

St. Therese Catholic Church



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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 *7:15 p.m.
(***NO** 7:15 p.m. on Wed.; Tues's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).
Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:15 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: Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.;
Saturdays 3:00 to 5:00 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

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page
or on the Church's website >Our School > Videos



SACRAMENTS

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



The Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners, it is a very special year indeed when we can celebrate both our patroness, St. Therese, and Our Holy Mother, St. Teresa, on Sundays! The two feasts—exactly two weeks apart every year—both fall on a Sunday this year. So, this weekend we have the privilege of using the readings for St. Teresa's Feast Day instead of the Sunday readings. **Let us take a break from St. Therese's writings to focus on Holy Mother, after whom St. Therese is named.**

St. Teresa of Jesus, as we Carmelites call her, remains the great teacher and Doctor of Prayer for the entire Church. As members of a Carmelite parish, prayer should be very dear to us. And we must never forget that all prayer begins with Our Lord Himself teaching us how to pray. When the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray, He responds with the *Our Father*. St. Teresa herself writes extensively on the *Our Father* in her *Way of Perfection* (Chapters 27-42).

As Jesus speaks about other aspects of prayer in the Gospels, it's highly important where He begins. He begins with one word: *Father*. In doing this, Jesus is telling us that prayer is fundamentally about relationship. This is highlighted by St. Teresa herself in her classic definition of prayer in *The Book of Her Life*. She says: **"Prayer, in my view, is nothing but friendly conversation with Him who we know loves us."** So prayer begins with knowing we are LOVED! How beautiful! How our world—so filled with evil, hatred and division—would be completely transformed if all of us truly believed that we are loved! And we are loved specifically as beloved sons and daughters of the greatest Father in the universe! St. Teresa goes on to say in the *Way of Perfection*: **"Because He is Our Father, He must bear with us, despite the gravity of our offenses. He must pardon us when, like the prodigal son, we return to Him. He must console us in our trials. He must care for us in a manner becoming a Divine Father. Since He possesses all perfections, He will of necessity be a better Father than all earthly fathers. And in addition to all this, He must make us partakers of His riches and coheirs with thee."** What a Father we have indeed! And Jesus is the one who desires our relationship with Him.

This awareness should change everything in our lives! It should change how we see God, how we approach Him, how we pray, and how we live our lives. When we pray, we're not just casting petitions to some far-away and impersonal God, but we are also conversing on intimate terms with our Father who loves us more than anyone else ever will. But, as Jesus enjoins us in our Gospel today, we must *seek* Him. And we need not seek Him in some far off galaxy but *within* us. St. Teresa testifies to this: **"All the harm comes from not truly understanding that He is near, but in imagining Him as far away"** (WP). So, we must go deeper into the "Interior Castle" of our souls where God abides. He desires this! Jesus clearly affirms that God desires a relationship with us by beginning His discourse on prayer with the word, *Father*. How profound! As St. Teresa says: **"What a marvelous thing, that He who would fill a thousand worlds and many more with His grandeur would enclose Himself in something so small!...and since He loves us He adapts Himself to our size"** (WP). And if God lowers Himself to our level, so must we lower ourselves in our own eyes and the eyes of others. Here we see the necessity of humility for growing in our prayer life. St. Teresa herself enjoined humility, detachment, and fraternal charity for growth in prayer. These three clear away all the ego, false gods, and selfishness that prevent us from being in union with our loving God. This is the final end of our relationship with God—union with Him. And let's not forget, we're called to a relationship and union with each of the three divine persons of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

At times, God may *SEEM* to not be answering our prayers or even hearing them, but if we truly believe in and trust our loving Father whom we petition, then we will *never* be forsaken. Here's where the relationship piece of prayer becomes so important. Let us go forward in our life of prayer, going deeper into our souls where the God who loves us awaits us. And let us trust that He will answer all our prayers as only a loving Father could do!

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & BOUTIQUE

The Auxiliary for the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns invites you to this annual event to support the Nuns. It will be held in Connolly Hall at Holy Family Church in South Pasadena (1501 Fremont Avenue) THIS **Friday, October 20**, beginning with the Boutique and Social Hour at **10:30 a.m.**, followed by the **Luncheon at Noon**.



Please RSVP as soon as possible by sending the following information to KATHY CARDOZA at 710 Lindaraxa Park South, Alhambra 91801: **Your Name, Number of Tickets, Names of your guests—if any—and Your Phone Number**. Enclose a check for the total number of persons listed (\$35 per person). **Make your check payable to: Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary.**

Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary Seeks Young Adult Volunteers



The Alhambra Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary is **seeking YOUNG ADULTS TO JOIN AS AUXILIARY ASSOCIATES**. Volunteers will be called to assist in fundraising events for the benefit of the Carmelite Nuns. Your help will be needed twice a year—in the Spring and Fall—as well as with other special projects throughout the year. Volunteers need not attend the monthly meetings but will receive the minutes via email. Your time commitment would be flexible. For more info, please contact Jessica Morgan at jessica.morgan@gmail.com.



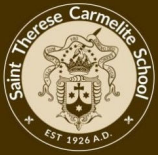
FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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.

The printing schedule of this bulletin was advanced due to vacation schedules. The collection totals + for October 7 / 8 will be posted in the October 22nd issue of the bulletin.

September 10 / 11...	\$15,691.00
September 16 / 17 ..	\$15,112.00
September 23 / 24 ..	\$17,396.00
Sept 30 / Oct. 1	\$19,677.00

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



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith ✦ Academics ✦ Virtue

THANK YOU!

A big “Thank You” to everyone who helped make our annual Benefit Auction such a great success! Special thanks to all of our parishioners who donated items, purchased tickets, bid on items, and donated to our cause; it is only through your support that we are able to continue with our mission of educating young Catholics.

Stay tuned for our final tallies of the night’s proceeds!



Troops of St. George—Troop #1925
Our troop is underway! The year began with a weekend campout at Jackson Flats. The boys, fathers, and grandfathers spent the weekend learning about nature and enjoying fellowship together.

A few weeks ago, the boys spent some time learning about basic car maintenance. We are so grateful for our troop!



Our Little Flowers Club, Little Women Club, and Troops of St. George will be **selling treats** after the 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm Masses this Sunday.

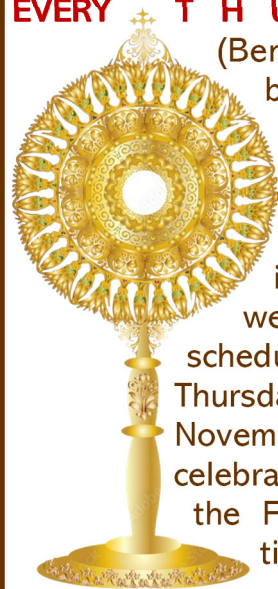
All funds will support their upcoming 8th Grade retreat.

Change to Thursday Evening Schedule



Every Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction will take place at 8:45 p.m.

Beginning November 2, there will no longer be an evening Mass on Thursdays. Instead, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., EVERY THURSDAY



(Benediction will begin at 8:45 p.m.).

Be assured that all the Mass intentions that were previously scheduled for the Thursday evenings after November 2nd will be celebrated by one of the Friars at another time.

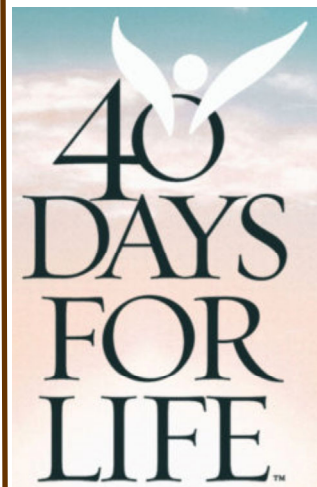
Parish Movie Night!

COMING SOON TO A PARKING LOT NEAR YOU! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m.**, for our next Parish Movie Night on our Big Screen in the parking lot! The featured movie will be **ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD** (1951 version).

What's the plot? This comedy is about the Pittsburgh Pirates' brash and abusive manager who receives the help of an angel to win games and become a better person in the process."



40 Days for Life



Pasadena's Forty Days of Life will continue their peaceful prayer and fasting vigil through November 5th. Try to spend some time at the Pasadena Planned Parenthood facility and pray to end abortions there. Their busiest day for abortions is Tuesday.

We are there weekly from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The location is 1045 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, and the vigil hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. You may also go on your own

(with a friend!) on Saturdays.

For more info, contact Rose Curiel at 323-528-8094 or indigorose40daysforlife@gmail.com

Safeguard the Children - Did You Know?

Protecting vulnerable adults: While a primary focus of those in ministry is on protecting children from harm, protecting vulnerable adults is just as important. This includes adults living with mental, emotional, or physical disabilities, adults who have court-appointed guardians, elderly adults in vulnerable positions, and anyone else unable to consent to what is happening to them. Every year, nearly 500,000 reports of abuse are made to the Adult Protection Service, and even more go undetected. The same steps and processes outlined for protecting children can help vulnerable adults as well. Know the warning signs, screen all employees and caregivers, and monitor environments for safe practices. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Protecting Vulnerable Adults" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

World Mission Sunday

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023, reflects on the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35). He invites all of us to "set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by His Spirit. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity."

Next Sunday, October 22, World Mission Sunday, please make a donation! Your contribution will help to bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities. In a world where so much divides us, **World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism**, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses. You can find more info at <https://onefamilyinmission.org/>

Centenary Committee!

The next meeting to plan the celebration of our 100th Anniversary will be in the **Parish Library (2nd floor in the Parish Center)** on

Wednesday, October 18, at 7:15 p.m.



**May our holy patroness
bless our efforts to create
a memorable year!**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

Mark 14:37



"Eucharistic Adoration is the most necessary mission to the Church, which has even more need of prayerful souls than of powerful preachers or men of eloquence."

St. Peter Julian Eymard's Eucharistic love began very young in a practicing Catholic home in the French Alps. One day when he was 5, his older sister found him in the church, where he had used a stool to climb up on the mensa of the high altar and was leaning his head upon the tabernacle door. When his sister asked what he was doing, with childlike simplicity he replied, "I am near Jesus and I am listening to him!" Throughout his Priestly life he worked to promote devotion and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In 1856 he founded the "Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament".

Be a Committed Adorer: Make a commitment to spend an hour or more every week with Our Lord in our Adoration Chapel! Go to <https://adorationpro.org/theresecca>; click "Weekly Commitment"; find the hour; click "Sign Up" and fill out the form.

Keys to the Chapel | Security: If you use the chapel after dark, please make sure you engage the lock so that the door cannot be opened without a key. Please do not let anyone whom you do not know follow you into the chapel.

Mass Intentions

STC Class of '73 Reunion!

October 14—October 21, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Eulogio & Amparo Diaz, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 am (Carm): Rosario "Loy" Valenzuela, B-Day INT

7:30 a.m.: Eulalia McEntire, RIP

9:00 a.m.: James Lim, INT

11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

1:00 pm: Scholastica Keimon, INT

5:00 p.m.: Jassmine Ren, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Antonio Ferrer, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Theresa Wilkes, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Gerardo Adan, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Steve Ushijima, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Sarita Gomez, Birthday INT

7:15 pm: (Spanish): Eulalia McEntire, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Victoria Lamorias, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

7:15 p.m.: NO MASS—Confessions 7-9 p.m.

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Renato Villafuerte, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Antonio Ferrer, Jr., RIP

7:15 p.m.: Rudy & Helene Nunez, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Ramon Sy Su, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Gerro Batalla, INT

7:15 p.m.: Jassmine Ren, INT

Saturday Morning:

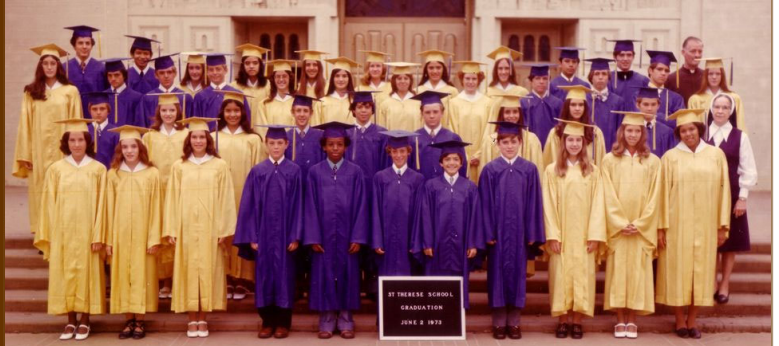
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT

8:00 a.m.: Rosario Torres, Birthday Intention

*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 7:15 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).



St. Therese School Class of '73's FIFTIETH REUNION!

To rekindle friendships fifty years after 8th grade graduation, a reunion event will take place in Alhambra at **1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2023.**

If you or one of your family members attended one, two, or more years with the Class of 1973—whether or not you or your family member *graduated* with them—please come to share fond memories and enjoy an afternoon together.

For more information, please contact Grace (Mulvihill) Van Orden at (626) 890-8913 (call or text) OR rgvo1@yahoo.com.

Also, visit their Facebook Page:

[St. Therese School, Alhambra, Class of 1973](#)

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- + Charles Myers
- + Elizabeth Polito
- + Elizabeth Alfano
- + Jayme Johnson (STS Class of '94)

Free Covid Tests

We have FREE Covid home tests in the Parish Office (**expiration date 10/31/23**). Just come during our regular hours and pick up as many as you need.