

St. Therese Catholic Church

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And he told them a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? ...How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye (Luke 6:39,42).

MASSES | CONFESSIONS

Masses—Saturday: 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 and 8:00 a.m.

(the daily 8:00 a.m., the Sunday 11:00 a.m., and the weekday 7:00 p.m. Masses are **LIVE STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube); **Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass**

Masses on Monday, *Tuesday (*Spanish), Wednesday & Thursday EVENINGS at 7:00 p.m. (Tues. and Thurs. are preceded by a showing of The Chosen, Season 2, from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m.); **First Friday Mass: 7:00 p.m.**

CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE)-Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m., Monday-Saturday

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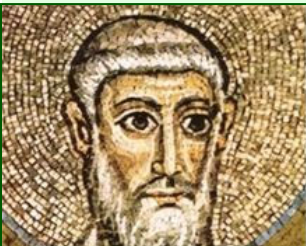
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Oh, no!... it's Ash Wednesday! Ughhh (groan). I'd better figure out how to get some ashes before the day ends.... My head is hurting...too much Mardi Gras and not enough sleep."

Well, that's one way of heading into Lent this week. Here is another way: "**Wow, Lent is here! Let me look up that word. Whoa, it comes from a German word for 'Spring'. Come, Lord Jesus! I need a new springtime for both my soul and body, so please help me through prayer, fasting, and works of mercy to receive all that You want to give me. I'm ready for Your Spring after a tough Fall and Winter!**" St. Peter Chrysologos ("golden word" in Greek) has some inspiring words to share as Ash Wednesday approaches:

"There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are **PRAYER, FASTING, AND MERCY**. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, fasting, and mercy: these three are ONE, and they give life to each other. Fasting is the soul of prayer; mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated! If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So, if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petitions of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself... When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery... To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to the earth. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues; if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit."



"Fasting is the soul
of prayer, mercy is the
lifeblood of fasting."

—Saint Peter Chrysologos

The whole Lenten season is designed to prepare us for a renewal of our Baptismal promises (or to get ready to receive Christian Baptism, if we are not yet baptized), to re-appreciate who and Whose we are already as beloved sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, and to live from, not for, that new

identity. Early Christians celebrated the yearly anniversary of their baptism, but far too many of us Christians are deeply wounded in our identity and don't experience on a daily basis that we are the Father's beloved. If you struggle with your fundamental identity as belonging to God—Who takes care of you and partners with you to help others—I highly recommend taking advantage of this Lenten season to work through the book, *Lenten Healing: Forty Days to Set You Free from Sin*. The book will help you both as a form of prayer and as a way of learning how to fast from continuing to come into agreement with lies about yourself. It has prayer lead-ins for every day of Lent, to help you to invite Jesus into each of the seven capital wounds of confusion, abandonment, shame, fear, rejection, hopelessness, and powerlessness/helplessness (see Page 6).

One quick word about the 40 days of Lent: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and the 40 days of Lent begin on the First Sunday of Lent (not "in" Lent, implying that Sundays in the Lenten season belong to Lent) and end on Holy Thursday afternoon. Following our Lord Jesus, we spend a whole 40 days straight with Him in the desert. We don't take a break from our abstinence, prayer, and works of mercy each Sunday, because Jesus didn't either. Sure, we can eat a little more on Sundays, but whatever we "gave up" for Lent, we should continue to do so, even on the six Sundays of Lent, and even while still preserving the special character of every Sunday.

Blessed Ash Wednesday!!! "Yes, come, Lord Jesus, bring Lent on! I definitely want a Springtime for soul and body and spirit!!!" -Fr. Thomas

Ash Wednesday is THIS Week!

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday, March 2. Masses will be in the morning at 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00 a.m.; and in the evening at 7:00 p.m. It is a day of Fast and Abstinence; all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat (flesh from any mammal).

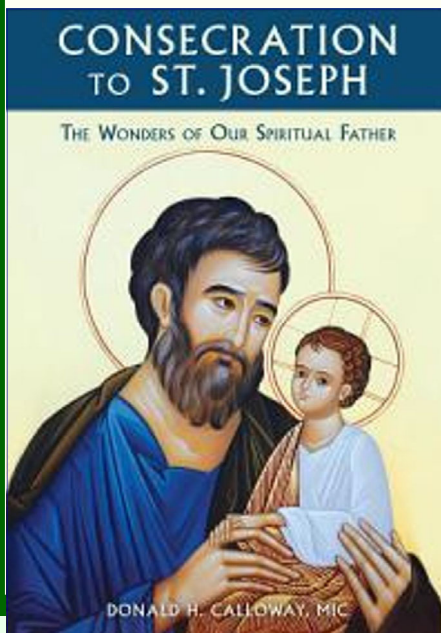
Stations of the Cross will be held in the church every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. On the **FIRST FRIDAYS** of March and April (March 4 and April 1), Mass will follow the Stations.

The norms for **FASTING** are obligatory for all Catholics from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to the full meal. The norms for **ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT** are binding upon all Catholics from age 14 and up. The reasons the Church prescribes fasting and abstinence are: as a sharing in Christ's Passion and death, as an expression of inner conversion, and as a form of reparation for sin.



As we approach the season of Lent, Paul's first letter to the Corinthians gives us a sneak peek of Easter, waiting for us on the other side: *"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"* Paul's conclusion, telling us to remain steadfast and devoted to the Lord's work, could serve as a Lenten motto. The reading from Sirach provides a series of adages regarding discipline of the tongue, and of our speech. Maybe not a bad Lenten practice to observe. Even Jesus in Luke's Gospel gets into the act, encouraging a cleansing of the heart ("A clean heart create for me, God" we will sing in Psalm 51 during Lent), so that from the goodness of our heart we will bring good into the world. Of course, these insights from Sirach, Paul, and Luke serve us quite well year-round. What we truly do "in the Lord" is never done in vain.

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH



If you would like to make a consecration to St. Joseph, join us in our **weekly preparation meetings**—held every Wednesday from now through March 16. You have your choice of attending at Noon or at 6:00 p.m. (in the Guadalupe Courtyard in the Parish Office building). **The day of the Consecration will be on St. Joseph's feast day of March 19.**

You will need to have a copy of the Consecration to St. Joseph book. You can purchase one in the office for \$15 or find it online. For more information, contact Maria Alejandra at ale3767@yahoo.com or (626)993-4236.

THE ANNUAL "FR. JEROME APPEAL" FOR THE CLOISTERED CARMELITE NUNS



Next weekend, March 5 and 6, a **SECOND COLLECTION** will be taken at all the Masses to help support our Cloistered Carmelite Nuns. All donations will help provide for their daily needs and the upkeep of their monastery. The Carmelite Monastery was instrumental in St. Therese Parish being established in Alhambra, and there has always been a special closeness and loving support between the Parish and the Nuns. **PINK ENVELOPES** will also be placed on the tables by the exits.

May God bless and reward you for your generosity!

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



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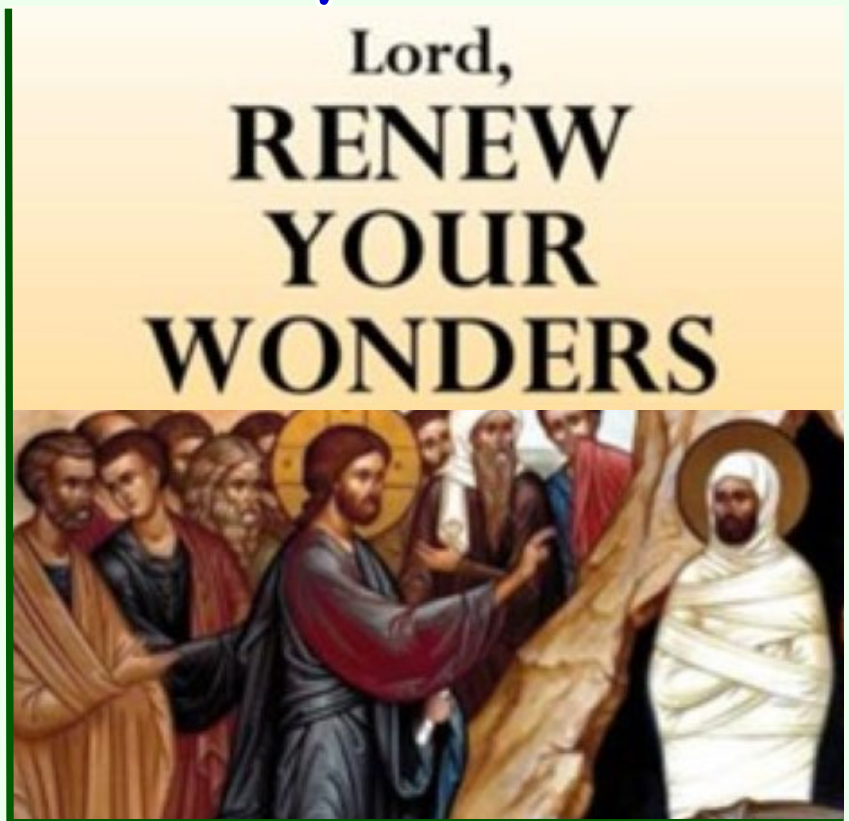
"Lord, Renew Your Wonders...As By A New Pentecost!"

As Paul puts it, "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). But Pentecost was never meant to be a once-and-gone blessing. Throughout the book of Acts, the apostles sought to ensure that each group of newly baptized converts received the same gift they had received: to be immersed, flooded, and inundated with divine life in a way that was outwardly evident. The term "baptism in the Holy Spirit" is used by Christians around the world today—Catholics, Protestants and Orthodox believers—to refer to an experience of the Holy Spirit breaking into their lives in a new and powerful way, as happened to the early Christians on the Day of Pentecost. Although different Christians would define it differently, the baptism

in the Holy Spirit can be described as an outpouring of the Holy Spirit into one's life, bringing a profound revelation of the love of God the Father, the Lordship of Jesus, and the power of the Spirit and His gifts (Acts 1:8; Romans 5:5; Ephesians 1:16-22). It is this immersion in the Holy Spirit that causes the spiritual gifts to spring forth in a person's life and to be activated for the spread of the Gospel.

Meanwhile, God was preparing the way in the Catholic Church, especially through Vatican Council II (1961-1965). Pope John XXIII asked all Catholics to pray daily during the years of the Council: **"Lord, renew Your wonders in this, our day, as by a new Pentecost!"** At the Council, the bishops—for the first time in centuries—officially affirmed that the Holy Spirit's charisms are necessary to the life of the Church. Pope John Paul II later expressed the significance of this breakthrough: "Whenever the Spirit intervenes, He leaves people astonished. He brings about events of amazing newness; He radically changes persons and history. This was the unforgettable experience of the Second Vatican Council, during which...the Church rediscovered the charismatic dimension as one of her constitutive elements."

The Council strongly affirmed the ongoing role of the gifts of the Spirit and called bishops and priests to welcome them gratefully, while also discerning their right use: "It is not only through the Sacraments and the ministries of the Church that the Holy Spirit sanctifies and leads the people of God...but also, 'allotting His gifts to everyone according as He wills' (1 Cor 12:11), He distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank... These charisms, whether they are the more outstanding or simpler and widely diffused, are to be received with thanksgiving and consolation, for they are perfectly suited to and useful for the needs of the Church."



Lord,
**RENEW
YOUR
WONDERS**

Feasting on Humility and Connectedness

PAUSE TO HEAR GOD SPEAK:

"We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." -St. John Paul II

"Do you wish to be great? Then begin by being. Do you desire to construct a vast and lofty fabric? Think first about the foundations of humility. The higher your structure is to be, the deeper must be its foundation." -St. Augustine

"For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than one ought to think, but to think soberly, each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned." -Romans 12:3

Today, I choose to feast on humility and connectedness. Humility is the virtue that replaces pride, and connectedness heals the wound of abandonment. Remember, we come to



humility by knowing who we are in God's eyes, rather than our own eyes or the eyes of others. In the Gospel, we read about Jesus, Peter, James, and John going up a mountain. Three of the most stunning supernatural events recorded in all of Scripture are manifested before the disciples' eyes. First, Jesus appears in His glorified state, with His face shining like the sun. Then, Moses and Elijah show up for a chat with Jesus. Finally, Heaven opens up, and the Father blesses Jesus.

How did Jesus react to all of this? First, He told the apostles to fear not. Second, He told them not to tell anybody what happened. Jesus knew who He was—no need to brag. The Father blessed Him in love—no need to feel alone. Our humble hearts, connected to God, recognize our smallness before Him while experiencing His immense, intimate, and personal love for each of us as unique and unrepeatable.

Try to get to Mass a little early. Settle into your seat and offer your week to God. In your mind, place it on the altar and prepare your heart for the gifts of the liturgy. As you pray for the Lord's mercy during the Penitential Act, allow your heart to release pride and abandonment. Embrace the Good News of humility and connectedness that is available to you, and then celebrate your restoration and healing in the Eucharist. Remember that Lent is the preparation for resurrection, for freedom, for joy.



Take time to ask yourself...

- What do I believe God thinks about me?
- How do I connect with God in my daily life?



Pray slowly... Heavenly Father, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I accept the gifts of humility and connectedness in my life. I accept my identity as the beloved son/daughter of a gracious Father God. I thank you for my life's purpose and the strength to fulfill it. I accept your healing grace. Amen.

The above is taken from the book, *Lenten Healing*, by Ken Kniepmann—available for sale in the parish office.

We are Known By Our Fruit

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa.



The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's Psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit.

Mass Intentions

Quiet Listening Prayer

February 26 to March 5, 2022

Saturday evening:

5:00 p.m.: Emma and Emilio Sirias, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Mark Gonzales, RIP

9:00 a.m.: John Baptist Duc H. Dau, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Makayla Torres, INT

1:00 p.m.: Widanta Family, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Nathan Arne, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sandy Hummel, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Gerald Curland, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Barbara Jenkins Warriner, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Molly Lynch, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Yolanda & George Rossy, INT

8:00 a.m.: Bonifacio Torres, Jr., RIP

7:00 p.m.: Irene Saucedo, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Teresa Buenavente, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Pacita M. Piol, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Thomas Donovan, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Molly Lynch, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Can & Maria Hai Dang, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Isabel Aragon, INT

7:00 p.m.: Eric LeClair, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Martinus Sugiri Hardjasamita, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Jason Armando Arenas, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Molly Lynch, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Bennie Teng, B-Day INT

Saturday Morning

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Monica Grimm, B-Day INT

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel,
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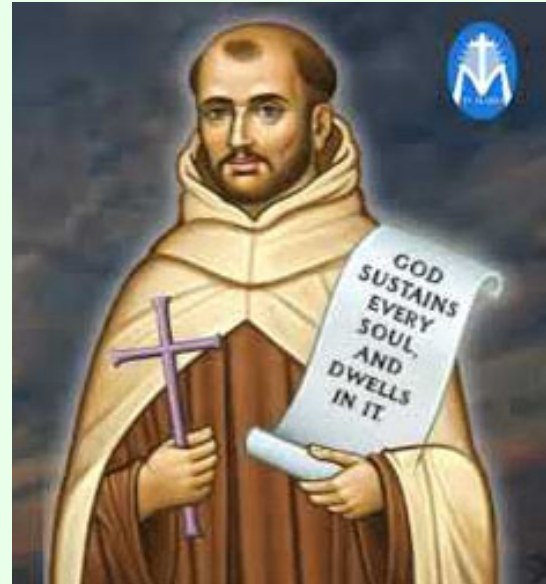
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it is TEMPORARILY CLOSED
to the public, due to an increase**

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From *The Living Flame of Love*

By St. John of the Cross



...That God works in the soul in this holy idleness and solitude is an inestimable good, a good much greater at times than a soul or its director can imagine. And although one is not always so clearly conscious of it, it will in due time shed its light.

The least that a person can manage to feel is a withdrawal and an estrangement as to all things, sometimes more than at other times, accompanied by an inclination toward solitude and a weariness with all creatures and with the world, in the gentle breathing of love and life in the Spirit.

Everything not included in this estrangement becomes distasteful, for once the Spirit has been tasted, all flesh becomes bitter. Yet, the blessings this silent communication and contemplation impress on the soul, without its then experiencing them, are inestimable, as I say. They are most hidden unctions of the Holy Spirit and hence most delicate; they secretly fill the soul with spiritual riches, gifts, and graces.

Since it is God who grants them, He does so in no other manner than as God (Stanza 3, Nos. 39-40).

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