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Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows (Matthew 10:29-31).

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.

(Tuesday's evening Mass is in Spanish).

Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:00 p.m.,

and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE**

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

CONFESSIONS (INSIDE & OUTSIDE)-**Wednesdays**
from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; **Saturdays** from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
and **Sundays** from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

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

Letter from Fr. Thomas, Pastor

Blessed 12th Sunday of the Church Year, everyone! And happy Father's Day!

"No, Father Thomas, that was last Sunday." Yes, the normal once-a-year Father's Day, but not the supernatural one; that one is about your Heavenly Father, and that is every day, every hour! And here are some things our Father in Heaven, through Jesus, is saying to us in today's Gospel:

- "Fear no one....what I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light... v. 27
- Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul... v. 28
- Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows... vv. 29-31
- Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father..." v. 32

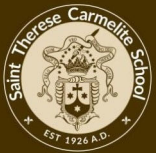


That is very consoling, don't you think? But what is it that we are hearing our Father say that He wants us to share with others—especially at a time when people in our own family circle do not agree with our life as disciples of the Lord Jesus and the Catholic Church that He founded and dwells in the midst of??? And especially in the wake of the Dodger's decision to honor a group that mocks Catholic Sisters and the Catholic Faith. I saw various signs being held up in the parking lot and carried in the prayer procession that Friday, such as "Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing" and "The Dodgers sold their soul." Our Archbishop said, "When God is insulted, when the beliefs of any of our neighbors are ridiculed, it diminishes all of us. When we reward such acts, it hurts our unity as one city and one nation, as one family under God. Jesus commands us to forgive those who trespass against us, and to pray for those who persecute us. And He taught us to oppose what is wrong and ugly, with what is beautiful and true. Just as He did, we prove our love by working for peace and justice for every person. That is why so many of us are offended by the decision to honor a group that insults Jesus and mocks Catholic believers."

At the stadium parking lot I was wondering, "What if those who vehemently disagree with us saw signs saying, 'Your Father sees you and knows you, and loves you right where you are and loves you too much to leave you there.'" And of course, that sign would be directed just as much at us as at others, because we are ALL suffering from not being seen by others for who we are at this live moment of real time, and we are ALL suffering from the lies that keep claiming that our Heavenly Father doesn't see us or know us either. St Augustine says, "The greatest human desire is to see and be seen." In other words we long for "into-me-see" intimacy....and above all with our Father and Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Come Lord Jesus, show us the Father's love!

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, —Fr. Thomas, OCD

Please note the following change: All Monday through Friday evening Masses will now begin at 7:15 p.m., instead of at 7:00 p.m., in order to make it easier for those coming from work to arrive on time for Mass with (hopefully) less rushing.



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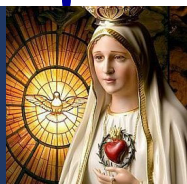
Today's readings from Scripture are a call to trust in God. Although our circumstances can be unsettling or frightening, God ALWAYS cares for us. In the first reading, Jeremiah trusts in the Lord even though he is being plotted against. It shows us that Jeremiah remained steadfast in his faith and trust in God. His example should encourage us to persevere in our faith, even when confronted with adversity or opposition.

The Psalm expresses hope that God will hear our prayers in times of distress. The second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans delves into the concept of redemption and salvation. It discusses how sin entered the world through Adam, leading to death and separation from God. However, through the gift of Jesus, redemption is offered, and believers can be reconciled with Him. St. Paul emphasizes the transformative power of Christ's sacrifice and the opportunity for new life and salvation.

And in the Gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus tells us, "Fear no one," and that we are loved and cared for by God. Jesus reassures His disciples not to fear those who oppose them but to trust in God's providence and protection. He encourages us to overcome fear and rely on the courage that comes from faith in God. The Gospel reading further emphasizes the value that God places on each individual. Jesus affirms that God's care extends even to the smallest details of His creation and tells us of our worth in God's eyes and reassures us of His intimate knowledge and care for us.

A Spiritual Bouquet to Our Lady of Fatima

FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION
to honor & make reparation to the
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



Mark your calendar for our next First Saturdays Devotion on July 1, 2023. Join us to pray the Rosary and 15 minutes of meditation after the 8:00 a.m. Mass! For any questions, please contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 282-2744, Ext 1 + 235.

Apparitions in Fatima by Our Lady - July 13, 1917 (the third apparition): This third encounter took place just three days before the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Hovering above the holm oak at the Cova, Our Lady told the children, "Continue to pray the Rosary every day to obtain the end of the war [WWI] and peace for the world." She then promised a miracle so great that all would believe in the reality of the apparitions. She taught the children this prayer, "Oh my Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for all the wrongs done to the Immaculate Heart of Mary that I sacrifice myself." Then she spread her hands, the earth disappeared, and the children found themselves staring into the fires of Hell. They saw the devils, "fierce and black, like animals," and human souls tumbling in an ocean of fire "screaming with terror." This vision of Hell was so horrible and gruesome that the children shrieked aloud with fear. The Lady explained, "You have seen Hell, where the souls of sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart..." (to be continued next month)

QUIET LISTENING PRAYER THE INTERIOR CASTLE By St Teresa of Avila

These miseries will not afflict or assail everyone as much as they did me for many years because of my wretchedness. It seems that I myself wanted to take vengeance on myself. And since the experience was something so painful for me, I think perhaps that it will be so for you too. And I so often speak of it here and there that I might sometime succeed in explaining to



you that it is an unavoidable thing and should not be a disturbance or affliction for you but that we must let the millclapper go clacking on, and must continue grinding our flour and not fail to work with the will and the intellect (IV, 1,13).

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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.



June 17 / 18, 2023

Unrestricted.....	\$13,382.00
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T O T A L.....	\$13,900.00

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The Sacred Heart



Jesus reveals the devotion to His Sacred Heart in the Gospels. During the Last Supper, St. John rested upon the Heart of Jesus (John 13:23). We find in this moment the essence of devotion to the Sacred Heart: to receive Jesus' Love and to love Him in return. When we go to His Heart, we are filled with Divine

Love. It is then that our hearts are moved to share His Love with others and to console His Heart, to make reparation for those who reject Him. Our Lord, Who came down from Heaven to be with us, has a human heart and wants to share a deep friendship with you.

In the late 1600s, during a time when the world had grown cold and had forgotten the tenderness and mercy of Christ's love, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary in France and revealed to her His Heart burning with Love for humanity. In the vision, Jesus asked her to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart and instructed her how the devotion should be practiced. The devotion as we know it today is largely based from Jesus' revelations to St. Margaret Mary.

"Behold the Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming Itself, in order to testify Its love; and in return, I receive from the greater part only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrilege, and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me in this Sacrament of Love. But what I feel most keenly is that it is hearts which are consecrated to Me, that treat Me thus. Therefore, I ask of you that the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special Feast to honor My Heart, by communicating on that day, and making reparation to It by a solemn act, in order to make amends for the indignities which It has received during the time It has been exposed on the altars. I promise you that My Heart shall expand Itself to shed in abundance the influence of Its Divine Love upon those who shall thus honor It, and cause It to be honored."

The Real St. Therese

Sister Marie of the Eucharist described Therese's situation in a letter written August 22, 1897, to show that her illness was becoming worse: "I will tell you that she has to deprive herself of



An installment from *The Passion of Thérèse of Lisieux* by Guy Faucher

Communion. She was receiving every two or three days, but, at present, if she is able, it will be once a week. When Father brings her Communion, the whole community enters chanting the "Miserere." The last time, she was so weak that just hearing us got on her nerves. She is suffering martyrdom."

Mother Agnes has given us more details about this in the Green Note-Book, a precious text which opens up immense horizons on Therese's interior sufferings: "Holy Communion, which she wanted to receive so much before, had become a source of torment during her illness. Because of her vomiting, her breathing difficulties, her weakness, she feared an accident and she would have preferred that we told her not to receive. She did not want to take this responsibility upon herself, but since she had said nothing, we believed she was pleased when we insisted that she receive Communion.

She continued to be silent, but that day she was unable to restrain herself any longer, and she burst into tears. We didn't know what the cause of her sadness was, and we begged her to tell us. However, the choking produced by her sobs was so violent that, not only was she unable to answer us, but she made a sign to us not to say a word, not even to look at her. At the end of several hours, having remained alone with her, I dared to approach her and tell her that I had guessed the source of her tears. I consoled her as well as I could; she seemed as if she was dying of sorrow. Never had I seen her in such agony."

Mass Intentions

June 24—July 1, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Father's Day Novena 6

Sunday:

- *7:30 a.m.: (Carm): Ricardo L. Alfonso, RIP
- 7:30 a.m.: Alexander Cheah, INT
- 9:00 a.m.: Parishioners
- 11:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 7
- 1:00 p.m.: Ursulina Aquino, RIP
- 5:00 p.m.: Vivian Nitsch, Birthday INT

Monday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 8
- *7:30 a.m.: Raymond Anthony Cuevas, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Natalie Grimm, 14th Birthday INT
- 7:00 p.m.: Louise Jamila Sunga, RIP

Tuesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Dec'd Relatives of Ana Aguilar Mancao
- *7:30 a.m.: Lucia Nguyen, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Mike & Kayla Murphy, 3rd Anniv. INT
- 7:00 p.m.: Father's Day Novena 9

Wednesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Dec'd Relatives of Ana Aguilar Mancao
- *7:30 a.m.: Victor Gilberto Arenas, B-Day INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Nicole Paulson, RIP
- 7:00 p.m.: Francisco Martin, INT

Thursday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Dec'd Relatives of Ana Aguilar Mancao
- *7:30 a.m.: Lucia Nguyen, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Pedro Jose Lacayo, RIP
- 7:00 p.m.: J. Concepcion Pérez Sáinz, RIP

Friday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Dec'd Relatives of Ana Aguilar Mancao
- *7:30 a.m.: Lucia Nguyen, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Gustav Tittmann, RIP
- 7:00 p.m.: Jose Pérez Sáinz, RIP

Saturday Morning:

- *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Our Lady of Fatima Apostolate

***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 7:00 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).

Help for Marriages

Are you or someone you know in need of marriage help? Divorce or separation is not always the answer. There is hope.



Retrouvaille (retro-vai) is a program that teaches struggling marriages a method of communication designed to help a husband and wife rediscover the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. ALL marriages are worth the effort!

The next weekend will be July 7 through 9. For more info, call 909-900-5465 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

Outside the Parish

French Canada Pilgrimage September 14-21, 2023:

Discover Quebec's Shrines honoring the Mother of God and the Guardians of the Holy Family, St. Joseph Oratory, and St. Anne Beupre. Cost is \$3350 (double room occupancy | add \$395 for single room occupancy), which includes roundtrip flights from LAX and land travel by motorcoach, guesthouses/hotels with private bath, daily breakfast & dinner, all touring, and daily Mass. For more info, call Louisa & Jack Day at (323) 360-5186 / (323) 403-8768 or Sacred Heart Tours at (845) 594-2222 | www.sacredhearttours.com

Come join the Carmelite Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Elizabeth of the Trinity," from Sept 28-Oct 11, incl. Paris, Lourdes, Ars, etc. Chaplains are Fr. Mark Kissner, OCD, and Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD.

Contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 | maddatubeth2@gmail.com.

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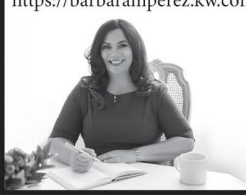


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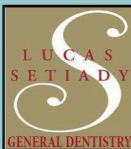
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