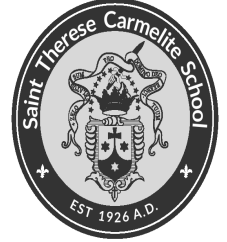




# Saint Therese Church



Dec. 6, 2015

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

[www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org](http://www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org)

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 (332) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD (222) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD and Deacon Bro. Charles Nawodylo, OCD **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333) **Vocations:** Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocesan: (213) 637-7515

### Sacraments:

**Confessions:** Wednesday: 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

**Baptisms:** Once a month on a Saturday

**Weddings:** Call 6 months in advance  
Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

### Other Ministries/Programs:

#### \*Annulments:

Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

#### \*Carmelite Spiritual Reading Group

Mondays, Jim Gillette (213) 448-1039

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

\***Bible Study:** Debbie Robles 679-6370

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

\***Knights of Columbus:** Grand Knight  
Tom Quintana: (626) 863-7061

\***Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

#### \*Natural Family Planning:

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

\***OCDS:** Stan Interrante 714-996-4164

#### \*Respect Life Ministry:

Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942

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

Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776

\***St. Joseph Prayer Group:** Wed,  
6:15 p.m., Albert Grana 576-0872

#### \*Tea at Therese Women's Group:

Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701

#### \*Avila Young Adult Group:

Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284



St. Maria Maravillas of Jesus, OCD  
Feast Day: December 11  
(November 4, 1891–December 11, 1974)

### 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, 10:00am & 7:30p.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 All-Night Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

### St. Therese Carmelite School:

289-3364 - Principal: Alma Cornejo (661)  
stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com

Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org

**School Chaplain:** Fr. Leonel Varela

### Parish Secretary:

Denise McMaster-Holguin (223)  
denisekay@hotmail.com

**Finance:** Noralyn Cailan (228)

### Christian Services:

Bridie McDermott (224)

### Choir Directors:

**9:00am:** Marcia Martinez-Bateman  
(775) 771-4992

**11:00am:** Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284  
pgrimm.dir@gmail.com

### Altar Ministries:

Fr. Leonel Varela (222)

### Ministry to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla (626) 282-0943

### Religious Education & RCIA:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)  
rhondalstorey@gmail.com

### Youth & Adult Confirmation

Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)  
rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

## Parish Vision Statement:

To be a spiritual Catholic Family focused on prayer as well as service to the Gospel through a Sacramental life. We envision our Parish as a community of stewards dedicated to building up the Body of Christ through active ministry while living the example of simplicity, humility, confidence and love of our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.

# Winter Festival & Christmas Boutique This Weekend!



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Saturday, December 5**  
Open until 9:00 p.m.

- “Shopper’s Lane Boutique” in the Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. —with **19 VENDORS!!**
- Christmas Tree Lot from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm
- Food Vendors & beer garden from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 8:00 p.m.: Final call for raffle tickets (Drawing at 8:30 p.m.)
- St. Nicholas’ Workshop & Photo Booth in the Hall from 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- Jumpers until 9:00 p.m.
- Game booths until 9:00 p.m.



### SATURDAY EVENING STAGE

PERFORMANCES  
(5:00 TO 8:00 P.M.)

- ◆ Youth Choir (5:00-5:30)
- ◆ Traditional Choir (5:30-6:00)
- ◆ Sing-A-Long with the Dickens Christmas Carolers (6:00-7:00)
- ◆ Dance to the “Gem City Jazz Cats,” a 20-piece Jazz Band

**Sunday, December 6**  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- “Shopper’s Lane” Boutique in the hall from 8 AM-1PM - **19 VENDORS!!**
- “Little Flower Carmelite Boutique” in the Guadalupe Courtyard from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- St. Nick’s Workshop & Photo Booth from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
- Christmas Tree Lot: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus breakfast - Serving from the Hall for dining at the covered tables
- Sweets Booth (as supplies last!)

Hey, all you kids and grown-ups! St. Nicholas here! Be sure to check out my Workshop in the Parish Hall! Take a photo with me and then decorate a cookie or an ornament! I’ll be making a list of everyone who drops by!





### CATHOLIC TRADITION TALK

The next Catholic Tradition Talk will be **Friday, December 4**, at 7:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center (2nd floor). Our topic will be "Keeping a Traditional Christmas from December 25 to Candlemas" (February 2). All are welcome!

### MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



We will have a special Solemnity Mass in honor of St. John of the Cross. It will be held on his feast day, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. This is in addition to our regular Masses at 6:00 and 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

### CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE CHURCH



The Knights of Columbus will be setting up the Christmas trees, etc., in the church on Tuesday, December 15, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. If you'd like to lend a hand, drop by the church that evening.



### HELP US CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Volunteers are needed to help clean the church for Christmas. If you can help, please come to the church on **Monday, December 21, beginning at 9:30 a.m.** (any time you can give us will be appreciated!) Please bring your buckets, rubber gloves, and cleaning rags. Cleaning solution will be provided.



### LEGION OF MARY DISCUSSION GROUP:

"True Charity: Mercy and Justice," will be the topic for the next session, held on Saturday, December 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Library. Learn and Defend the Catholic Faith through Mary. Just listen or add to the conversation. Bring a friend or meet new people. Refreshments served. For more information, call 457-1564 or email [placenci@sbcglobal.net](mailto:placenci@sbcglobal.net).

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Please find Christmas Flower offering envelopes in the pews, as well as in your envelope packets that you received in the mail.

Your donations will help us to beautify the church with poinsettias for Christmas! God bless you!



## SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL IS PROUD TO BE A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND SERVICE.

*"Perfection consists in doing His will, in being that which He wants us to be." —St. Therese*

- Christmas Boutique and Festival through today, December 6
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass on Tuesday, December 8, at 10:00 a.m.
- St. John of the Cross Mass on Monday, December 14, at 8:00 a.m.
- Christmas Concert & Pageant on Thursday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m.
- \*DogHaus Fundraiser in Alhambra on Fri., December 18, from Noon to 8:00 p.m.

\*Please join us for fun and food at our monthly restaurant fundraisers. Please remember to bring a flyer or to mention STCS, and a portion of your purchase will be donated to our school!

Please support our school by purchasing Scrip (gift cards) for your regular daily purchases. Scrip can be purchased in the school office for grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, department stores, and much more. Please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Cornejo by phone (626) 289-3364 or by email [stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com](mailto:stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com). We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our new school. We look forward to hearing from you!





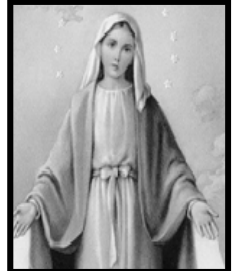
## SPAGHETTI WITH SANTA CLAUS

The Alhambra Knights of Columbus cordially invites you to come and enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner with Santa on **Saturday, December 19** between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m., in

our Parish Hall. Adults are \$10; all those 17 and under are free! Please bring an unwrapped gift.

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary will be this Tuesday, December 8th. This is a holy day of obligation to attend Mass. Masses will be at 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00 a.m., and in the evening at 7:30 p.m.



*“O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!”*

## ST. THERESE DETENTION MINISTRY



Come bring God's love to incarcerated youth at our annual Christmas Celebration! It will take place on **Saturday, December 19**, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Central Juvenile Hall-Eastlake, Los Angeles. Space is limited! Volunteers must be 18 years and over and must pre-register. Incarcerated youth are ages 8 to 18 years. For information on signing up for the Christmas Celebration and/or visiting incarcerated youth, please contact Sonia Macias at 323-724-

6443 or [sonia\\_macias@hotmail.com](mailto:sonia_macias@hotmail.com) or Miriam Lopezmimilc@hotmail.com

*“For I was in prison and you visited me.” -Matt. 25:36*

*“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” -Matt. 25:40*

## BAPTISM MINISTRY



In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to attend a class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library. The next classes for which you can enroll are January 5 and February 2. The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Upcoming open baptism dates are Saturdays, January 23 and February 20, both at 11:00 a.m. For more info, call Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (X225)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS:** Canon Law requires 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 for each prospective godparent.



## GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES:

Are you pregnant and in need of help? GPS counselors are available to help with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are private and confidential. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email [gps.pregnancy@ymail.com](mailto:gps.pregnancy@ymail.com).



## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AND AZTEC POETRY: The undiscovered prophetical link

*"She is clothed with strength and dignity,  
and she laughs at the days to come."*

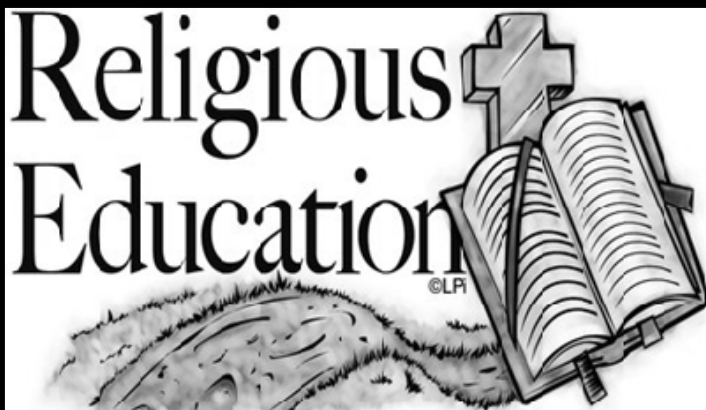
- Proverbs 31:25

All are invited to come and hear an untold part of the Guadalupe story! This presentation will be held next **Saturday, December 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**, in the Parish Meeting Room. In his research for his symphonic-choral work *Misa Azteca*, **COMPOSER JOSEPH JULIAN GONZALEZ** delved into the world of Aztec poetry and found pre-Conquest songs/poems that suspiciously mirror the story of Juan Diego and the Guadalupe apparition of 1531. As a result of years of intensive research and interviews with leading Nahuatl/Aztec scholars, Gonzalez and his wife Monique will demonstrate and present how these poems prepared the hearts and minds of the Meso-American people for Guadalupe and the Gospel message, which led to millions of conversions in the first five years. A Question and Answer period will follow the presentation.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"As Jesus was physically formed in Mary, so He wills to be spiritually formed in you. If you knew He was seeing through your eyes, you would see in every fellowman a child of God. If you knew that He worked through your hands, they would bless all the day through. If you knew He spoke through your lips, then your speech, like Peter's, would betray that you had been with the Galilean. If you knew that He wants to use your mind, your will, your fingers, and your heart, how different you would be. If half the world did this there would be no war!"

—Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen



**STRE NEWS: PARENTS!** Religious Education is an extremely important part of the faith life of every Catholic family! If your children are not attending Catholic School, they NEED to be enrolled in a Religious Education program. Classes for elementary grades are held twice monthly on Sundays—from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Classes are in session today, Sunday, December 6, and Sunday, December 20 (9:00 a.m., through the 11:00 a.m. Mass). If you have not yet registered, please do so before the start of class! For any questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).



## YOUTH CONFIRMATION . . .

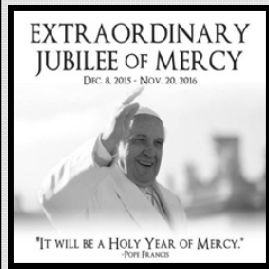
Classes are held in the Parish Center from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays, including mandatory attendance at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, along with the sponsor of each student. The next classes are today, Sunday, December 6, and Sunday, December 20.

**C2 Students:** Please bring your Bibles to every class!

## RCIA Adult Faith Formation

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or completing your sacraments in the Catholic Church, please come to this class for more information. Classes are held on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. The next dates are **December 10, and 17.** For questions, please contact 284-0020 (1).





## AN EVENING OF RECOLLECTION TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR OF MERCY

*"At all times and in all places, God draws near to us."*

Join Sister Regina Marie, O.C.D., and the Carmelite Sisters, to help mark the beginning of the Year of Mercy, on **Tuesday, December 8, from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**, at the **St. Joseph Campus of Sacred Heart Retreat House, 507 North Granada, Alhambra.** The evening will include Sr. Regina Marie's talk "Footsteps of Divine Mercy," adoration, the opportunity for Confession. Also, the Sisters will provide a lovely reception for those who attend this **FREE** event. A basket will be placed for those who would like to help cover the costs of the evening. Please RSVP to 289-1353 (203).

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below you will find the total collections for last weekend and the previous four weekends.

November 28 / 29, 2015

Unrestricted.....	\$13,277.50
Restricted .....	\$ 480.50
<b>T O T A L .....</b>	<b>\$13,758.00</b>

<b>October 31 / November 1.....</b>	<b>\$13,277.00</b>
<b>November 7 / 8.....</b>	<b>\$25,470.00</b>
<b>November 14 / 15.....</b>	<b>\$22,820.00</b>
<b>November 21 / 22.....</b>	<b>\$11,574.00</b>

### TOGETHER IN MISSION REPORT:

Parish Goal:	\$68,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$58,853.50
Amount Paid:	\$57,798.50
<b>*Balance owed to Archdiocese:</b>	<b>\$10,801.50</b>

Thank you for your contributions!

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## ONGOING MINISTRIES & CLASSES

**YOUNG ADULTS (Ages 21–39, singles and couples):** Join us for our events, including 1) Formation Talks every first Saturday of the month at 6:00 p.m., (next is December 5) in the Guadalupe Courtyard (includes prayer, a guest speaker, discussion, and a potluck); and 2) Weekend Social Events: Members will host informal events, such as movie nights, pub nights, wine tastings, sports events, concerts, shows, dances, etc. For questions, contact Paula Grimm at [pgrimm.dir@gmail.com](mailto:pgrimm.dir@gmail.com).



**LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA:** Increase your knowledge of the faith through audio CDs given by well-known speakers, as well as books to inspire your faith journey. The Kiosk is available the first weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of every month. For additional information contact Vicky Sandoval at [geribah03@gmail.com](mailto:geribah03@gmail.com) or (323) 803-9956.

**CARMELITE SPIRITUAL READING GROUP:** All are invited to join us every Monday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Library in the Parish Center. Lectio Divina is practiced on the first and third Mondays and Spiritual reading is done on the second and fourth. All are welcome! For more info, contact Jim Gillett at 213-448-1039 or [jimgillett@me.com](mailto:jimgillett@me.com).

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** This group, formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro, is for anyone who is grieving for 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 meetings will be December 9 and 23. For additional information, call the office at 282-2744.

**WOMEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP:** Come join us for this prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats! Children are welcome (play area available). Meetings are normally held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. However, because of Christmas, the meetings for December will be on the 17th. For more information, contact Dara Barbosa at (301) 542-9701.

**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 and are taught by Mrs. Kelly Mohun. For more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548 or [1stkdoc@gmail.com](mailto:1stkdoc@gmail.com).

# Mass Intentions

**For the Week of 12/5/15 to 12/12/15**

**Saturday:**

5:00 p.m.: Maria Lee Ngan RIP

**Sunday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Harriet and Gene Lyp, INT

7:30 a.m.: Michael Alexander & Lawrence Cheah INT

9:00 a.m.: Vivian Ann Vargas RIP

11:00 a.m.: Larry & Martha Campos RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Hector Gomez INT

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Mary Rose Go INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Amalia Loza RIP

8:00 a.m.: Martita Lopez INT

**Tuesday—Feast of Immaculate Conception:**

6:00 a.m.: Mary Rose Go INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary RIP

8:00 a.m.: Alvin & Anthony Cailan INT

10:00 a.m.: Gracia Elizarraras INT

7:30 a.m. Angelle & Karina Laigo INT

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Jorge Cedejas INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Paul Saucillo INT

8:00 a.m.: Paul Saucillo INT

**Thursday:**

6:00 a.m.: Eulalia Lindo RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Martha Valles RIP

8:00 a.m.: Natalé Moretti RIP

**Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Juan Ramon Cedejas INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Rey-David Palomares INT

8:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa RIP

**Saturday:**

6:00 a.m.: Mary Rose Go INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Lucia Baldo INT

# Floral Dedications

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. Bouquets are \$40 and up.



# Outside the Parish

**CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. PAUL KOENIG, OCD:** In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, travel to Poland & Italy in the steps of St. John Paul II, the great "Mercy Pope," from **April 13 - 26, 2016**. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or Jack Day at (323)722-9339. Details available at <http://www.syversentouring.com/carmel>

**PILGRIMAGE:** Avenue of Travel presents "Marian Shrines of Europe" with FR. JAN LUNDBERG, **September 16 -30, 2016**, for \$2,929 per person (double occupancy; single, add \$571). **Airfare NOT included.** Visits to Madrid, Avila, Fatima, Santiago De Compostela, Burgos, Lourdes, Barcelona, Montserrat, and Saragossa. Prices include daily breakfast; 13 dinners, and Daily Mass. To hold a space, make a deposit of \$250 plus optional insurance of \$209; final payment due 6/5/16). Contact Angela Yang at [aokyang@gmail.com](mailto:aokyang@gmail.com) or 394-4367. Must be **PHYSICALLY FIT** as lots of walking.

**EL CARMELO RETREAT HOUSE,** operated by the **Discalced Carmelite Friars,** will receive a portion of the commission on any travel booked through [www.elcarmelotravel.com](http://www.elcarmelotravel.com). Save AND help maintain the center. Also book hotels, cars, cruises, etc.

Fr. Joseph Parathanal's Pilgrimages to: **HOLY LAND:** April 2016; **INDIA:** September 2016. Contact Bernadette at [bcorp1114@hotmail.com](mailto:bcorp1114@hotmail.com) or 323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Find out how to make a good marriage better and a better marriage great. Call Winston and Dinah Perez at 818-527-6362 or go to [www.memconline.org](http://www.memconline.org) email: [memcweekend@gmail.com](mailto:memcweekend@gmail.com)

## Intentions of our Holy Father for December 2015:

1) That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own; and 2) That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

# Lectors

**Saturday:**

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Charitt Torres

**Sunday:**

7:30 a.m. Flora Santoso / Thu Nguyen

9:00 a.m. Nancy King / Franklin Teng

11:00 a.m. Lorraine Mizerski / Pat Cervantes

5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas / Confirmation Student

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