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St. Therese Catholic Church



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...The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent ahead of Him in pairs to every town He intended to visit. He said, "I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Into whatever house you enter, say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you." (from this Sunday's Gospel from Luke 10:1-12, 17-20).



MASSSES | 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.

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- 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,

I hope you all had a wonderful 4th of July with family and friends!

I would like to get back to our patroness, St. Therese. In just a couple of months, Fr. Robert and I will be leading our Parish Pilgrimage to France, "In the Footsteps of St. Therese." **Below is the introduction to a letter Therese wrote to one of the missionaries she "adopted," Fr. Roulland.** "Adoption" means that she made a special effort to pray and intercede for him. This letter is rich in Therese's understanding of God's justice along with a keen sense of the missionary vocation. Enjoy!

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



Fr. Roulland at age 26

At his Mission in China

In his 60's

To Fr. Roulland, May 9, 1897 (Letter 226)

Introduction to the Text:

Fr. Adolphe Roulland of the Paris Foreign Missions Society (MEP) was Therese's second spiritual brother, following Fr. Maurice Belliere. While still at the Seminary, he asked the Carmel of Lisieux for a spiritual sister. Mother Marie de Gonzague, prioress at the time, chose Therese. On June 20, 1896, eight days before his ordination, and having received the reply from Mother Marie, he wrote back to the prioress to thank her for having given him "an auxiliary angel in my apostolate," saying, "Thanks to the prayers that will be made for me at the Carmel, I will win souls for our God." After being ordained as a priest on June 28, 1896, he went to the Carmel on July 3rd and conversed in the parlor with Therese.

The eight letters addressed to Adolphe Roulland convey a deep and mystic alliance, which Therese worked on to define and deepen further during the last months of her life. It is in this climate that Therese was also drawn by the prospect of mission; long before taking responsibility for her two missionary priests, Therese was drawn by the idea of becoming an apostle. But not just to be a simple apostle. Therese wanted to become the Apostle of the apostles. Therese did not want to be the first among the Twelve, but put herself in the principal role of receiving the Good News—before the mission started—before becoming the initiator of the apostolic mission, like Mary of Magdala returning from the tomb.

In the fire of this personal commitment to mission, she proposed to Father Roulland a definition of the apostolic union that was already more explicit: the latter no longer involved the union of two beings, but extended to the gift of God, who alone can respond to the missionary's prayer by lighting up Therese's heart so as to awaken souls for God. The connection between Therese and the missionary is not direct, as Roulland imagined it, but indirect; and in Therese's mind, her prayer would not touch the missionary but, by the grace of God, the heart of unbelievers directly: "Not being able to be a missionary in action, I wanted to be one by love and penitence."

Fr. Roulland was to be a missionary in China, from where he corresponded with Therese and the Prioress of the Carmel. Called back to France in 1909, he was a witness at the two Processes of Therese. The relics that Therese refers to at the start of the letter are locks of Fr. Roulland's hair.

(This letter is a veritable course of theology on the right understanding of what is the justice of God.)

Triduum, Novena, Vespers, & Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

A Triduum will be celebrated by Fr. Stephen Watson to prepare for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patroness of the Carmelite Order. The Triduum dates are:

- ***Sunday, July 13:** HOLY HOUR at 7:00 p.m., talk by Fr. Stephen
- ***Monday, July 14:** Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- ***+Tuesday, July 15:** ***Solemn Vespers at 6:30 p.m.**, followed by Mass (***See below for more info.**)

(*Notes: Mass on Monday and Tuesday will be at 7:00—not 7:15 p.m.

+ The Mass on Tuesday, July 15, will **NOT** be in Spanish.)

The Feast day Mass will be on **Wednesday, July 16**, at 7:00 p.m., also celebrated by Fr. Stephen. There will be **NO CONFESSIONS on the Feast Day, Wednesday, July 16.**



Also in preparation for the Feast, we will pray a Novena to Our Lady after each of the Masses from July 7 through July 15. The Novena prayer will be published in the bulletin next weekend, July 5 and 6. **At the evening Mass on the Feast Day, there will be an opportunity to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular at the end of the Mass. You only need to be enrolled once in your life. Once enrolled, any new scapular you wear will be automatically blessed.**



Choral Vespers and Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Vespers July 15, 6:30 p.m.
Mass, July 16, 7:00 p.m.

About Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Our Lady of Mount Carmel holds a deeply cherished place in the heart of the Carmelite Order and the wider Church. Her title comes from Mount Carmel in the Holy Land, a place rich in biblical and spiritual significance. The prophet Elijah, whose dramatic showdown with the prophets of Baal took place on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18), is the spiritual forefather of the Carmelites. Christian tradition links Elijah's prayerful vigilance and his vision of a small cloud rising from the sea—a symbol of hope and purity—as a foreshadowing of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the one who would bear the Savior into the world.

By the 12th century, a group of Christian hermits had settled on Mount Carmel, drawing inspiration from Elijah's life of solitude and contemplation. They built a chapel in honor of Mary, whom they revered as their Patroness and Spiritual Mother, and thus became known as the "Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel." Today, the Carmelite monastery of Stella Maris (Latin for "Star of the Sea") stands on Mount Carmel, near the cave traditionally associated with Elijah. The site is a powerful convergence of Old and New Testament spirituality, where devotion to Mary took deep root.

The most well-known devotion associated with Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the Brown Scapular. According to Carmelite tradition,

on July 16, 1251, the Blessed Virgin, holding the Child Jesus, appeared to St. Simon Stock, an English Carmelite prior general, and gave him the scapular as a sign of her protection. She promised that those who died wearing it with devotion would not suffer eternal fire. Over time, the scapular has become a beloved sacramental worn by millions as a quiet pledge of Marian trust and fidelity to Christ.

Carmelite saints—from St. Teresa of Ávila to St. Thérèse of Lisieux—have spoken of Mary as both guide and guardian. St. Teresa once wrote, "She will teach you what to say and do. 'Do whatever He tells you,' as she said to the servants at Cana." Her maternal presence offers all the baptized a model of listening to God, trusting deeply, and saying "yes" with one's whole life.

As Patroness of the Carmelite Order and of all who seek her intercession, Our Lady of Mount Carmel continues to inspire lives of prayer, sacrifice, and deep love for Jesus. May she, the Star of the Sea, guide us through life's storms and into the safe harbor of her Son's mercy.

NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Pray from July 7 to 15 (Feast: July 16)

O, most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity... O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this my necessity; there are none that can withstand your power.

O show me herein you are my Mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. Amen.

Financial Offerings

The Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor has been out of the office since June 13. As all the bulletins from June 22 through July 6 had to be submitted by June 13, there will be no updates to the offering stats until the July 13 bulletin. The figures to the right are the latest updates we have to report.

May 17 / 18	\$12,522.00
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May 31 / June 1	\$15,339.00
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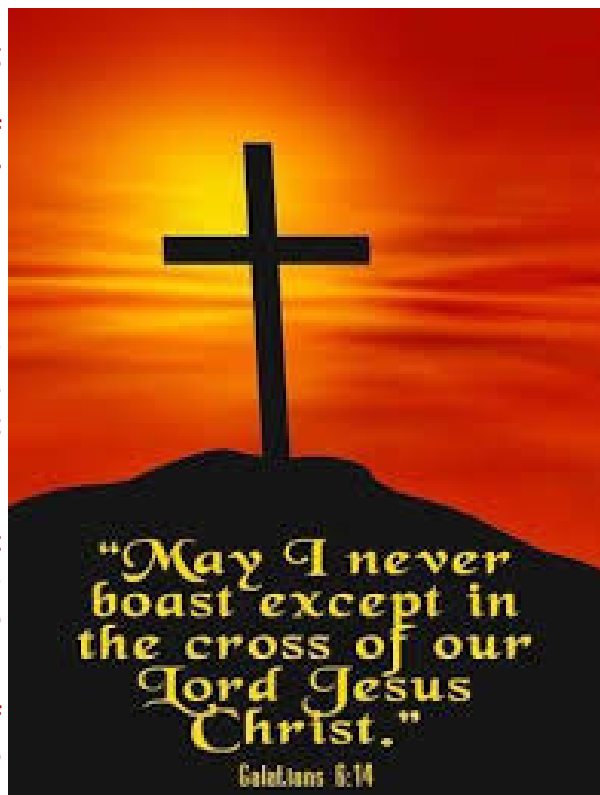
Sent with Joy: A Mission Rooted in Peace and Grace

Today's Sunday's readings call us to rejoice, to serve, and to trust in God's ever-present care. From the opening words of Isaiah 66, we're invited to find comfort and joy in Jerusalem, not just as a physical city, but as a symbol of God's tenderness toward His people. "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you," says the Lord—a verse that echoes the compassion we find in both God and in His saints, especially in Mary, our spiritual mother.

Psalm 66 continues this theme of celebration, calling the whole earth to "Shout joyfully to God" and to recognize His faithfulness through every trial and blessing. The Psalmist reminds us that even when we go through testing, God brings us to a place of abundance. In that spirit, St. Paul in Galatians shifts our attention to what truly matters—not external observances, but the new creation we become through the Cross of Christ. He boasts only in the Cross, the sign of total love and surrender.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus sends out 72 disciples ahead of Him, calling them to travel light, speak peace, and heal the sick. They return rejoicing, not just for the miracles worked through them, but because their names are "written in Heaven." This joyful mission reflects what it means to be a disciple: to trust in God, carry no burdens, and bring peace and hope into the world.

As we approach the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16, we're reminded of Mary's role in guiding and protecting those sent out to serve her Son. The Carmelite tradition holds her as a model of contemplative trust and active love—qualities mirrored in today's readings. Like the 72, we are sent into the world with little but faith, and like Mary, we say yes to the call with courage and humility. May we go forward with her mantle around our shoulders, knowing that even the smallest act done in Christ's name echoes in Heaven.



Mark 6:7-13

¹⁰Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."





Eucharistic Adoration

"Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

The surest proof then, of your return to God is that you go back to receive this food. Go back, my friends, go back to receive this Sacrament. Nothing can make you holier than this Sacrament, for in it is the Holy of Holies." —St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, CRSP

(1502 – July 5, 1539—Feast Day: July 5)

St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria was born into a noble family of Cremona, Italy. After his mother was widowed at just 18 years-old, she devoted herself to his education. When Anthony became a priest, he experienced a miraculous occurrence at his first Mass, complete with supernatural light and a multitude of angels. This saint was an ardent promoter of frequent, pious reception of Holy Communion.

In 1534, St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria requested the authorization to solemnly expose the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral of Milan for 40 hours and to do the same in all the churches of Milan. He was the originator of the public 40-hour Devotion to the Eucharist.



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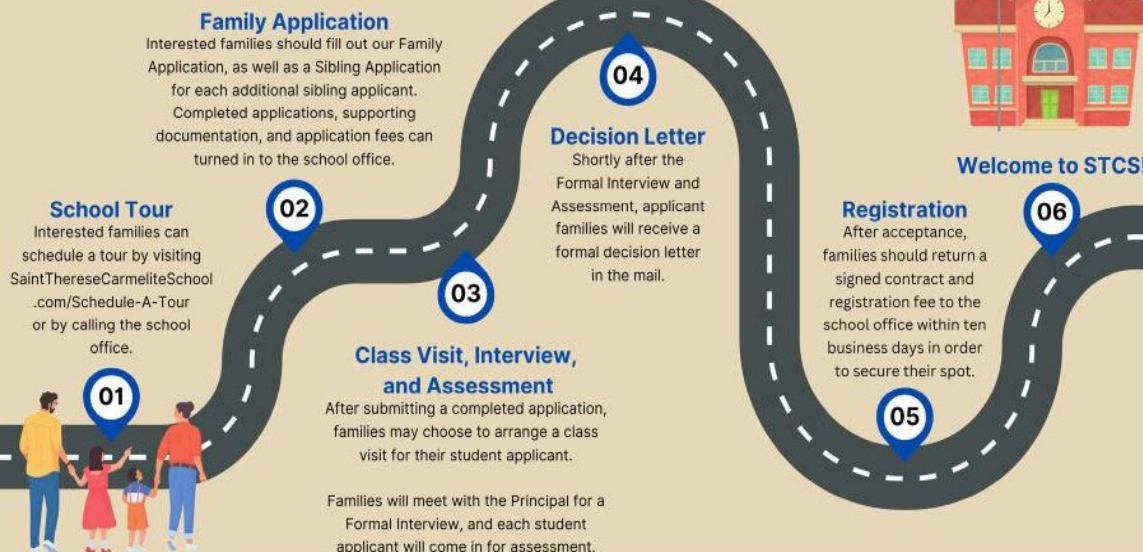
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Mass Intentions

July 5—July 12, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Deceased Religious, Relatives, and Benefactors of the Carmel of St. Teresa, RIP

7:30 a.m.: All Humanity & Thanksgiving for God's Creation, INT

9:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Nida Nazareno, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Norma Aquino, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Richard Peter Macedonio, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Fulgencio Aquino, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Bonifacio & Esperanza Estrada, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Teresa, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Helmut Tittmann, RIP

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

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Virgilio Lopez, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

7:30 am: Juliana Goh, INT

8:00 a.m.: Mototsu Gu Sekiya, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Gordon LaCross, INT

8:00 a.m.: Julianna Torres & Family, INT

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Cloistered Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Gonzalo and Daisy Torres, RIP

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

(Open to the public except 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

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE (JUBILEE 2025) TO ITALY - Rome, Naples & Florence - AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 2—Roundtrip non-stop flight from LA to Rome on Norse Atlantic Airways in Premium Classic, six nights at well-located historic and comfortable city-center accommodations with private bath and AC. Daily Holy Mass, breakfast & dinner. \$4280 (double rm. occupancy) from LAX / +\$395 single room supplement. For itinerary, contact: Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or call Sacred Heart Tours at 1-845-594-2222 (P.O. Box 384 - Burton, TX 77835).

**As a mother comforts
her child, so I will
comfort you; in
Jerusalem you shall find
your comfort." — Isaiah
66:13**

LET ALL THE EARTH CRY OUT
TO GOD WITH JOY.

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