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St. Therese Church

Established 1924

510 North El Molino Street • Alhambra, California 91801 • (626) 282-2744 • FAX (626) 282-7560 (Unless otherwise indicated, all telephone numbers are in the **626 area code**.) Web Page: <http://www.mysttherese.org>

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Masses & Services:

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm
Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Devotions:

Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm
Warrior-Intercessors: Thursdays, 8:00 pm
St. Joseph Devotion: Tuesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm
St. Joseph Project: 3rd Tues. (Nov.-Apr.) Mass, 7:00 pm
Fatima Pilgrimage: 13th of the month (May-Oct.), 7:00 pm

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
-Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
-Saturdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Baptism: Call 284-0200, ext. 225, for schedule
Marriage: Contact priest at least six months before
RCIA (Sac. for adults) Rhonda Storey 284-0020, Ext. 225

Other Ministries / Programs:

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias 323-724-6443
Legion of Mary: Wed., 7:00 pm - Michelle Mestas 755-0564
Mary of Mt. Carmel Prayer Ministry: First Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
Peace & Justice Prayer Ministry:
Tuesdays at 6:15 PM - Edward William 768-0758
Respect Life Ministry: Call the rectory at 282-2744
Rosary Makers: Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm
Edward William 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com

Pastor:

Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (Ext. 226)

Associate Pastors:

Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (Ext. 232)
Fr. David Guzman, OCD (Ext. 337)

In Residence:

Fr. Jerome Lantry, OCD (Ext. 334)

Deacon Couple:

Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)

Vocations: Parish: Fr. David Guzman OCD (X 337);
Regional: 909-629-9495; Archdiocesan: 213-637-7515

Parish Secretary: Denise McMaster (Ext. 223)

Finances/Donations: Noralyn Cailan (Ext. 228)

Christian Services: Bridie McDermott (Ext. 224)

Liturgical Coordinators:

Lectors: Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)
Eucharistic Ministers of the Altar: Dn J. & L. Mizerski (221)
Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick: Fred & Margaret
Padilla, 282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (Ext. 225)
rhondalstorey@gmail.com
* Pre K through 8th Grade * Adult Religious Ed

Confirmation Program for Youth:

(9th and 10th Graders) Rhonda Storey 284-0020
(Ext. 225) rhondalstorey@gmail.com

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-3364, Ext. 660

Principal: Carmela Lovano, Clovano@stthereseschoolalhabra.org
Web Site: www.stthereseschoolalhabra.org

Eucharistic Adoration - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations.
Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson - 289-0388

New Parishioners: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE! Please come to the Parish office to register. **Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 to 5:00 pm; 6:00 to 8:00 pm—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm**

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2011

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS:

The STS Faculty & Staff wish the St. Therese Parish & Community a Merry Christmas! May all your Christmas prayers be answered in this Holy Season and may God bless you and your family on Christmas and always!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK...begins on **January 29** with the **9:00 a.m. Mass**, followed by an Open House & Science Fair until Noon. Join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools: **FAITH, ACADEMICS, SERVICE.**

Applications are now available for 2011-2012. Call the school office for more information at 289-3364. For more information, visit our website at www.sttheresesschoolalhambra.org.

Please shop at the **STS Marketplace** through the link on our web page. The school earns a percentage of all your purchases.

NEW SCRIP GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE! We now have scrip gift cards for Amazon, Taco Bell, and Chipotle Mexican Grill. **SHAPING FUTURES....TEACHING STUDENTS....SERVING FAMILIES**

SPECIAL

SEEKING DONATION OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS: Got too many books? Monica, an Ambassador Girl Scout from Troop 3581 (under Mrs. Storey), is working with a local homeless center to create a library in the shelter in order to encourage literacy in the resident children. Please help her accomplish this goal! You can drop off any type of children's books to Mrs. Storey or to the rectory. Thank you for your help. For more information, you can contact Mrs. Storey at 284-0020, ext. 225.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING: It's not too late to join us in our study of "ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom." **Classes are held most Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**, in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center. Share with the early Christians the joys and struggles of living the life of Christ and learn how these apply to us today. See your place in Christ's Church, and how you should live day-to-day as a disciple of Christ. This DVD-study series features Jeff Cavins, creator of the Great Adventure Bible Study. The study manual is \$30 per person. For more info and the date of the next class, contact Victoria at 323-343-9064.

FLORAL DEDICATION PROGRAM: If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one AND help to beautify the church at the same time, then take advantage of our Floral Dedication Program. You may choose the kind of flowers and the colors for not only memorial remembrances, but also for anniversaries, birthdays, engagements, weddings, baptisms, get-well wishes, etc. For each dedication, a notice will be posted in the bulletin (on the Mass intentions page) under "Floral Dedication" and will include your loved one's name and the occasion. A donation of \$40 is requested for each dedication bouquet (this is the actual cost of the flowers). In order to schedule a memorial or a dedication, please contact Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.

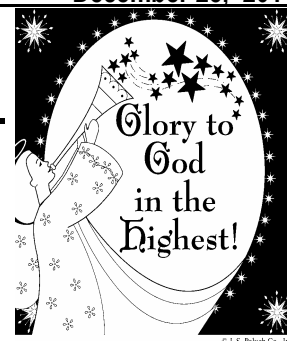
PARISH MINISTRIES

ST. TERESE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rhonda Storey, 284-0020X 225

STRE: Merry Christmas to all our students and families!

We will see you back on Sunday, January 8, after the Christmas break.



R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) 2011-2012: If you are interested in becoming Catholic and learning about the Church—or know someone who is—then come, or have the person you know come, to the RCIA classes in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Rhonda at 284-0020, ext. 225.



YOUTH CONFIRMATION: Rhonda Storey, 284-0020X 225.

Merry Christmas! We will see you in class on January 8!

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY Edward William, 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com (Prayer with Action: Strengthening of Families, Conversion of Sinners, and Peace in the World) - ***St. Joseph Prayer Devotion:*** Join us on **Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. in front of the St. Joseph statue** in the church. ***The Rosary Makers:*** We meet on **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room** (following the St. Joseph Devotion). You are invited to help us make the rosaries, which are then shipped to missions throughout the world. This is our **action** aspect of the Peace & Justice Ministry.

BAPTISM MINISTRY: Blanca Ruvalcaba, 284-0020, X 225 ~ In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **BOTH PARENTS AND GODPARENTS** are required to: 1) Have an interview (must be held the month BEFORE the Baptism); 2) Attend one class (next are on **Jan. 9 & Feb. 13**) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Library); And 3) Be presented at Mass at a Presentation Sunday (next are **Jan. 15 & Feb. 19**) at the 9:00 a.m. Mass). After completing these, your child will be baptized on a Saturday (next OPEN Baptisms are at Noon on **Jan. 21 & Feb. 25**). **SELECTING THE GODPARENTS:** Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) **is at least 16;** 2) **has received Confirmation;** and 3) **is a practicing Catholic.**

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: **RESPECT LIFE**

QUOTE: "Like an animal caught in a trap, trying to gnaw off its own leg, a woman who seeks abortion is trying to escape a desperate situation by an act of violence and self-loss. Abortion is not a sign that women are free, but a sign that they are desperate. The answer to a crisis pregnancy is to eliminate the crisis, not the child."

~Frederica Mathewes-Green



PARISH MINISTRIES / NEWS:

PERPETUAL ADORATION



“It took me a long time as a convert to realize the presence of Christ as Man in the Sacrament. He is the same Jesus Who walked on earth, Who slept in the boat as the tempest arose, Who hungered in the desert, Who prayed in the garden, Who conversed with the woman by the well, Who rested at the house of Martha and Mary, Who wandered

through the cornfields, picking the ears of corn to eat. Jesus is there as Man. He is there, Flesh and Blood, Soul and Divinity. He is our leader Who is always with us. Do you wonder that Catholics are exultant in this knowledge, that their Leader is with them? ‘I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world.’”

—Dorothy Day

SIGN UP! The Adoration Chapel is open day and night to adore Jesus in the exposed Blessed Sacrament. To sign up, call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN:

DID YOU KNOW? Helping victims of abuse The first obligation of the Church with regard to victims is for healing and reconciliation. The Archdiocese continues to reach out to every person who has been a victim of sexual abuse as a minor by anyone in church service, whether that abuse is recent or occurred in the past. The Archdiocese’s Victims Assistance Ministry helps victims/survivors who have been victims of sexual abuse by a priests, deacons, or individuals representing the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator, Suzanne Healy, is available to help victims/survivors make a formal complaint of abuse to the archdiocese, and to obtain support for the needs of the individual and families. Ms. Healy can be reached by calling, (213) 637-7650. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

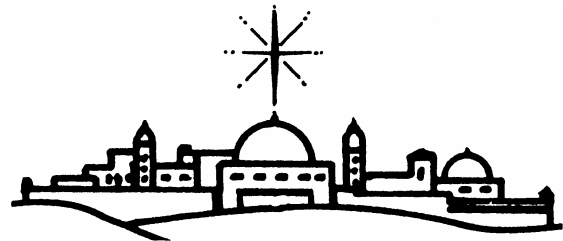
RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS: Last weekend was the annual collection for the Retirement of Religious. Envelopes are still in the pews. Please be generous!

F I N A N C I A L :

Due to the Christmas holidays, this bulletin went to press before the weekend of December 18. Therefore, the totals will be in a later bulletin. The totals for the previous three weekends are below:

November 26 / 27, 2011.....\$13,017.00
December 3 / 4, 2011.....\$13,218.00
December 10 / 11, 2011.....\$14,997.00

As a friendly suggestion for those of you who are employed, may we propose a realistic donation to St. Therese Church of at least one hour of pay per week.



MERRY CHRISTMAS !

WARRIOR INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS:

A S O N I S G I V E N . . .
“Herein is love, not that we have loved God, but that He has loved us, and sent us His Son” (1 John 4:10).

May gratitude be our gift to God during Christmas and every day. Join us every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. to pray for the Masterpiece of His Creation, the Priesthood, and for His presence through and in each every priest.

Join us every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the church to pray for the *altos Christos*—the other Christs

among us: His beloved priests. For more information, you may call Blanca at 284-0020, ext. 225.



MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of 12/24/11 to 12/31/11



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Saturday-Christmas Eve:
 5:00 p.m. Joseph Lan Tran RIP
 Midnight: James & Ursula Nguyen INT
Sunday-Christmas Day:
 *7:30am: James & Ursula Nguyen INT
 7:30 am: Joe Rosenthal RIP
 9:00 am: Parishioners
 11:00am: Fr. Patrick Sugrue INT
 1:00 pm: Rafael Paz INT

Monday:
 6:00 am: Christmas Novena 1
 *7:30 am: Sr. Emily INT

8:00 a.m.: Taylor,Wood,Detardo,Mariani Families RIP

Tuesday:
 6:00 am: Elizabeth Fieux INT
 *7:30 am: Christmas Novena 2
 8:00 am: Fr. Patrick Sugrue INT

Wednesday:
 6:00 am: Fr. Patrick Sugrue INT
 *7:30 am: Philip Huyen-Du Vu RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 3

Thursday:
 6:00 am: Christmas Novena 4
 *7:30 am Hai thi Nguyen RIP
 8:00 am: Linda Kay Hesse RIP

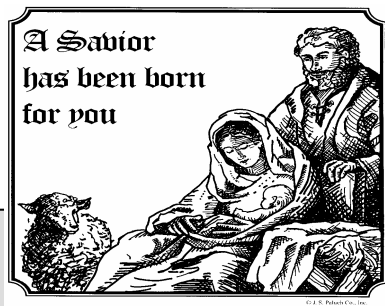
Friday:
 6:00 a.m.: John/Catherine Park Family INT
 *7:30am Christmas Novena 5
 8:00 am: Natalie Mulvihill RIP

Saturday:
 6:00 a.m.: Fr. Wm Wagner ORC & Scholastica Keimon INT
 *7:30 am: Carmelite Community
 8:00 am: Josua Joseph Ribaya INT

Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 E. Alhambra Road—open to the public every day **except** on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.

INTENTIONS OF OUR HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER:

1) That the nations of the earth, through knowledge and mutual respect, may grow in harmony and peace; and 2) That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that their dignity may always be respected and preserved from all violence.



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LECTORS:

Saturday:
 5:00 p.m. Marta Timar / Rebeca Willis
Sunday:
 7:30 a.m. Pat Rosenthal / Thu Nguyen
 9:00 a.m. Lily Edusma / Antoinette Sandoval
 11:00 a.m. Ignacio Verduaco / Lucas Setiady
 5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches / Vickie Blair

FLORAL DEDICATIONS

Thank you to all who have made a donation in our Christmas Flower envelopes. It is because of you that we have these beautiful poinsettias!

To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, contact Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.

PERSONAL ADS

FOR RENT: Studio guest house in Alhambra—female preferred. Call Socorro at 943-9637.

HOME FOR LEASE--beautifully remodeled, new everything, 3 BR, 2 BA, 1824 sq. ft., walking distance to St. Therese. \$2,650/mo. Call Edith at 760-940-1914



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OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Join Fr. Jose Parathanal on a "Marian & Other Great Saints" Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France from May 17 to 29. Join Fr. Greg Neri to Portugal, Spain, France & Italy on Oct. 19 to Nov. 1. For more information, please contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or 323-344-1548/323-547-6618.

Avenue of Travel with Fr. Jan Lundberg presents "**Footsteps of Apostle Paul**" **June 23 to July 3, 2012.** Visiting Athens, Thessalonika, Philippi, Corinth, etc. 3 nights cruising to Mykonos, Kusadasi, Patmos & Santorini. Daily breakfast and 5 dinners, including welcome and farewell dinner, in addition to full meals onboard. LAND COST is \$2279 per person based on double occupancy and inside cabin on the ship. Upgrades available. For details or flyers, please check our website AVENUEOFORG.COM or contact us at 877-914-7888 or aokyang@gmail.com. Non refundable deposit of USD250 per person for reservation.

14-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND on June 27-July 10, 2012, with Frs. Robt. Bishop, CMF, and Darrin Merlino, CMF, to Jacob's Well, Hebron, Manre, and Jericho; and to Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Bethany, Jerusalem, and more! Cost is \$3,757 (includes airport taxes) from LAX. For more info, please call Albert & Mary Helen Estrada at 285-6687 or e-

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