

St. Therese Catholic Church



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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, Tuesday, and Friday evenings: *7:15 p.m.
(*Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. is in Spanish).

Thursday evenings: 7:00 pm Exposition & Adoration
Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: The daily 8:00 a.m., Monday 7:15 p.m., and
Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all
LIVE STREAMED on Facebook AND YouTube)

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

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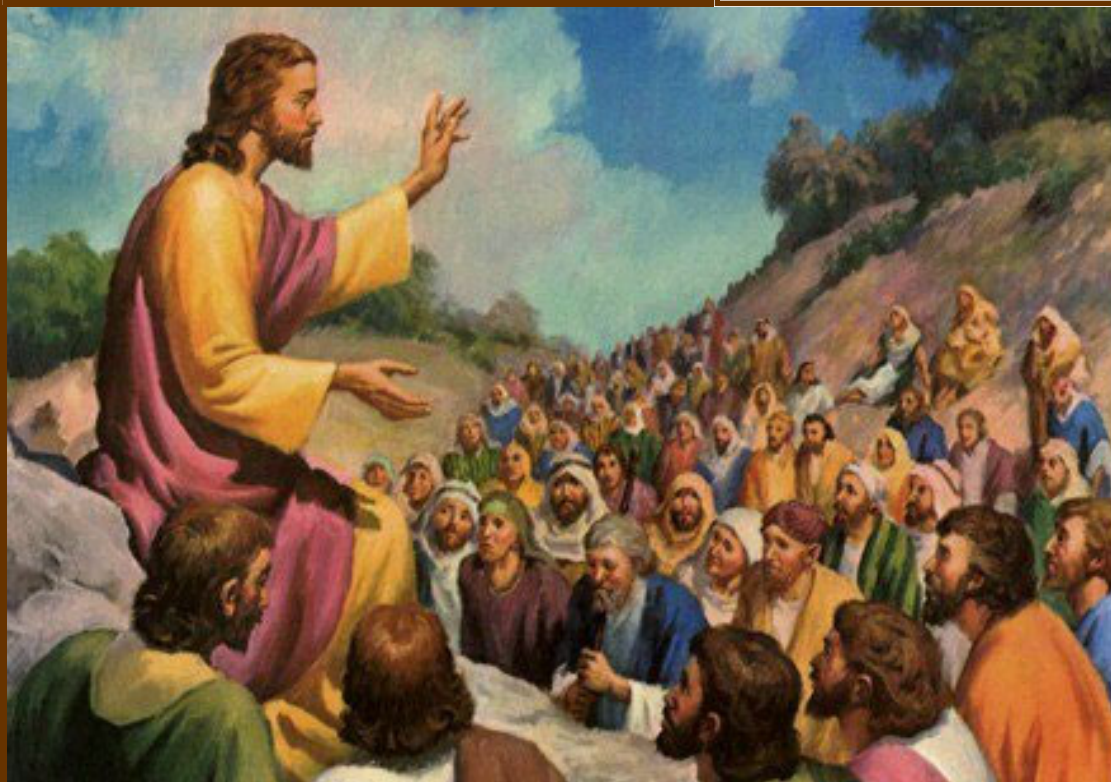
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Jesus spoke to the crowds...saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees...preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen... They love places of honor at banquets... and the salutation, 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in Heaven. Do not be called 'master'; you have but one Master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

(Matthew 23:1-12)

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See our VIDEOS on the School's Facebook page
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SACRAMENTS

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

The Pastor's Letter

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity: A Saint for Our Times



All of us experienced an unprecedented event in the history of the Church. During the Covid pandemic, more people were cut off from the sacraments than at any time in the history of the Church, including during the Bubonic plague! I knew of cloistered Carmelite nuns who went almost a whole year without Mass! Many sisters' congregations in Uganda, where I served when the pandemic hit, were deprived of Mass and the sacraments. Many Catholics were frustrated, angry, even outraged with Church leaders. Churches and Adoration chapels were closed. Many people felt abandoned by God and the Church because they could no longer experience God's presence in the sacraments and in our churches.

Now, I'm not writing this to either blame or excuse actions done by Church leaders. But I do want to remind all of us of a perennial teaching of our Church—one that was truly lived out and taught by our Carmelite saint, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, whose feast we celebrate this coming week on November 8th. And it is this: The Holy Trinity lives within us if we're in a state of grace. Knowing this can profoundly help us through experiences like we just lived through during the height of the lockdowns. Elizabeth of the Trinity had a similar experience of being denied the sacraments. While she was recovering from a knee problem, she said in a letter: "I am deprived of church going and of Holy Communion, but the good God has no need of a sacrament in order to come to me. I seem to have HHHim with me just as much—this presence of God that is so sweet! It is there, deep down in the heaven of my soul that I love to find Him, since He never leaves me. God in me, and I in Him; oh, that is my life! It is so good to think that, save for the vision, we already possess Him as the Blessed possess Him on high."

This is earth-shattering! And yet, this is nothing new to our faith! God dwells within us since the moment of our Baptism. She wrote on another occasion, in a time when daily Communion was not allowed, but she was given special permission to receive every day during the octave of St. Teresa: "O my God, you are sending me the greatest of sacrifices! Having received you every day, what is going to become of me without you? But you have told me, you have no need of the Sacrament to come to me!" So, God can work outside the sacraments. Yes, He normally works through them, but He's not confined to them. That's why the Church promoted making spiritual Communions during the lockdowns.

It's so important that we seek God within. Most of us can't and don't live in churches all day. Instead, we must go into our inner sanctuary to be with the One who loves us. Jesus Himself tells us in the Gospel: "When you pray, go to your inner room and pray to your Father in secret" (Matthew 6:6). Some of you may remember one of our revered Irish Carmelite Fathers who lived at St. Therese for many years, Fr. Joe Glynn, O.C.D. He used to say: "We will never find God until we learn to find Him within ourselves in that gentle, inward movement, the glance of faith, love and hope." This is orthodox Church teaching.

Even if we are able to receive daily Communion, we should be making spiritual Communions throughout the day to make ourselves present to the God who is always present within us. As St. Elizabeth of the Trinity says in one of her poems: "It is not outside that I must seek you...in the center of my heart I have only to hide myself and lose myself forever in your divine essence." This is our answer when we cannot avail ourselves of the sacraments. As Elizabeth says in a letter: "You must build a little cell within your soul as I do. Remember that God is there and enter it from time to time; when you feel nervous or you're unhappy, quickly seek refuge there and tell the Master all about it." And then, in another letter, she sums up her defining teaching: "It seems to me that I have found my heaven on earth, since heaven is God, and God is in my soul. The day I understood that, everything became clear to me." My brothers and sisters, this is our mandate and our consolation as we bring God who is within us into the world around us!"

Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Could you not pray with me one hour?



"He who is not a man of prayer will never attain to a great act of holiness, nor will he ever triumph over himself." – St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1568 to 1591) Patron Saint of Youth and Students

St. Aloysius Gonzaga was a pure and innocent soul, always close to God during his short life on earth. He is the official Catholic patron saint of youth. From the time St. Aloysius was a little boy he was a model and inspiration of devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament. He received, from his childhood, the grace of most sublime contemplation and a continual gift of tears. So abundant were these tears, especially at Mass immediately after the Consecration, that his garments were all wet with them. St. Aloysius is the perfect example for our times that we should challenge our children to be holy at the very earliest ages.

Be a Committed Adorer: Make a commitment to spend an hour or more every week with Our Lord in our Adoration Chapel! Go to <https://adorationpro.org/theresecca>; click "Weekly Commitment;" find the hour, click "Sign Up" and fill out the form.

Keys to the Chapel | Security: If you use the chapel after dark, please make sure you engage the lock so that the door cannot be opened without a key. Please do not let anyone whom you do not know follow you into the chapel.

Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary Seeks Young Adult Volunteers



The Alhambra Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary is **seeking YOUNG ADULTS TO JOIN AS AUXILIARY ASSOCIATES**. Volunteers will be called to assist in fundraising events for the benefit of the Carmelite Nuns. Your help will be needed twice a year—in the Spring and Fall—as well as with other special projects throughout the year. Volunteers need not attend the monthly meetings but will receive the minutes via email. Your time commitment would be flexible.

For more info, please contact Jessica Morgan at jessica.morgan@gmail.com.



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.



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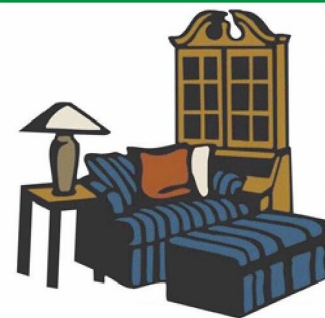


Saint Therese Carmelite School

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RUMMAGE SALE

*Saturday, November 4
and Sunday, November 5
Parish Hall*



Come find treasures for low prices! The school will be hosting their Fall Rummage Sale in two weeks! Come one, come all, and snatch things up before they sell out!



Becoming Like the
Martin Family:
STCS Parent
Formation Nights

“St. Therese of the Child Jesus
and of the Holy Face”
Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 pm
By Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos OCD

Talks will be held in the Parish Hall. Admission is free.

Please note: These talks are for parents only. Childcare is provided.

Thanksgiving Pies for Sale

Orders are due Friday, November 10!

Support our school and get a yummy Thanksgiving pie!
We will be selling refrigerated Marie Callender's pies by pre-order.



Refrigerated pies can be picked up on Sunday, November 19, after Mass in front of the church OR on Wednesday, November 22, from 8 am to Noon only in the school office.

NINE INCH Apple, Cherry, Pumpkin, and Pecan pies will be sold for \$20 each.

To order, please contact the school office!



Our TK/K will be selling treats after the 9:00, 11:00, and 1:00 Masses this Sunday, November 5. Funds will support their upcoming activities

We appreciate your generosity!

Adoration on Thursdays



Join us!

Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m., for Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with benediction.

Beginning THIS THURSDAY, November 9, instead of Mass, we will have **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 p.m., EVERY THURSDAY, concluding with Benediction.**

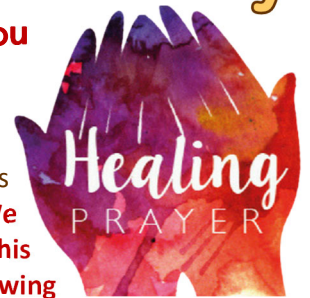


Be assured that all the Mass intentions previously scheduled for Thursday evenings November 9th and after will be celebrated by one of the Friars.

Healing Prayer Ministry

“O Lord, my God, I cried out to you for help and you healed me!”

-Psalm 30:3



THE HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY provides personal prayer for the Parish community. **We are moving to Monday nights starting this Monday, November 6—immediately following the 7:15 p.m. Mass.** We also offer private in-person sessions, phone sessions, and are available for outside events. Come and join us! Thank you for your support! For more info, email hpmStc1@gmail.com.

Testimony

I attended a beautiful conference with Love and Responsibility LA and heard dynamic speakers on the topic of healing and loving authentically. I also was able to experience a very personal and powerful healing with the Healing Prayer Ministry from St. Therese Church from Alhambra. If your mind, body and soul need healing, I highly recommend this. After a tearful healing prayer session, I was filled with so much love and peace that only our Lord Jesus can give. Thank you, St Therese Church, and thank you, Jesus, for loving me and making me feel worthy of this kind of love.

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Do you or someone you know need marriage help? Retrouvaille (Retro-vai) has helped thousands of couples restore hope, trust, and love in their relationships. Next available weekend is **December 8-10, 2023**. Call (909) 900-5465 to reserve your spaces and for more information.

Psalm 131

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.



Safeguard the Children - Did You Know?

What are the rules about minors serving as volunteers? It is the job of adults — not minors — to protect children from harm and abuse. However, many minors are also volunteers at school and at church, which sometimes makes it difficult to know what roles minors should play. Within programs or ministries, there should always be an adult in an official supervisory role. Minors should be helping, but never directly in charge of younger children. Meeting this standard can be challenging but it is important in keeping all children, including minor volunteers, safe. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Minors Who Are Serving or Assisting in Volunteer-Type Activities” at Iacatholics.org/did-you-know.

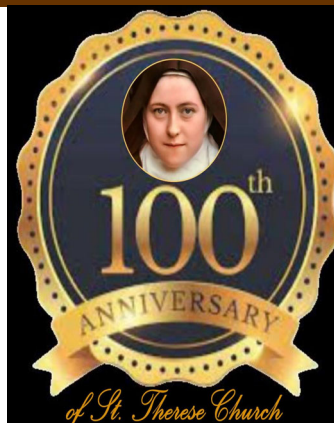


**Have we not all one
father? has not one God
created us? why do we
deal treacherously every
man against his brother...**

—Malachi 2:10

Centenary Committee!

Thank you to all those who have joined this special committee. We have gotten a lot of great ideas and even greater enthusiasm to make this an anniversary to remember!
More info to come soon!



ONGOING MEETINGS AND MINISTRIES

AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (Ages 21—39, singles/couples): For more info, go to Avila Outreach on Facebook OR contact the Coordinator, Blake Taylor, at AvilaYoungAdults@gmail.com.

DETENTION MINISTRY: A program for those 21 and older to visit youth in the Juvenile Detention Center in detention in L.A. To sign up or for more info, contact Tom Bleich at tombleich@mac.com

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, this group of faithful Catholic parents support one another and their loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meets monthly in the LA Archdiocese with a chaplain in a safe confidential setting. 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 SATURDAYS DEVOTION: This group was formed, in response to Our Lady's requests at Fatima, to honor and make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Join us **after the 8:00 a.m. Mass every first Saturday of each month** to pray the Rosary and meditate for 15 minutes. For any questions, please leave your contact information for Maria Alejandra at the parish offices.

FLAME OF LOVE: Learn about the Blessed Mother's messages of grace to seer Elizabeth Kindelmann. Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room **every Monday—one from Noon to 2:00 p.m., the other one from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m.** The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the parish offices. If you have any questions, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

GPS (GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services): Assists mothers from "Pregnancy to Preschool" Phone/Text: (626) 238-5476.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY: Teams of Lay people trained in Healing Ministry pray for your healing. **Held after the Monday evening Mass in the church.** They also offer private in-person sessions, phone sessions, and are available for outside events. For more info, send an email to: HpmStc1@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: A fraternal order of Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church and community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight at (888) 869-3124.

ROSARY MAKERS: This group makes rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on **Mondays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. All are welcome to join!

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP: A Spanish prayer group within the community of St. Therese that unites in prayer for the purpose of serving God and the priests and families of St. Therese. The group also trains intercessors committed to serving St. Therese Church. **Meets at 6 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.** For more info, call Adriana Valle at (323) 448-5316.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Meets **in the church every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.** to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at (626) 281-3706.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Annual weekend retreat for women **held during Lent** at El Carmelo Carmelite Retreat House in Redlands, California. Contact the Captain, Louisa Day, at (323) 360-5186.

Mass Intentions

November 4—November 11, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Charles Olivas, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): All Humanity
 7:30 a.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP
 9:00 a.m.: Joanne Vu, Birthday INT
 11:00 a.m.: Parishioners
 1:00 p.m.: Nicole Sanchez, RIP
 5:00 p.m.: All Souls Novena #3

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Bonnie Lourdes Uy, INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Laigo Family, INT
 7:15 p.m.: All Souls Novena #4

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Karen Ng, Birthday Intention
 *7:30 a.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Jim Raney, INT
 7:15 pm: (Spanish): All Souls Novena #5

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: All Souls Novena #6
 *7:30 am: Dec'd Religious, Relatives, and Benefactors of the Carmelite Order
 8:00 a.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP
 7:15 p.m.: **NO MASS—Confessions 7-9 p.m.**

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Ednallyn Uy, INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: All Souls Novena #7
 7:15 p.m.: **NO MASS—Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m.**

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: All Souls Novena #8
 *7:30 a.m.: Concepcion & Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Thompson Family, INT
 7:15 p.m.: Feliz Zamora, RIP

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT
 8:00 a.m.: Florencio Sia, Birthday INT

*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 7:15 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).

A Sign of God's Fatherhood

Last Easter season, a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: **“Why do we call priests ‘father’ if Jesus says, ‘Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in Heaven?’**” Thinking myself clever, I asked, “Do you think it’s okay to call someone your ‘teacher’ or ‘mister’ or ‘dad’?” She said, “Yes, I do.” I responded, “Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it’s obviously hyperbole that He’s using.” She thought for a moment and declared, “Then I will stop using those words, too!” And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn’t be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression “father” for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest’s fatherhood doesn’t begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title “father” indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God’s Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God’s awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

In actuality, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title “father.” Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of His Father’s love. It’s good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives. — **Father John Muir**

And we also thank God continually because,
 when you received the word of God,
 which you heard from us,
 you accepted it not as a human word,
 but as it actually is, the word of God,
 which is indeed at work in you who believe.

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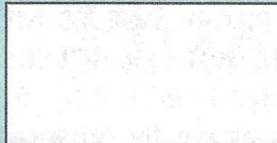
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