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Saint Therese Church

December 7, 2014 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., 7:00 - 8:30 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:

Bereavement Support, 2nd/4th Wed.,
2:30-4 pm: Deacon Couple (333)

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: Ed
William 975-1838 tieknt@gmail.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)
Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



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 / pgrimmdir@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@stthereseschoolalhabra.org
Web Site: stthereseschoolalhabra.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** Eucharistic Adoration - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson – 289-0388

Second Sunday of Advent - December 7, 2014

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. Mark 13:33

NOW AT ST. THERESE CHURCH: "The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Gift Shoppe"



The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary would like to thank our beloved pastor, Fr. Philip, who has decided to support our Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in the Carmel of St. Teresa in yet another way.

From now on, the parish gift shop will be called "*The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Gift Shoppe*," and all the proceeds will be donated to them. The Cloistered Nuns will provide the Gift Shoppe with the following made-in-the-Monastery items: crocheted goods, small quilts, rosaries, greeting cards, and nut breads.

A huge "THANK YOU, FR. PHILIP!" from the Carmel of St. Teresa! And to MARIETTA OKAMOTO, whom we deeply appreciate for the MANY YEARS she has volunteered in the Gift Shoppe to date—and for her continued service in doing so after *EVERY* Mass *EVERY* weekend. May God abundantly bless each of you!

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Therese School is proud to be a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.

- St. Nicholas Celebration in the Hall TODAY, December 7 after the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service on December 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass on December 12 at 5:30 p.m.
- Fiesta de Guadalupe on December 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Family Mass on December 14 at 9:00 a.m.
- Christmas Program on December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- Ongoing New Student Registration for TK - 8th Grade
- Ongoing Student Guest Program - Your child is invited to experience a day with our students
- Ongoing Collection of Non-Perishable Food for our Christian Services Pantry
- Ongoing Collection of Box Tops for Education

We encourage you to visit the school office or our website www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org for important information and updates. Please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Carmela Lovano, by phone at 289-3364 or by email at clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org to schedule a tour. We look forward to hearing from you!



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

All are welcomed to join us in honoring Our Blessed Mother under her title, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Following is the schedule for the feast on Friday, December 12:

5:30 am: Las Mañanitas

6:00 am: Mass (English)

5:30 pm: SPANISH Mass with St. Therese School Students

6:30 pm: Fiesta de Guadalupe in the Parish Hall—
Sponsored by St. Therese School
(with Dinner, Mariachis, and Folklorico Show)



AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND, December 6 & 7: ADVENT CDs and Books to inspire your Spiritual Journey: CDs: *The Mystery of Christmas* by Fr. Larry Richard; *A Journey Through Advent* by Fr. Robert Barron; *Prepare the Way of the King* by Dr. Scott Hahn; *The True Meaning of Christmas* by Venerable Fulton J. Sheen; *Set all Afire: Why the Church Still Matters* by various speakers; *Life is Worth Living* by Venerable Fulton Sheen; *God Made Man* by Fr. Shannon; and *YDisciple: True Strength & Beauty*

Books: *Joan of Arc* by Mark Twain; *St. John Paul The Great: His Five Loves* by Jason Everett; *33 Days to Morning Glory: The teachings of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximillian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and St. John Paul II*

Thank you for your continued donations and support. For more information, please contact Victoria Sandoval at (323) 803-9956 or geribah03@gmail.com.

How We Dress for Mass



Out of respect for Our Lord and your neighbor, it is requested that everyone--men and women, boys and girls--dress modestly and appropriately for Mass.

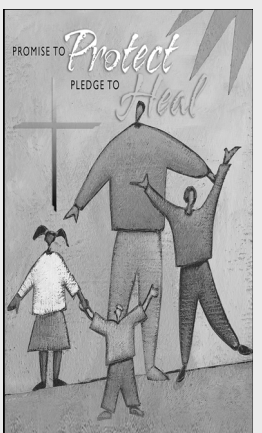
Please avoid short shorts, tank tops, halters, bare midriiffs, tight-fitting clothes, torn or dirty clothing, flip-flops, etc. If Christ were to decide

to spend the day with you, would you dress any differently than normal? Maybe you would put on what the world calls its "Sunday best"?

The Bible is filled with examples of how God's people dressed up to reverence God's sanctuary—to reverence His very presence. Their attire was important to them because, spiritually, the outward and the inward should agree and reflect our relationship with God. So we ask that you please consider both God and neighbor when dressing for Mass.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN— "DID YOU KNOW?"

Learn to stop inappropriate activity before it happens—Teach your child to respect the word "stop!" Teach your preschooler that "stop" means "stop," and that your child has the right to stop people from touching his or her body. Obviously, exceptions will have to be made for doctors and parents, but even parents must listen when a child doesn't want to be tickled or hugged anymore.



Reinforcing this excellent lesson gives your child the power to recognize -- and to stop -- "bad touching" by others if it should happen.

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX: THE SHOW

Written, Directed, and Composed by Michel Pascal

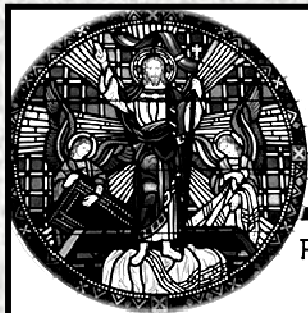
Starring Award-Winning Actress Fanny Féliz

St. Thérèse of Lisieux will come to life on our Hall stage on **Saturday, December 20**, at **1:00 p.m.**, and **again at 6:30 in the evening** (following the 5:00 p.m. Mass). Although there is no admission fee, a free-will offering will be taken (suggested \$20 each). Her story of faith will unfold in an hour-long production set within her Carmelite cloister in France. "St. Thérèse" will greet you as if you were visiting her Carmel. Her words are resonant as ever in today's modern world, perhaps even more so than when she first uttered them.

The production has been performed some 700 times in five years for audiences in the U.S., Europe, Asia, Canada, Israel, and the United Arab Emirates, among other places. The show has a lot to recommend it, beginning with a beautiful set of vintage photos of the saint and of the Carmel in Lisieux projected at the show's outset. It is well worth an hour of your time!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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FORMED IN JESUS CHRIST

STRE: PARENTS! Classes for elementary grades are held twice monthly on **Sundays**—from 9:00 to Noon (including the 11:00 a.m. Mass (see the article to the right for info on education for high school students). The classes are based on solid catechesis: the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the liturgical year, and Church Solemnities. The next STRE classes are today, **December 7**, and **Sunday, December 21**.



RCIA—New Inquiries to the Faith

This class is for all those who are unbaptized or who were baptized in another Christian faith and desire to begin the journey towards becoming a Catholic. Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on selected Thursday evenings. Next dates are **December 11 and 18**.

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

This is a two-year program for high-school aged youth. Classes are held in the Parish Center from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays, including mandatory attendance at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, along with the sponsor of each student. Upcoming classes are today, **December 7**, and **December 21**. C2 Students: Please bring your bibles to every class!

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

All baptized Catholics who have made their First Communion but who have NOT received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to join the RCIA classes. Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on **Thursday evenings**. Next dates are **December 11 and 18**. Contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2) for more info.

Your Journey

Begins . . .

at

St. Therese

Church





ADORATION CHAPEL

"The humility of Jesus can be seen in the crib, in the exile to Egypt, in the hidden life, in the inability to make people understand Him, in the desertion of His apostles, in the hatred of His persecutors, in all the terrible suffering and death of His Passion, and now in His permanent state of humility in the tabernacle, where He has reduced Himself to such a small particle of bread that the priest can hold Him with two fingers. The more we empty ourselves, the more room we give God to fill us."
 - Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

To sign up for an hour every week, please call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

HELP DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

"Deck the church with boughs of holly..."



The St. Therese Altar Society and the Alhambra Knights of Columbus invite you to help them decorate the church for Christmas! Join them in the

church on Monday, December 15, beginning at 6:00 p.m., and continuing until it is finished.



CATHOLIC TRADITION TALK:

The next Catholic Tradition Talk will be **Friday, December 12**, at 7:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center (2nd floor). Our topic will be **THE NATIVITY**. All are welcome!

GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES (GPS)



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@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below are the collections for the previous two weekends and the month prior to those:

November 22 / 23, 2014

Unrestricted.....	\$12,295.00
Restricted	\$ 715.00
T O T A L	\$13,010.00

November 29 / 30, 2014

Unrestricted.....	\$15,470.00
Restricted	\$ 545.00
T O T A L	\$16,015.00

October 25/ 26.....	\$12,588.00
November 1 / 2.....	\$14,922.00
November 8 / 9.....	\$16,121.00
November 15 / 16.....	\$11,690.00

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2014

Amount of 2014 Goal.....\$65,693.00

Donations received to date.....\$60,331.00

Donations still needed.....\$5,362.00



SEE'S CANDY FOR SALE! RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUNDRAISER

If you placed an order for See's Candy, the candy will be available for pick-up next Sunday, December 14.

"Word of Life" Quote of the Week:

"There is an urgent need to recover a correct perspective on life as a whole. The correct perspective is that of eternity, for which life at every phase is a meaningful preparation. Old age too has a proper role to play in this process of gradual maturing along the path to eternity. And this process of maturing cannot but benefit the larger society of which the elderly person is a part." — St. Pope John Paul II



ST. THERESE PARISH NEW YEAR'S RAFFLE WINNER'S CHOICE: A TWO-YEAR LEASE ON A NISSAN VERSA AUTOMOBILE OR A CASH



PRIZE OF \$3,000: Tickets can be purchased at the Religious Goods counter after the Sunday Masses or during open hours in the Parish Offices at 510 North El Molino Street. Tickets are \$15 each, and the drawing will be after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sun., Jan. 4, 2015. Some restrictions may apply.

By entering this raffle, participants agree to be bound by the Official Rules. St. Therese Parish's interpretation and application of the Official Rules shall be final. Please see the website (News/Events) for the Official Rules and Regulations:

www.sttheresechurchalhambra.org

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 dates Jan. 6 and February 3). 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 January 24 and February 14—both dates at Noon).



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 normally meet in the Parish Offices from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month; however, due to the holidays, there will be only ONE meeting in December, which will be on **December 10**. 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 NORMALLY 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). However, due to Christmas, the next meeting will be on December 18. We will return to our normal schedule in January. 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 Mrs. 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. or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.



ST. THERESE DETENTION MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:

Join us in bringing God's love to incarcerated youth at a Christmas Celebration at Central Juvenile Hall It will be on **Saturday, December 20, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Central Juvenile Hall-Eastlake.** Advance pre-registration is required. To sign up and/or visit incarcerated youth, please contact Sonia Macias at (323) 724-6443 or sonia_macias@hotmail.com OR Miriam Lopez at mimilc@hotmail.com.

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

Mass Intentions

For the Week of 12/6/14 to 12/13/2014

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Bridie McDermott INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

7:30 a.m.: Mary Rose Go INT

9:00 a.m.: Ruth Campo & David DeAnda RIP

11:00 a.m.: Camille Macedonio RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): All Dec'd Roman Cath. Priests RIP

5:00 p.m.: Christopher Salazar INT

Monday—Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

6:00 a.m.: Angelle & Karina Laigo INT

*7:30 a.m.: Hilario Casado INT

8:00 a.m.: Concepcion Arroliga RIP

10:00 a.m.: Daisy Torres INT

7:30 p.m. Alvin & Anthony Cailan INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Eulalia Lindo RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Ed Broom INT

8:00 a.m.: Paul Saucillo B-day INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Teresa Samantha RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. William Fenton OCD RIP

8:00 a.m.: Natalé Moretti RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Ed Broom INT

*7:30 a.m.: Guadalupe Domingez RIP

8:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Lucia Baldo INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mary Rose Go INT

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Ed Broom INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m. Isaiah Ribaya INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Ed Broom 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. Bouquets start at \$40.



Outside the Parish

NEW CATHOLIC TALK RADIO STATION! Immaculate Heart Radio KHJ 930AM began in July 2014. Check it out!

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Spain (attendance at Teresian Int'l Mtg in Avila) with FR. LEONEL & FR. ROBERT BARCELOS from Aug. 3-18, 2015 (16 days, 14 nights). \$4,568 each (dbl occ), includes airfare, lodging, 14 b'fasts/dinners, and 13 lunches. Contact Angela Yang, Avenue of Travel, at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

13-DAY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE with Fr. Darrin Merlin, CMF, **June 23-July 5, 2015**, for \$4379 (all inclusive). For more info, call Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at 285-6687 or email remembertoptl@sbcglobal.net

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. Also book hotels, cars, cruises, concerts, etc.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Find out how to make a good marriage better and a better marriage great. Call Winston and Dinah Perez at 818-527-6362.

) or go to www.memconline.org or email: memcweekend@gmail.com

YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE! Feel alone? Frustrated or angry with your spouse? Have you stopped speaking to each other? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille (retro-vee) has helped 1000's of couples experience (ng problems). To register, call Jane and Pete Lauder at 714-871-5953 or email: lauderpj@yahoo.com.

If you have a relative with **Alzheimer's**, join our **Family Support Group** every 1st Friday at 6 p.m. at Vista Cove, 901 W. Santa Anita, SG. Call 289-8889 for more info.

Intentions of our Holy Father for December 2014:

1) That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will; 2) That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Charitt Torres / Rebeca Willis

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Florence Goh / Lucy Lopez

9:00 a.m. Lucas Setiady / Elena Muhr

11:00 a.m. Jeff Storey / Lorraine Mizerski

5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas / Confirmation Students

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