

Saint Theresese Church

December 24, 2017 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 (222) **Associate Pastor:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232)

In Residence: Fr. Albert Busic, OCD (335); Dcn. Bro. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD (224); Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

Deacon Couples: Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (333); Deacon Gilbert & Frances Vargas (333)

Vocations: Carmelite: (909) 629-9495; Archdiocesan (213) 637-7515

Sacraments:

Confessions: Wednesday: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (web-site or office) six months+ in advance.

- Facilitator: Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)
- Wedding Liturgy/Rehearsals: Mary Putman MerryPage@gmail.com or (760) 844-2725

Other Programs:

Annulments: Lorraine Mizerski (333)

-Avila Young Adult Group:

Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284

-Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

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

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

-Intercessors Prayer Group:

Blanca Ruvalcaba 281-7070

-Irish Step Dance Class: Marie Henrie, mariacahill11@yahoo.com

***Knights of Columbus:** Grand Knight: Paul Gutierrez (888) 869-3124

-Legion of Mary: Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

-Natural Family Planning:

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

-OCDS: Stan Interrante 714-996-4164

-Rosary Makers: Mondays, 6-8 p.m.

Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776

-St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wed, 6:15 p.m., Lucy Marikian 281-3706



Merry Christmas!

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 Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

St. Therese Carmelite School:

289-3364 - Principal: Alma Cornejo (661)
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11:00am: Charlotte Lansberg
cjlansberg@choochoorecords.com

Respect Life Ministry / Vox Vitae:

Catherine Contreras (112)

Altar Ministries:

Bro. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD (224)

Ministry to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla (626) 282-0943

Religious Education & RCIA:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)
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Youth & Adult Confirmation

Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)
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New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please register online or in the Parish Office.

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. Coordinator: Ruben Beltran—284-0020 (2)

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE



Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas

Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. (Family Mass);
7:30 p.m. (Simple Mass); and Midnight (Traditional Choir)



Christmas Day: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
and 1:00 p.m. Latin High Mass
(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)



PLEASE NOTE: The evening Masses on Sunday, December 24 (5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and Midnight) fulfill the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas Day.

Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 31)

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Latin High Mass

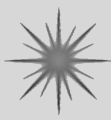
New Year's Eve Masses (Sunday, December 31)

5:00 p.m. and Midnight

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1)

Masses at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.





A Christmas Reflection

By Msgr. Robert Batule



At Midnight Mass all over the world, the words of the prophet Isaiah are proclaimed: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Is. 9:1). Ever since the Summer solstice, we have been losing a little bit of light each day. Some of us walk out the door in the morning into darkness and then return home in darkness. Our lives are also darkened due to sin. With every lie, slander, and false accusation, our lives are darkened a bit more. If we rationalize enough, we will no longer distinguish the light of grace from the darkness of our sins. Why is it that a great many of the sins we commit are sins of the tongue? Speech is God's way of drawing us into the folds of His love. The Letter to the Hebrews says, "*God spoke to us in partial and fragmentary ways. Now, in the Incarnation, the Lord has spoken to us through His Son*" (Heb. 1:1).

"*The Word became flesh and we saw His glory, the glory of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth*" (Jn. 1:14). This is the way St. John describes the birth of Christ. The glory of the Incarnation is revealed to us in the One Who speaks truthfully, Jesus. Near the end of His earthly ministry, Jesus stands accused before Pontius Pilate—accused of being a king. In His own defense, Jesus says, "*You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth*" (Jn. 18:37). After hearing Jesus' testimony, Pilate orders that the inscription, "**JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS**" be placed on top of the Cross (Jn. 19:19). What we have is a King Who suffers and dies for the truth. More to the point, what we have is the embodiment of Truth suffering and dying. To the question, then, "What good is truth if it results in suffering and death?," we have this wonderful reply from St. John Paul II in *Veritatis Splendor: Christ's crucified flesh fully reveals the unbreakable bond between freedom and truth, just as His Resurrection from the dead is the supreme exaltation of the fruitfulness and saving power of a freedom lived out in truth* (87).

Among the first things babies are taught is how to speak. Initially, the words are badly formed, mispronounced, even unintelligible. After some practice, the words come more easily. Some of us actually become glib and clever phrasemakers. Just as we bend and shape our bodies in various ways, we do the same with our words. We stretch, pull, and manipulate them so that, often, their common meanings are no longer recognizable. Jesus was born and came into the world to teach us how to speak truth. Not how to fast-talk our way out of trouble, not how to "spin" things. He doesn't teach us to dodge and equivocate.

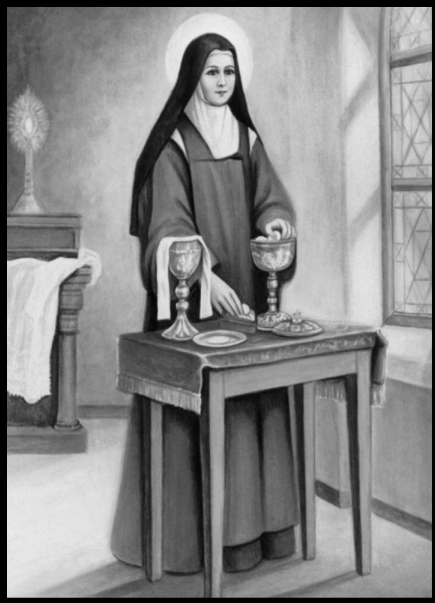
Jesus teaches us that we should let our "Yes" mean "Yes," and our "No" mean "No" (Mt. 5:37). This does not rule out speaking prudently, tactfully, or diplomatically. It does mean, however, that we call things by their right names. The power to name was given to Adam before the Fall (Gn. 2:19). After the Fall, Jesus, the New Adam, restores our capacity to name things properly.

Usually, adults teach babies how to talk. On Christmas, we permit a Baby to teach adults how to talk. He is the Babe of Bethlehem and upon His shoulder dominion rests (Is. 9:5). There is weighty responsibility when we open our mouths to speak. We decide if our words are going to reflect truth. Or if our words are going to mirror fashionable denials of what the natural law and revelation tell us are good for individuals and society.

Christmas can never be separated from a Virgin who assented to God's plan and brought forth for us the Christ Whose birth, life, death, and Resurrection open up for us the prospect of eternal life. Christmas holds words and their meanings together so that we don't divorce language from reality. After proclaiming that He is the Bread come down from heaven, Jesus asks the Twelve, "*Do you also want to leave?*" (John 6: 67). Simon Peter speaks the truth, "*Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life*" (John 6: 68). Jesus possesses the words of eternal life because He is the Word, the Word made flesh (John 1:14). The Holy Eucharist changes darkness into light for each of us; falsehood gives way to truth and our words go silent before the only Word that matters: The Word through Whom the universe was made, the Savior sent to redeem us. Let us listen attentively to the Lord's Word and be ever more mindful of its power to make us Children of God (John 1:12) unto eternity.



TRAIN TO BE A SACRISTAN!



**ST. THERESE CHURCH IS
IN SERIOUS NEED OF
MORE SACRISTANS!**

ANY ADULT OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT who would like to train to be a Sacristan (one who prepares the altar for the priest to celebrate Mass) at St. Therese—including for funerals and weddings—should attend the upcoming training session on **Saturday, January 6, at Noon**, in the church sacristy.



If you would like to learn more about the duties of a sacristan in order to serve in this holy and important ministry, just go to the sacristy of the church at Noon on that day (the entrance is next to the Adoration Chapel entrance). No need to RSVP.

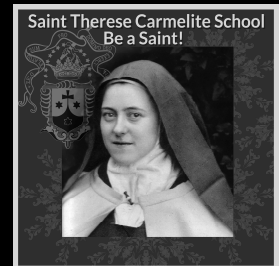


SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.

“The splendor of the rose and the lily’s whiteness do not deprive the violet of its scent nor make less ravishing the daisy’s charm.”

-St. Therese of Lisieux



- Now through January 2: Christmas Vacation, No School
- January 3, Wednesday: School Resumes
 - January 5, Friday: First Friday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
 - January 12, Friday: Mass at 8:00 a.m.
 - January 15, Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday, No School
 - January 19, Friday: Mass at 8:00 a.m.
 - January 26, Friday: Mass at 8:00 a.m.
 - January 28, Sunday: Family Mass at 9:00 a.m. and Open House



We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our school, to take a tour, or to spend a day with our amazing students and wonderful teachers. Please feel free to contact us at 289-3364 or admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

All are invited to our Adoration Chapel (24 hours a day, seven days a week) to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is locked between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., so anyone wishing to come during those hours needs to get an electronic key from the offices (during open hours). Keys are \$20 each and are refundable if you move away.

"Lord Jesus, when we worship you in the form of bread... we always see you as an adult. But every year at Christmas, you reveal yourself to us as a Child born in a crib. We stand in amazement in silent adoration before the mystery, like Mary did when the shepherd came and told her what they had seen and heard: 'She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.'" ~Chiara Lubich



Baptism Ministry

TO REGISTER, go to our website and click on Sacraments > Baptism. You will also need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to the class.

PARENTS & GODPARENTS are required to attend a class from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library (next will be January 4 and January 25). The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Baptisms are on Saturdays (next open are at 11:00 a.m., on January 27 and February 10).

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 needs to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

For more information, contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020, Ext. 225, or rhondalstorey@gmail.com.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FOR ELEMENTARY GRADES, HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION, and ADULT RCIA

ELEMENTARY: The next classes will be on Sunday, January 7, at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy your Christmas holidays!

CONFIRMATION:

C1—The next classes will be Sunday, January 7, at 9:00 a.m.; and Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m.

C2—The next classes will be Sunday, January 21, at 9:00 a.m.; and Tuesday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m.



RCIA

Upcoming class dates are Thursdays, January 4, 11, and 25—at 7:00 p.m.

For questions, contact the DRE, Rhonda Storey, at 284-0020 (1) or Ruben Beltran, Confirmation Coordinator, at 284-0020 (2).



LAST CHANCE!



This is your last chance to buy a raffle ticket for a chance at owning a gorgeous vintage Lladro figurine, "A King is Born" (the Holy Family). It is in mint condition in the original box with all the documentation (the current minimum retail is \$895). All proceeds benefit the School. Raffle tickets are on sale for \$2 each in the Gift Shoppe after all the weekend Masses. The drawing will be tonight on Christmas Eve.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

December 16 / 17

Unrestricted.....	\$12,424.00
Restricted	\$ 510.00
T O T A L	\$12,934.00
November 18 / 19.....	\$11,468.00
November 25 / 26.....	\$17,238.00
December 2 / 3.....	\$19,761.00
December 9 / 10.....	\$33,307.00

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

May God reward you!

Check users:

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

ON-GOING MEETINGS / CLASSES / MINISTRIES

AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (Ages 21–39, singles/couples): Join us on most first Saturdays of the month at 6:15 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard, as well as for social events. For more information, go to our Facebook page, *Avila Outreach*, OR contact the Coordinator, Paula Grimm, at (909) 703-1284 or pgrimm.dir@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Following time for gathering, each session then begins at 7:30 p.m. Current session ("The Story of Salvation") began September 6, but you can catch up on the Ascension Press website: www.ascensionpress.com). For more info, contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or 679-6370.

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

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. Couragerc.org. 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: Every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (confessions are available during the Mass).

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 December 27.

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.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES: Irish dance classes are held on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (for 45 minutes to one hour). Classes are for kids 4+ and for adults. Contact Maria Henrie at mariacahill11@yahoo.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: We are a fraternal order of Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen our faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Paul Gutierrez, 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).

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

For Week of 12/23/17 TO 12/30/17

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Philip Yan, RIP

Sunday Morning—Fourth Sunday of Advent

*7:30 am: George & Yolanda Rossy, OCDS, INT

7:30 a.m.: Patrick Syn, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Francis Goh, INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Farida Tuan, RIP

Sunday Evening, Christmas Eve:

5:00 p.m.: Elena Jamson, Reyes, & Fernandez, INT

7:30 p.m.: Darey, Penny, Tristan, & Zarah Huo, INT

Midnight: Manuel Tuan & Family, INT

Monday, Christmas Day:

7:30 am: Richard Taylor, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Greg Salazar, INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Corazon Aclaro, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: John McDermott, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carrie Rosselli, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 1

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: John McDermott, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena 2

8:00 a.m.: Lo Shiul Yuen Hsia, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Nadia Hamden, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mary Frances Magaña, INT

8:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 3

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Jose Mari Manahan & Paulita Coligado, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena 4

8:00 a.m.: Anna Ho Shau Ying, RIP

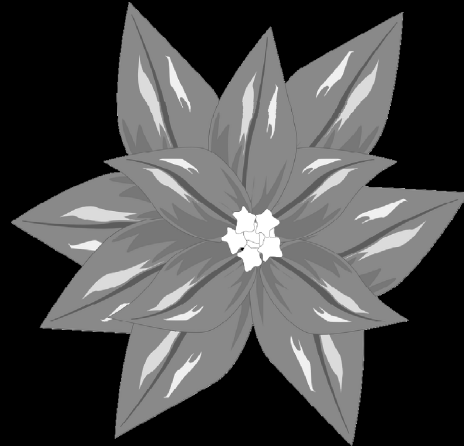
Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 5

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Delia Lorenzo, B-Day INT

Floral Dedication



There will be no floral dedications during Advent. To make a dedication for a future date (in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones), contact Giovanna at 281-9049. You may select the colors and the types of flowers.

Lectors

Saturday—Fourth Sunday of Advent :

5:00 p.m.: Rebeca Willis / Larry Dumont

Sunday—Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m.: Jackie Johnson / Ron Sandoval

9:00 a.m.: Lucas Setiady / Beatriz Pelayo-Garcia

11:00 a.m.: Andy Zepeda / Jason Perez

Sunday—Christmas Eve:

5:00 p.m.: To Be Decided

7:30 p.m.: Marta Timar

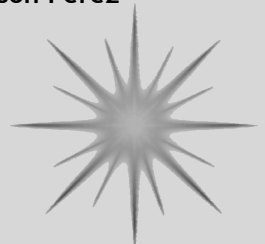
Midnight: Andy Zepeda

Monday, Christmas Day:

7:30 a.m.: Florence Goh / Blanca Ruvalcaba

9:00 a.m.: John Kienker / Rosa Natividad

11:00 a.m.: Lucy Lopez / Pat Cervantes



Personal Ads

HOUSE FOR LEASE FEB. 2018: single story home on El Molino near church (4 BR, 2 BA, new kitchen, nice yard, detached garage). \$3,250 per month. If interested, e-mail Cambria at cammkatt@gmail.com.

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