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# St. Therese Catholic Church

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars



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A crowd seated around Him told Him, "Your Mother and your brothers are outside asking for you." Looking around at those seated in the circle, He said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:31-25).

## 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.

**Rosary:** Monday-Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Monday and Tuesday evenings:** \*7:15 p.m. Mass  
(\*Monday evening Mass followed by Healing Service;  
Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).

**Thursday evenings:** 7:00 pm Exposition & Adoration

**First Fridays:** 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

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

**CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.;

**Saturdays** from 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

**Pastor:** Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD: X 1+224

**Associate Pastors:** Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD X 1+225  
Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

**In Residence:** Fr. Albert Busic, OCD, Fr. Stephen Watson,  
OCD (X 1+226), Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

**Deacons:** Deacon Joseph Mizerski | Deacon Gilbert Vargas |  
Deacon Otto Lacayo: All at X 1+333;

**Annulments:** Deacon Gilbert Vargas X 1+333

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## ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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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

# PASTOR'S COLUMN



Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

Please congratulate and pray with me for our newly-ordained deacon, **Deacon Rex Owens!**

He was ordained at the Cathedral on Saturday, June the 8th, and will have his Mass of Thanksgiving today, Sunday, June the 9th, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please stop by after that Mass to congratulate him during his luncheon reception in our Parish Hall!

—Fr. Peter Mary

## COMMEMORATIVE CENTENNIAL T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

This weekend we will begin selling St. Therese commemorative T-shirts to celebrate our 100th year as a Parish! They are also available on our website!

Our Carmelite saint of the month is **Blessed Anne of St. Bartholomew**. She was born at Almendral on October 10, 1549, and died at Antwerp in Belgium on June 7, 1626. In her youth, she was a shepherdess and was already graced by deep mystical experiences. In 1570, she joined the Discalced Carmelite nuns of the first monastery of St. Joseph in Avila as the first lay sister of the reform. Anne was very dear to St. Teresa, who admitted her to profession on August 15, 1572. She soon became the assistant and travel-companion of the reformer, who ordered Anne to learn to write, which she did almost miraculously. St. Teresa also wished to die in the arms of Anne, which she did, at Alba de Tormes on October 4, 1582.

In 1604, Anne went into France with Anne of Jesus and four other nuns to initiate the reform there. Shortly after her arrival in Paris, she was obliged to accept, under obedience, the black veil of a choir nun; she was then elected prioress of Pontoise (1605) and of Tours (1608). Having returned to Paris (1611), she obtained permission to transfer to Flanders. After a year spent at Mons, in Belgium, on October 12, 1612, she left to found a monastery at Anvers, where she spent the last fourteen years of her life. Here she was surrounded by the esteem of the archdukes and all the people of Antwerp. Twice, through her prayers, she freed the city from almost certain occupation by the heretics. She died on the feast of the Trinity in 1626, and God blessed her with many graces and miracles.

Her feast is celebrated in the Carmelite Order on June 7th. Her body is preserved in the monastery of Antwerp. The spiritual life of Blessed Anne was wholly centered on the will of God—sought, loved, and fulfilled with generous fidelity. In frequent communion with the sacred humanity of Our Lord, Anne relived His mysteries of joy and of martyrdom, and reached the highest peaks of union with the Most Holy Trinity in the transformation of love.

**Blessed Anne of St. Bartholomew, pray for us!**



# FIRST MASS & RECEPTION FOR DEACON REX OWENS

Yesterday, June 8—after five years of diaconate formation classes—parishioner Rex Owens became Deacon Rex Owens!



**We'd be honored if you would join us!**

Today, at our **11:00 a.m. Mass**, Deacon Rex will assist at his first Mass. After this Mass you are invited to the Parish Hall for a **luncheon reception**. Please come to congratulate him and his wife Karen and to show your support!

## HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY WILL BE OFF UNTIL JUNE 24

On Mondays, June 10 and June 17, the Healing Prayer Ministry will not be present after the evening Mass. However, it will resume in the church on Monday, June 24, after the 7:15 p.m. Mass.

## VOX VITAE PRO-LIFE TEEN CAMP



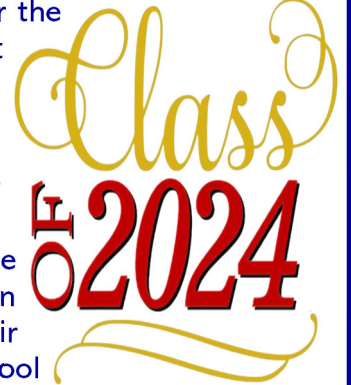
Vox Vitae Catholic Pro-Life Teen Leadership Camp and the Adult Summit are just a week away! **(6/17—6/21)**

Adults, would you like teens to... 1) Understand the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? 2) Learn how to navigate the world we live in with a grounded faith? Our Camp has Catholic and Pro-Life Apologetics! and is VERY FUN! The Adult Summit has the incredible speakers from across the United States, experts in their fields.

**REGISTER** today at [www.VoxVitae.org](http://www.VoxVitae.org) for the Teen Camp and the Adult Summit! (flyers by church doors).

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024!

The final day of school for the 2023-2024 year for Saint Therese Carmelite School was **Friday, May 31st**.



Please pray for all our students as they enjoy the summer before continuing their education here or beginning their challenging high school

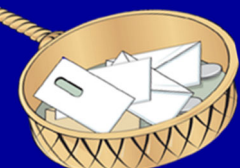
# NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



**Do This in Remembrance of Me—Part 10:** Penitential Absolution: Having spent a brief moment calling to mind our sins and acclaiming together God's mercy, the priest then says words that the Roman Missal calls "the absolution." "At the end of [the Penitential Act], the priest takes refuge with his brethren in the mercy of God: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life" (Understanding the Mass, p. 56). In the past, some people (including priests) were incorrectly told that this prayer was the equivalent of the absolution prayer the priest says in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **This is certainly not the case!** In the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as the Sacrament of Penance or Confession), we openly confess our sins and speak them to the priest, whereas in the Mass we review them interiorly. In the Mass, we certainly are acknowledging that we have sins and that we need the Lord's mercy, but we are not directly bringing those sins to God for forgiveness as we do in Reconciliation.

Even though the words the priest says at Mass are not a sacramental absolution, that does not mean they are not important. "The Penitential [Act], if it is said with true contrition, helps to obtain pardon for present venial sins, as well as to stir up new sorrow for past sins that have already been forgiven. In this way, it helps us to purify ourselves and so to take better part in the Holy Mass" (Understanding the Mass, p. 57).—Source: Fr. Luke Spannagel's blog at <https://www.stphils.com/church/eucharistic-revival-walk-through-the-mass/>

# Financial Offerings



	June 1 / 2, 2024
Unrestricted.....	\$18,288.00
Restricted .....	\$ 305.00
<b>T O T A L.....</b>	<b>\$18,593.00</b>

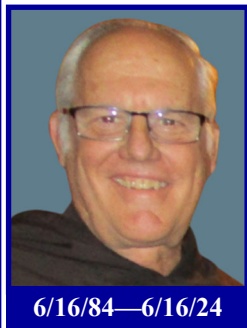
May 4 / 5 .....	\$16,258.00
May 11 / 12 .....	\$17,149.00
May 18 / 19 .....	\$15,245.00
May 25 / 26 .....	\$18,995.00

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

# Parish Picnic for All Parishioners & School Families!

Come enjoy a picnic with St. Therese Church and School families at **Lacy Park (Section 6) in San Marino NEXT SUNDAY, June 16, from Noon to 5:00 p.m.** There will be food, games, social time, and lots of fun! That day is also the **40th Anniversary of Fr. Stephen's ORDINATION! (6/16/84) and FATHER'S DAY!** We will provide a boxed lunch for each person signed up. Tickets are **\$5 per family** and (*if we still have them available*) will be sold after the Sunday morning Masses. We also encourage you to **BRING A PICNIC DISH TO SHARE.**

**VOLUNTEERS!** Please arrive at Lacy Park between **11:30 and 11:45 a.m.** to show the picnickers where Section 6 is located.



**9:00 A.M. MASS THAT DAY WITH ALL LIVING FORMER PASTORS!** The day will begin with the 9:00 a.m. Mass, in honor of Fr. Stephen's 40th Anniversary of Ordination!

Former Pastors Frs. David Costello, Patrick Sugrue, Matthew Williams, Jan Lundberg, Philip Sullivan, and Thomas Koller will all be here to help celebrate Fr. Steve!



Join Fellow Parishioners and Celebrate *St. Therese Parish's*  
**CHURCH & SCHOOL CENTENNIAL PICNIC**

Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day)  
at Lacy Park, San Marino  
(We will be in Section 6)  
12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.  
**\$5 per family (includes boxed lunch)**

(Tickets available in the office, after Masses or use QR code)

**GAMES! FOOD! CELEBRATION!**  
And... **FIVE Former Pastors!**

**MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**  
Please attend our upcoming meetings at 6:15 p.m., in the Parish Office Building, on:  
\* Tuesday, May 28  
\* Monday, June 3rd  
\* Monday, June 10th

100 Years of Walking with St. Therese



## Archbishop Gomez Will Celebrate Mass at St. Therese on June 17

Archbishop Jose Gomez will be here at St. Therese to celebrate a special Mass on **Monday, June 17, at 5:00 p.m.**, as part of the celebration for our centennial year. All former St. Therese Pastors and all the Carmelite Friars have been invited to join us! (**NO 7:15 p.m. Mass that night!**)



All are invited to attend this special Mass to pray for St. Therese Parish and all your needs.

## NO NOON TIME CONFESSIONS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH!

Please note that, due to the Friars attending the Parish Picnic on June 16, there will be **NO confessions that day** prior to the Latin Mass.

## RELIC OF ST. JUDE... THANK YOU!

Fr. Peter Mary wishes to thank **Amber Cantong** and all the volunteers who made the visit of St. Jude's relics such a smooth and grace-filled day!

St. Jude, pray for these volunteers and for all our parishioners!



## "LET ME INTRODUCE YOU..." By Fr. Stephen F. Watson, OCD



Last November, **Brad and Daisy Thompson**—who were married at St. Basil's on Wilshire Boulevard in 1973—celebrated their Golden Jubilee. After living for about a year in an apartment near Ramona Convent in Alhambra, the newlyweds bought a house on North Granada Avenue. They had a son, Carl (born in 1976) and a daughter, Cathleen (born 1982); both children were baptized at St. Therese Church. While the Parish is celebrating its centennial, the Thompsons can also celebrate their fifty years as parishioners of St. Therese Parish. This is their story.

Daisy, the third child of seven, was born in Dagupan City, located in the northwest central area of Luzon Island, 140 miles from Manila, the capital of the Philippines. Since we have "not just a few parishioners" from the

Philippines in our Parish, it is good to know something about their country. It is an archipelago comprising over 7,600 islands divided into three principal regions: Luzon in the north, Visayas in the center, and Mindanao in the south. The Philippines is a Christian country, 85 percent of the population being Christian, of which 78 percent are Catholic. The Philippines has been described as the "Pearl of Asia," for the richness of its culture and its beautiful landscapes.

Daisy's father was a doctor whose expertise was malaria, making him a "malariologist" (not to be confused with a "Mariologist"—someone engaged in the theological study of Mary). During the span of his lengthy career working for the World Health Organization, his family traveled with him during his work in several countries: Haiti, Surinam, Jamaica, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), Burma (Myanmar), Thailand, India, and Indonesia. Although Daisy's mother had a degree in education, she chose to be a homemaker.

Due to their frequent relocation, Daisy's education was constantly interrupted. Eventually she graduated from an all-girls' school in the Philippines run by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. She then matriculated at Santo Tomas in Manila, a university older than Harvard. After majoring in pharmacy, she came to the United States to further her studies at the University of Southern California, where she earned a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree. Daisy worked as a clinical pharmacist at Huntington Hospital for forty years. Her husband, Brad, whom she met at USC School of Pharmacy, went to work at the LAC-USC Medical Center after graduation and retired from there after forty-two years.

After her retirement, Daisy—who has always been a Sunday Mass goer—began to attend weekday Masses. As she delved more deeply into her Catholic faith, she became active in St. Therese Parish. She is currently the sacristan for the 8:00 a.m. weekday Mass on Mondays and Wednesdays and belongs to the St. Therese Rosary Makers. The group makes rosaries to be used in various ministries and sends them—by request—to Uganda and other countries. Daisy is also a member of the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary. Daisy credits the friars and several of her friends for helping her grow in her faith. Using St. Louis de Montfort as a guide, she consecrated herself to the Blessed Virgin. Daisy and Brad have been generous supporters of the Carmelite Mission in Uganda and St. Therese Carmelite School.

You may be wondering about Brad Thompson. Brad was born in Los Angeles and grew up in Alhambra. In fact, he graduated from Alhambra High School. Brad is not Catholic, which is why we don't often see him at Mass with Daisy. However, if you live in their neighborhood, you will see them taking walks together. Brad and Daisy also enjoy traveling; the only State they have yet to visit is North Dakota. Brad especially enjoys visiting Civil War sites in the U.S. and WWII sites in Europe (he is well read on the history of both wars).

Their son Carl is a police officer in the Newton District of Los Angeles. Unfortunately, a few years ago, Brad and Daisy tragically lost their daughter Cathleen. It was a difficult time for the Thompson family. Fr. Philip, who was then the Pastor of St. Therese, was a huge help to Daisy during her worst days.

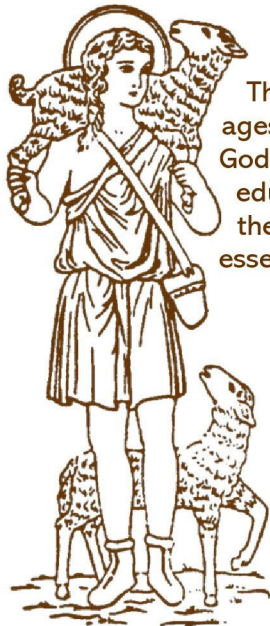
Fr. Donald Kinney calls Daisy "Magnolia" for fun. I am always calling her "Grace" by mistake. If "*a rose by any other name would smell as sweet,*" whatever you want to call Daisy, she has brought a fragrant grace to St. Therese Parish. We congratulate Brad and Daisy Thompson on their fifty years of a happy and blessed marriage!

**The Thompson Family is part of the rich 100-year history of St. Therese Parish.  
Let us all walk with St. Therese as we journey together in faith during our Centennial year.**



# Saint Therese Carmelite School

## Faith Academics Virtue



### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I Formation Course (3-6 year olds)

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children ages 3 to 12 years old that gives them the opportunity to grow in their love and knowledge of God through the proclamation of scripture, the study of the liturgy of the Church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Children gather in an "atrium," a room prepared for them which contains simple—yet beautiful—materials that help the child to absorb the most essential proclamation of their Catholic faith.

#### Certification:

All participants are required to attend and participate in the entire formation course, which is a minimum of 90 hours. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

**Part 1 Meeting Dates: June 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, August 6, 7, 8, 2024**

**Part 2 Meeting Dates: Summer 2025**

**Meeting Times: 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**Non-Refundable Deposit: \$100 (Due with Registration);**

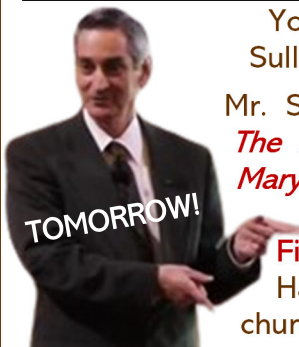
**Total Course Fee: \$500 (Due by start of course)**

Payment Plans Available

Please register by **Monday, June 10**, by contacting Ana Vallejo: [Vallejo@SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com](mailto:Vallejo@SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com)

# Talks on The Flame of Love

The renewal of the earth will take place through the power and imploring force of the Blessed Virgin Mary." (Our Lord to Elizabeth Kindelmann, Third Order Carmelite).



You are cordially invited to attend John Sullivan's **Two Talks on The Flame of Love.**

Mr. Sullivan is the International Coordinator of *The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*. His talks will be presented **TOMORROW (Monday, June 10)**, as follows:

**First Talk:** Noon to 2:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall; **Second Talk:** 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the church, followed by Holy **Mass at 7:15 p.m.**, celebrated by Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD.



Use the QR code to the left for the Noon talk

Use the QR code to the right for the 6:00 p.m. talk and 7:15 Mass



For more info, contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

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# Mass Intentions

**June 8—June 15, 2024**

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, INT

Sunday

\*7:30 am: Mother Maria OCD and  
Linda Allison & Family, INT

7:30 a.m.: Winston Ignatius Goh, Birthday INT

9:00 a.m.: Jose Contreras, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Anthony & Leticia Padilla, INT

1 pm (Latin): Bridget Frei, INT

5:00 p.m.: James & Lori-Ann Rios, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Bonifacio & Josephine Sanchez, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Addison Lowenberg, INT

8:00 a.m.: John Torres, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Otto Lacayo, Anniv of Diac. Ordination

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Benjamin Sanchez, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Otto Lacayo, Jr., INT

8:00 a.m.: Sebastian Thottathil, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Silverio Reyes, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: John Sanchez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Maryanne Losorelli, INT

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Liam Joseph Coyle, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Otto & Martha Lacayo, INT

8:00 a.m.: Poor Sisters of Jesu Christi, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Gabriella Lacayo, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Charlotte Lansberg, Birthday INT

8:00 am: Peter & Monica Grimm, 27th Anniv INT

Saturday (Morning):

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

8:00 a.m.: Catelynn Torres, Birthday INT

**\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite  
Chapel (located at 215 East  
Alhambra Road, Alhambra).**

**Open to the public except on  
Sundays and holidays.**

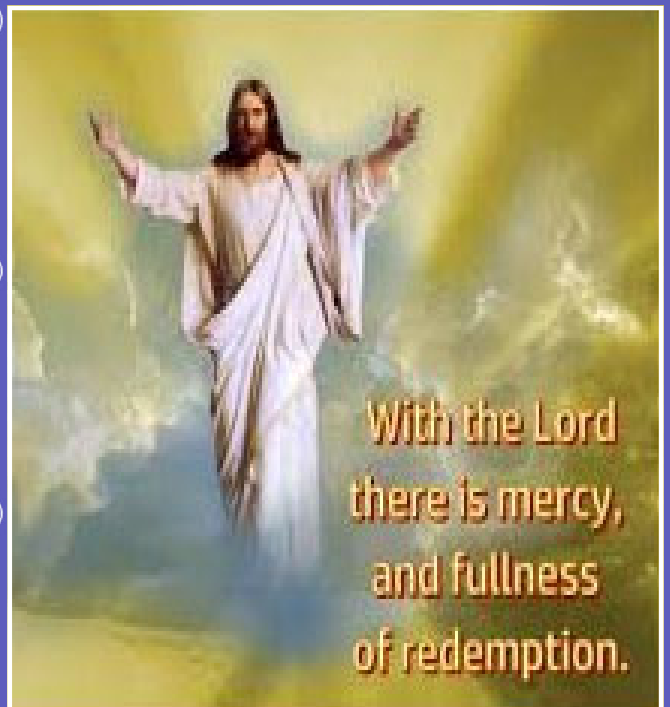
## LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass  
and the HOMILIES at the Sunday  
11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m.  
Masses. Be sure to "tune in"!

# Pilgrimages

**OUR LADY OF CHAMPION** (approved Apparition) **PILGRIMAGE** with Saint Therese Parish's **Father David**: to visit the Shrines of Wisconsin, **AUGUST 10-16, 2024**. This is a Spiritual Retreat Pilgrimage including visits to Our Lady of Champion Shrine and our Carmelite Holy Hill Basilica. Two additional groups flying out of San Francisco and Tucson will be joining us on this fabulous journey. The per person/double occupancy total rate is \$2348 (from LAX). We will visit various Shrines of Our Lady, including Holy Hill Basilica and the Carmelite Nuns Cloister in Denmark, WI. Pick up a Pilgrimage Flyer for more information or email [denisekay@hotmail.com](mailto:denisekay@hotmail.com).

**CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO FRENCH CANADA:** St. Joseph Oratory, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Anne Beaupre, Cathedral -Basilica of Notre-Dame, and more... **August 23-30, 2024**. LAX to Montreal, Cost: \$3250 double occupancy (\$150 off for early bird discount by April 15th). For more information contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 Or go to: [www.SacredHeartTours.com](http://www.SacredHeartTours.com).



With the Lord  
there is mercy,  
and fullness  
of redemption.