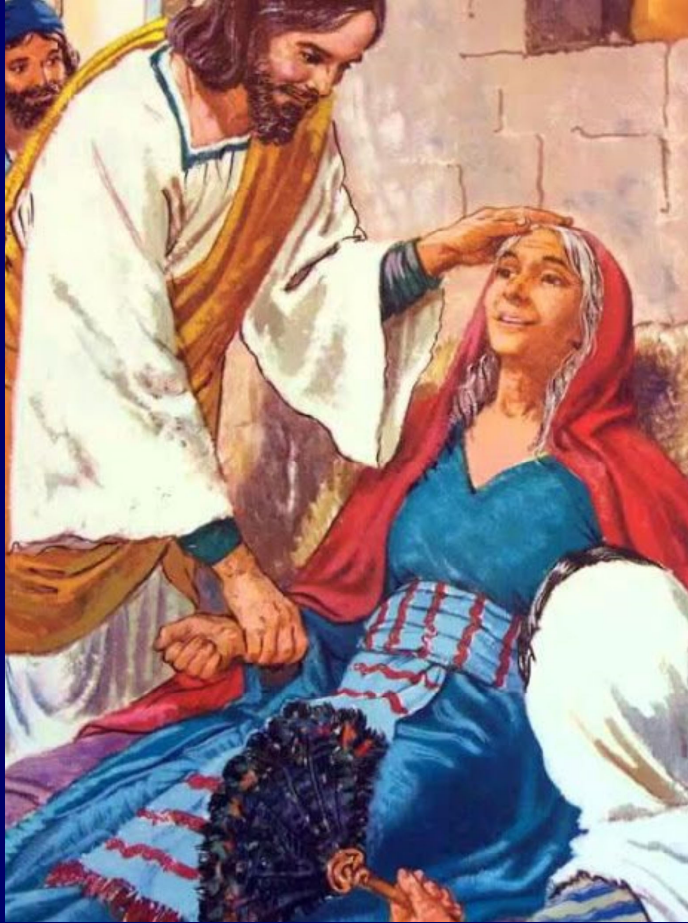


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On leaving the synagogue, Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told Him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them (Mark 1:29-31).

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
(*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.

Note: The daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday 7:15 p.m.,
and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all

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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.

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

My Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,



In the calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass, we are already in the season of pre-Lent or Shrovetide, which began last Sunday with Septuagesima Sunday. Although the vast majority of Catholics have not observed this since the 1960's, it's good to be thinking of and preparing for Lent. This is exactly the purpose of this designated time in the old calendar. Our goal is to make a good Lent and seek to be transformed by dying to our old sinful ways.

When it comes to thinking about Lent, it seems that many Catholics nowadays have a mentality of a looming gloom! "Ok, get ready, 40 days without chocolate and dinners at Red Lobster!" But it's so much more

than these minor sacrifices or inconveniences. Lent, as the word means, should be a new "Springtime" for us. It's a chance to start anew and strive to become, in Matthew Kelly's words, "better versions of ourselves." But most of all, Lent should be a jumpstart to our faith life that spurs us on to the greater things that God wants to impart to us.

As Carmelites, we know from St. John of the Cross that when we deny ourselves, it's all for the sake of greater freedom. Many things in the world enslave us because we allow them to do so. But Christ desires to set us free. In fact, He has set us free from our sins by His death and Resurrection. But we also have to activate that freedom in our daily lives. As much as we may dread sacrifice at first, we can be assured that it will ultimately lead to a greater sense of our well-being in the end. Like exercise or dieting, what may begin as drudgery eventually results in greater health, self-worth, and even at times exhilaration!

Well, now translate that to the spiritual realm and our eternal destiny! This means that there are eternal consequences and benefits to our practices during Lent! St. Paul tells us that we're running a race in this life and we should run so as to win because an imperishable crown awaits us. This is our chance, dear parishioners of St. Therese, to get in the race!

So, please pray about what would be a really good practice, discipline, or sacrifice to take up this Lent so that we can actively participate in God's plan for us to become the saints He has called us to be!

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

FR. JEROME APPEAL FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS

The weekend of February 17 and 18 is the collection weekend for the annual Fr. Jerome Appeal, which will be taken to help our Cloistered Discalced Carmelite Nuns in the Carmel of St. Teresa here in Alhambra. This money will help provide for their daily needs and the upkeep of their monastery. The Carmelite Monastery was instrumental in St. Therese Parish being established, and there has always been a special closeness and loving support between the Parish and the Nuns.



God bless and reward your generosity!



LENT IS COMING! ...ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14!

Ash Wednesday is on February 14 (yes, on Valentine's Day). Masses will be at 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 7:15 p.m. (ashes will be distributed *during* the Masses).

Our Lenten schedule will then begin on Friday, February 16, with **Soup Night from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**, in the Hall, followed by **Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 p.m.** The first Soup Night sponsor will be Saint Therese Carmelite School. Come and enjoy a Lenten (meatless) meal with your fellow parishioners! All of your freewill offerings will benefit the School.



Please mark your calendars for our LENTEN MISSION from Monday, March 11, through Thursday, March 14, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. each evening (including Mass). **Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD**, one of our Carmelite friars from our Mission in Uganda, will be the Mission speaker. He will begin the Mission by speaking at each of the Sunday Masses on March 10th.

February 14, 2024

Love and Sacrifice!

St. Valentine's Day

Ash Wednesday



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

A Weekly Feature in the Bulletin for our Parish Centennial



I called **Deacon Joe and Lorraine Mizerski** to see if I might interview them for the bulletin. "Lorraine," I said, "You answered the phone so fast. I'm surprised you're still using a landline." She replied, "What do you expect? I'm married to an old phone company man!" Sure enough, her husband Joe began working for Pacific Telephone even before the Army drafted him. We'll come to that shortly.

Joe and Lorraine have lived on West Hermosa Drive, a couple of blocks from North Mission Drive, ever since they were married on November 16, 1985. Joseph was born in Chicago, one of the seven children of Norbert and Regina Mizerski; and Lorraine was born in St. Louis—the oldest of two children—to Omer and Lena Phaneuf. Her younger brother, George, is also a parishioner here and ushers at our 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass.

Both Joe and Lorraine were born before the U.S. entered World War II. Lorraine's parents moved to Alhambra when she was only three months old; Joe's father came to Southern California during the war to work for CF Braun in Alhambra, and was followed by his wife and kids, who arrived when Joe was six years old. From then, Joe grew up in Baldwin Park and graduated from Cantwell Catholic High School. His family later moved to the Charter Oak area, east of Covina. Joe began working for the phone company out of high school, but was then drafted by the Army in 1963. Due to his experience as a phone man, he was fortunately sent to Korea to work in communications. When he was twenty-seven, his parents bought a home on West Alhambra Road in San Gabriel. After his service years, Joe resumed his employment with Pacific Bell and lived with his parents who were still raising the younger children.

Lorraine, meanwhile, grew up in the lovely environs of St. Therese Parish on North Valencia Street, next to Sacred Heart Retreat House. In fact, if you visit the Retreat House and you see the statue of the Sacred Heart in the back, that is where Lorraine's home was. Lorraine had all her primary education at St. Therese Parish School (classes were held in the former school building, which was on the lower floor of our former church), with the Sisters of Providence as the teachers. When the present church was dedicated in 1951, Lorraine was in the fourth grade. She remembers being at recess and watching the church being built. After graduating from Ramona High School, she went to Woodbury Business School.

Joe and Lorraine were both active parishioners who also participated in a young adult group called the "In-Betweeners." Joe was one of the most eligible bachelors in the Parish, and I'm sure Lorraine had her eyes on him. Joe's parents were already very active in the Parish, and Joe followed their example. In the days of paper drives, Joe helped his father and Andy Chapman keep the drive well organized and—when anything at the rectory needed fixing, especially if it involved the phones—Joe was the first person the friars called. Joe sang in Bob Prichard's adult choir for many years; also, he and Lorraine and his sister Patty all volunteered to count the Sunday collection during the years when Fr. Nacho Bach, OCD, oversaw that operation.

Joe and Lorraine had already been involved in the Parish for many years when they got married in 1985—with Fr. Patrick Sugrue presiding at the nuptial Mass. The Pastor at the time, Fr. David Costello, concelebrated, as did his Associate, Fr. Nacho, and the Carmelite Provincial, Fr. Michael Buckley. Joe and Lorraine's participation increased after Joe was ordained a deacon in 2000. The deacon formation program required Lorraine to attend all the classes and program events with Joe. (This is still true of those training to be deacons.) Deacon Joe and Lorraine took charge of the marriage preparation program, and Lorraine was also in charge of helping parishioners with marriage annulments.

Joe had open heart surgery in 2010, which slowed him down a little but, until recently, you could frequently see him serving at Mass in his role as deacon. His nearly 24 years serving as a deacon has been a blessing not only to Joe and Lorraine, but also—and most importantly—to all of us here at St. Therese Church.

**The Mizerski family is part of the rich history of St. Therese Parish.
Let us all walk with St. Therese as we journey together in faith during this centennial year.**



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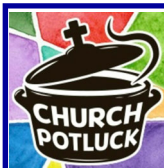
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A BIG "Thank You" to all our supportive parishioners who organized, hosted, and attended this dance to benefit the remodel of the Parish Hall kitchen. A wonderful time was had by all!



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Events Hosted by Avila Young Adults

1) **PARISH POTLUCK:** Bring a dish to share and spend some time with your fellow parishioners at this First Sunday of the Month POTLUCK! It will be in the Guadalupe Courtyard on **TODAY, February 4, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Enjoy food, fellowship, and an opportunity to network. **ALL are welcome!**

2) **PAINT & PINOT WITH FR. PHILIP AND THE PREMIERE OF A PODCAST:** Fr. Philip will help you create your own painting while you enjoy pinot and snacks. At that event, we will also have the PREMIERE of the podcast, "Confessions of a Catholic Single". Meet the Cast that evening! It will all take place on **Saturday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m.**, upstairs in the Parish Center. There is a fee of \$25 per person, which includes all your painting supplies and the pinot. **ALL ages are invited!**



3) **SPEED DATING FOR CATHOLIC SINGLES 32 TO 45 YEARS - Hosted by the Avila Young Adults and Good Together and Love & Responsibility:** This special event—which will take place in the Guadalupe Courtyard on **Friday, February 9, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**—is for Catholic Singles from ages 32 to 45. If you would like to attend, please register by sending an email to AvilaYoungAdults@gmail.com.

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WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join the women of St. Therese Church for our Lenten Retreat weekend at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands,



California, on **March 15-17, 2024**. Registration forms can be found at the church entrances and in the church office. The rates are as follows:

Double room occupancy (2 per room): \$230 each person, includes two nights & six meals

Single room occupancy (private room): \$260 each person, includes two nights and six meals

A *deposit of \$75 (non-refundable) is required to reserve your room. **Make checks payable to: El Carmelo Retreat House** (make sure to write in the memo space on check: "Women's Silent Retreat, March 15-17, 2024"). [*Checks or money orders only.] Mail the deposit OR the full amount, along with a registration form (found on the tables by the entrances) to: **Louisa Day, Retreat Captain, 600 West Gleason Street, Monterey Park, CA 91754**. If a registration form is unavailable or you would like more information, please contact Louisa at louisaeday@yahoo.com | (323)360-5186.

Mass Intentions

Pre-Lenten Sundays

February 3—February 10, 2024

Saturday Evening

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

Sunday

- *7:30 a.m.: Petra Marquez Bugarin, RIP
- 7:30 a.m.: Maria & Zoilo Mauriz, RIP
- 9:00 a.m.: Sun Chan, RIP
- 11:00 a.m.: Jose Cruz Lopez, RIP
- 1:00 p.m. (Latin): Christopher Huling, INT
- 5:00 p.m.: Gilberto Gomez, RIP

Monday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Carter and Fullenkamp Families, INT
- *7:30 a.m.: Grace Lowenberg, OCDS, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Eulalia McEntire, RIP
- 7:15 p.m.: Katherine Elizabeth Ogaz, INT

Tuesday

- 6:00 a.m.: Park Ho Soon Maria, RIP
- *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Teresa, OCD, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Ronald Fullenkamp, INT
- 7:15 p.m.: Jose Cruz Lopez, RIP

Wednesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Teddy Yang, INT
- *7:30 am: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Bria Family, RIP

Thursday

- 6:00 a.m.: Nicholas & Christina Yang, INT
- *7:30 am: Sr. Anna, OCD, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Ruth Laigo, OCDS, Birthday INT

Friday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Ernesto Bueno, RIP
- *7:30 a.m.: Grace Lowenberg, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Sebastian Goh, INT

Saturday Morning:

- *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Jay Shower, RIP

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LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

Our livestreaming service will not be available until later as we are working to put the wiring underground. We'll be back soon with the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass and the homilies for the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass and the Monday 7:15 evening Mass.

Lent is an intense penitential period in the Christian tradition, lasting forty days. It is characterized by intensified fasting, prayer, and almsgiving—the basic obligations of all Christians. Lent prepares Christians for the Easter season, a time of celebration, also forty days in duration. The Easter season is then followed by Pentecost, the beginning of the Christian Church.

Many Christian denominations have also adopted a preparatory period before Lent. Many church leaders recognized it was extremely difficult to simply “flip the switch” and begin the austerity demanded during Lent. The purpose of a Pre-Lenten period was to ease Christians into the more ascetic Lenten practice.

The Roman Catholic Church had a seventeen-day period of pre-Lenten preparation that began on the third Sunday before Ash Wednesday. This Sunday and the two succeeding Sundays were known as Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima Sundays, respectively. The entire seventeen days is also referred to as the Septuagesima or Shrovetide.

The celebration of the Septuagesima was suppressed after Vatican II. The reformed calendar relegated the aforementioned Sundays to Ordinary Time. Septuagesima is still maintained in the extraordinary form of the Mass (“Tridentine”).

SEPTUAGESIMA
Septem = 7
Within 70 days of Easter
+ 1st day before Easter

SEXAGESIMA
Sex = 6
Within 60 days of Easter
+ 5th day before Easter

QUINQUAGESIMA
quinque = 5
Within 50 days of Easter
+ 4th day before Easter

Outside the Parish

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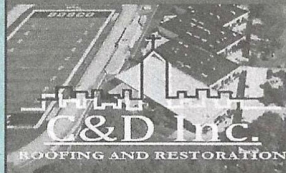
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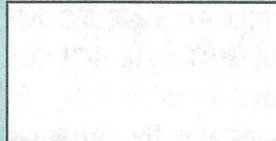
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