

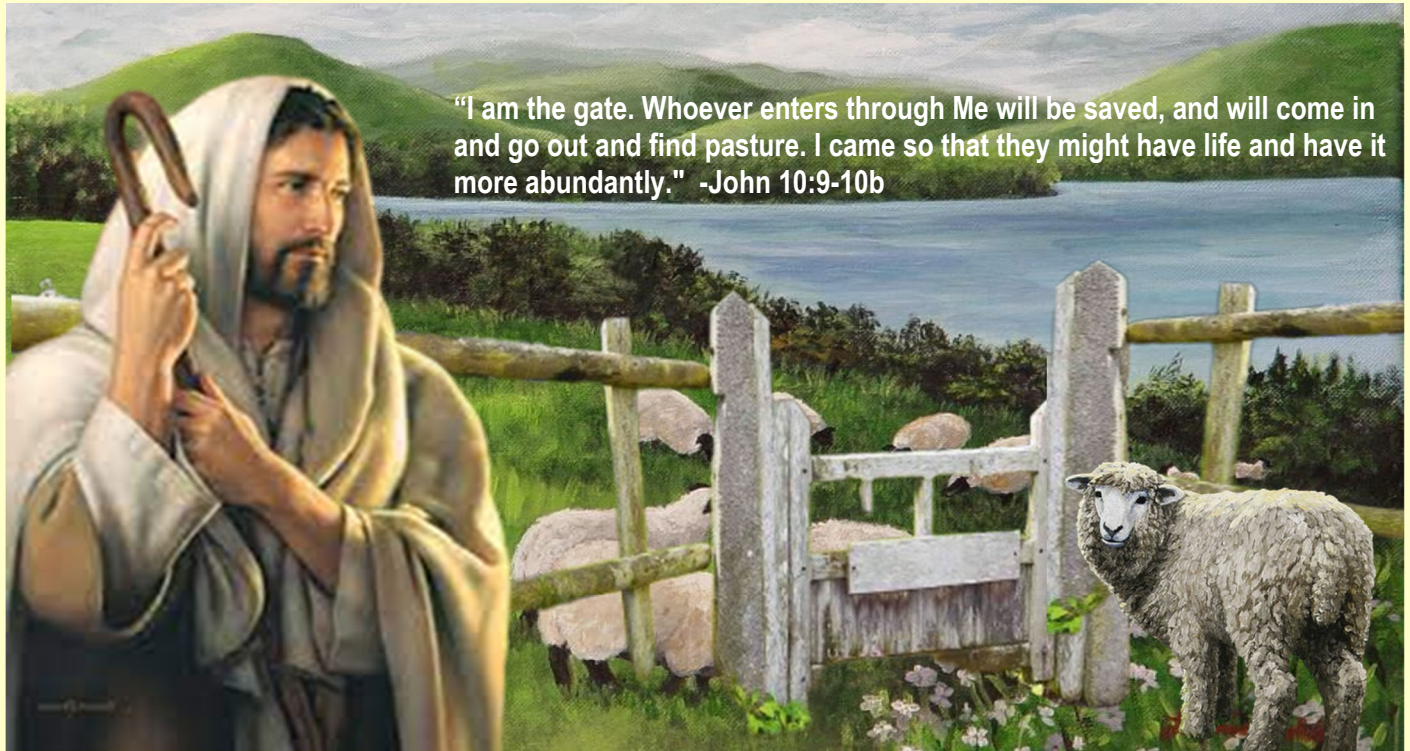
# St. Therese Catholic Church

April 30, 2023

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Est. 1924

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"I am the gate. Whoever enters through Me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." -John 10:9-10b

## 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 7:00 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**

**STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube)

**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

**Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm; 2:00 pm-5:00 pm**

**Pastor:** Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD X222

**Associate Pastor:** Fr. David Guzman, OCD X232

**In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD, Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD; and Fr. Godfrey Chandya, OCD

**Deacons:** Dcn Joseph Mizerski | Dcn Gilbert Vargas X333;

**Annulments:** Deacon Gilbert Vargas X333

**Vocations:** For the Archdiocese: (213) 637-7515

For the Carmelites: [www.discalcedcarmelitefriars.com](http://www.discalcedcarmelitefriars.com)

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**Respect Life Ministry:** Catherine Contreras XI12

## ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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[www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com](http://www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com)

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page

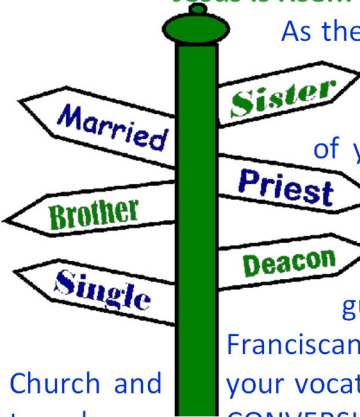


## SACRAMENTS

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

# Letter from Fr. Thomas, Pastor

Jesus is risen! Blessed Easter Season and Good Shepherd and Vocation Sunday, everyone!



As the Gospel today reminds us, the Good Shepherd calls EVERYONE. EVERYONE has a vocation in the Church Family of the Holy Trinity—to married life or consecrated single life or religious life or priestly life. And so, my hope and prayer for each one of you that you hear in a fresh way (or for the first time!) Jesus calling you and renewing you in your vocation. Please read the quote from St. Teresa in the Quiet Listening Prayer section of this bulletin (Page Seven) for some inspiration.

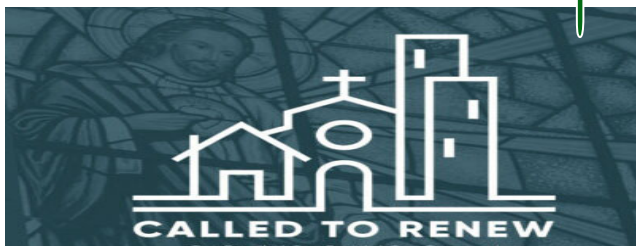
In case anyone reading this is discerning his/her vocation, here are the key guidelines (from Fr. Michael Scanlon's book, What Does God Want, published by Franciscan University): **1)** Does it CONFORM to God's Will according to the Teaching of the Church and to deeper your vocation responsibilities (as spouse, mother, doctor, seminarian, etc.)? **2)** Does it lead to deeper CONVERSION? **3)** Is it CONFIRMED by people you trust to be objective? **4)** Is it CONSISTENT with the way God has led you in the past? **5)** Is there a CONVICTION in your heart? (that is, is there a feeling like that of a drop of water falling into soft earth [the Holy Spirit brings with Him a gentle feeling]; or does it feel a little disturbing, not right, agitating, a little bit violent? [the enemy, Satan, brings with him a disturbing feeling]).

**Congratulations** to all the Saint Therese Carmelite School students and other children and their families who are making their **First Holy Communion** today, April 30, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Thank you to the **Little Singers of France Boys' Choir** for the beautiful concert they gave this past Thursday! I would also like to give everyone a heads up about the **Called to Renew Archdiocesan Campaign Reception** and the upcoming **St. Therese Church Ministry Fair Part One**, which will be next weekend, May 6 and 7. And **Blessed Month of Mary, everyone!!!** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee....



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

## "CALLED TO RENEW" Reception



You are invited to a reception for our Archdiocesan **CALLLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN** on **Sunday, May 7, after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Masses.** It will take place at the front and parking lot side entrances of the church. This reception will give you an opportunity to talk to Campaign Team members and to prayerfully consider how the Lord might be calling you to contribute financially/spiritually to this important event in the life of our Parish and of our Archdiocese. We hope to see YOU there!

## WELCOMING RECEPTION FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED, ETC.

Also in front of the church on **Sunday, May 7, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass,** you are invited to come and welcome and celebrate with the seven adults and eleven children who were newly baptized into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil on April 8.



Also present will be those who completed their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil (First Communion, Confirmation) AND the children who will have received their First Communion during the 11:00 a.m. Mass that same day. There will be food and drink (complimentary, but you are welcome to make a donation). This is an opportunity to show true Christian community!



# Spiritual Bouquet to Our Lady of Fatima



Mark your calendar for our next First Saturdays Devotion for **May 6, 2023**, and join us for 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: May 13, 1917 ~ The First Apparition: The First Apparition occurred just eight days after**

the entreaty of Pope Benedict XV that the Mother of God intercede for the end of WW I. While Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco were in the fields with their sheep, they saw Our Lady standing over the foliage of a small holm oak tree. Our Lady said to the children, "Fear not! I will not harm you ... I am from Heaven ... Come for six consecutive months, on the thirteenth day, at this same hour. I will tell you later who I am and what I want you to do." The children asked her many questions, to which she responded they would go to Heaven and that one friend who had died was already there, while two others were still in Purgatory. Our Lady asked the children: "Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the suffering He wills to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?" and they agreed. "Then you will suffer much, but God's grace will strengthen you." She told them before departing, "Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of the war."

## FR. BROOM'S TALKS ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Fr. Ed Broom will return to St. Therese Church to give four (free) talks on the **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**.

The talks will be held on **Thursday evenings, May 4, 11, 18, and 25**, beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by the

talks at 7:15 p.m. each night (Small Groups will follow at 8:15 p.m.).

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!** To do so, send an email to [2023ActsTherese@gmail.com](mailto:2023ActsTherese@gmail.com).

## CARMELITE AUXILIARY SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary was founded to financially assist the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns. It



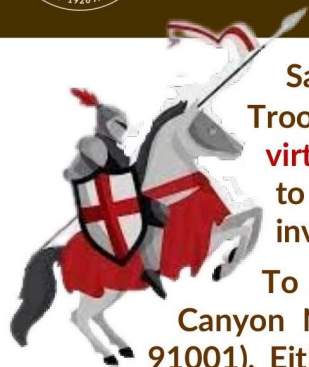
takes many hands to put on the fundraising events. **If you have thought about joining but don't feel you have the time, then consider becoming a Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary ASSOCIATE!** You will receive minutes from each meeting and act as a resource to the Auxiliary with fundraising and other special projects. The time commitment is flexible! If you're interested in becoming an Associate, please email Jessica Morgan at [jessica.morgan@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.morgan@gmail.com).

**We look forward to meeting you!**



# Saint Therese Carmelite School

## Faith ✦ Academics ✦ Virtue



Saint Therese Carmelite School is starting a **Troops of St. George**. The Troops of St. George help men and boys to grow in their Catholic faith and virtue while enjoying adventures in the great outdoors. Dads are encouraged to attend with your sons. Grandfathers, godfathers, and uncles are also invited to join us. <https://troopsofsaintgeorge.org/>

To get things started, we will have a kickoff hike on May 6 at the Eaton Canyon Natural Area and Nature Center (1750 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena, CA 91001). Either meet at the St. Therese Parking lot at 9:00 a.m., and then carpool/caravan to the trailhead OR you can meet us directly at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center parking lot around 9:30 a.m. The hiking trail is mostly a smooth dirt road. Wear something comfortable for walking (hiking boots, walking, or running shoes) and bring your own water and snacks.

**For more information, please contact Matthew Ng at (951) 233-1012.**

## SPRING RUMMAGE SALE! APRIL 28 & 29

Come to the Hall to see what treasures you can find and see what you need. Open Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and **SUNDAY** from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



1106 East Alhambra Road  
Alhambra, California 91801

## Parent Formation Night



**“Healing the Heart’s Brokenness:  
Building an Intimate  
Relationship with Christ”**

With Fr. Robert Barcelos, O.C.D.

**Wednesday, May 3,  
7:00 p.m., Parish Hall**

**Visit**

**[SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com/  
ParentFormation](http://SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com/ParentFormation) to RSVP.**

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# Mother's Day Baby Bottle Drive



GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services is having its annual Mother's Day Baby Bottle & Baby Shower Outreach next weekend, **May 6 and May 7.**

The Baby Bottles will be distributed for you to take home and start filling with cash, checks, and change. Then, on **Saturday, May 27, and Sunday, May 28,** the filled Baby Bottles will be collected by GPS volunteers outside the church at all the Masses. Remember to bring yours with you that day!

GPS will also collect **Baby Shower Gifts for baby and moms.** A Pac n' Play crib will be available both weekends to place your **donations of the following baby items:** blankets, diapers (sizes newborn, 5 & 6), sippy cups, baby bottles, pacifiers, bibs, socks, teething toys, hard cover books, new clothes (sizes newborn to size 3T (boys/girls), toiletries; shampoo, lotion, powder, etc., and other baby essentials.

**Donations of essentials for moms will also be collected:** feminine hygiene products, gently used or new maternity clothes, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. **THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF OTHERS!**

Thank you for helping  
this important  
Prolife Outreach!



# The Real St. Therese

St. Therese would have found recovery from her illness a great sacrifice, for "to go so far and then return!" On August 23, 1897, she said: "God gives me no premonition of an approaching death," and she



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

then compared herself to the half-dead traveler in the Gospel story of the Good Samaritan.

But which way would the scales go? She was surprised by her doctor-cousin's words: "You are like a ship that neither goes forward nor goes backward." She no longer had any confidence in these contradictory diagnoses: "They say it and then they retract it!" But she was worn out by this game of hide-and-seek with "the Thief." Uncertainty would be her companion until her last hour. When she was in her agony, she still declared: "You see the strength I have today! No, I'm not going to die! I still have strength for months, perhaps years!" Therese's acceptance of this possibility was to be her last act of abandonment to the Divine Will. "I will not be sure of success until I have taken the final step and shall see myself in God's arms."

Therese had a deep fraternal love for her community and these ups-and-downs brought with them additional sufferings. She knew what the cost of a long illness would mean to a poor community. And what would happen if she were to be bedridden like this for years? She was concerned about this at the beginning of a Novena which was made to obtain her cure: "The Blessed Virgin will have to cure me, or carry me off to Heaven because I would find it very unfortunate for you and the community to have to care for a sick young religious."

She especially wanted to spare her three sisters: "Oh! I would like...to cause my sisters no more pain, and in order to do this, to go very quickly." "My good Blessed Virgin, this is why I want to leave: so that I will no longer tire out my little sisters and cause them pain when I am so sick."

Continues next week, space permitting.

# The Seasonal Marian Hymns Used at Mass



**Alma Redemptoris | Ave, Regina Caelorum | Regina Caeli | Salve Regina**

Ever wonder why and when we change from using one of the above four hymns to another at the end of our Sunday Masses? It's a very traditional Carmelite practice going back to the 12th Century. Here's how it works: **Alma Redemptoris (#85 in our Pew Missal) is sung from the First Sunday of Advent through the Feast of the Purification, known as Candlemas, on February 2.** **Ave Regina Caelorum (# 96 in our Pew Missal) is sung from the Sunday after Candlemas until the Easter vigil.** **Regina Caeli (# 234) is sung from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday, which this year is May 28.** **Then we switch to Salve Regina (# 236) from the Sunday after Pentecost, which is Most Holy Trinity Sunday, until just after Thanksgiving when Advent begins.** Then, just to throw us off a bit, especially on **July 16, the Feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the priests may decide to sing the "Flos Carmeli,"** which is Latin for "Flowers of Carmel" written by the 13th century Carmelite, St. Simon Stock. You can see the lyrics (but not the notes) in the front of your pew Missal. One nice feature you may have noticed in that handy Pew Missal is that all of the songs are in alphabetical order, so if you didn't hear the song number announced, you can easily find it.

For more information about this, check out the great article at <https://adoremus.org/2007/09/singing-the-four-seasonal-marian-anthems>, which explains the significance of each melodic chant.

## Saint Therese Carmelite School



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**STRONG**  
and **ENGAGING**  
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one student  
at a time.

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- Traditional Values
- Carmelite Spirituality

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## Raffle for Mother's Day!

Take a chance on winning this beautiful **"Our Lady of Guadalupe" apron!** It's just \$3 per ticket or \$5 for two tickets. All proceeds will go to support St. Therese Church.



Get your tickets from the "gift shop" in the main vestibule of the church after the weekend Masses.

The winning ticket will be drawn on Mother's Day.

# 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.



April 22 / 23, 2023

Unrestricted..... \$15,677.00  
Restricted ..... \$ 131.00  
**T O T A L.....\$15,808.00**

March 25 / 26 ..... \$16,885.00  
April 1 / 2 ..... \$13,071.00  
April 8 / 9 ..... \$27,259.00  
April 15 / 16 ..... \$25,296.00

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



# Mass Intentions

April 29—May 6, 2023

**Saturday Evening:**

8:15 p.m.: Angelina Brajkovich, RIP

**Sunday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): Mother Maria, OCD, RIP  
 7:30 a.m.: Parishioners  
 9:00 a.m.: Nicole Solaun, INT  
 11:00 a.m.: Damien Murphy, 2nd Birthday INT  
 1:00 p.m.: Ursulina Aquino, RIP  
 5:00 p.m.: Franklin Teng, INT

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Bob Meyer, RIP  
 \*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, RIP  
 8:00 a.m.: Carl Thompson, INT  
 7:00 p.m.: Louise Jamila Sunga, RIP

**Tuesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Martino Nguyen Dinh Thao, RIP  
 \*7:30 a.m.: Rita Leathem, Birthday INT  
 8:00 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT  
 7:00 p.m.: Maria Nguyen Thi Thanh Van, RIP

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Rebecca B. Canonizado  
 \*7:30 a.m.: Antonio C. Cailan, Birthday Intention  
 8:00 a.m.: Damaris Shower, RIP  
 7:00 p.m.: Martino Nguyen Dinh Thao, RIP

**Thursday:**

6:00 a.m.: Martino Nguyen Dinh Thao, RIP  
 \*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT  
 8:00 a.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP  
 7:00 p.m.: Maria Nguyen Thi Thanh Van, RIP

**Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: John Hummel, RIP  
 \*7:30 a.m.: Fortunato Edusma, RIP  
 8:00 a.m.: Averyl Leigh Sia, Birthday Intention  
 7:00 p.m.: Martino Nguyen Dinh Thao, RIP

**Saturday Morning:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT  
 8:00 a.m.: Eden Uy Sy Su, 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 7:00 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).

# Quiet Listening Prayer

*The Interior Castle: The Fourth Mansion*  
 By St. Teresa of Avila

Let us suppose that these senses and faculties (for I have already mentioned that these powers are the people of this castle, which is the image I have taken for my explanation) have gone outside and have walked for days and years with strangers—enemies of the well-being



of the castle. Having seen their perdition, they've already begun to approach the castle even though they may not manage to remain inside because the habit of doing so is difficult to acquire. But still they are not traitors, and they walk in the environs of the castle. Once the great King, who is in the center dwelling place of this castle, sees their good will, He desires in His wonderful mercy to bring them back to Him. The Good Shepherd, with a whistle so gentle that even they themselves almost fail to hear it, makes them recognize His voice and stops them from going so far astray so that they will return to their dwelling place. And this Shepherd's whistle has such power that they abandon the exterior things in which they were estranged from Him and enter the castle (3, 2).

## Outside the Parish

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT JUNE 13-21, 2023, WITH FR. HUY NGUYEN:** From the beautiful dream of Mother Angelica to the beautiful Shrine in Hanceville, Alabama!. Experience the Pope St. John Paul II Eucharistic Museum, procession to the Lourdes Grotto, spiritual talks by the Friars, Healing Service, with a visit to EWTN and so much more. For more info contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839. ONLY 6 spots still open!

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.