

St. Therese Catholic Church

April 2, 2023

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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

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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 the Pastor



Blessed Holiest Week of the year, everyone!

Holy Week begins with the Palm/Passion Sunday Mass today and finishes on Easter Sunday evening. I hope and pray that you will be able to participate in one or more of the amazing Masses/Liturgies of this most special Week.

On Good Friday—in honor of Jesus bowing His head and handing over the Spirit (John 19:30), the beginning of Pentecost!—we will offer healing prayer at 8:30 p.m. —immediately following the Good Friday Evening Liturgy. I pray that with the help of Holy Week, you may experience an increase in the desire “to know Christ and the power of His Resurrection, and to have communion with Him in His suffering” (Philippians 3:10).

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

Holy Week Schedule (April 2-9)

CONFESSIONS (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 3, 4, 5): 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. each evening



MASSES & SERVICES (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday):

Masses at 6:00 & 8:00 a.m., and *7:00 p.m. (*Tuesday in Spanish)

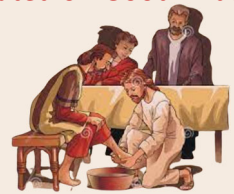
(Mass will also be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel)

(Note: No morning Masses on Holy Thursday or Holy Saturday; Mass is never celebrated on Good Friday)

Holy Thursday (April 6)

Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of the Feet: 7:00 p.m.

(Mass at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel: 5:00 p.m.)



Good Friday (April 7)

Reflections on the Passion at 12:00 p.m.; Way of the Cross at 1:00 p.m.; *Sacred Liturgy at *2:00 p.m. and repeated again at *7:00 p.m. (it will also be celebrated at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel at *3:00 p.m.); Good Friday Healing Prayer Service at 8:30 p.m.

(*NOTE: The Sacred Liturgy is NOT Mass but it does include distribution of Holy Communion.)



Holy Saturday (April 8)

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass: 8:15 p.m.

(begins with the lighting of the Easter fire in front of the church)



Easter Sunday (April 9)

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. in Traditional Latin, and 5:00 p.m.



A Historic Moment

Announcing a campaign to strengthen our parish and ministries.

We are all Called to Renew

Your life has a purpose: to love God and to spread hope and light in a world desperately in need of both. The Church, too, has a responsibility: to boldly witness to the power of grace and healing through Christ – in our families, our parishes, and our communities.

The *Called to Renew* campaign gives us the opportunity to renew not only our spirit, but the ways in which we live out our faith in our parishes. The campaign will allow us to:

- Renovate facilities to ensure they are safe spaces for families to learn, grow, and worship
- Reaffirm our support for priestly vocations
- Reinvigorate our ministries to serve those who are sick, dying, and imprisoned, as well as their families
- Reimagine faith formation so people of all ages can grow in their Catholic faith

The campaign will also benefit our parish.

Our Parish Needs

Fifty percent (50%) of all funds raised up to goal will remain with our parish to address the following needs:

- **Church Interior Renovations**
- **Painting the Church Interior**
- **Stained Glass Windows**
- **Church – Tile Roof**
- **Lighting/Wiring**
- **Parish School and Rectory**



One hundred percent (100%) of funds collected over our parish campaign goal will remain in our parish to address local needs.

In the coming weeks, our Ambassadors will be calling families to explain the campaign and answer your questions. We hope you will welcome their invitation to meet with open hearts. **Thank you**

Our Goal

\$1,000,000

Amount Raised to Date

\$55,462

Number of Gifts

13

Average Gift

\$4,266

Percent of Goal Raised

6%



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Faith ✦ Academics ✦ Virtue

FROM FR. THOMAS KOLLER'S LETTER IN THE MARCH 12, 2023, BULLETIN:

Parents should teach children to avoid the compromising and degrading influences which threaten human societies (CCC 2224). Where do we find these compromising and degrading influences? I ask myself the same question. For one minute, think how you could get to the souls of children and influence their minds, hearts, and souls! Which one institution would you infiltrate with compromising and degrading influences? It doesn't take more than one minute to figure out that this is easily accomplished through schools, particularly public schools and, sadly, many private schools. **The souls of our children are at risk! We have an obligation to guard, protect, nourish, and properly form their souls. Parents, get your children out of the public schools now!** Every minute they remain in a school where comprising and degrading influences exist, their souls, minds, and hearts are being poisoned. This kind of evil influence must be drowned with an abundance of good, with an abundance of the Good, the True, and the Beautiful that exists at Saint Therese Carmelite School.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE!

Now is the time to clean out your closets, the basement, the attic, and anywhere else you keep things you don't need or use any longer. Bring your unwanted items (clean and in good condition and/or working order) to the Parish Hall on the following days: Monday through Thursday, April 24–27, between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. on those days.

Then... come and see what you need and or want when the sale is open on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29! (You'll have plenty of room in your closets since you donated the other things! ;-).



1106 East Alhambra Road
Alhambra, California 91801

Parent Formation Nights

"Awake or Woke:

Care of Our Souls Amidst a Culture War"

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

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall



Due to fraudulent ticket purchases, this event is now password-protected. Please call the school office to obtain the password.

"Healing the Heart's Brokenness: Building an Intimate Relationship with Christ"

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

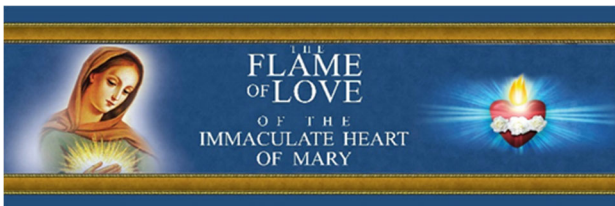
Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Visit SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com/ParentFormation to RSVP.

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The Flame of Love: A Movement of Grace for Our Time



What is the Origin? The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement that started in Budapest, Hungary where the message that was given to Elizabeth Kindelmann from 1961 to 1982 from Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother.

Is the Flame of Love Approved by the Church? Unequivocally yes. In fact, the entire "Flame of Love of the

Immaculate Heart of Mary" Movement, which came to be entirely because of the life and writings of Elizabeth Kindelmann, had received the approval of Hungary's Cardinal Péter Erdö, and had also been granted an Apostolic Blessing by Pope Francis himself.

What is the Flame of Love Movement? The mission of this movement is to evangelize, with the flame of love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We do this by living and spreading her message, so that the love of the Eternal Father and of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, set all hearts on fire.

Join the Cenacle Two cenacle sessions are available every Monday in the Avila Room. One from noon to 2:00 p.m., the other one from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the parish offices. If you have any questions, please call Maria Alejandra at (626) 282-2744. When the recording comes on, enter 1 + 235.

Easter Flowers



Please help us beautify the church for Easter by giving a donation in one of the **Flower Offering envelopes** (in your envelope packs and in the pews).

The Real St. Therese

We can also understand how, under these circumstances, her sisters' repeated questions must have added to her suffering: "We were talking too much



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

when the three of us were with her. This tired her out, because we we were asking her too many questions at the same time." Unconsciously, they were "harassing" her, to use Therese's own word. Yet, willingly, she consented to Mother Agnes' desire to write down her words. On certain occasions, this must have cost her dearly. Likewise, this general state of weakness could have been the main reason for the return of Therese's tears, tears which had hardly flowed since her adolescence.

Her physical condition also gave rise to diverse forms of distress: irrational fears of "a hypothetical spider" or of being buried "in a death-trance," "frightful nightmares," and her "drowsiness." All these increased as her health deteriorated. Did the prodigious remedies, customary at that time but ridiculous today, do anything to alleviate all this suffering? The various hemostats would have helped the coughing-up of blood, but what could they have done for the vomiting? They were useless for the sporadic suffocation, and the ether was ineffectual when major crises occurred: "She was never given oxygen," Mother Agnes said. "I don't think it was known about at that time."

When Dr. de Corniere returned from Plombieres, he suggested using a sedative, but Mother Marie de Gonzague refused permission. Mother Agnes was later to say: "She was never given a single morphine injection." Therese, therefore, was given very small doses of morphine syrup only during her last days. With reference to all these remedies, Therese made this remark: "The remedies which should be doing me some good, and which help other patients, do me harm." Besides, she was "convinced of their uselessness."

Continues next week, space permitting.

Shower of Roses Annual Benefit Luncheon



The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary invites you and your guests to attend this year's Shower of Roses, **"Nourish Your Heart's Garden."** It will feature a lecture by Mr. Randy Shulman, the Vice President of Advancement & External Relationships at Huntington Library & Gardens, entitled, **"Behind the Scenes at Huntington Library."**

The date of this event is **Wednesday, April 26**, beginning with a social hour at 10:30

a.m. (includes Raffle Drawings | Opportunity Prizes | Silent Auction), followed by the Luncheon at 12:00 p.m. It will be held at San Gabriel Country Club, 350 East Hermosa Drive, San Gabriel (hosted valet parking) The cost of admission is \$65 each. **To make your reservation, please call Kathy Cardoza at (626) 570-9012.**

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STRONG
and ENGAGING
Jesus-Centered
Catholic children,
one student
at a time.**

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- Traditional Values
- Carmelite Spirituality

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: If—in the Garden of Olives—the Son of God had to tell Himself and His Father, "not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39); I should be able to say the same. There are times when I would much rather have things go my way, but that is not going to happen. So, it's comforting to know that Jesus did not take the easy way out, but accepted the Father's will.

Whenever we say the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Thy will be done." But how often do we still take the easy way out? When I have a chance to help someone in need, do I tell myself it's none of my business, or do I ask if there is anything I can do? When I am hurt, do I get angry at God for letting it happen, or do I say with Jesus, "Not my will, but yours be done"?

Luke's Gospel ends the temptation of Jesus in the desert with the phrase, "When the devil had finished every test, he left him until an opportune time" (Luke 4:13). That time came in the garden, and again Jesus had the last word, choosing to do his Father's will. The next time things don't go your way, remember to say, "Not my will, but yours be done."

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.



March 25 / 26, 2023

Unrestricted..... \$16,555.00
 Restricted \$ 330.00
T O T A L.....\$16,885.00

February 25 / 26 \$19,701.00
 March 4 / 5 \$17,080.00
 March 11 / 12 \$17,798.00
 March 18 / 19 \$10,617.00

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

Mass Intentions

April 1—April 8, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Robert F. Townsend, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m. (Carmel): All Humanity

7:30am: Cheah & Goh Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Carmen Rivera, 90th Birthday INT

11:00 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT

1:00 p.m.: Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Patrick Swift, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Sr. Cecelia of the Child Jesus, OCD RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Ron Sandoval, INT

8:00 a.m.: Patrick Swift, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Armando Stephen Cano, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Patrick Swift, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Gabriel Sandoval, INT

8:00 a.m.: John F. Shea, RIP

7 p.m.: Armando Stephen Cano, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: John F. Shea, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Martha Grace N. Vergara, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Sr. Mary Lilia Flores, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Sarah Sandoval, INT

Holy Thursday:

*5:00 p.m.: Sam Sandoval, INT

7:00 p.m.: Raquel Sobalvarro, Birthday INT

Good Friday:

NO MASSES

Holy Saturday Morning:

NO MASSES

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and major holidays.**

Their Holy Saturday Mass this week is also private.

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**

One strong warning I give to whomever finds himself in this state is to guard very carefully against placing himself in the occasion of offending God. In this prayer the soul is not yet grown but is like a suckling child. If it turns away from its mother's breasts, what can be expected for it but death? I am very afraid that this will happen to anyone to whom God has granted this favor and who withdraws from prayer—unless he does so for a particularly special reason—or if he doesn't return quickly to prayer, for he will go from bad to worse.

I know there is a great deal to fear in this matter. And I know some persons for whom I have felt quite sorry—and I've seen what I'm speaking about—because they have turned away from One who with so much love wanted to be their friend and proved it by deeds. I advise them so strongly not to place themselves in the occasions of sin because the devil tries much harder for a soul of this kind than for very many to whom the Lord does not grant these favors.

For such a soul can do a great deal of harm to the devil by getting others to follow it, and it could be of great benefit to God's Church. And even though the devil may have no other reason than to see who it is to whom His Majesty shows particular love, that's sufficient for him to wear himself out trying to lead the soul to perdition. So these souls suffer much combat, and if they go astray, they stray much more than do others (3, 10).



Personal Ad

College Student is in NEED OF A CAR (auto was destroyed in the recent storms). Please call Maria at (818) 331-2160.