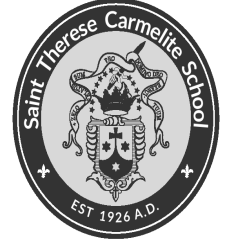




Saint Therese Church



January 3, 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 (222) **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.
Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

Other Ministries/Programs:

*Annulments:

Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

***Carmelite Spiritual Reading Group**
Mondays, Jim Gillette (213) 448-1039

***Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4p.m.**

***Bible Study:** Debbie Robles 679-6370

***Detention Ministry:** Sonia Macias
(323) 724-6443

***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

***St. Joseph Prayer Group:** Wed,
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***Tea at Therese Women's Group:**

Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701

***Avila Young Adult Group:**

Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284



Bl. Kuriakos Elias Chavara, OCD
Feast Day: January 3
(1805-1871)

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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Bridie McDermott (224)

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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.

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. -Isaiah 60:1

CATECHESIS Q & A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

“What Do We Know About the Magi?”



The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek word, “epiphainen,” a verb that means “to shine upon,” “to manifest,” or “to make known.” Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested His mission and divinity: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).

According to Matthew (Matthew 2:1-12), the only one of the four Gospels to mention the Magi, they came “from the east” to worship the “king of the Jews,” offering gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Holy Child. Although the account does not mention the number of Magi, the three gifts has led to the widespread assumption that there were three men. Unfortunately, nothing is known with certainty about

the identities of the Wise Men from the East. It is surmised that they were gifted astronomers and astrologers--probably Medes from the clan of Magus, from ancient Babylon (modern Iraq). Scripture tells us that the Magi made their presence known to King Herod before the visit and that they were warned in a dream to return to their own country by a different route to avoid Herod after they saw Jesus. Their identification as kings is probably linked to Psalms 72:11, “*May all kings fall down before Him*”.

Although the New Testament does not give any names to the Magi, by the 8th Century they were identified as Balthasar, Gaspar, and Melchior, and were all regarded as saints. Tradition tells us that Balthasar is often represented as a king or a scholar from Babylonia; Melchior as a king or scholar from Persia, and Gaspar as a king or scholar from India. These names apparently derive from a Greek manuscript probably composed in Alexandria around 500 translated into Latin with the title *Excerpta Latina Barbari*. Another Greek document from the 8th century, translated into Latin with the title *Collectanea et Flores*, continues the tradition of three kings and, along with the above-cited names, gives additional details.

The Bible specifies no interval between Jesus' birth and the magi's visit; however, the closeness of the traditional dates of December 25 and January 6 encourage the popular assumption that the visit took place the same winter as the birth, but later traditions varied, with the visit taken as occurring up to two winters later. This maximum interval explained Herod's command in Matthew 2:16-18 that the massacre of the innocents should include boys up to two years old.

If you were to stroll around Prague or Frankfurt or Budapest or Kraków over the next few weeks, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways: “20 G M B 16.” The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader writes the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “*May Christ bless this house*.” The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar (an alternate name for Gaspar), Melchior, and Balthasar.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door has the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace.

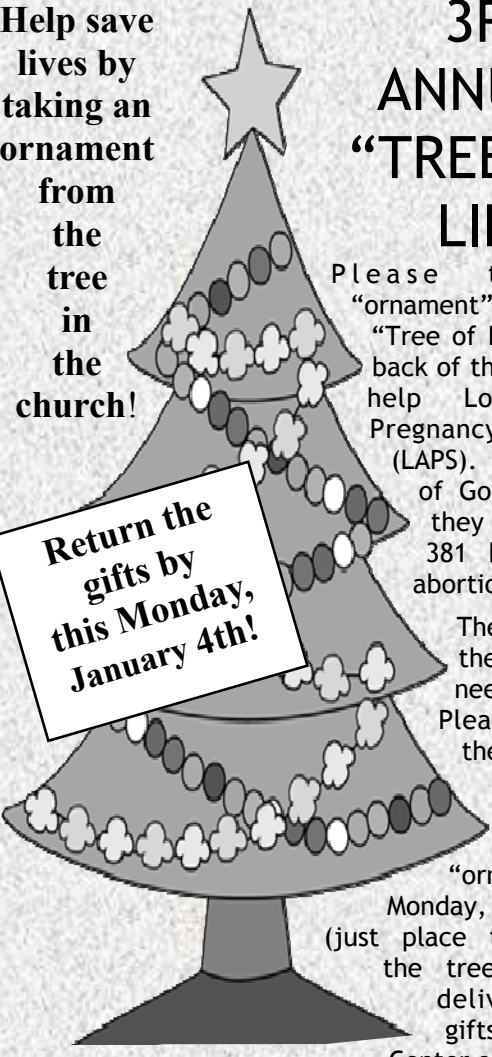
Help save lives by taking an ornament from the tree in the church!

3RD ANNUAL "TREE OF LIFE"

Please take an "ornament" from the "Tree of Life" (in the back of the church) to help Los Angeles Pregnancy Services (LAPS). By the grace of God, this year they have saved 381 babies from abortion!

The babies and their mothers need your help. Please return the items listed on the "ornaments" by Monday, January 4 (just place them under the tree). We will deliver these gifts to the Center on January 6.

Return the gifts by this Monday, January 4th!



You're invited to "THE HEALING OF FAMILIES" SEMINAR WITH Fr. YOZEFUO-B. SSEMAKULA

Change your life! Come to this three-day seminar with Fr. Ssemakula on **January 29, 30, and 31 (Friday - Sunday)**, at the St. Joseph Center, 507 North Granada, Alhambra. To find out details about this seminar and/or to register, go to our website, www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org, and click on the link, **HEALING OF FAMILIES**, at the top of the page; OR 3) e-mail denisekay@hotmail.com to request the registration form; or, if you don't have access to the internet, call (626) 282-2744 (223).

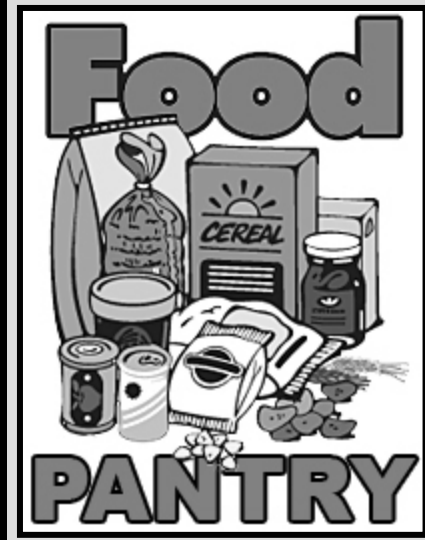


What is "The Healing of Families" Seminar?
 In his book, *"The Healing of Families: How to Pray Effectively for Those Stubborn Personal and Familial Problems,"* Fr. Yozefu-B. Ssemakula presents a simple, yet powerful, prayer method for freeing you and your family from things you have prayed about without results, including health issues. Explaining how we are our families and our families are us, he shows how what we usually think of as just our own personal problems in life are actually our family's problems, only expressed in one or more members of the family. And, therefore, as long as we pray only for individuals of the family, our prayer is inadequate and ineffective. Fr. Joseph will show how God arranged our human life on our family system, as both a physical and a spiritual reality.

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL
 ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL IS PROUD TO BE A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND SERVICE.
 "He set the book of nature before me, and I saw that all the flowers He has created are lovely."
 —St. Therese

- School resumes tomorrow, January 4.
 - Feast of St. Peter Thomas—Mass on Friday, January 8, at 8:00 a.m.
 - No School on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (Monday, January 18)
 - Roe V. Wade Respect Life Mass on Friday, January 22, at 8:00 a.m.
 - Catholic Schools Week Festivities from January 24 to 29
- Please join us for fun and food at our monthly restaurant fundraisers. Please remember to bring a flyer or to mention STCS, and a portion of your purchase will be donated to our school! Please support our school by purchasing Scrip (gift cards) for your regular daily purchases. Scrip can be purchased in the school office for grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, department stores, and much more. Please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Cornejo, by phone (626) 289-3364 or by email stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com. We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our new school. We look forward to hearing from you!





CHRISTIAN SERVICES FOOD PANTRY

Following the distribution of food for Christmas, we are VERY LOW on NON-PERISHABLE FOOD in the pantry! Please help us restock it!

We need: CEREAL, CANNED VEGETABLES AND FRUIT, PASTA & SAUCE, BOXED BAKING MIXES, CANNED BEANS AND SOUP, CANNED MEAT & TUNA, CANNED PASTA. Please . . . No expired food! We're not allowed to distribute anything past its "use by" date. May God bless you for your care for others!

"When I was hungry, you gave me to eat."

THE THREE KINGS (From the poem by H.W. Longfellow)

Three Kings came riding from far away,
 Melchior and Gaspar and Balthasar;
 Three Wise Men out of the East were they,
 And they travelled by night and they slept by day,
 For their guide was a beautiful, wonderful star.
 And the Magi rode through the gate and the guard,
 Through the silent street, till their horses turned
 And neighed as they entered the great inn-yard;
 But the windows were closed, the doors were barred,
 And only a light in the stable burned.



And cradled there in the scented hay,
 In the air made sweet by the breath of kine,
 The little Child in the manger lay,
 The Child, that would be king one day
 Of a kingdom, not human, but divine.

His mother, Mary of Nazareth,
 Sat watching beside His place of rest,
 Watching the even flow of His breath,
 For the joy of life and the terror of death
 Were mingled together in her breast.

They laid their offerings at His feet:
 The gold was their tribute to a King,
 The frankincense, with its odor sweet,
 Was for the Priest, the Paraclete,
 The myrrh for His body's burying.

BAPTISM MINISTRY



In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to attend a class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library. The next classes for which you can enroll are January 5 and February 2. The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Upcoming open baptism dates are Saturdays, January 23 and February 20, both at 11:00 a.m. For more info, call Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (X225)



REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS: Canon Law requires at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) is at least 16; 2) has been Confirmed; and 3) is a practicing Catholic. A form attesting to this will need to be signed by a priest from the parish for each prospective godparent.



G U A D A L U P E PREGNANCY SERVICES:

Are you pregnant and in need of help? GPS counselors are available to help with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are private and confidential. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email gps.pregnancy@ymail.com.

Be one with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration



"Where is the new-born King of the Jews? We have seen His star in the East and have come to adore Him." (Matt. 2:2)

The magi had to travel many miles to see Jesus; but now there is no need of traveling far or of making many inquiries to find Him. He is, as we know by faith, in our churches, not far from our homes! The Magi could find Him in one place only; we can find Him in every part of the world, wherever the Blessed Sacrament is kept.

Do we not then have even more reason to rejoice than those who lived at the time of our Savior Himself? --Fr. Michael Muller, C.S.S.R.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



STRE NEWS: PARENTS! Religious Education is an extremely important part of the faith life of every Catholic family! If your children are not attending Catholic

School, they NEED to be enrolled in a Religious Education program. Classes for elementary grades are held twice monthly on Sundays—from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Next classes are on January 10 and 31. Happy New Year!

For any questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Next classes are Sundays, January 10, 24, and 31.

All C2 Students: Mark your calendars! The Confirmation Retreat will be on February 19-21 in Big Bear. Watch for details! Also, the date of your Confirmation has been set for Sunday, May 22, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, with Bishop O'Connell presiding



RCIA Adult Faith Formation

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or completing your sacraments in the Catholic Church, please come to this class for more information. Classes are held on Thursdays from 7:00 to 900 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. The next dates are January 7, 14, and 28. For questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).



WORD OF LIFE “Quotes of the Week”

PRO-LIFE QUOTES FROM THE SCRIPTURES

“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her

womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, ‘Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.’” – Luke 1: 41-42

“Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer and the One who formed you from the womb, ‘I, the Lord, am the maker of all things, stretching out the Heavens by myself, and spreading out the earth all alone...” –Isaiah 44:24

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart...” –Jeremiah 1:5

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below you will find the total collections for the weekend of December 19 / 20 and the four weekends previous to that. Due to Christmas, this issue of the bulletin was printed before the weekend of December 26 / 27; therefore, the collections total for that weekend will be printed in the bulletin of January 9/10.

December 19 / 20, 2015

Unrestricted.....	\$15,632.00
Restricted	\$ 641.00
T O T A L	\$16,273.00

November 21 / 22.....	\$11,574.00
November 28 / 29.....	\$13,758.00
December 5 / 6.....	\$15,169.00
December 12 /13.....	\$20,354.00

TODAY IS



THE FEAST
OF THE
EPIPHANY!

Adult Ministries

YOUNG ADULTS (Ages 21–39, singles and couples): Join us for our events, including 1) Formation Talks most first Saturdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., (**NO GET-TOGETHER IN JANUARY; next will be February 6**) in the Guadalupe Courtyard; and 2) Weekend Social Events: Members will host informal events, such as movie nights, pub nights, wine tastings, sports events, concerts, shows, dances, etc. For questions, contact Paula Grimm at pgrimm.dir@gmail.com.

LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA: Increase your knowledge of the faith through audio CDs given by well-known speakers, as well as books to inspire your faith journey. **The Kiosk is available the first weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of every month.** For additional information contact Vicky Sandoval at geribah03@gmail.com or (323) 803-9956.

CARMELITE SPIRITUAL READING GROUP: All are invited to join us every **Monday** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Library in the Parish Center. **Lectio Divina is practiced on the first and third Mondays and Spiritual reading is done on the second and fourth.** All are welcome! **NO MEETING THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 28!** For more info, contact Jim Gillett at 213-448-1039 or jimgillett@me.com.

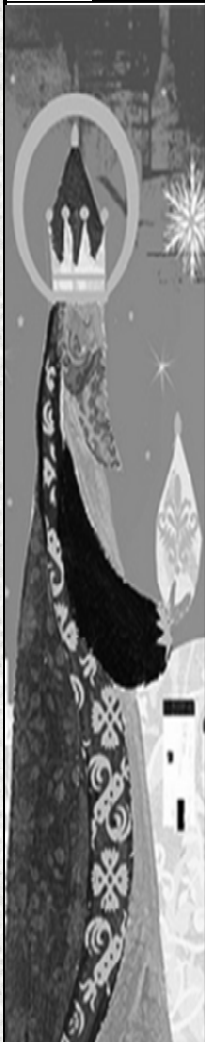
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group, formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro, is for **anyone** who is grieving for a loved one—no matter how long or for whom. We meet in the Parish Offices from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the **2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month.** The next meetings will be **January 13 and 27.** For more info, call the office at 282-2744.

WOMEN’S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Come join us for this prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats! Children are welcome (play area available). Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. The next meetings will be **January 14 and 28.** For more information, contact Dara Barbosa at (301) 542-9701.



Mass Intentions

For the Week of
January 2 to January 9, 2016

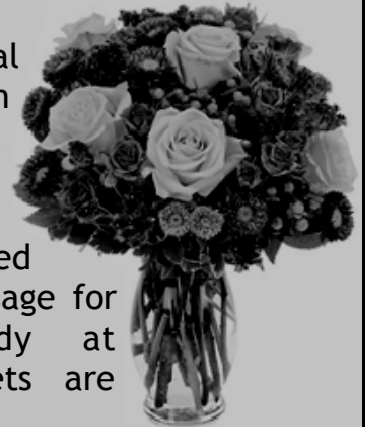


- Saturday:**
5:00 p.m.: Christmas Novena 8
- Sunday:**
*7:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena 9
7:30 a.m.: Cheah & Goh Families INT
9:00 a.m.: Mary Rose Go INT
11:00 a.m.: Parishioners
1:00 p.m. (Latin): Mabel West RIP
5:00 p.m.: Marian Bohman RIP
- Monday:**
6:00 a.m.: Rita Cortez RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Gabino Cardenas RIP
8:00 a.m.: Illuminada David RIP
- Tuesday:**
6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory, esp. F.O.S.S.
*7:30 a.m.: Mary Mazcuri RIP
8:00 a.m.: Gabino Cardenas RIP
- Wednesday:**
6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory, esp. F.O.S.S.
*7:30 a.m.: Geraldine Shifflet RIP
8:00 a.m.: Gabino Cardenas RIP
- Thursday:**
6:00 a.m.: Tai Seng/Yu-Mei/Kuo S. Huo RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Valerie Rosales INT
8:00 a.m.: Ofelia Mariscal RIP
- Friday:**
6:00 a.m.: Lily Edusma INT
*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Christine of Mary OCD RIP
8:00 a.m.: Gabino Cardenas RIP
- Saturday:**
6:00 a.m.: Michael DiMaio INT
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
8:00 a.m.: Isabel DeLeon RIP

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

Floral Dedications

To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. Bouquets are \$40 and up.



Outside the Parish

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. PAUL KOENIG, OCD: In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, 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>

EASTERN EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE, Sept. 12-27, in celebration of the Jubilee "Year of Mercy": Croatia, Dubrovnik, Medjugorje, Vienna, Budapest, Prague, places associated with Saints John Paul II and Faustina (the "Divine Mercy" Shrine), and many more. \$3,999 (double occupancy) all inclusive, air, transfers, land transport and lodging, breakfast/dinner, daily Masses and much more--all led by a Carmelite Chaplain. Insurance and single supplement available and optional. For more info, please contact Beth at maddatubeth@gmail.com or (408) 903-6305.

NEW YEAR'S BLESSINGS TO YOU!

May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening you to bear them as they come; Not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel *any* path; Not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart; Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most—and by making you eager to be there to help. May God's love, peace, hope, and joy be with you in every moment of the year ahead!

PILGRIMAGE: Avenue of Travel presents "Marian Shrines of Europe" with FR. JAN LUNDBERG, **September 16 -30, 2016**, for \$2,929 per person (double occupancy; single, add \$571). **Airfare NOT included.** Visits to Madrid, Avila, Fatima, Santiago De Compostela, Burgos, Lourdes, Barcelona, Montserrat, and Saragossa. Prices include daily breakfast; 13 dinners, and Daily Mass. To hold a space, make a deposit of \$250 plus optional insurance of \$209; final payment due 6/5/16). Contact Angela Yang at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367. Must be PHYSICALLY FIT as lots of walking.

EL CARMELO RETREAT HOUSE, operated by the Discalced Carmelite Friars, will receive a portion of the commission on any travel booked through www.elcarmelotravel.com. Save AND help maintain the center. Also book hotels, cars, cruises, etc.

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