

St. Therese Catholic Church

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"I am the Good Shepherd.

A Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep.

I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for my sheep."

(John 10:11,13-14).

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.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

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



SACRAMENTS

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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

On this **First Communion weekend** (also "Good Shepherd Sunday"), let us intercede for our children through our patroness, **St. Therese**, who had a profound experience at her First Communion, **which she recounts below** (Manuscript A, Chapter 4):



—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.



The "beautiful day of days" finally arrived. The smallest details of that heavenly day have left unspeakable memories in my soul! The joyous awakening at dawn, the respectful embraces of the teachers and our older companions! The large room filled with snow-white dresses in which each child was to be clothed in her turn! Above all, the procession into the chapel and the singing of the morning hymn: "O Altar of God, Where the Angels are Hovering!"

I don't want to enter into detail here. There are certain things that lose their perfume as soon as they are exposed to the air; there are deep spiritual thoughts which cannot be expressed in human language without losing their intimate and heavenly meaning; they are similar to "... the white stone I will give to Him who conquers, with a name written on the stone which no one KNOWS except HIM who receives it."

Ah! how sweet was that first kiss of Jesus! It was a kiss of love; I felt that I was loved, and I said: "I love You, and I give myself to You forever!" There were no demands made, no

struggles, no sacrifices; for a long time now Jesus and poor little Thérèse looked at and understood each other. That day, it was no longer simply a look, it was a fusion; they were no longer two. Thérèse had vanished as a drop of water is lost in the immensity of the ocean. Jesus alone remained; He was the Master, the King.

Had not Thérèse asked Him to take away her liberty, for her liberty frightened her? She felt so feeble and fragile that she wanted to be united forever to the divine Strength! Her joy was too great, too deep for her to contain, and tears of consolation soon flowed, to the great consternation of her companions. They asked one another: "Why was she crying? Was there something bothering her?" Was it because her mother was not there or her sister whom she loves so much, her sister the Carmelite?"

They did not understand that all the joy of Heaven having entered my heart, this exiled heart was unable to bear it without shedding tears. Oh! no, the absence of Mama didn't cause me any sorrow on the day of my First Communion. Wasn't Heaven itself in my soul, and hadn't Mama taken her place there a long time ago? Thus in receiving Jesus' visit, I received also Mama's. She blessed me and rejoiced at my happiness.



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RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28

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

Interested in donating items?

We accept the following items in good condition:

Clothes, accessories, household décor, small household appliances (blenders, pressure cookers, slow cookers, etc.), books, toys, furniture

We do not accept the following:

Large electronics (printers, fax machines, computers, TVs, etc), car parts

Due to space constraints, items only accepted April 22-25 at the Parish Hall AFTER 3:30 p.m.

Thank you!

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Pilgrimage to France with Fr. David Guzman



Join this Pilgrimage to France—including visiting St. Therese's Basilica and her home in Lisieux—during our 100th St. Therese Parish Anniversary!

Fr. David Guzman will serve as the chaplain for the pilgrimage's twelve days (October 3rd to 14th, 2024). As well as Lisieux, we will visit Dijon, Lourdes, Mont St. Michel, and other religious sites in France. This year's 100th anniversary of the founding of St. Therese Parish connects with the 2023 100th Anniversary of St. Therese's Beatification and her 2025 100th Anniversary of Canonization.

The package price for 12 days (from L.A. and back to L.A.) is \$3,985—which includes round trip airfare, hotel accommodations, breakfast/lunch, and admission fees. Mass will be celebrated daily. Detailed flyers are available in the church!

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE | BABY SHOWER



Volunteers for Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (GPS) will be outside the church at all the Masses on **May 4 and 5** to distribute baby bottles. Fill them with coins, bills, or checks and bring them back with you when you come to Mass on either **May 18 or 19**. Again, the distribution and collection dates are:

Baby Bottle Distribution: Sat., May 4, & Sun., May 5
Baby Bottle Collection: Sat., May 18, & Sun., May 19

Mother's Day Baby Shower Outreach:

Baby Shower gifts for baby and moms are greatly needed. We will have a **Pac n' Play crib** set up in front of the church on both **May 4 & 5 and 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.



You are also welcome to bring **essentials for the moms:** feminine hygiene products, gently used or new maternity clothes, nursing pads, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

Thank your for participating in this important ProLife Outreach.

"THANK YOU" FROM THE CARMELITE NUNS

Dear Friends of the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns:



The Nuns and the Auxiliary are so thankful for the wonderful help you provide to the

Carmel of St. Teresa through the Fr. Jerome Appeal. A building that is 100 years old always has "aches and pains" that arise and needs special care and repairs. Please continue to help the Nuns with your prayers; if you have not donated yet to the Fr. Jerome Appeal, you may do so by using any envelope and simply writing "Fr. Jerome Appeal" on it. In gratitude, the Nuns offer one Mass each week for the intentions of their benefactors. Thank you so very much.

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns and their Auxiliary



Join Us in Making Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

You are invited to come to the church for a weekly Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus **EVERY FRIDAY from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.** in the church.

"O Heart of Jesus... You are my happiness, my only hope." -St Therese

"Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love; and in return, I receive from the greater part only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrilege, and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me in this Sacrament of Love..."

Financial Offerings



April 13 / 14, 2024

Unrestricted..... \$20,501.00
Restricted \$ 140.00
T O T A L.....\$20,641.00

March 16 / 17 \$12,718.00
March 23 / 24 \$23,075.00
March 30 / 31 \$25,692.00
April 6 / 7 \$31,399.00

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

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

A Weekly Feature for Our Centennial Year



The median age of marriage in the U.S. goes up every year. According to the United States Census Bureau's 2022 report, the median age then was approximately **30.5 years for men** and **28.6 years for women**. It has been a long time since the median age was 20—the age that Ron Sandoval was when he married the also-20-year-old Angie Aguilar at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Dinuba—a small town in Fresno County. This year, **Ron and Angie Sandoval** will celebrate the 42nd anniversary of their holy matrimony. This is their story.

Ron's family moved to Southern California from Santa Fe, New Mexico, when he was only four; Angie's family came here from El Paso, Texas, when she was just five. Ron grew up in South Gate and Angie—the youngest of ten children!—in the Cypress Park area of Los Angeles. One of her older sisters lived in South Gate, so Angie used to visit her there and play street football with her nephews and their neighbors, who were all about her age. Ron was one of those neighborhood children she met there when she was only eleven. Time flies and, the next thing you know, they're married! They bought their first house in Southgate and—by age 31—Angie was the mother of six children: Gabriel, Samuel, Joseph, Jessica, Sarah, and Andrew. When the children were old enough, they began attending St. Raymond Catholic School in Downey. At that time, Ron was working for AT&T.

With six children, Ron and Angie decided it was time for a new home, so they bought a house on Longden Avenue in San Gabriel. After just one day in the local public grade school, Angie told Ron the children were "going back to St. Raymond's!" For the rest of that school year, they drove the children the 20 miles to St. Raymond School. The next year, they were able to enroll them in the nearby Saints Felicitas and Perpetua School in San Marino—which was being overseen by the Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart (Sr. Genevieve Marie, OCD, was the principal then).

Ron admits that coaching baseball and watching football were two of the biggest parts of his life. It wasn't until he attended a Bible study conducted by Jesse Romero at the St. Joseph Center of the Carmelite Sisters that his Catholic faith came to the fore as the true center of family life. Angie, who came from a devout Catholic family, began to accompany her husband on his visits there. They were hooked! One day, Ron attended a weekday Mass at St. Therese celebrated by the then-Pastor, Fr. Jan Lundberg, OCD. Ron was so impressed by Fr. Jan's catechetical style of preaching that he and Angie began attending Mass at St. Therese and ended up becoming active in the Parish. In fact, since 2018, Angie has been the coordinator for the wedding liturgies that take place at St. Therese.

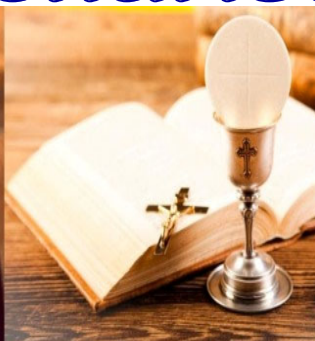
Ron joined the Knights of Columbus in 2009—the year that the Alhambra Council was named the "Council of the Year" for the State of California. When Ron retired from AT&T after twenty-eight years of working there, he began selling life insurance for the Knights. He is now the head of the largest Knights of Columbus Life Insurance agency in the country. He and Angie used to attend the annual Catholic Family Conference at the St. Joseph Center, and they also supported the Missionaries of Charity for many years when their convent was on Granada Avenue. As part of their Parish participation, they attended the ordinations of the Carmelite friars as well as the jubilees of the nuns. Ron even read at the funeral Mass of Fr. Jerome Lantry, who died on April 16, 2013. He says he can't even count the number of times he has had his feet washed on Holy Thursday at St. Therese!

Nowadays, the Sandovals are quite involved in Saint Therese Carmelite School. Two of their ten grandchildren graduated from the School, and four are presently enrolled. It is not surprising that Angie, besides being a most loving grandmother, is also their chauffeur and babysitter. Because it is financially hard for parents to send their children to Catholic school, one wonders how the Sandovals managed to send all six of their children! It requires a strong commitment and, yes, a good-paying job. The Sandovals have worked hard for their children's sake and now assist with their grandchildren. They also work to support their church.

Ron and Angie are a testimony to the treasure of faith, the importance of prayer, and the virtue of hard work. We are happy to journey with them to the Promised Land.

The Sandoval 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 this centennial year.

National Eucharistic Revival



“Do This in Remembrance of Me” Part 6: Sign of the Cross

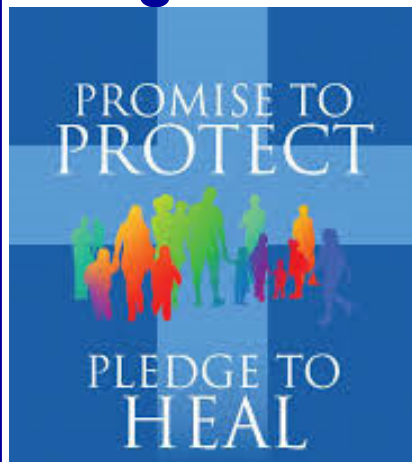
“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”
Once we have finished the entrance hymn or antiphon at the beginning of Mass, there is a familiar gesture we do at every Mass and frequently with our prayers: we make the Sign of the Cross.

It is important to notice that we pray in the “name” and not “names.” Praying in the singular “name” recalls that God is One God in Three Persons. In addition to reminding us of the Trinity and the Cross of Christ, the Sign of the Cross also reminds us of our Baptism, when we were brought into God’s family and given a share in the life of God.

Next time you are at Mass or starting to pray, I invite you to pause for a brief moment and really make the Sign of the Cross a true prayer from your heart. ...As you move your hand, say the words more slowly. Think about the love Jesus has for you as you trace the shape of the cross. Thank God that you have been given a share in the life of the Trinity through Baptism. What a grace-filled gift the Sign of the Cross truly is!

Source: Fr. Luke Spannagel’s blog at <https://www.stphils.com/church/Eucharistic-revival-walk-through-the-Mass/>

Safeguard the Children



DID YOU KNOW?
“Keep Kids Safe”
Pinwheel

Resource Booklet:
In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2024 “Keep Kids Safe” Pinwheel Resource Booklet.

This useful Resource Booklet is available to individuals who wish to know more about Child Abuse Prevention Month. To get one or for more information, go to <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.

Cor Jesu Family Ministry

Fr. Robert and his team invite children, youth, and adults to be part of Cor Jesu Family Ministry!

Encourage the souls with whom you come in contact to trust in My infinite mercy. Oh, how I love those souls who have complete confidence in Me. I will do everything for them”.

Jesus to Saint Faustina



Sign-up for a faith building evening beginning with a Social Potluck (pizza for the children and youth) at 6:30 p.m., followed by Catechesis and Eucharistic Adoration (date to be determined later).

To sign up or for more info, email Gabriel at anyanwu26@gmail.com.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally celebrated as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” This is because in the Gospel of the day (from St. John’s Gospel), Jesus speaks of Himself as the Shepherd who is prepared to lay down His life for His sheep.

PRAYER: “O God, whose Son Jesus is the Good Shepherd of your people, grant that when we hear His voice, we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever. Amen.”



Mass Intentions

April 20—April 27, 2024

Saturday Evening:

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

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Frances, INT

7:30 a.m.: Kay Fitzpatrick, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Emma Villa, OCDS, INT

11:00 a.m.: Michael's Birthday Intention

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Christopher Huling, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Wang-Shih Lin, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Robert Earl Jeffers, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Cecilia, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Alicia Maria Guadalupe, RIP

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Carter & Fullenkamp Families, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Regina, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Edgar Efrain Arenas, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Robert Earl Jeffers, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Frances, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Wang-Shih Lin, RIP

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Robert Earl Jeffers, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Ruy Eduardo Arenas, INT

8:00 a.m.: Wang-Shih Lin, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Wang-Shih Lin, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Cecilia, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Anthony Brajkovich, RIP

Saturday (Morning):

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

8:00 a.m.: Ana Clea Arteaga, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel (located at 215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra).**

Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

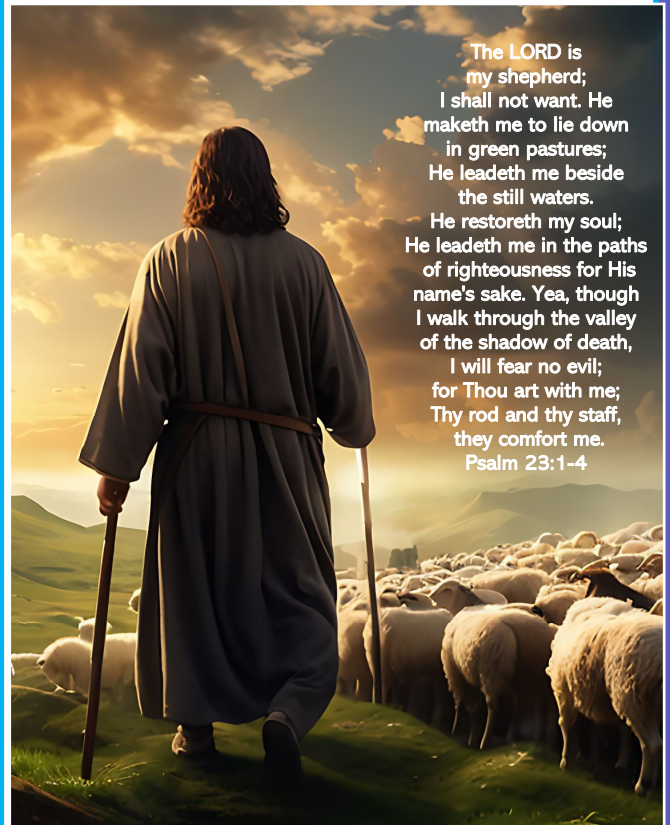
Our livestreaming service is back! We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass and the homilies at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 evening Masses.

"Tune in"!

Outside the Parish

OUR LADY OF CHAMPION (approved Apparition) **PILGRIMAGE with Saint Therese Parish's Father David:** Join Fr. David Guzman, O.C.D., to visit 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, Holy Hill Basilica, and the Carmelite Nuns Cloister in Denmark, WI. Pick up a Pilgrimage Flyer for more information.

CARMELETE PILGRIMAGE TO FRENCH CANADA: St. Joseph Oratory, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Anne Beaupre, Cathedral -Basilica of Notre-Dame, and more... **August 23-30, 2024.** LAX to Montreal, Cost: \$3250 Double occupancy (\$150 off for early bird discount by April 15th). For more information contact: Louisa Day (323)360-5186 Or go to: www.sacredhearttours.com.



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:1-4

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
+ Alvino Montoya
(Funeral Mass on April 24 at 9:30 a.m.)

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