

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS!

The office is at 510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra. Office
Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm;
2:00 to 5:00 pm; and 6:00 to 8:00 pm—closed from 1:00
to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel is open 24/7. An electronic key is needed from
5:00 pm to 6:00 am (available in the office for \$20).

MASSES AND 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.

Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office)
at least six months+ in advance

Holy Communion to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla, (626) 282-0943

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office
to schedule an appointment.

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL (626) 289-3364



www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page or on
the Church's website > Our School > Videos



Jesus entered a village where a woman, Martha, welcomed Him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord listening to Him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to Him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

(Luke 10:38-42)

Catechesis Q & A: Deepening Our Knowledge

WHAT ARE INDULGENCES? - From "A Catholic Response"

Indulgences rank among the most poorly understood blessings of the Catholic Church. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints" (CCC 1471).

First, an indulgence is not the forgiveness of sins but only applies to the effects of past, already-forgiven sins. An indulgence is not a Sacrament but must rely on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Forgiveness of sin and remission of punishment are different. Second, sin can have two consequences: eternal (everlasting) punishment or temporal (temporary) punishment. Very serious sin, i.e., mortal sin (1 John 5:16), "kills" our friendship with God and, without confession, deprives us of eternal life. This loss is eternal punishment. It is not punishment from a vengeful God but the consequence of rejecting God. Not all sin is mortal (1 John 5:17), but all sin, even venial sin (less serious sin), needs correction. This correction is temporal punishment. It is demanded by God to correct the bad effects of our sin. Spiritually, it is the cleansing of our soul from earthly attachments due to our sin. Ordinarily, temporal punishment is satisfied through personal penance; however, indulgences can remove the temporal punishment due to past forgiven sins, both mortal and venial.

Third, the sufferings of Christ and His saints can be used to satisfy the demands of temporal punishment due to our past sins. In the Bible there are examples of saints making amends for the sins of others. Moses in Exodus 32:32 offers his life to God as a sacrifice for the sins of his people. Job (Job 1:5) offers sacrifice to God for the sins of his children. Even in the New Testament, St. Paul writes to the Corinthians: "I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls" (2 Cor. 12:15) and to Timothy: "For I am already on the point of being sacrificed" (2 Tim. 4:6). St. Paul sees his martyr's death as a sacrifice and is willing to be spent for the souls of others.

Even though Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross is sufficient for our redemption, St. Paul also recognizes that his own suffering is important: "Now I rejoice in my suffering for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His Body, that is, the Church (Col. 1:24). The sufferings of the saints can be included with Christ's suffering, not for our redemption, but that the grace of redemption can be applied to the souls of men. The sufferings of Christ and His saints are pooled together as a treasury which can be used to satisfy our temporal punishment.

Fourth, the Church, as the minister of redemption, has the authority to dispense and apply this treasury of satisfactions to our souls on earth. Christ gives the Church through the Apostles the authority to "bind and loose": "Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matt 18:17-18). In this passage Christ gives the Church the authority to excommunicate unrepentant sinners. The judicial power of "binding and loosing" also gives the Church the authority to forgive sins (John 20:23) and remove temporal punishment for repentant sinners. St. Paul in 2 Cor. 2:5-11 appears to be granting an indulgence to a Corinthian man. The man had committed a serious sin, but St. Paul does not call him to repentance, implying that God has already forgiven his sin. Now this sin affected the Church in Corinth, and St. Paul called on her members to remove the punishment against him. St. Paul personally pardoned the man and invoked Christ's name in this remission of punishment. The early Church, as witnessed here, demanded severe public penance from a repentant sinner to satisfy his temporal punishment. Later, the Church—using her authority to "bind and loose"—began to reduce the penance for "good behavior."

This practice led to the formulation of indulgences.



Indulgences are now classified as Partial or Plenary. A Partial indulgence is only a partial remission, while a Plenary indulgence is full remission, i.e., it removes all temporal punishment for all past forgiven sins. An indulgence can be received by a Christian in the state of sanctifying grace who performs a prescribed good work. The person who performs the good work must have the intention of receiving the indulgence and faithfully fulfill all requirements set by the Church. A person cannot receive an indulgence for another living person, but indulgences can be applied to souls in Purgatory by intercession. An unforgiven venial sin or an attachment to sin can prevent the reception of a Plenary indulgence.

In summary, an indulgence is a "favor" from Christ granted through His Church. It is not the forgiveness of sin, but **the remission of temporal punishment due to past sins already forgiven**. Our punishment is satisfied by the treasury of satisfactions earned by Christ and His saints. The Church has the authority to dispense and apply this treasury to our souls while still on earth. Without indulgences, we must satisfy our own temporal punishment through personal penance while on earth or later in Purgatory.

Photos from Our Young Men's Discernment Retreat

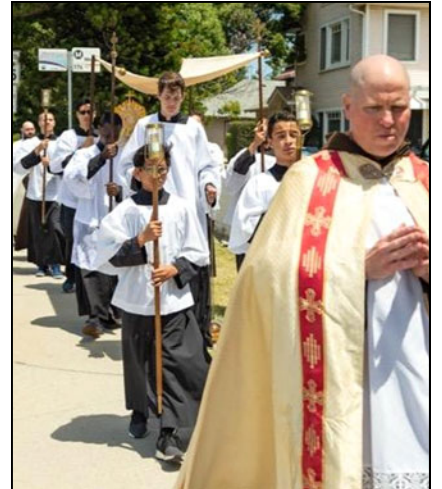
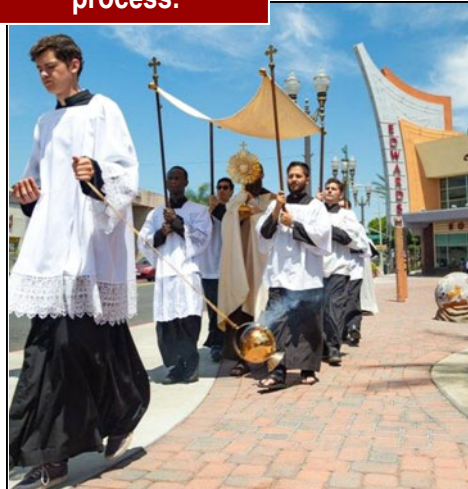


We were blessed to have TWELVE YOUNG MEN participate in our recent discernment retreat. The day included discerning the priesthood or brotherhood, Holy Mass, prayer with the Carmelite Friars, a Eucharistic Procession around Alhambra, a special visit with the Cloistered Nuns in their parlor, various talks, recreation, and a lunch at In N Out.

We would like to thank **Daisy Thompson** and **Maria Alejandra** and all their crew for helping us out during the day; the Carmelite Sisters for their generous assistance; and **Elvia Hernandez** for taking the photos during the procession.



Please keep these 12 young men in your prayers as they continue their discernment process.



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS *"...for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the previous four weekends.

NOTE: The second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month is for our School (next is August 10 / 11).



July 13 / 14, 2019

Unrestricted..... \$15,838.00
 Restricted \$18,509.00
T O T A L \$34,347.00

June 15 / 16..... \$25,098.00
 June 22 / 23..... \$10,735.00
 June 29 / 30..... \$18,520.00
 July 6 / 7..... \$13,150.00

Check Users:
 Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

DETENTION MINISTRY



Come and join us in bringing God's love and mercy to incarcerated youth (ages 8 to 18) at Central Juvenile Hall / Eastlake (by L.A. County USC Medical Center). Volunteers participate in spiritual support to incarcerated juveniles, Mass and Communion services, and religious education. Volunteers must be 21 years and over. For more information, please contact Sonia Macias at (323) 724-6443 or sonia_macias@hotmail.com OR Miriam Lopez at mimilc@hotmail.com.

*"For I was in prison and you visited me."
 -Matthew 25:36*

*"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me."
 -Matthew 25:40*

WE'RE IN A RUSH! SO OUR KIDS CAN FLUSH!

We are seeking donations to upgrade both our School restrooms and the Parish Hall restrooms. **These restrooms are almost 60 years old...**

which is...**VERY OLD** in restroom years.



Please make it clear on your check that you are donating towards the restrooms.

Scripture Question?

There's a lot of traveling, delivering, and visiting going on in our readings today. In Genesis, Abraham cares for the needs of three mysterious travelers. The Psalm responds, celebrating the kind of righteousness that Abraham practices. Then, in his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes his own ministry as almost like a delivery service: he, God's steward, brings the word of God to their community. Finally, Luke's Gospel shares the well-known story of Mary and Martha and the different ways they welcome Jesus into their home. Amid all this coming and going, we are invited to pay attention to the ways we tend to the needs of others. Each of us can ask, "How am I present to God and others in my life?"

Our School

www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.

We wish all our School families a blessed **SUMMER VACATION!**

Please contact the office by phone or email to register your child for the 2019-2020 school year (289-3364 or admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com).



COME AND SEE... For Young Women from 18 to 35

"Trust in the Lord...And He Will Grant Your Heart's Desire!"



The Cloistered Discalced Carmelite Nuns invite all single women from 18 to 35 to join them for a day of discernment. It will be held on **Saturday, September 7**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Carmel of St. Teresa Monastery, 215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra.

Please RSVP by August 31 by either calling 588-7048 or E-mailing vocations@carmelteresa.org.

CATHOLIC KARATE

GRIFFON ARTS CATHOLIC KARATE AND SELF-DEFENSE started SEASON THREE on July 11. It's not too late to join us to learn self-defense and anti-bullying, increase your discipline and self-confidence—and have lots of fun!

YOUTH Class FEES are: 1st Youth-\$9 per week; 2nd/3rd Youths-\$7 per week; additional youths-\$5 per week; MEN'S Class fees are \$10 per week. REGISTRATION FEE: \$5 per student.

CLASSES TAKE PLACE IN THE HALL! TIMES are as follows: NEW STUDENTS (Girls and Boys from ages 7 to 17): 5:15-5:55 p.m.; YELLOW & ORANGE BELTS: 6:00 to 6:40 p.m.; ADULT MEN (ages 18 to 60): 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Please arrive at the Hall 15 minutes before class to REGISTER!



For any questions, e-mail John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.

Photos/Certificates



If you or your child received one of the Sacraments this past Spring, please come to pick up your photo and/or your Certificate from the Parish Office by October 15.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Abraham shows hospitality to three visitors (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalm: He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading: The mystery hidden from generations past has been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel: Jesus converses with Martha and Mary about service and contemplation (Luke 10:38-42).

Mission Co-Operative Speaker Next Weekend

Next weekend, July 27 and 28, is our annual Mission Co-Op Appeal. Our guest speaker, Rev. John Bosco Musinguzi, originally from Uganda, will be speaking on behalf of the Bishop of the Nyundo Diocese in Rwanda, Africa. Fr. John currently is assigned as a US Navy Chaplain at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. The Diocese of Nyundo need funds to renovate two vocation training Centers that were destroyed in the 1994 genocide. The Diocese would like to empower young people with practical skills to help them create jobs to have a sustainable source of income. Your sacrifice and support out of love of the mission of the Church in Rwanda will be greatly appreciated.

Ongoing Events / Meetings

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room. **Now studying the Book of Revelation (since April 24) to July 3.** E-mail Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or call or text her at 679-6370.

CATHOLIC KARATE is for boys, girls, and men from 7 to 60. Learn self-defense, increased self-control, and confidence. Season 3 began July 11. For more info, contact John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for the 11:00 a.m. Mass is every Wednesday (September-June) from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

CONSECRATION TO MARY: Follow-up group for those already consecrated to Jesus through His mother, the Mother of God. Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. For more info, call Angela at (310) 701-8386.

DETENTION MINISTRY: If you're 21 or older, join us in visiting the youth (ages 8 to 18) in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meet monthly in the LA Archdiocese with our 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 FRIDAY MASS: Held every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (confessions are available during the Mass).

"FORMED" CATHOLIC MEDIA is available for **FREE** to ALL our parishioners! Discover all the best Catholic content in one place: movies, talks, audio dramas, and a great selection of popular e-books. To register, go to FORMED.ORG on our website, click on the icon, enter your name, email address, a password, and your zip code--and get started!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (originally formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro) is for those grieving 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 meeting will be Wednesday, July 24.**

INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP: Join us in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices to pray for priests every **Thursday at 8:00 p.m.** (following Benediction in the church). For more info, call Blanca at 281-7070.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: For Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Ramon Burce, at 695-2842 or the national line at (888) 869-3124.

LEGION OF MARY: The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: For info on Church teaches about openness to life, contact Jack & Katrina Crow at 292-1906 or katrina.fcp@gmail.com for **English** OR Martha Lacayo for **Spanish** at 372-0808 or Martha.fcp@gmail.com. Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System/NaproTechnology are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact one of them to register for the classes.

RISE MEN'S MINISTRY: All men who have made the challenge at www.MenRiseUp.org are encouraged to join us on **Saturday mornings for the Rosary at 6:45 a.m., followed by a video and discussion from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m.** in the Parish Meeting Room. For questions, contact Greg Keller at greglks@yahoo.com.

ROSARY MAKERS: Help make rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. For more info, call Magda at (213) 300-7776.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Come to the church every **Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.** to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at 281-3706.

Mass Intentions

Floral Dedications

Week of July 20 through July 27, 2019

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Eulogio Diaz, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Anne Marie Grace Wrotniewski, INT

7:30 a.m.: Mary Ann Losorelli, Birthday Intention

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Lai-Kuen Kong, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Barbara Bowman, RIP

5:00 p.m.: In Thanksgiving

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Gloria de la Cruz, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Edmundo Paulino, INT

8:00 a.m.: Lorenzo Zino, Birthday INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Yolanda de la Cruz Velasco, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fidelina Espino Adan, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Philip & Andrea Zampielo, 25th Anniversary

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mary Rose Go and Edna Mancao, INT

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

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Remedios de la Cruz, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mary Rooney, RIP

8:00 am: James Grimm, 16th Birthday Intention

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Ed Broom, OMOV, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Ruth Laigo & Rhony Laigo, INT

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Matthias, Birthday Intention

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Vinicio, Alesha, and Aurelia Dy, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Aminta Argueta, RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel,
215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the
public every day except Sundays/holidays.

This week's Dedication is:

† In Thanksgiving
from
Betty Tan and
Ester Kwang



Outside the Parish

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, a former pastor of ours, will lead a 6-day **SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City (December 8 to 13)**. \$1,599 per person, double occupancy. For more info, contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 or maddatubeth@gmail.com.

THE FIVE KEYS: The San Gabriel Pastoral Regional Office invites everyone to join them for a series of talks about five keys to living a Christian life. The talks will continue for the next **FIVE MONDAY EVENINGS** (July 22, 29, and August 12, 19, and 26), from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. each evening. For details, see the flyer on our website under News/Events.

Beautiful Marian Pilgrimage to FATIMA, PORTUGAL with Fr. Matthew Wheeler from **October 7-15**. All inclusive cost from LAX: \$2995 'til July 15. For sign-ups after July 15, add \$200. For more info, go to www.syversentouring.com/fatima.html or call Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.

ARE YOU HOMEBOUND? You can view the Mass on TV on Channel 56 (KDOC) every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. For a free copy of the Mass prayer book, call 1-800-430-0930.

Personal Ads

SEEKING CARETAKER for an elderly lady. Call 500-7612 if you would like an interview.

WANTED TO RENT: BEDROOM for July and August in quiet, safe place. Am a quiet, single female, practicing Catholic, who will be out and about most of the time. Internet access preferred. Contact Michelle at 617-504-8982.

Retired woman **SEEKING TO RENT A ROOM** with a separate entrance, non-sharing bathroom, and kitchen privileges. Can pay \$685/mo + \$500 security. Pays on time, doesn't smoke/drink, has no pets. If you have availability, please call 627-1899.

Lectors

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Larry Dumont

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Rex Owens / Blanca Ruvalcaba

9:00 a.m. Ron Sandoval / Rosa Natividad

11:00 a.m. Jeff Storey / Jason Perez

5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches / Ian Ranches