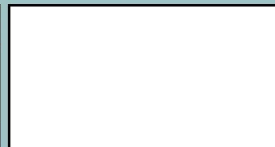


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