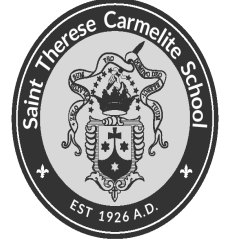




Saint Therese Church



February 14, 2016

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

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

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (332) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD and Deacon Bro. Charles Nawodylo, OCD **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

Vocations: Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocesan: (213) 637-7515

Sacraments:

Confessions: Wednesday: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday
Weddings: Fill out an application (on the website) at least six months in advance.
Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

Other Ministries/Programs:

- ***Annulments:**
Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)
- ***Avila Young Adult Group:**
Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284
- ***Bible Study:** Debbie Robles 679-6370
- ***Carmelite Spiritual Reading Group**
Mondays, Jim Gillette (213) 448-1039
- ***Detention Ministry:** Sonia Macias (323) 724-6443
- ***Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4p.m.**
- ***Knights of Columbus:** Grand Knight Tom Quintana: (626) 863-7061
- ***Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
- ***Natural Family Planning:**
Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906
- ***OCDS:** Stan Interrante 714-996-4164
- ***Respect Life Ministry:**
Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942
- ***Rosary Makers:** Mondays, 6-8 p.m.
Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776
- ***St. Joseph Prayer Group:** Wed, 6:15 p.m., Albert Grana 576-0872
- ***Tea at Therese Women's Group:**
Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



"One ray from God's Heart can, in an instant, make His flowers bloom for eternity..." —St. Therese of Lisieux

Masses & 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.

Holy Days:

6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Devotions:

Rosary: After Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass;
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00p.m.; Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.; First Friday Mass and All-Night Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

St. Therese Carmelite School:

289-3364 - Principal: Alma Cornejo (661)
stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com
Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org

School Chaplain: Fr. Leonel Varela

Parish Secretary:

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

Finance: Noralyn Cailan (228)

Christian Services:

Bridie McDermott (224)

Choir Directors:

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11:00am: Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284
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Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)
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Youth & Adult Confirmation

Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)
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Parish Vision Statement:

To be a spiritual Catholic Family focused on prayer as well as service to the Gospel through a Sacramental life. We envision our Parish as a community of stewards dedicated to building up the Body of Christ through active ministry while living the example of simplicity, humility, confidence and love of our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.

CATECHESIS Q & A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

How do Catholics Practice Lent? by Jimmy Akin

Part I of II (To be continued in next week's bulletin)



Q: What is Lent? Lent is the forty-day period before Easter, excluding Sundays, that begins on Ash Wednesday (the day on which the faithful have their foreheads signed with ashes in the form of a Cross) and ends just before the Mass of the Lord's Supper begins on the evening of Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fast and abstinence. As soon as the Mass of the Lord's Supper starts, a short liturgical season begins: The three days of the Holy Triduum. This does not mean that our Lenten sacrifices should end as they should be observed through Good Friday and Holy Saturday—the solemn and sacred days of Christ's death and resurrection.

Q: What are appropriate activities for ordinary days during Lent? Giving up something we enjoy for Lent, doing something "extra," such as corporal or spiritual works of

mercy for others, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, abstinence, going to confession, and other acts expressing repentance in general.

Q: Is the custom of giving up something for Lent mandatory? No. However, it is a salutary custom, and parents or caretakers may choose to require it of their children to encourage their spiritual training, which is their prime responsibility in the raising of their children.

Q: What is a day of fast and abstinence? Under current canon law in the Western Rite of the Church, a **day of fast** is one on which Catholics who are eighteen to sixty years old are required to keep a limited fast. In this country, one may eat a single, normal meal and have two snacks, so long as these snacks do not add up to a second meal. Children are not required to fast, but their parents must ensure they are properly educated in the spiritual practice of fasting. Those with medical conditions requiring a greater or more regular food intake can easily be dispensed from the requirement of fasting by their pastor. A **day of abstinence** is a day on which Catholics fourteen years or older are required to abstain from eating meat (under the current discipline in America, fish, eggs, milk products, and condiments or foods made using animal fat are permitted in the Western Rite of the Church, though not in the Eastern Rites). Again, persons with special dietary needs can easily be dispensed by their pastor.

Q: Is there a biblical basis for abstaining from meat as a sign of repentance? Yes. The book of Daniel states, "In the third year of Cyrus, king of Persia . . . I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over" (Daniel 10:1-3).

Q: In addition to Ash Wednesday, are any other days during Lent days of fast or abstinence? Yes. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Also, Good Friday, the day on which Christ was crucified, is another day of both fast and abstinence. All days in Lent are appropriate for fasting or abstaining, but canon law does not require fasting on those days. Such fasting or abstinence is voluntary, like a freewill offering.

Q: Why are Fridays during Lent days of abstinence? This is because Jesus died for our sins on Friday, making it an especially appropriate day of mourning our sins (just as Sunday, the day on which He rose for our salvation is an especially appropriate day to rejoice) by denying ourselves something we enjoy. During the rest of the year Catholics in this country are permitted to use a different act of penance on Friday in place of abstinence, though all Fridays are days of penance on which we are required to do something expressing sorrow for our sins, just as Sundays are holy days on which we are required to worship and celebrate God's great gift of salvation.



“Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible”

If you'd like to know more about what the Church teaches about the Holy Eucharist and the roots of the Mass in the Bible, you are invited to attend! This series will deepen your knowledge of the Last Supper, Communion, and the Great Feast. Jesus said *“This is my Body”* and *“This is my Blood.”* Some say they're merely symbols of remembrance. Others, that they're really the Body and Blood of Christ, but can't explain how that's possible. The Eucharist is the center-point of the Mass—but why? The answers are here.

Renowned teacher Dr. Brant Pitre guides us

through Scripture, history, and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and miracle of the Eucharist. With deep insight, Dr. Pitre gives a fresh perspective for understanding the mystery that is the Eucharist. Classes began February 9 and will continue to meet on **Tuesday evenings in the Parish Library from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., on the following dates: February 23, March 8 and 22, April 5 and 19, and May 10 and 24.** For more information, contact the class facilitators, Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (235) OR Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (225).



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

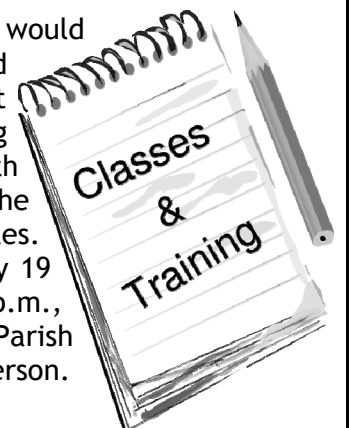
***Vox Vitae...
Be A Voice For Life!***



Vox Vitae is a new Catholic non-profit organization with the mission of Educating, Empowering, and Spiritually Nurturing People to Actively Be A Voice for Life! Our Pastor, Fr. Philip Sullivan, is the Vox Vitae Spiritual Advisor. Check us out at www.VoxVitae.org.

***Human Trafficking
Awareness Training***

The Right to Life League would like to invite interested parishioners to take part in our Human Trafficking Awareness Training with representatives of The Dream Center in Los Angeles. It will take place February 19 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices. Cost is \$20 per person.

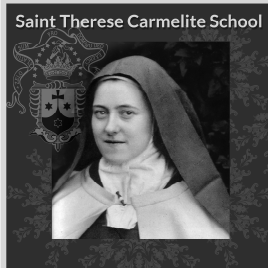


Register at www.rttlsc.org or call 398-6100. This workshop is designed for clergy and laypeople, those who counsel, serve, or care for women in crisis pregnancy—and for anyone living in Southern California, one of the top destinations for trafficked individuals.

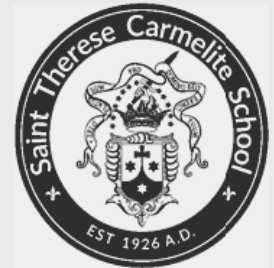
SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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

“Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.” –St. Theres



- No School on President’s Day, Monday, February 15
- School Mass on Friday, February 19, at 8:00 a.m.
- Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 19, at 1:30 p.m.
- School Mass on Friday, February 26, at 8:00 a.m.
- Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 26, at 1:30 p.m.
- STCS Sponsored Soup Night on Fri., February 26, at 5:30 p.m.
- First Friday Mass on Friday, March 4, at 8:00 a.m.
- School Mass on Friday, March 11, at 8:00 a.m.
- Stations of the Cross on March 11 at 1:30 p.m.
- Chaplet of Our Lady of Sorrows on March 16 at 1:30 p.m.



Saint Theres Carmelite Parish School invites you to our Annual Silent Auction, *“Black and White Masquerade,”* on April 8 at Almansor Court. It is our hope that you can support this extraordinary event to benefit our school by your prayers, by donating an item or a service to our auction, by sponsoring the event through a monetary donation, and/or by coming with your family and friends. Please feel free to contact us at 289-3364 or sainttheresecarmeliteschool@gmail.com.

FR. JEROME APPEAL FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS



This weekend a special collection will be taken at all the Masses to help our **Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in the Carmel of St. Teresa**. This will help provide for their daily needs and the upkeep of the monastery. The Carmelite Monastery was instrumental in St. Theres Parish being established in Alhambra, and there has always been a special closeness and loving support between the parish and the monastery.

God bless and reward your generosity!

BAPTISM MINISTRY

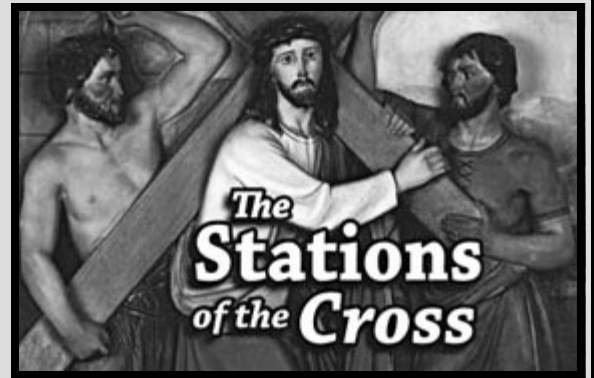


In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to attend a class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library. The next classes for which you can enroll are April 5 and May 10 (no classes or baptisms in March). The fee is **\$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only**. Upcoming open baptism dates are Saturdays, April 16 and May 28—both at 11:00 a.m. For more info, call Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (X225)

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS: Canon Law requires 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 for each prospective godparent.

LENTEN SOUP NIGHTS and STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Soup Nights (simple meatless meals) are held in the Parish Hall on all the Fridays of Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (through March 18). There will be a free-will offering basket available for donations for our Christian Services program. Upcoming sponsors are: February 19—Bible Study and the Rosary Makers; February 26—St. Therese Carmelite School; March 4—Confirmation; March 11—Knights of Columbus and RCIA; March 18—The Scouts.



Stations of the Cross are held in the church every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m., following Soup Night. There will also be a Children's Stations of the Cross at 5:00 p.m. (before Soup Night).

For details about the rules for fasting and abstinence, please see the Events section of our website.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



STRE NEWS: The next classes will be on Sunday, February 21.

Religious Education is an extremely important part of the faith life of every Catholic family! If your children are not attending Catholic School, they NEED to be enrolled in a Religious Education program. Classes for elementary grades are held twice monthly on Sundays—from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. For any questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).

TODAY!! FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE LATIN MASS

All those attending the 1:00 p.m. Tridentine Mass TODAY, Sunday, February 14 (and ALL the second Sundays of each month), are welcomed to come to the Guadalupe Courtyard (behind the church) immediately after the Mass.



Help us build fellowship amongst the Latin Mass community here at St. Therese!

GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES:

Are you pregnant and in need of help? GPS counselors are available to help with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are private and confidential. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email gps.pregnancy@gmail.com.



YOUTH CONFIRMATION



Next classes will be February 21 for C1 students only. All C2 students will be on Retreat in Big Bear.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Bishop O'Connell will be here at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Therese on Sunday, May 22, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. For questions, contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2) or rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com.

RCIA Adult Faith Formation

If you have been attending our RCIA classes, this is just a reminder of upcoming meetings. The next classes are on Thursdays, February 18 and 25. The next rite will be the Rite of Sending for Catechumens on Sunday, February 21, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

*Be one with
Jesus in
Eucharistic Adoration*



"If souls but understood the Treasure they possess in the Divine Eucharist, it would be necessary to encircle the tabernacles with the strongest ramparts for, in the delirium of a devouring and holy hunger, they would press forward themselves to feed on the Bread of Angels. The Churches would overflow with adorers consumed with love for the Divine prisoner no less by night than by day."

- Blessed Dina Belanger

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

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

February 6 / 7, 2016

Unrestricted.....\$14,674.00
Restricted \$ 5,931.00
T O T A L\$20,605.00

January 9 / 10\$14,311.00
January 16/ 17\$24,884.00
January 23/ 24.....\$15,677.00
January 30 24.....\$15,417.00

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



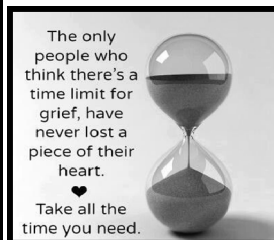
**ANNUAL
WOMEN'S
RETREAT**

Join the women from St. Therese on the weekend of March 11, 12, and 13. The retreat will be conducted by our Carmelite Friars in Redlands. This year's Retreat Team is Fr. Adam, Fr. Peter, and Bro. Jason. The rates for the weekend are \$170 (shared room) or \$198 (single room), which includes a comfortable room with private bath, family-style meals, and an atmosphere of peace and beauty. We will assign your room as soon as we receive your \$50 non-refundable deposit (check or money order made out to El Carmelo). The Retreat also includes the Sacraments, conferences, private consultations, etc. **BUS TRANSPORTATION IS INCLUDED!** For reservations and/or info, call Louisa Day at 323-360-5186, Cecilia Tweedy at 712-3478, or Ernie O'Conner at 445-4333. Brochures are in the church vestibule.

YOUNG ADULTS (Ages 21–39, singles and couples): Join us for our events, including 1) Formation Talks most first Saturdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., (next will be February 6) in the Guadalupe Courtyard; and 2) Social Events, such as movie/pub nights, sports events, concerts, dances, etc. For info, contact Paula Grimm at pgrimm.dir@gmail.com.



CARMELITE SPIRITUAL READING GROUP: All are invited to join us every Monday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Library in the Parish Center. **Lectio Divina** is practiced on the first and third Mondays and **Spiritual reading** is done on the second and fourth. All are welcome! For more info, contact Jim Gillett at 213-448-1039 or jimgillett@me.com.



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 February 24. For more info, call the office at 282-2744.

WOMEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Join us for prayer and discussion, along with tea and treats! (Play area for children!). Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. The next meeting will be February 25. For more info, contact Dara at (301) 542-9701.



IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES: Irish dance classes are held on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (for 45 minutes to one hour). Classes are for kids 4+ and for adults and are taught by Mrs. Kelly Mohun. For more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

For the Week of 2/13/16 TO 2/20/16

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Mrs. Antosy RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Cloistered Carmelite Nuns Novena 8

7:30 a.m.: Balfour Alexander Wong RIP

9:00 a.m.: Elena & Socorro Bejar RIP

11:00 a.m.: Noel Aclaro INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Estanislao Solte RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mantie Autry RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Cloistered Carmelite Nuns Novena 9

8:00 a.m.: John B. Willis RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Celida Fujiwara INT

*7:30 a.m.: Stephen Medina INT

8:00 a.m.: Miriam Lopez INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Celida Gotsis INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Jean Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Carlos Marez INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Wendy, Warren, Tim, & Mary INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mr. and Mrs. Ponet RIP

8:00 a.m.: Duane Stevens RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Nacho Marez INT

*7:30 a.m.: Harry O'Grady RIP

8:00 a.m.: Deacon Joe Mizerski B-day INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Tai-Seng, Yu-Mei, & Kuo-Sung Huo RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Loreto Lowenberg RIP

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

Floral Dedications

During Lent we will not have flowers on the altar. However, you may make arrangements for a Floral Dedication for a Sunday after Lent. This can be in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one. To do so, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. Bouquets are \$40 and up.



Deaths



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Carmelina Petas

(Father/ Father-in-law of Susan & Jim Doody /
And Sister of John and Frank Venti)

Personal Ads

SEEKING TO HIRE A CAREGIVER for an elderly senior. You must have a car and know how to speak Chinese. Call 840-0955 for details.

Outside the Parish

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. PAUL KOENIG, OCD: In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, travel to Poland & Italy in the steps of St. John Paul II, the great "Mercy Pope," from April 13 - 26. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or Jack Day at (323) 722-9339. Details available at <http://www.syversentouring.com/carmel>.

Avenue of Travel with Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD presents "Marian Shrines of Europe" with Fr. Jan Lundberg on Sep. 16 -30 (15 days 13 nights). \$4141 per person, double occupancy, includes Airfare from LAX. (single supplement, add \$571 extra). Check with us for departures from other cities. Visits to Madrid, Avila, Fatima, Santiago DeCompostela, Burgos, Lourdes, Barcelona, Montserrat, Saragossa. Prices include daily buffet breakfast, 13 dinners, daily Mass, Travel Protection Plan included. If interested, book ASAP with deposit \$559 per person before rates go up. Final pymt due 6/1/2016. Send check to Avenue of Travel, P.O, Box 60068, San Angelo, TX 76906. Contact Angela Yang at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

Intentions of our Holy Father for February 2016:

1) That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations; and 2) That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

L e c t o r s

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Marta Timar

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Ron Sandoval / Lucy Lopez

9:00 a.m. Lily Edusma / Franklin Teng

11:00 a.m. Pat Cervantes / Andy Zepeda

5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas / Miriam Lopez

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