



The Little Flower Weekly



The Official St. Therese Church Newsletter for the 2020 Pandemic

This Sunday, June 7th,
we will celebrate
**The Feast of the
Most Holy Trinity**

God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God” (John 3:16-18).



Daily Live Streamed Mass Schedule

We will continue to live stream Mass every day for those who feel unsafe to come to Mass for whatever reason. The LIVE times will be: Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and Mondays through Saturdays at *Noon (*until such time as we restart the 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. Masses). The Masses are live on our Facebook page (see link at the bottom of the e-Blast you first opened) at the times posted above, but can also be viewed there shortly afterwards at any time. Also, the Masses can now be viewed on our YouTube channel within a few hours after the Mass has aired. The YouTube link is also on the E-blast cover next to the Facebook logo.



June 5, 2020



Dear Parishioners:

We have now successfully celebrated two weekday Masses since our reopening on Thursday, June 4th. This weekend will be our first SUNDAY Masses since the lockdown. The Friars are going to do their best, so please be patient with them and with any volunteers during this reopening.

WEEKEND MASSES

Weekend Mass times will be as follows (our regular schedule):

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. LATIN MASS

5:00 p.m.



WEEKDAY MASSES

Since Fr. David will be away next week and Fr. Matthias will be gone from June 13 to July 6, we will have only **ONE daily Mass**—at Noon—until further notice.

ANYTHING YOU WANT TO CONFESS?

The Fathers will be hearing confessions beginning **Saturday, June 6, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.** Stay tuned for more opportunities besides on Saturdays. It will **NOT** be in the church confessionals but will be held **OUTSIDE** near the picnic tables. **Look for the**

red umbrellas. ☂️ You **MUST wear a mask** and **MUST STAND** during your confession. Please keep your confession **BRIEF (NO spiritual direction** at this time), as the Fathers anticipate there will be **many penitents waiting to confess.** Fr. Philip would also like to remind you to **"please confess only YOUR own sins!"** 😊

DISPENSATION OF OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS

THE DISPENSATION IS STILL IN EFFECT: The "Dispensation From Attending Mass," granted by Archbishop Gomez on March 25, 2020, will continue to be in effect until further notice. This means you are not obligated to physically attend Mass if...

- **You don't feel safe attending FOR ANY REASON, including if you go to the church to attend Mass but find that it has already reached maximum capacity.**
- You are 65 years of age or older.
- You have an autoimmune condition or you are immune-compromised (meaning that your immune system is weakened, either by a disease, by a medication, or because of receiving chemotherapy or radiation) **OR** have a chronic disease like diabetes, kidney failure, liver cirrhosis, heart disease, etc., all conditions which make you at greater risk of falling ill from viruses and bacteria, as well as at greater risk of developing serious complications from those illnesses.
- You live with someone who fits any of the above criteria.
- You have **ANY** flu- or cold-like symptoms. (If so, **please STAY HOME until you are completely well!**)

NOTE: If you will not be attending Mass for any reason, Fr. Philip reminds you to please continue to "keep holy the Sabbath," by viewing a live streamed Sunday Mass, etc.

MASS FOR THE VULNERABLE: Once we know what we are doing, we have plans for a future **separate Mass just for those who are elderly and/or compromised in some way.** Until then, please be patient!

LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES: For those staying home, we will **continue to live stream the Mass** each day on Facebook (posted later each day on our YouTube channel). This will be the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays and the Noon Mass for the next two weeks (through June 20).

PLEASE FOLLOW PROTOCOL

ONE ENTRANCE: As we are required to have volunteers monitoring the entrances before the Masses, **only the FRONT DOORS will be open** to enter the church for Mass. All the other doors will be marked, **“EXIT ONLY”.** **Please DO NOT open the side doors to let others in and DO NOT leave these doors open when you exit. Pull them shut behind you!**

Once in the church, please...

Wash your hands at the hand-washing stations

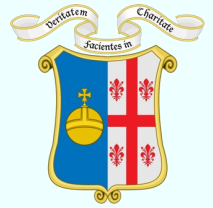
- Use the provided hand sanitizer.
- Wear a mask
- Maintain “social distance”.
- Sit in every other pew and don’t wander around the church.
- Refrain from shaking anyone’s hand or embracing anyone.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE: Both outside and inside the church you are asked to keep a safe distance of six feet between you (and your family) and other people. After Mass, please go directly home; do not linger around.

1:00 P.M. SUNDAY LATIN

THE LATIN MASS WILL ALSO BE STARTING BACK UP THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 7, AT 1:00 P.M.:



This Mass is listed with the rest of our Masses on the previous page; however, we’re putting a special paragraph here, so those of you who attend won’t miss seeing it! Fr. Miguel of the Norbertine Fathers will be the celebrant.

Note: In the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, it is mandatory to receive Holy Communion on the tongue. If you don’t feel safe receiving this way, please stay in your pew at Communion time.

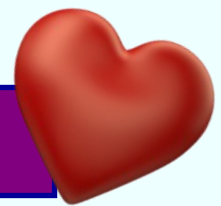
Please do your part...

Many hands
make light work



We will have sanitizing wipes available on the table in the vestibule (and hopefully some in the pews). **Please utilize these to wipe down the pew where you sat during Mass.** The more that people chip in with what needs doing, the easier things will be!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS



May God bless each of our volunteers who graciously came forward to offer their time to help us open the church. This weekend (and beyond!), as you see them monitoring the doors and sanitizing all points of contact after the Masses, please be extra kind, patient, and understanding to them. If they ask you to do something, please do it with a smile.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS, FOR YOUR LOVE OF GOD AND FOR ST. THERESE CHURCH!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ONCE AGAIN ATTEND
MASS AT THE CARMEL OF ST. TERESA

THE DISCALCED CARMELITE NUNS' CHAPEL
215 East Alhambra Road
Alhambra, California



**MASS AT THE CLOISTERED CARMELITE NUNS
CHAPEL TO REOPEN ON MONDAY, JUNE 8:**

Mother Brenda Marie , OCD, sent us an email to say that the Discalced Carmelite Nuns will be reopening their chapel for public Mass on **Monday, June 8 (at the regular time of 7:30 a.m.—Monday through Saturday;** as usual, the Sunday Mass is closed to the public).

Mother Brenda said that she and all her sisters are very excited to have everyone back to celebrate with them!

Remember, just as you do when you attend Mass at St. Therese, you **MUST** wear a mask when you're present in their chapel (maximum of 100 people will be allowed in at one time. **(As usual, Mass on Sunday Mass is closed to the public).**



MAY CROWNING AT THE HOME OF PARISHIONER MARY LEI:

In one of our newsletters published last month, we included an article with suggestions for having a May Crowning in your own home or yard (since we were not able to have it in the church). We also invited anyone who celebrated one to then share any photos for publication in this newsletter. Here is what Mary sent to us:



Thank You to Mary Lei

"I was inspired by the May Crowning suggestion in the Little Flower newsletter and organized a May crowning ceremony in my backyard, with one of my sisters attending locally and one remotely via phone.

"Here is a picture we took of Our Lady with her crown. We couldn't find white and blue roses for the moment, so Our Lady wears Christmas colors. The little roses I planted for her are blood red."



~Mary Lei

Eucharistic Adoration

“When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”

- St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta

Since we are not allowed to open our Adoration Chapel at the present time, we are offering Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the main body of the Church as follows:

Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.;
Saturdays from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(Note: The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed during any Mass.)

“Can you not stay with Me for one hour?” SIGN UP FOR AN HOUR OF ADORATION! Fr. Matthias has created an online form on “Sign-up Genius” for everyone to sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration in the church OR to volunteer as a door monitor during the weekday hours/Noon Mass. There is a link to it on the email blast which you opened before clicking to get here. Go there and see all the available times or type this in the URL line: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548adad28abfd0-adoration>. Note: You are committing only to that one hour that one day—not to going at the same time every week.