

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 25, 2019 **MINISTERED BY THE DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS** Estab. 1924

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NEW PARISHIONERS

The office is at 510 N. El Molino
Street in Alhambra. Office
Hours are Monday through
Friday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00
to 5:00 pm; 6:00 am to 8:00 pm
(closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm
and from 5:00 to 6:00 pm).

Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel is open 24/7.

An electronic key is
needed if you enter
between 5 pm
& 6 am—the
\$20 key is
available
in the
office.)



MASSES AND 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.

Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary: Mon-Sat after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

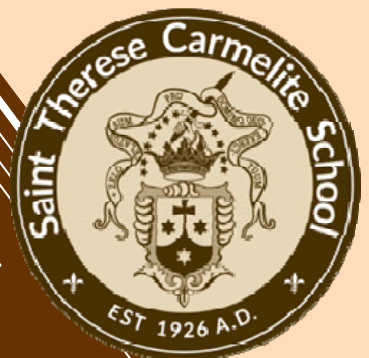
First Friday: Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office) six months+ in advance

Holy Communion to the Sick: Fred & Margaret Padilla, (626) 282-0943

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office to schedule an appointment.



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> Our School > Videos

ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE!

by Gayle Somers (Catholic author of three series of Bible studies)

St. Luke tells us that as Jesus “passed through towns and villages, teaching as He went,” someone called out a question to Him: “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” This is a curious question, isn’t it? Why would anyone be interested in knowing the number of people saved? The idea that there are those who will be saved and those who will be lost in God’s final judgment was a constant theme in the Old Testament Scriptures. Moses laid it out before all the Israelites as they were about to enter the Promised Land: “If you obey the commandments of the Lord, which I command you this day, you shall live and multiply and the Lord your God shall bless you. But if your hearts turn away, and you will not hear...you shall perish” (Deut. 30:16-18a). The wisdom literature, in particular, is full of exhortations to choose life by living righteously to avoid the destruction that comes with foolish disobedience and wickedness (Ps 1; Wis. 5:1-16).

So, interest in salvation by a Jew listening to Jesus isn’t surprising. What is surprising, however, is the question this man asks: “Will only a few be saved?” What question should he have asked? We can get a clue from Jesus’ reply: “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” The man who questioned Jesus was interested in the “few”; Jesus was interested in the “many.” Why? Jesus continues to make His point by using a parable. He speaks of the “master of the house” who has “arisen and locked the door.” In this, He is describing Himself and the end of His time of visitation in Israel. He was with His own people, His “house,” for three years, teaching and preaching the Good News of the Kingdom and calling the Jews to believe in Him as their promised Messiah, the Son of God. He was rejected by the religious leaders and put to death, after which He “arose” and then departed, bringing to an end the opportunity for the Jews to acknowledge Him on earth as their true King.



He then describes Jews standing “outside knocking and saying, ‘Lord, open the door to us.’” Jesus, the “Master,” sends them away because, although they had proximity to Him (“we ate and drank in Your company and you taught in our streets”), He doesn’t know who they are; they did not become His friends when He was with them. Theirs is a terrible fate. They will see “Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out.” Here, of course, Jesus is describing the Jews who rejected Him, refusing to believe Him when He said things like, *“I am the door; if any one enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture”* (John 10:9). However, although some of His own people will be outside, they will see people from all four corners of the earth reclining “at table in the kingdom of God.” This is not a description of the “few” but of “many.” It becomes clear what question the man should have asked. How different would Jesus’ reply to this man have been if he’d asked, “Lord, how can I be saved?”

(Continued from Page Two) By the way that Jesus addresses the man's question about "only a few," we can surmise that this man thought of himself as being in that small number—safe and not needing to ask this question. Many Jews of Jesus' day, especially the religious leaders, presumed that because they were descendants of Abraham and God's chosen people, they were the few who would be saved. This was a dangerous way to think, as John the Baptist made clear in his preaching at the Jordan River: But when [John] saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit that befits repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham" (Mt 3:7-9).



Perhaps Jesus sensed this kind of presumption in the man who questioned Him. Instead of discussing numbers, He speaks directly to the man himself: "*Strive to enter through the narrow gate.*" In other words, you have work to do! In addition, He warns the man that only those who are "strong enough" will make it through the "narrow gate." What did He mean? As Jesus regularly taught, only those willing to lose their lives, to take up their crosses, to die to themselves in order to be His disciples will be able to pass through the "narrow" gate of Jesus Himself. Salvation will not be achieved by entering the wide gate of Jewish ethnicity. It will not come through proximity to Jesus—being a Catholic, getting all the sacraments, never missing Mass. It will only come through knowing Jesus and believing in Him, obeying Him as the Messiah, God's own Son, and our only hope of redemption.

Jesus ends His conversation with a conundrum: "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." The Jews considered the Gentiles to be those who aren't saved, yet Jesus' description of people from all over the world (not just Jews from Israel) proved that "the last," the Gentiles, would precede many Jews ("the first" to be called) into the Kingdom. Interestingly, St. Paul confirms this when he explained that "a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles come in, and so all Israel will be saved" (Rom 11:25-26). This describes what happened when the Jews rejected the Gospel; it was then preached to the Gentiles, who received it with joy. However, after this period of hardening (and no one knows how long this will last), St. Paul sees the hope of Israel finally recognizing her Messiah and finding salvation.

Had the man in this story asked the right question, the one all of us should ask—"Lord, how can I be saved?"—Jesus' answer would have been simple: "**Follow Me.**"

By Fr. **Now Collecting For A November Rummage Sale!**



We are gearing up for a two-day Rummage Sale on **November 9 and 10!** Of course, we need items to sell! So we ask you to go through your homes, including your closets, garages, basements, attics, etc., and gather all the things you no longer need or want but which are still in good useable condition (no junk please!). Please bring small items to the office and larger items to the Bro. John Room (entrance on El Molino between the church entrance and the office entrance) during our open hours. If you have larger items, stop by the office first so we can open the Brother John Room.



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS *"...for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the last few weekends.

NOTE: The second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month is for our School (next is September 14/15).



August 17 / 18, 2019
 Unrestricted..... \$25,513.00
 Restricted \$ 5,902.00
T O T A L \$31,415.00

July 20 / 21.....\$14,041.00
 July 27 / 28..... \$16,018.00
 August 3 / 4..... \$12,290.00
 August 10 / 11.....\$31,414.00

Check Users:
 Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

BE A VOICE FOR LIFE



If you believe in LIFE, then **voice your opposition to #SB24!** Student mothers and their babies need support, not abortion! Pregnant students need affordable housing, on-campus childcare, flexible scheduling, and support,

not more abortions. Our universities are intended to be places of higher education, not abortion clinics! This is not even a pro-choice bill, but exclusively a pro-abortion effort which does nothing to help pregnant students find the resources they need in order to have real choices—other than abortion! Chemical abortion is dangerous and traumatizing for women. Side effects include heavy bleeding and/or passing blood clots the size of lemons, as well as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and fever. Imagine this painful experience happening in the dorm bathroom late at night with no one to call for help! Since approving the abortion drug Mifepristone in 2000, the FDA reports more than 4,000 women have had serious “adverse events,” more than 1,000 women have required hospitalization, 598 women have experienced blood loss so severe they required transfusions, and 22 women have died from taking the abortion pill.

#BeAVoiceForLife! CALL all these members of the California Assembly Appropriations Committee and let them know you OPPOSE SB24 and want them to Vote No:

- Lorena Gonzalez, (916) 319-2080; Frank Bigelow, (916) 319-2005; Richard Bloom, (916) 319-2050; Rob Bonta, (916) 319-2018; William P. Brough, (916) 319-2073; Ian C. Calderon, (916) 319-2057; Wendy Carrillo, (916) 319-2051; Ed Chau, (916) 319-2049; Tyler Diep, (916) 319-2072; Susan Talamantes Eggman, (916) 319-2013; Vince Fong, (916) 319-2034; Jesse Gabriel, (916) 319-2045; Eduardo Garcia, (916) 319-2056; Brian Maienschein, (916) 319-2077; Jay Obernolte, (916) 319-2033; Cottie Petrie-Norris, (916) 319-2074; Bill Quirk, (916) 319-2020; and Robert Rivas, (916) 319-2030.

RESTROOMS RENOVATION

THANK YOU to all those who have generously donated towards this renovation project! The Hall bathrooms are in the process of being refurbished.

There is a saying, “Many hands make work light...” We’d like to add, “Many dollars will help our plight” of paying for these renovations.

Please make it clear on your checks that your donation is to go toward the restroom work.

God bless you for your good stewardship!



WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations...to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD. In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to strive to enter through the narrow gate into the glory of God’s own homeland, the reign of God.

COME AND SEE... For Young Women from 18 to 35

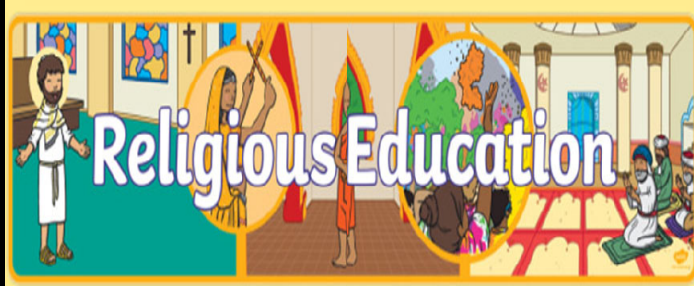


"Trust in the Lord...And He Will Grant Your Heart's Desire!"

The Cloistered Discalced Carmelite Nuns invite all single women from 18 to 35 to join them for a day of discernment. It will be held on **Saturday, September 7**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Carmel of Saint Teresa Monastery, 215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra.

Please RSVP by FRIDAY, August 31 either calling 588-7048 or E-mailing vocations@carmelteresa.org.

STRE



ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION FOR THE RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAMS for BOTH Elementary and High School Grades is taking place in the Parish Meeting Room today, **SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**, as follows:

- * **STRE** (Transitional Kindergarten through 8th Grade, including Eucharist Preparation): At 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center. The first classes will begin on **September 8 at 9:00 a.m.**

- **CONFIRMATION** (High School): At Noon, in the Parish Meeting Room. The first class for C1 will be on **September 8 at 9:00 a.m.**; the first class for C2 will be on **September 15 at 9:00 a.m.**

Each student must bring a copy of his or her **Baptism certificate** to the orientation. Registration forms will be available at that time.

RCIA: Anyone wishing to become Catholic or to complete their Sacraments (First Communion/Confirmation) is welcome to join us! **Orientation** will be held **this Thursday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m.** **Ongoing** classes are held on most Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., from September to June.

BIBLE STUDY



The next Bible Study will begin a ten-week session called, *"Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy,"* on **September 4 at 7:00 p.m.**, Participants will meet every week in the Parish Meeting Room to view an engaging video presentation, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. A program fee of \$30 is due at the first meeting.

For more information or to register (**by AUGUST 25, 2019**), visit www.ascensionpress.com, or contact Debbie at 679-6370 or debrobles@me.com.

Choir for 11:00 AM Mass



The Choir for the 11:00 a.m. Mass began its weekly rehearsals on August 21st. Join us every Wednesday at **7:30 p.m.**, in the choir room. For more information, please call Charlotte Lansberg, Music Director, at 807-8611.

Ongoing Events / Meetings

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room **between September and June**. Next session begins **September 4** (Contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or at 679-6370).

CATHOLIC KARATE is for boys, girls, and men from 7 to 60. Learn self-defense, increased self-control, and confidence. For more info, contact John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for the 11:00 a.m. Mass is every Wednesday from September to June (from 7:30-9:00 p.m.).

CONSECRATION TO MARY: Follow-up group for those already consecrated to Jesus through His mother, the Mother of God. Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. For more info, call Angela at (310) 701-8386.

DETENTION MINISTRY: If you're 21 or older, join us in visiting the youth (ages 8 to 18) in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meet monthly in the LA Archdiocese with our chaplain in a safe confidential setting. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for **parents**: EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR Courage LA for **persons struggling with same sex attraction**: CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com).

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: Held every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

"FORMED" CATHOLIC MEDIA is available for **FREE** to ALL our parishioners! Discover all the best Catholic content in one place: movies, talks, audio dramas, and a great selection of popular e-books. To register, go to FORMED.ORG on our website, click on the icon, enter your name, email address, a password, and your zip code--and get started!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (originally formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro) is for those grieving 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 meeting will be August 28.**

INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP: Join us in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices to pray for priests every **Thursday at 8:00 p.m.** (following Benediction in the church). For more info, call Blanca at 281-7070.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: For Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Frank Bodeman, at (888) 869-3124.

LEGION OF MARY: The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: For info on Church teaches about openness to life, contact Jack & Katrina Crow at 292-1906 or katrina.fcp@gmail.com for **English** OR Martha Lacayo for **Spanish** at 372-0808 or Martha.fcp@gmail.com. Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System/NaproTechnology are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact one of them to register for the classes.

RISE MEN'S MINISTRY: All men who have made the challenge at www.MenRiseUp.org are encouraged to join us on **Saturday mornings for the Rosary at 6:45 a.m., followed by a video and discussion from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m.** in the Parish Meeting Room. For questions, contact Greg Keller at greglks@yahoo.com.

ROSARY MAKERS: Help make rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. For more info, call Magda at (213) 300-7776.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Come to the church every **Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.** to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at 281-3706.

Mass Intentions

Floral Dedications

Week of
August 24 through August 31, 2019

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Fe Paredes Rosales, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Dampf, RIP
7:30 a.m.: Lisa Losorelli, Birthday Intentions
9:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP
11:00 a.m.: Halpin Family, INT & RIP
1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Ursula V. Aquino, RIP
5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Jung Yon Kwon & Family, INT
8:00 a.m.: Enrique Tanalaga Marcilla, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Donald Gorsch & Family, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Sarah Halpin, INT
8:00 a.m.: Lauren Gorsch & Family, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: David Bise, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Daniel Valovinos, INT
8:00 a.m.: Bradley Thompson, Birthday Intention

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Elyza Tuan, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP
8:00 am: Heather Brajkovich, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, Birthday INT
*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Cecilia, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: George Ganssle, RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Felicitas Terriquez, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
8:00 a.m.: The Hoh Family, INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

This week's Dedication is:

† In Loving

Memory of

EVANGELINE HOLMAN



Outside the Parish

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend for Healing after Abortion for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat helps participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope. It utilizes spiritual exercises to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential. Dates are **October 4-6 in San Fernando**. Cost is \$300 per person. For registration or more information, call 323-577-5693 and leave a message. See more at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, a former pastor of ours, will lead a **6-day SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City (December 8 to 13)**. \$1,599 per person, double occupancy. For more info, contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 or maddatubeth@gmail.com.

Personal Ads

FOR RENT TO FEMALE STUDENTS: Two furnished rooms in my Temple City home. \$700 and \$600 per month, including utilities. Rooms include shared access to kitchen, bath, and patio. 15-minute drive to PCC and CalTech. Parking/bike space. Call 215-3159 between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

SEEKING CARETAKER for my elderly mother (several different shifts open). Call 500-7612 if you would like an interview.

Retired woman **SEEKING TO RENT A ROOM** with a separate entrance, non-sharing bathroom, and kitchen privileges. Can pay \$685/mo + \$500 security. Pays on time, doesn't smoke/drink, has no pets. If you have availability, please call 627-1899.

Lectors

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Larry Dumont / Alice Cheung

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Blanca Ruvalcaba / Thu Nguyen
9:00 a.m. Rosa Natividad / Lucas Setiady
11:00 a.m. Pat Cervantes / Andy Zepeda
5:00 p.m. Miriam Lopez