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Saint Therese Church

December 22, 2013 **Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars** *Established 1924*

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510 North El Molino Street * Alhambra, California 91801 * 282-2744 . FAX 282-7560

(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code.)

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (Ext. 226) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. David Guzman, OCD (X222) and Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (Ext. 232) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD (X336) **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (X333) **Vocations:** Fr. David Guzman OCD (X 222); Regional: 909-629-9495 - Archdiocesan: 213-637-7515

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

Devotions: Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass; Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm; Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm; St. Joseph Mass: Third Tuesday from November to April; Fatima Devotion: 13th of the month from May to October

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession): Wed., 7:00 - 8:30 pm;
and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Baptism: Register at 284-0020 X225

Weddings: Call six months before date

RCIA: Rhonda Storey 284-0020, X225

Other Ministries / Programs:

Bible Study: Aurora Juarez, 688-9349

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias
323-724-6443

First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer Vigil,
7:30 pm-6:00 am

Holy Family Infertility Support Group:
Katrina Crow, 292-1906

King's Men: 1st/3rd Thurs eves
Rex Owens, 323-273-8825

Knights of Columbus: Mike Pulciano,
641-0870

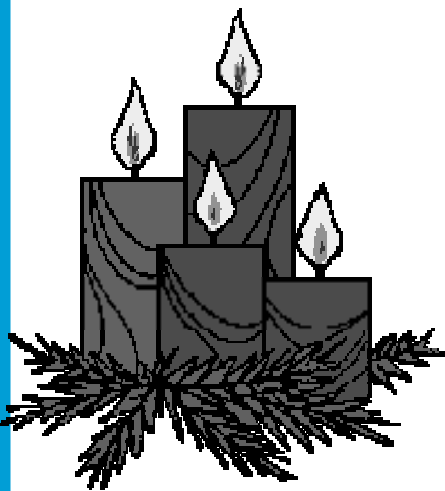
Legion of Mary: Mon., 7:00 pm

Natural Family Planning: 292-1906

Respect Life Ministry: Catherine
Contreras, 213-435-3942

Rosary Makers: Ed William
768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com

St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wednesdays,
6:15 pm - Albert Grana 576-0872



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

St. Therese Church is an active and Eucharistic Parish Community dedicated in faith and service to a loving and merciful God under our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux. We are committed in our ministries to providing discipleship through evangelization and fostering a contemplative life, resulting in Christian formation and spiritual growth of our members.

Parish Secretary: Denise McMaster-Holguin (Ext. 223)

Finance: Noralyn Cailan, X228

Christian Services: Bridie McDermott
(Ext. 224)

Choir Directors/Organist:

11:00 a.m.: George and Barbara Klump
(818) 249-8472

9:00 a.m.: Marcia Martinez-Bateman
(775) 771-4992

Liturgical Coordinators:

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon
Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 333)

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

Youth / Adult Confirmation

Programs: Ruben Beltran, 284-0020,
Ext. 235. Email:

rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

St. Therese Catholic School:

289-3364 - Principal: Carmela Lovano,
clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org
Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please come to the Parish Office to register.

510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra—**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** **Eucharistic Adoration** - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson – 289-0388

They shall name Him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."
—Matthew 1:23

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2013

Schedule for Christmas & New Year's



MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS:

Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and Midnight

Christmas Day: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

AND a Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.

(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day)



"NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENING OF THANKSGIVING,"

A Joint Celebration with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles

SCHEDULE

PART I at Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra:

(A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted.)

8:00-9:00 p.m.: Registration, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00-10:00 p.m.: Adoration & Confessions

10:00-10:30 p.m.: Benediction/Refreshments

10:30 p.m.: Leave Sacred Heart for a Rosary Procession to St. Therese Church

PART II here at St. Therese Church:

11:00 p.m.: Conference (Confessions will be heard at the same time)

Midnight: Holy Mass at St. Therese Church

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

6:00, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. AND 7:30 p.m.



St. Therese School News

St. Therese School would like to wish everyone a BLESSED CHRISTMAS!
The school office is closed until January 5, 2014.

Please consider participating in the following:

- ◆ Ongoing New Student Registration for TK - 7th Grade
- ◆ Ongoing Guest Program—Your child is invited to experience a day with our students
- ◆ Ongoing Collection of Non-Perishable Food for our Christian Services Pantry
- ◆ Ongoing Collection of Box Tops for Education



We encourage you to visit the school office or our website, www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org, for important information and updates. Please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Lovano, by phone at 289-3364 or by email at clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Special

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS



Help us beautify the church for Christmas by making a donation in the Christmas Flower offering envelopes (found in the pews or on the tables by the church doors). You may enter the names of those you wish prayed for on the envelopes, and a Mass will be offered for them on Sunday, January 12, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. God bless you for your help!

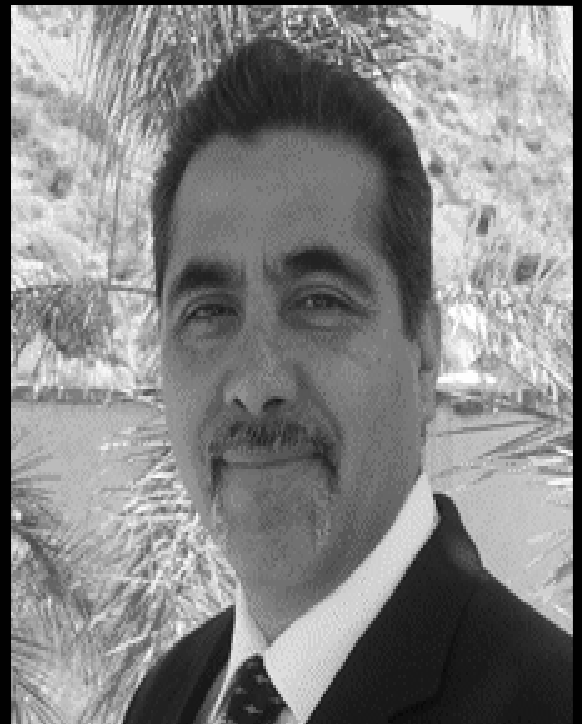
FOOD COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS

This weekend boxes have been placed at all the church doors to collect your **donations of non-perishable food items** (canned, boxed, bagged). **You may also bring gifts of hams or turkeys to the offices on El Molino during open hours by Monday morning**!. All of these items will be used to prepare Christmas Baskets for those who are in financial need at this time of year. Remember! God will not be outdone in generosity!



JESSE ROMERO TO SPEAK AT ST. THERESE PARISH

P a r e n t s ! On January 13, at 7:00 p.m., you are invited to come to our Parish Hall to hear Jesse Romero's talk, "Twelve Steps to Being a Good Catholic". Jesse will tell you a good way to talk to your children about the Faith and explain how the media influences our culture. Jesse shares Catholic teaching with an exciting style that is guaranteed to strengthen, edify, and fortify everyone with a deeper love for God.



All Parents, as the primary catechists of their children, are encouraged to attend this important talk; attendance is MANDATORY for the parents of our Religious Ed and Confirmation students! Donations appreciated!

**“NO CAFETERIA CATHOLICISM!
NO COMPROMISING!”**

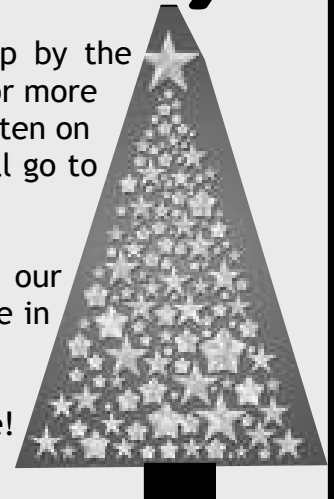
Parish Ministries

Respect Life Ministry:

THE TREE OF LIFE: LET EVERY BABY'S LIGHT SHINE! Please stop by the Christmas "Tree of Life" in the main vestibule of the church and take one or more of the STAR ornaments hanging from it. Then just bring back the item written on it and place it underneath the tree or bring to the offices. These gifts will go to mothers and their babies in need. God bless you for caring!

FAST & PRAY: Please join Foot Soldiers For Life every Wednesday in our weekly Fasting and extra Prayer for the needs of increasing Respect for Life in this world.

T-SHIRTS: Foot Soldiers for Life still has ProLife T-Shirts available for sale! Stop by the offices and see all the designs expressing support for Life!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STRE NEWS: Classes are in session TODAY, Sunday, December 22, from 9:00 to Noon each day, including the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Enjoy your Christmas break! See you when class resumes on January 5.

CHILDREN'S MASS at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve: Please see Page Six for info on how your child can be involved.

JESSE ROMERO will be here on January 13 to address the parents of our students! Attendance is mandatory for our STRE parents. Please see Page Three for details.

RCIA PART I: Interested in becoming Catholic or being fully initiated? Attend our classes in the Parish Meeting Room at 7 pm on selected Thursdays (next: January 9 & 16) and join us at selected 11:00 a.m. Masses (next: Jan. 19).

RCIA PART II: "Consuming the Word," is an Apologetics Course for those initiated into the Church through RCIA—either here or at another parish—who wish to take their Faith to the next level. Meetings are on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, in the Parish Meeting Room (next date is January 14), and are conducted by Rhonda Storey and Ruben Beltran. Call for details.

CONFIRMATION



YOUTH CONFIRMATION: Classes are in session TODAY, Sunday, December 22, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., including 5:00 p.m. Mass. Classes will resume on January 5. Have a wonderful Christmas vacation!

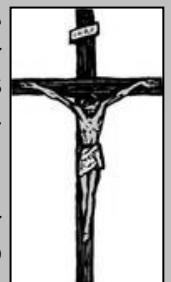
ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Any baptized Catholics over 18, who made First Communion and wish to be Confirmed, are invited to attend Adult Confirmation Classes in the Parish Offices twice a month on Saturday afternoons from Noon to 1:00 pm. Next dates are January 11 and 25.

JESSE ROMERO TO SPEAK TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUTH: Parents! Please come to the Hall on Monday, January 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., to hear Jesse Romero speak on "How to be Good Catechists for Your Children". This talk, **MANDATORY FOR THE PARENTS OF OUR STUDENTS**, is sponsored by Ruben and Rhonda. See Page Three for more info.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

FAITH NIGHTS: All high-school youth are welcomed to join us in the Parish Center for Faith Nights on Confirmation Class days immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass—until 8:00 p.m. **Next meetings are today, Sunday, December 15, and next Sunday, December 22.**

CONTACT Ruben at 284-0024, ext. 235, or rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com for more info about upcoming events or for other information.



Parish Ministries / News:

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



“How to find Christmas peace in a world of unrest? You cannot find peace on the outside but you can find peace on the inside, by letting God do to your soul what Mary let Him do to her body, namely, let Christ be formed in you. As she cooked meals in her Nazarene home, as she nursed her aged cousin, as she drew water at the well, as

she prepared the meals of the village carpenter, as she knitted the seamless garment, as she kneaded the dough and swept the floor, she was conscious that Christ was in her; that she was a living Ciborium, a monstrance of the Divine Eucharist, a Gate of Heaven through which a Creator would peer upon creation, a Tower of Ivory up whose chaste body He was to climb ‘to kiss upon her lips a mystical rose.’” --Archbishop Fulton Sheen

To sign up for an hour every week, please call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS!

By patronizing the advertisers on the back of our bulletin, you are supporting our parish! When you call them for their services, be sure to tell them you saw their ad in our bulletin! If YOU would like to advertise YOUR business in the bulletin, please call Paluch at 1-800-231-0805.

BAPTISM MINISTRY Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, Ext. 225

- In order to take part in our Baptism Program, PARENTS & GODPARENTS are required to: 1) Attend a class (next is January 7)—fee is \$100 per child or \$25 for the class only—from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Library; and 2) Attend a Presentation Sunday Mass (next open date is January 19 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass). Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday at Noon (next open Baptism is January 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 been Confirmed; and 3) is a practicing Catholic. A form attesting to this will need to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Due to the Christmas holidays, the company that prints our bulletin has advanced the printing schedule for several upcoming bulletins. Therefore, this bulletin was prepared before the December 14/15 weekend Masses. The collection totals for that weekend will be published in the December 29th bulletin; the totals for the December 21/22 weekend will be published in the January 5 bulletin; and the Christmas totals will be published in the January 12 bulletin. Below are the collections for the previous four weeks:

November 16 / 17, 2013.....	\$10,256.00
November 23 / 24, 2013.....	\$13,587.00
November 30 / Dec. 1, 2013.....	\$13,172.00
December 7 / 8, 2013.....	\$12,812.00

As a friendly suggestion for those who are employed, we propose a realistic donation of at least one hour of pay per week.

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2013 “Love Never Fails”

Our assigned goal.....	\$64,563.00
Donations received as of 12/13, 2013.....	\$65,999.00
Donations collected <u>OVER</u> goal.....	\$1,436.00

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped us to not only reach our goal, but also to go OVER it! God bless you for your generosity!

COLLECTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE TYPHOON IN THE PHILIPPINES

Thank you, St. Therese Parishioners and Friends. for your contributions to aid the victims of the recent Haiyan typhoon in the Philippines. These donations, as well as our collection from Thanksgiving Day, will



be donated to Catholic Relief Services to help the victims of this disaster with food and drink. There's an even greater need to rebuild their broken spirits and lives. Together we can make a difference. Thank you on behalf of all the victims—those who died and those who are meagerly surviving. Mabuhay and God bless us all.

CHILDREN'S MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE



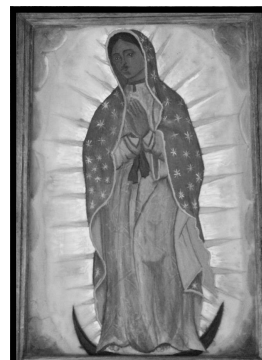
There will be a special children's Mass on December 24 at 5:00 p.m. Just prior to the Mass, there will be a procession with "Mary, Joseph and the Wisemen". If you have a little one who would like to participate in being a shepherd or an angel, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020, ext. 225. Participants will need to arrive at the church by 4:00 p.m. on the 24th for a small rehearsal. There will also be a special Concert of Carols at 4:30 p.m.

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LAST CHANCE TO WIN THE OIL PAINTING OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE!



Today, Sunday, December 22, IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO BUY A RAFFLE TICKET to win

the painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe, created by an African woman who lives in the Carmelite Mission in Uganda. All the proceeds will benefit the Carmelite Student House in Jinja, Uganda. Tickets can be purchased after all this weekend's Masses at the Religious Goods counter at \$2 for one or \$10 for six. This painting would make an excellent Christmas present for a loved one who has a special devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The drawing will be held on Sunday evening, December 22nd.

MEN? MAKING YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

Why not resolve to make this the year you join the Knights of Columbus! Please don't wait! Join now and see what you've been missing. For more information, call the Alhambra Council Grand Knight, Mike Pulciano, at 641-0870.



This Christmas end a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Be kind; be gentle. Appreciate. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Express your gratitude. Gladden the heart of a child. Welcome a stranger. Take pleasure in the beauty and the wonder of Earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it yet once again.



Mass Intentions

**For the Week of
12/21/13 to 12/28/2013**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving to God

Sunday:

*7:30 am Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD b-day INT

7:30 a.m. Ronnie Ellis RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Fr. Bernard Perkins OCD B-day INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Sandy Soden RIP

5:00 p.m. John & Bridie McDermott INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Jane Jani Widjaja RIP

*7:30 am Augustine Goh RIP

8:00 a.m.: Linda Campbell RIP

Tuesday, Christmas Eve:

6:00 a.m.: Judi Angel INT

*7:30 a.m.: Richard R. Taylor RIP

8:00 a.m. Goh & Cheah Families INT

5:00 p.m.: Joseph Lan Tran RIP

7:30 p.m.:

Midnight: Paula Lagunas RIP

Wednesday, Christmas Day:

7:30 a.m.: Richard R. Taylor RIP

9:00 a.m.: Phyllis Canzano INT

11:00 a.m.: John & Dina Graffeo RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Mary Rose Go INT

NO 5:00 P.M. MASS!

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 1

*7:30 a.m. Victoriano Seguerria RIP

8:00 am Richard R. Taylor & Hazeldene Ward Taylor RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Elizabeth Fieux INT

*7:30 am Christmas Novena 2

8:00 am: Fanny Amat RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Park Ho Soon Maria RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m. Christmas Novena 3



Intentions of our Holy Father for December 2013:

1) That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need; and 2) That Christians, enlightened by the Word Incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Savior's coming.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Elena Muhr / Rebeca Willis

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Aurora Dolores / Jackie Johnson

9:00 a.m. Jim Raney / Lucas Setiady

11:00 a.m. Ignacio Verduzco / Marta Timar

5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches / Gil Vargas

Floral Dedications

This week's dedication is:

✠ In Loving Memory of
Fr. Jerome Lantry, O.C.D.



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. *Each bouquet is \$40 (two for \$80).*

Personal Ads

Mature, responsible Parishioner (non-smoker, non-drinker) SEEKS A 1 BR APT. AVAILABLE FOR RENT (Can pay \$1,000 or less per month). If you have availability, leave a msg. at 282-2744, ext. 223.

SEEKING A ROOMMATE to share a 2-BR, 1 BA apt. Complete access to living room, kitchen, pool. \$500 per month. Call Kelly at 297-2103.

Outside the Parish

CARMELITE MISSIONARY PILGRIMAGE TO UGANDA: February 14-24, 2014, with Chaplain Fr. David Costello, OCD, and tour guide Sr. Antonia. \$2,892 per person including r/t air, housing, most meals, and daily Mass. Call 394-4367; email aokyang@gmail.com for more info.

You are invited to join Fr. Joseph Parathanal of Holy Family, So. Pas, on two Pilgrimages: GRAND MARIAN Pilgrimage-MEDJUGORJE, FATIMA, LOURDES, SPAIN, & ITALY (May 2014); and ROYAL TOUR TO INDIA-ST. THOMAS, MOTHER TERESA (Sept. 2014). Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or call (323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618).

Discover what a life-changing MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND can do for your marital relationship. Your spouse is God's gift to you. What you make of your marriage is your thanks to God. Find out how to make a good marriage better and a better marriage great. For more info, contact Winston and Dinah Perez at 818-527-MEMC (6362) or go to www.memconline.org or email: memcweekend@gmail.com

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