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Saint Therese Church

March 15, 2015 **Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars** Established 1924

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510 North El Molino Street . Alhambra, California 91801 . 282-2744 . FAX 282-7560

(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code.)

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (226) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD (222) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD * **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333) **Vocations:** Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocesan: (213) 637-7515

Masses & Services: Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am; Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm; Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm; Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm

Devotions: Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass; Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm; Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm; Fatima Devotion: 13th of the month from May through October

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession): Wed., 7– 9 pm;
and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Baptism: Register at 284-0020 (1)

Weddings: Call 6 months before

RCIA: Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

Other Ministries / Programs:

Annulment Facilitator: Deacon Joeseeph & Lorraine Mizerski—282-2744 (333)

Grief Support, 2nd/4th Wed., 2:30-4 pm:

Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias
(323) 724-6443

First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer Vigil—
7:30 pm-6:00 am

Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight—
Mike Pulciano 641-0870

Legion of Mary: Tues., 7:00 pm

Natural Family Planning—

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

Respect Life Ministry / Foot Soldiers:

Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942

Rosary Makers/Mondays, 6-8 pm: Magda

Contreras (213) 300-7776 OR
magdacontreras64@yahoo.com

St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wednesdays,

6:15 pm - Albert Grana 576-0872

“Tea at Therese” Women’s Group:
(2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10 am)



Parish Mission Statement:

St. Therese Church is an active and Eucharistic Parish Community dedicated in faith and service to a loving and merciful God under our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux. We are committed in our ministries to providing discipleship through evangelization and fostering a contemplative life, resulting in Christian formation and spiritual growth of our members.

Parish Secretary:

Denise McMaster-Holguin (223);
denisekay@hotmail.com

Finance: Noralyn Cailan (228)

Christian Services:

Bridie McDermott (224)

Choir Directors:

9:00 a.m.: Marcia Martinez-Bateman
(775) 771-4992

11:00 a.m.: Paula Grimm
(909) 703-1284 / pgrimm.dir@gmail.com

Coordinator for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Altar:

Fr. Leonel Varela (222)

Coordinators for Ministry to the Sick: Fred & Margaret Padilla

282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)
rhondalstorey@gmail.com

* Pre K through 8th Grade

* Adult Religious Ed

Youth & Adult Confirmation

Programs: Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)

Email: rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-

3364 - Principal: Carmela Lovano (661)

clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org

Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please come to the Parish Office to register.

510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra—**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 to 5:00 pm; 6:00 to 8:00 pm—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm** **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. **Coordinator:** Ruben Beltran – 284-0020 (2)

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2015

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CATECHESIS Q & A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

WHAT IS A CATHOLIC ANNULMENT?

Submitted by Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski
(Parish Annulment Facilitators)



Part Two of Two
(See bulletin of March 8, 2015, for Part One)

If a marriage is annulled, are the children considered illegitimate? No. A declaration of nullity has no effect on the legitimacy of children, since the child's mother and father were presumed to be married at the time that the child was born. Legitimacy depends on civil law.

Since I do not plan to re-marry, why should I present a marriage case? Some people find that simply writing out their testimony helps them to understand what went wrong and why. They gain insights into themselves. Others say that the process allowed them to tell their whole story for the first time to someone who was willing to listen. Many find that the process helped them to let go of their former relationship, heal their hurts, and move on with their lives. A person cannot know today if they might want to marry in

the future when crucial witnesses may be deceased or their own memories may have dimmed.

Why does the Catholic Church require an intended spouse, who is divorced but not Catholic, to obtain an annulment before marrying in the Catholic Church? The Catholic Church respects all marriages and presumes that they are valid. Thus, for example, it considers the marriages of two Protestant, Jewish, or even nonbelieving persons to be binding for life. The Church requires a declaration of nullity to establish that an essential element was missing in that previous union preventing it from being a valid marriage. This is often a difficult and emotional issue. If the intended spouse comes from a faith tradition that accepts divorce and remarriage, it may be hard for them to understand why they must go through the Catholic tribunal process. Couples in this situation may find it helpful to talk with a priest or deacon. To go through the process can be a sign of great love of the non-Catholic for their intended spouse.

My fiancé and I want to marry in the Catholic Church. He has been married before and has applied for an annulment. When can we set a date for our wedding? You should not set a date until the annulment has been finalized. First, his petition may not be granted. Second, even if the petition is eventually granted, there may be unexpected delays in the process. Many pastors will not allow the couple to set a date until the petition is officially approved.

To begin your own annulment process, please contact Deacon Joseph and Lorraine Mizerski at 282-2744 (333).



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FAMILY CELEBRATION!



THIS TUESDAY...you are invited to "put on the green" and come to our St. Paddy's Day celebration—for all ages! It will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 17, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

The celebration will consist of a potluck dinner, drinks (including beer), Irish Step-Dancers, Irish bands, songs, and Ceili (group Irish dancing) lessons and dancing for everyone!

THE COST TO ATTEND IS EITHER 1) the *POTLUCK DINNER (items listed below) OR 2) \$5 PER PERSON.



FOR THE *IRISH POTLUCK DINNER: Please bring CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE, AND POTATOES—enough for your family, and two other persons.

In addition to all the above fun, we will also have TWO COMPETITIONS:

- 1) An **IRISH-THEMED BAKING COMPETITION!** Bring any Irish-themed dessert or baked good to share and enter to win a prize!; and
- 2) A **ST. PATRICK-THEMED ART COMPETITION FOR KIDS!** Kids will bring (or create at the party) a St. Patrick-themed piece of art and enter to win a kid's prize!

TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFO, contact Kelly Mohun at (805) 421-7548 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com



LENTEN SCHEDULE

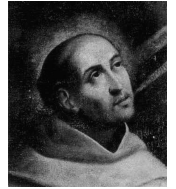
SOUP NITES are held in the Parish Hall on all the Fridays of Lent—from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. **UPCOMING SPONSORS:** March 20: Confirmation; March 27: The Scouts

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held in the church on all the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m. We also offer a **PRE-SCHOOL VERSION** (for children from 3 to 5 years of age) on the Fridays of Lent at 5:15 p.m.

ABSTINENCE All Catholics 14 years of age and over are required to abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent in honor of the Passion of Jesus.

CARMELITE SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

This new group meets **EVERY MONDAY** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Mt. Carmel Room (in the Parish Offices). Meetings consist of spiritual reading, discussion, and prayer. All are welcome! For more info, contact Jim Gillett at 323-262-5721 or jimgillett@me.com.



This Lent (through Palm Sunday), join 650,000+ people worldwide to prayerfully witness to life and help save women and babies in our community! **40 Days for Life** is a peaceful prayer vigil held outside an abortion facility. It has helped save thousands of babies' lives and spared thousands of women from abortion. Your prayerful presence is all that is necessary to help an abortion-inclined mom to change her mind. **We will be outside the Alhambra Planned Parenthood at 320 S. Garfield, Suite 126, Alhambra, Monday through Saturday, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day. We are asking parishioners to join us there one day a week for 3 hours to pray.** For any questions, contact Catherine Contreras at (213) 435-3942 or Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: MEN! CONSIDER BECOMING A KNIGHT!

As a Knight, you can support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith, and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. **MEMBERS meet** on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Avila Room. **OFFICERS meet** on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Mt. Carmel Room. **For more information, call Mike Pulciano, the Grand Knight for the Alhambra Council, at 641-0870.**

LADIES' NIGHT: Shop for A Cause!

Ladies! On Sat., April 11, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room, come and enjoy a night out with hors d'oeuvres, music, and fun products just for ladies—all while supporting St. Therese Church! There will be FREE samples and a door prize. Extra raffle entries if you buy tickets ahead of time. Vendors include Doterra Essential Oils, Wardrobe Weeder, Jamberry Nail Wraps, Mary Kay Cosmetics and Skin Care, Premier Designs Jewelry, and more! Do it for yourself! Cover charge is \$5 each. (Sponsored by "Tea at Therese" Women's Group)



EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flower envelopes are in the pews (and in your March/April envelope sets) to help us to decorate the church with palms and Easter lilies for Palm Sunday and Easter. You may make a donation in memory of a loved one; just write the name of the person(s) on the envelope. A Mass will be offered for all those who are enrolled.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STRE: Next classes will be on Palm Sunday, March 29. Please remember that all families are required to attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass together.



RCIA Adult Faith Formation

Classes are held on Thursdays. The remaining class for this month will be on March 26, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Adult

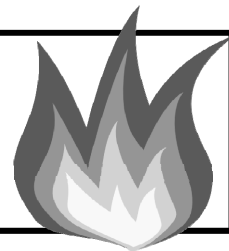
Confirmation students should also attend).

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

Next classes are on March 22 and 29, including

Your Journey Begins at St. Therese



attendance at the 5:00 p.m. Mass for all students and their families.

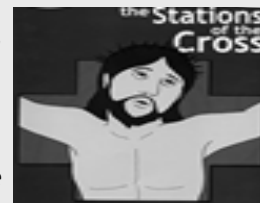
JESSE ROMERO will be here on Mon., April 20, at 7:00 pm in the Hall to speak about RELATIVISM. All Parents of Confirmation Students are REQUIRED to attend (free admission for them). (See page 6 for more information.)

S A I N T T H E R E S E S C H O O L

...Proud to be a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service!

Mass is the best place to thank God for the gifts that He gives to us—especially life, family, friends, faith, and love.

- Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent at 2pm in the Church
- Future First Graders Open House on March 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Classroom
- St. Patrick's Family Party in the Hall on Tues., March 17, from 6:00-10:00 pm (see details on Page 3).
- Silent Auction Soiree on March 21 at the Thursday Club in La Canada
- Feast of Annunciation—All School Mass on March 25 at 10:00 a.m.
- Living Stations of the Cross on April 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Hall
- No School on Good Friday, April 3.
- Easter Break from April 6-10; School Resumes on April 13
- Ongoing New Student Registration for TK - 8th Grade
- Ongoing Student Guest Program - Your child can experience a day at school!
- Ongoing Collection of Non-Perishable Food for our Christian Services Pantry



ADORATION CHAPEL



"I will not allow myself to be so absorbed in the whirlwind of work as to forget about God. I will spend all my free moments at the feet of the Master hidden in the Blessed Sacrament. He has been tutoring me from my most tender years." --St. Faustina Kowalska

BECOME A COMMITTED ADORER: If you would like to make a commitment to come to the chapel once a week at the same hour, please contact the Coordinator, Ruben Beltran, at 284-0020 (2) to sign up.

ELECTRONIC KEY: Also, if you come to the Chapel between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., you will need to register for an electronic key (\$20 fee) as the chapel will be locked during those hours (it is NOT locked during the day). Please call Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2).

PROFOUND THANKS KFROM THE CLOISTERED CARMELITE MONASTERY!



Our Cloistered Carmelite Nuns send gratitude for your generosity. To date, you have contributed **\$16,043.31!**

If you have not yet returned your pink envelope, you may do so at any time, or simply use any envelope marked "Cloistered Carmelite Nuns". God bless you for your generosity!

GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES

Are you pregnant? Do you need help? Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (GPS) counselors are available to help you with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are offered privately and confidentially. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email gps.pregnancy@ymail.com.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below you will find the total collections for last weekend and for the previous four weekends.

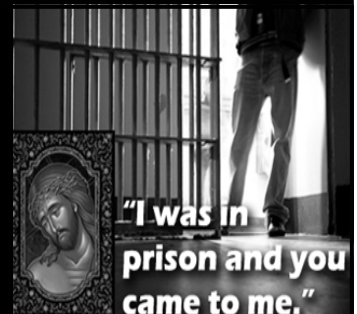
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Unrestricted.....	\$12,810.00
Restricted	\$ 8,928.00
T O T A L	\$21,738.00

February 7 / 8.....	\$16,918.00
February 14 / 15.....	\$12,150.00
February 21 / 22.....	\$18,715.00
February 28 / March 1.....	\$15,862.00

REGISTERED PARISHIONERS: Please use your pre-printed envelopes! It makes it easier to properly record your donations! Thank you.

Detention Ministry



NEXT MEETING! All are welcome to come to our next meeting in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices (510 N. El Molino Street) on Friday, March 20, at 8:00 p.m. (following the Stations of the Cross). Learn how Detention Ministry brings Christ's love and mercy to incarcerated youth (ages 8-18 years) at Central Juvenile Hall. Our special guest, Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD, will speak on "Prison Ministry of Faith and Healing."

For more information: Sonia Macias: (323) 724-6443 or sonia_macias@hotmail.com OR Miriam Lopez: mimilc@hotmail.com

"For I was in prison and you visited me. Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, You did for me" -Matthew 25:36,40.

March is Juvenile Justice Month of Faith and Healing.

JJMFH unites prayer, service, and action to raise awareness about the needs of incarcerated children, survivors of violence, and their families. Go to www.restorejustice.com for more information.

*St. Therese School
Auction Soiree*

DATE/TIME: Saturday, **March 21**, from 6:00 TO 11:00 P.M.
LOCATION: The Thursday Club, 4440 Woodleigh Lane, La Canada
TICKETS: \$70 per person.
CONTACT: To purchase, contact Amy Boyle at (818) 606-4228 or tsauctionsoiree@gmail.com

NFP CLASSES

Do you know that Natural Family Planning can be used to achieve or postpone a pregnancy? It can also be used to diagnose and treat various women's health issues like repetitive



miscarriage, infertility, PMS, post-partum depression, painful cycles, and so much more! Our next Introductory Sessions will be

Saturdays, March 21, and April 18, at 10:00 a.m. each day in the Parish Offices. For more information, contact Katrina Crow at 292-1906 or Katrina.fcp@gmail.com or Martha Lacayo at 372-0808.

NATIONAL SPEAKER JESSE ROMERO TO SPEAK

Everyone is invited to hear this talk about ***RELATIVISM** on **Monday, April 20**, (changed from March 23) from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall.

Parents of Confirmation students are **REQUIRED** to attend, and admission for them is free. For all other persons, there is a suggested donation of **\$10** each.



***WHAT IS RELATIVISM?** *It is the false idea that there is no universal, absolute truth, but that truth differs from person to person and from culture to culture. In other words, those who believe in Relativism think that truth is relative to what each person or culture thinks.)*

BAPTISM MINISTRY



Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, Ext. 225 - In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to attend a class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library (next date is April 7). The fee is **\$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only**. Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday (next open Baptisms are on April 25 at Noon). **Note: There are no Baptisms in March because of Lent.**

SELECTING THE GODPARENTS:

Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: **1) is at least 16; 2) has been Confirmed; and 3) is a practicing Catholic.** A form attesting to this will need to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

ONGOING MINISTRIES & CLASSES

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group, formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro, is for anyone who is **grieving for 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 on **March 25.** For additional information, please contact Deacon Joe and Lorraine Mizerski at 282-2744 (333).

WOMEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Come join us for a prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats! Children are welcome (play area available). We hold these meetings at **10:00 a.m., on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month** (In the Avila Room in the Parish Offices, 510 North El Molino Street). **Our next meeting will be on March 26.** For more information, contact Dara Barbosa at (301) 542-9701.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES:

Join us for these Irish Dance classes—for adults AND kids ages 4 and up. The classes are taught by Kelly Mohun and are held in the Parish Hall every **Wednesday from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m.** To sign up or for more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548.



Mass Intentions

For the Week of 3/14/15 to 3/21/15

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Jamey BATTERY INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Sinh Tran & Dep Tran RIP
 7:30 a.m.: John, Helen & Patrick Hummel RIP
 9:00 a.m.: Laura Noffsinger RIP
 11:00 a.m.: Dr. Richard Vanis RIP
 1:00 p.m. (Latin): Barbara Gort INT
 5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Victoria Trangelo-Molina INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Guadalupe Cuellar INT
 8:00 a.m.: Jose Vales RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Suzanne DiMaio INT
 *7:30 a.m.: John, Helen & Patrick Hummel RIP
 8:00 a.m.: William DiMaio INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Huo Chen Yu Mei & Huo Kuo Shung RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Brandon Dominguez RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Alfonso Sanchez RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Bernard Sen Bin Yugo RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Mary Rose Go INT
 8:00 a.m.: Joanne Shifflett INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Teddy Yang INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Barbara Drovak INT
 8:00 a.m.: Ricardo L. Alfonso RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Zoe Singh INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
 8:00 a.m.: Ellie Gkatizmas INT

*Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road—open to the public every day **except** on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.

Floral Dedication

To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. You may schedule your dedication for anytime after Divine Mercy Sunday. Bouquets are \$40 and up.



Personal Ads

SEEKING TO HIRE A NIGHT-TIME CARETAKER: Call 282-8175 if you may be able to work.

HIRING CNAs and telemarketers at Ryan Homecare Services. Please send resume and work experience to 220 E. Alhambra Rd., #9, Alhambra 91801. For info, call Hazel at 316-8183 or Robert at 213-820-0738.

FOR LEASE OR SALE: 2-BR Town home by Ramona Convent School. Please contact cfrank1956@yahoo.com.

Outside the Parish

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Spain (with attendance at Teresian Int'l Mtg in Avila) with **FR. LEONEL & FR. ROBERT BARCELOS** from Aug. 3-18, 2015 (16 days, 14 nights). Price reduced to \$4,170 each (dbl occ), includes airfare, lodging, 14 b'fasts/dinners, and 13 lunches. **SPACE IS LIMITED!** Contact Angela Yang, Avenue of Travel, at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

EL CARMELO RETREAT HOUSE, operated by the **Discalced Carmelite Friars**, will receive a portion of the commission on any travel you book through their site: www.elcarmelotravel.com. Same low rates as other travel websites—AND help maintain the center.

Intentions of our Holy Father for March 2015:

1) That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person; and 2) That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Alice Cheung / Marta Timar

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Ron Sandoval / Thu Nguyen
 9:00 a.m. Elena Muhr / Lily Edusma
 11:00 a.m. Andy Zepeda / Ignacio Verduzco
 5:00 p.m. Vickie Blair / Gil Vargas

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