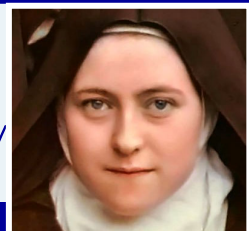


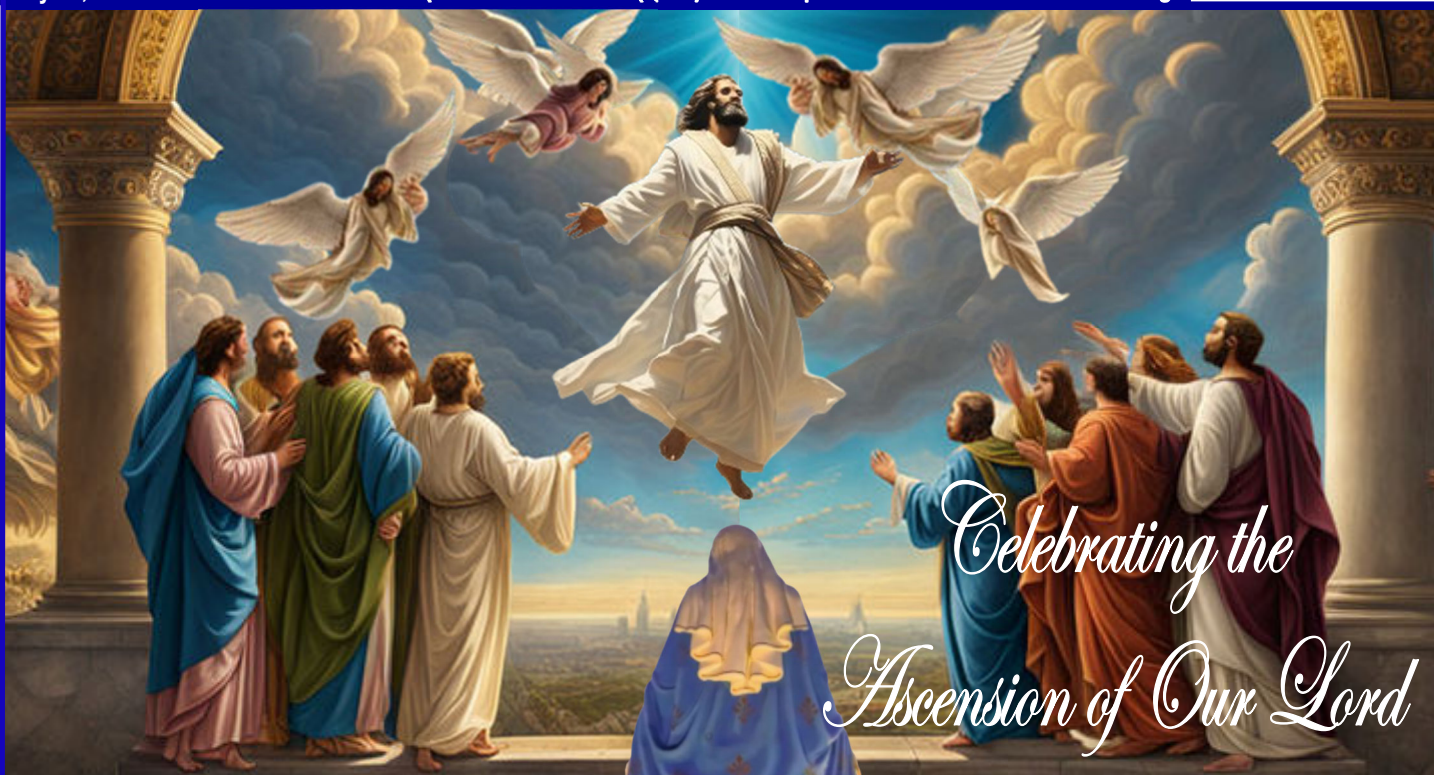
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MASSES | CONFESSIONS

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 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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PASTOR'S COLUMN



Dear Parishioners
of St. Therese,

Happy Month of Mary!

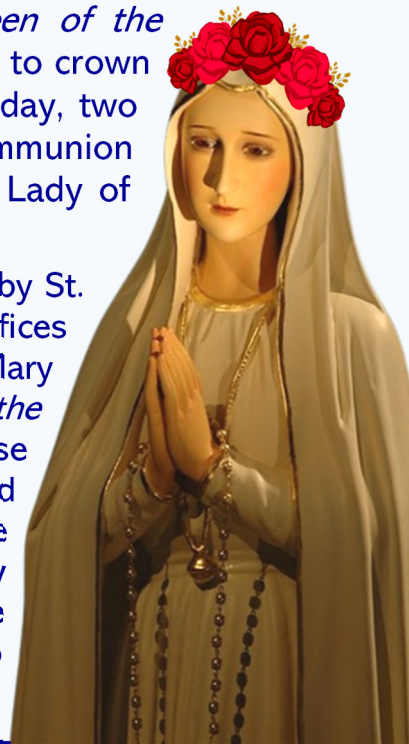
As we know, May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. And one of the ways we honor her is through the traditional May Crowning, which we just did last Sunday. The practice of crowning images began in the Eastern church. In the Latin West, the Crowning of Mary was first done by Pope Clement VIII in St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome in the

late sixteenth century. Crowning a statue of Mary is symbolic of the honor we give her as God's Mother and is an imitation of the "woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" from Revelation 12:1.

It's only been for the last couple hundred years that the month of May has been dedicated to Mary, which then brought about the May crowning celebration. The crowning is often done with school children, especially dressed for the occasion, walking in a procession and singing Marian hymns, especially "*Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.*" One of the children is then selected to crown Mary with a wreath of fresh flowers. At our crowning last Sunday, two of our recent First Communicants, dressed in their First Communion attire, crowned our new statue of Our Lady of Fatima!

In the Marian Year of 1987, declared by St. Pope John Paul II, one of the Vatican offices issued a ritual for honoring images of Mary called *Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. So, we at St. Therese are honored to carry on this beloved devotion to Our Blessed Lady. And we know that she will bless our Parish family and all our individual families for the honor and veneration that we offer to her.

-Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.



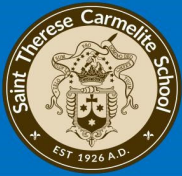
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grandmothers,

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE THREE BIG EVENTS!

1) Parish Picnic for All Parishioners & School Families!



2) Fr. Stephen Watson's 40th Anniversary of Priesthood!

3) Bishop Gomez to Celebrate Mass Here on June 17!



SAVE THE DATE!
Church & School Picnic
and Fr. Stephen's 40th Anniversary

Sunday, June 16
Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Lacy Park

9:00 a.m. Mass
in the church!



Our Parish Picnic will be on **Sunday, June 16, from Noon to 5:00 p.m.**, in **Lacy Park** in San Marino. There will be food, games, social time, and lots of fun! That day is also the **40th Anniversary of Fr. Stephen's ORDINATION! (6/16/84)**. It will also be **FATHER'S DAY!**—what better way to celebrate Dad than to take him to a beautiful park for a picnic! **Put this date on your calendar and join us for a wonderful day!**

9:00 A.M. MASS WITH ALL LIVING FORMER PASTORS! The day will begin with the **9:00 a.m. Mass**, in honor of **Fr. Stephen's 40th!** Former Pastors **Fr. David Costello, Fr. Patrick Sugrue, Fr. Matthew Williams, Fr. Jan Lundberg, Fr. Philip Sullivan, and Fr. Thomas Koller** will all be here to help celebrate!

Also... **Bishop Jose Gomez** will be here at St. Therese to celebrate a special **Mass on Monday, June 17, at 5:00 p.m.**, as part of our **centennial celebration**. All are invited to attend and pray for St. Therese Parish and all your needs.

"LET ME INTRODUCE YOU..." By Fr. Stephen F. Watson, OCD

The **Dennison Family** gathered together last weekend from all over the U.S. to celebrate the 85th birthday of their matriarch, **Catherine "Cathy" Dennison**. Present in spirit was the family's patriarch, **Dominic Augustus "Gus" Dennison**, whose funeral Mass was presided over by Fr. Albert Bunsic on February 22, 2017. In attendance were many old parish families such as the Cockrells, Kanes, Wilsons, McDermotts, and many more. Gus passed away ten days prior on February 12th in the early morning hours after his and Cathy's 56th wedding anniversary.

The Dennisons have been parishioners of St. Therese since 1962. Cathy, the second eldest and eldest daughter of seven children, was born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland. Her father served in the British Army and was often away on duty during her childhood, so her mother worked to help support their family. When Cathy finished school, she also went to work at a bank in Glasgow where she learned bookkeeping and accounting. She loved Scotland but her mother encouraged her to "go to America." She became an *au pair* for relatives of the Rockefeller family in Greenwich, Connecticut, where she spent a year. Then she became a full-charge bookkeeper in NYC, where she soon met Gus. He had emigrated to America and was fresh out of the U.S. Army working as a union carpenter in NYC.

Gus, born in County Donegal, Ireland, was the sixth child and youngest son of eight children raised on the family farm. He loved soccer and played for the U.S. Army while stationed in Germany. He and Cathy were married on February 11, 1961, at St. Rafael Church in Queens, NY. That November, they set out for California in Gus' 1957 Chevy. Before reaching California, they stopped at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas to visit Gus' sister, an *au pair* for the daughter of Moe "Mr. Las Vegas" Dalitz, the reformed mobster who became a major figure in shaping Las Vegas. He offered Gus a dream job, but the couple had their sights set on the Golden State. They arrived via Route 66 and, after a few months in El Monte, found their first apartment in Alhambra. But when the landlady found out Cathy was pregnant with her first child, Seán, the couple were evicted. Soon they bought their first home on El Molino Street and quickly became friends with many fellow parishioners. Cathy especially remembers her neighbor, Maria Chavez, as a true "guardian angel."

Gus started his own landscape business and, within a few years, he and Cathy had two more boys, Brian and Kyle. The boys attended St. Therese School and the Irish Carmelite friars were frequent guests at the Dennison home for tea and Irish soda bread, which Cathy baked daily. Br. Francis, Fr. Willie Wren, Fr. John Lysaght, Fr. Patrick Deering, and Fr. Jerome Lantry were especially close to the family in those years. In 1972, the Dennisons moved to their current family home in San Gabriel on De Sales Street. Gus' business grew and Cathy was very involved at St. Therese. She loved volunteering and started both the School's hot lunch and the Boy Scouts' programs. She also taught swimming to many kids in the Dennisons' home pool. Cathy was an active member in the choir with directors Paul Webster and Bob Prichard, and she also served as Secretary of the Legion of Mary. She had a special ministry to families with newborn babies and infirm members, providing meals and other necessities. Gus' business was an award-winning landscape company, and he was also the gardener at St. Therese Church for many years.

The family shared many unforgettable vacations in the American West and Ireland and Scotland. They also enjoyed annual ski trips with friends to Mammoth, June, and Tahoe. Fr. Matthew McKeogh, Fr. William Fenton, and Fr. Michael Buckley were frequent guests at their home. After graduating from St. Therese, the boys all went to St. Francis High School and then on to Catholic colleges. Seán went to St. John's in NY and earned his degree from C.U.N.Y. in Queens, New York. Brian and Kyle both earned their degrees from Loyola Marymount University. Seán, a businessman, has three adult children residing in New Jersey, and he now lives in Sacramento. Brian, a retired federal agent, has one adult son and lives with his wife in San Diego. Kyle, a retired high school teacher, has one adult daughter and resides with his wife in San Dimas.

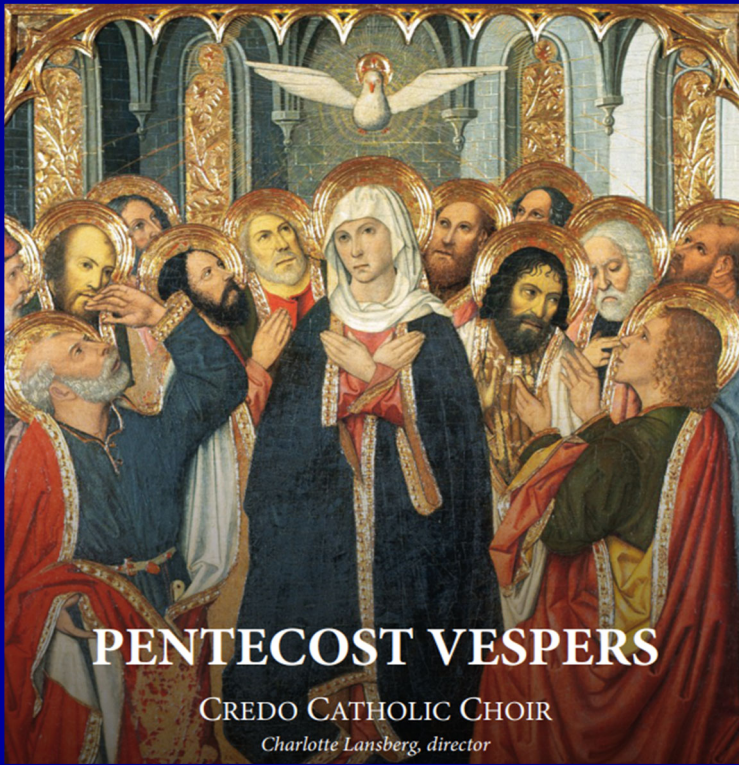
The day before Cathy's 85th birthday, Kyle had an emergency surgery at Keck USC Hospital. Thank God it was successful! He has endured many health challenges since childhood and is an inspiration. So, it was providential that his mother, brothers, and all five of Cathy's grandchildren were gathered together last weekend to surround Cathy and unite in prayer for Kyle. Perhaps Gus also intervened with Our Lord on behalf of his great old St. Therese family.



**The Dennison Family is part of the rich 100-year history of St. Therese Parish.
Let us all walk with St. Therese as we journey together in faith during our Centennial year.**

Eucharistic Processions

- TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 12: Eucharistic Procession following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima (her Feast Day is the tomorrow, Monday, May 13).
- SUNDAY, JUNE 2: Eucharistic Procession following the 9:00 a.m. Mass for **the Feast of Corpus Christi**



Join us in St. Therese Church at **4:00 p.m. on Pentecost Sunday, May 19**, for a sung vespers service by the Credo Catholic Choir. It will include choral antiphons and congregational Psalms. The music will be by Gibbons, Helvey, Aichinger, Biggs, Lotti, Durufle, and Bach. Don't miss it!

"MOVIE NIGHT" PRESENTS... THE PASSION OF JOAN OF ARC

Fr. Peter Mary invites everyone to join him at **6:30 p.m., THIS Saturday, May 18**, for our next MOVIE NIGHT—shown on our BIG SCREEN in our parking lot! *The Passion of Joan of Arc* was directed by Carl Theodor Dreyer, with Maria Falconetti as Joan of Arc. This 1928 masterpiece is a screen classic that is on many "best movies ever" lists.

Our patroness, St. Therese, had a strong devotion to Joan and even portrayed her in a play she wrote and staged for her Community in Carmel.



"100th Anniversary of St. Therese Parish" Pilgrimage to Visit St. Therese's Basilica in France (and more!) ~ 12 days from October 3rd to 14th, 2024 ~

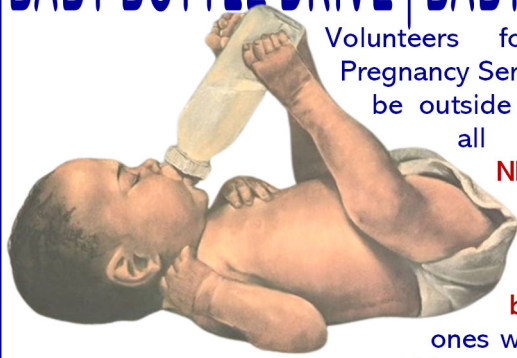
St. Therese Parish's Fr. David will be the chaplain for a Special France Pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage explores where the Little Flower lived, as well as other holy sites in France (**Lisieux, Dijon, Lourdes, Mont St. Michel and others**), as part of St. Therese Parish's Celebration of our 100th Jubilee Year.

This 12-day Pilgrimage price is \$3,985.00, L.A. to L.A., which includes round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, breakfasts and lunches, and admission prices. Mass will be celebrated daily.

Itineraries, both for this Anniversary Pilgrimage to France and Fr. David's Marian Shrine Tour in Wisconsin this August (**see Page Seven**), can be found in the church vestibule by the Baptistry... OR email our Parish Secretary (denisekay@hotmail.com), to **receive a copy of either or both by email.** May God Bless You!



BABY BOTTLE DRIVE | BABY SHOWER



Volunteers for Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (GPS) will be outside the church at all the Masses **NEXT WEEKEND, May 18 and 19, to collect the filled baby bottles** (empty ones were distributed May 4 and 5).

Mother's Day Baby Shower Outreach: Baby Shower gifts for baby and moms are greatly needed. We have a **Pac n' Play crib** set up in front of the church next weekend, May 18 & 19, for parishioners to **place their donations of baby and mom items:** blankets, diapers (sizes newborn, 3, 4, 5 & 6), sippy cups, baby bottles, pacifiers, bibs, socks, teething toys, hard cover books, new clothes (sizes newborn to size 3T—boys & girls), toiletries (shampoo, lotion, powder, thermometers, nail clippers), and other baby essentials. For **essentials for the moms:** feminine hygiene products, gently used or new maternity clothes, nursing pads, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

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"My Divine Heart is so passionately in love with humanity that it can no longer contain within itself the flames of its ardent love. It must pour them out...and manifest itself to them with its precious treasures, which contain all the graces which they need to be saved."

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Mass Intentions

May 11—May 18, 2024

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Merle Smith, INT

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Jose Cruz Lopez, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Florence Goh, INT

9:00 a.m.: Mary Ana Ogaz, INT

11:00 a.m.: Alicia Maria Guadalupe, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Evangeline Holman, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Ruben Y. Sanchez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 1

*7:30 a.m.: Silverio Reyes, RIP

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

7:15 p.m.: Our Lady of Fatima Apostolate, INT

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Jose Cruz Lopez, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Raymond Bueno, OCD, INT

8 am: Fr. Matthias of the Immaculate Heart INT

7:15 p.m.: Mother's Day Novena 2

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Averil Rose Sia, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Veronica Rios, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 3

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Jose Cruz Lopez, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Evanswinda Cruz, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 4

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Suffering Souls in Purgatory

*7:30 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 5

8:00 a.m.: Alex Villanueva, RIP

Saturday (Morning):

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT

8:00 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

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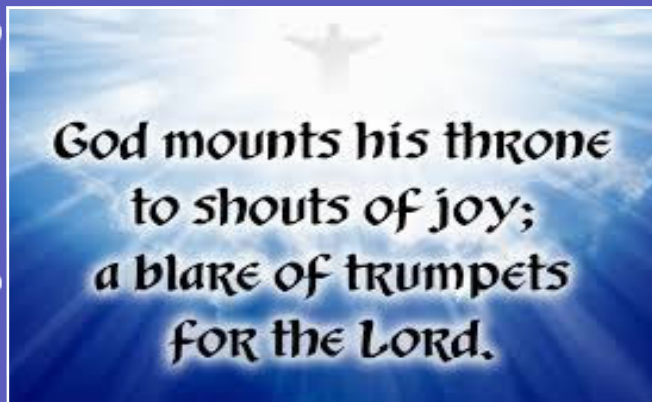
LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

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Pilgrimages

OUR LADY OF CHAMPION (approved Apparition) PILGRIMAGE with Saint Therese Parish's Father David: to visit the Shrines of Wisconsin, **AUGUST 10-16, 2024**. This is a Spiritual Retreat Pilgrimage including visits to Our Lady of Champion Shrine and our Carmelite Holy Hill Basilica. Two additional groups flying out of San Francisco and Tucson will be joining us on this fabulous journey. The per person/double occupancy total rate is \$2348 (from LAX). We will visit various Shrines of Our Lady, including Holy Hill Basilica and the Carmelite Nuns Cloister in Denmark, WI. Pick up a Pilgrimage Flyer for more information or email denisekay@hotmail.com.

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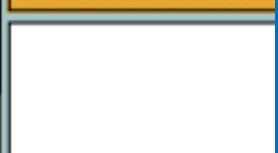
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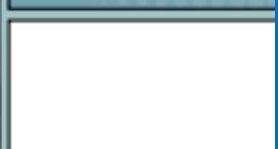
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