

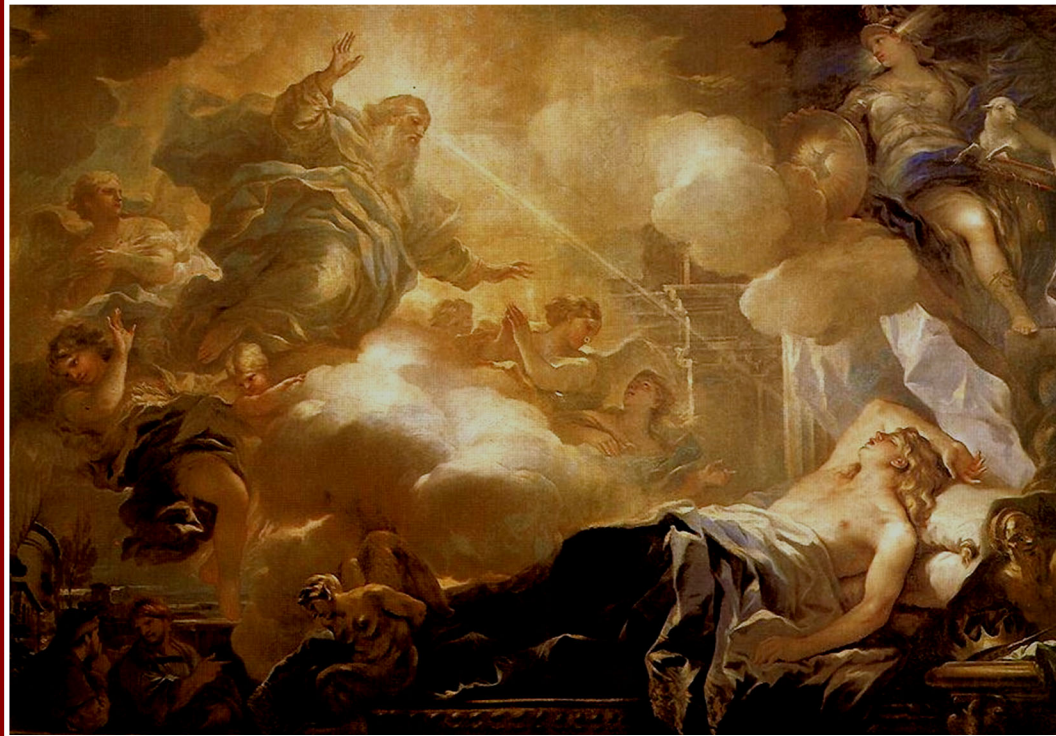
St. Therese Catholic Church

July 30, 2023

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

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The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "...Give your servant an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." ...So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

(1 Kings 3:5,9-12)

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. and 7:15 p.m.
(Tuesday's evening Mass is in Spanish).

Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:00 p.m., and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE**

STREAMED on Facebook AND YouTube)

Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass

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

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm; 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Pastor: Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD X 1+222

Associate Pastors: Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD XTBA
Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD, Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD; and Fr. Godfrey Chandya, OCD

Deacons: Deacon Joseph Mizerski | Deacon Gilbert Vargas,
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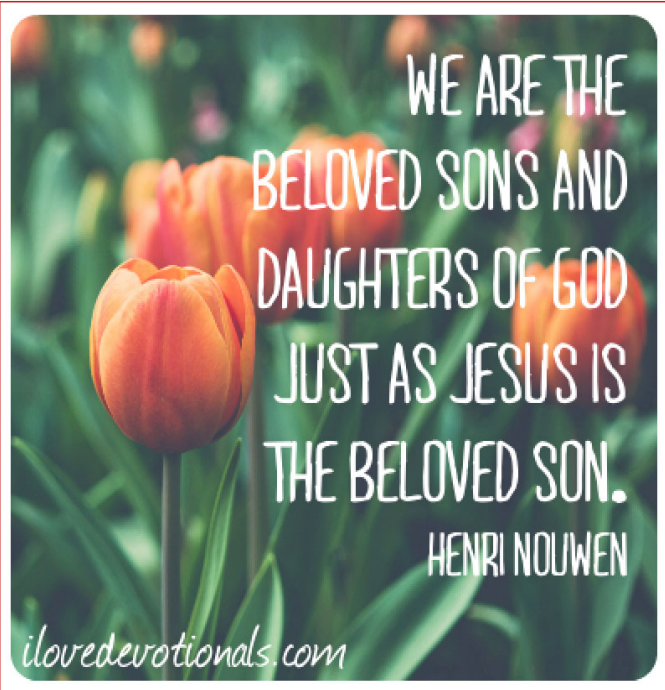
See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page



SACRAMENTS

- **Baptisms:** Register online
- **Weddings:** Register online at least six months in advance
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Call the office

Final Letter from Fr. Thomas, Pastor



Blessed 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, everyone!

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, I have received a new assignment from my Provincial (El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands near San Bernardino, about an hour from here) and so this is my last week as your Pastor before Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD, takes over. Thank you for a wonderful three years here with you (including the broomball game last night)!

Last week I ended with a quote from St. John of the Cross about the primacy of prayer in our lives, of a renewed Identity and Intimacy that comes from sitting at the Lord's feet and listening to Him. Let me conclude with this summary of what I've been trying to live out myself and trying to pass along to you.

The foundation of everyone's life, of ministry, of the doing part of our lives is being baptized and coming to know our Family, Who our Father is (God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit), and our best earthly father (St. Joseph),

who our Mother is (Mary, the Church), who our brothers and sisters are (the holy angels and saints). Knowing who we are in relation to these real—even if invisible—family members, gives us access to all of our family treasures, so that we don't have to worry over and over again about what we are to eat, what we are to wear, etc. And within that abundance of good and true and beautiful things that we possess, we do what our Father calls us to (while always abiding in Him). We are...therefore, we have; therefore, we do. We work from our identity and intimacy with our Family, NOT for our identity and intimacy.

But due to the Fall of Adam and Eve, we have all suffered cracks in that foundation, and we begin to experience life as "I am what I do. I must do the right things, then I will have good things, and then I will finally one day BE SOMEBODY." The enemy, Satan, attacks the cracks in that foundation and whispers lies suggesting that we are NOT already our Father's beloved sons and daughters in Jesus, that we DO NOT already have access to all of the Family wealth, and so we must earn it! The devil tempts us, feeds us lies, and when (usually through some kind of trauma) we begin to agree with those lies, we empower the liar, the devil (and our false pride), and begin to settle into a false, lie-based, pharisaical, orphan mindset.

Think of the story of the Prodigal Father and his two sons, both of whom go through life with an orphan mindset, not a beloved son mindset. But the younger son comes back to his Father's house! You and I can also! Try this week (and for the rest of your life) to find out and begin celebrating your baptism date, and renew your baptismal promises regularly. And this week, when you notice orphan-type thinking creeping in, begin to renounce that lie and announce the truth: "In the Name of Jesus, I renounce the lie that I am not a beloved son/daughter of the Trinity, that I can't hear the Father's voice, that I need to work/suffer to win my Father's love. Instead, I announce the truth in the Name of Jesus that I am a beloved son/daughter, that I can hear Your voice, Daddy, that You are always with me in suffering and joy and everything in between. Thank You, Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit!"

See you at Fr. Peter Mary's potluck welcome next Saturday evening, August 5th. And schedule some extra quiet listening prayer time at our retreat house. 🙏



Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph,

—Fr. Thomas, OCD



"Hello . . . Farewell" Reception in the Hall

On Saturday, August 5, following the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (celebrated by the new pastor!), you are invited to the Parish Hall for a reception to say "HELLO" to Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D, our new Pastor..to bid "FAREWELL" to Fr. Thomas Koller, O.C.D., our current pastor..and to wish Fr. David Guzman, OCD, a **HAPPY SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY!** We will also be formally welcoming Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, O.C.D. (who joined us on July 7) and sending good wishes to Fr. Godfrey Chandya, O.C.D., for his transfer to the Carmelite Novitiate in San Jose, California.

Please bring a favorite dish to share with the friars and your fellow parishioners.

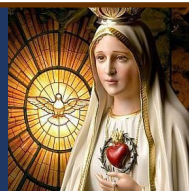


Five First Saturdays Devotion

FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

to honor & make reparation to the

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



Mark your calendar for our next First Saturdays Devotion for August 5 and join us for the Rosary and a 15-minutes meditation after the 8:00 a.m. Mass! For any questions, please contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 282-2744, Ext 235.

Apparitions in Fatima by Our Lady

July 13, 1917 ~ The third apparition - continued: After showing them Hell, Our Lady said to the children: "You have seen Hell, where the souls of sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world the devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If people do as I shall ask, many souls will be converted and there will be peace. This war is going to end, but if people do not cease offending God, not much time will elapse and during the Pontificate of Pius XI, another and more terrible war will begin. When you shall see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign that God gives that the chastisement of the world for its many transgressions is at hand through war, famine, persecution of the Church and of the Holy Father. To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heard, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will spread her errors throughout the entire world, fomenting wars and persecution of the Church. The good will suffer martyrdom; the Holy Father will suffer much; different nations will be annihilated. But in the end my Immaculate Heart shall triumph ..."

(This vision of Hell and the devotion to the Immaculate Heart were not revealed until 1927; the 3rd secret was revealed by Pope John Paul II on June 26, 2000.)

Olivewood Statue Winner

All Proceeds Benefit an Orphanage in Bethlehem, Israel



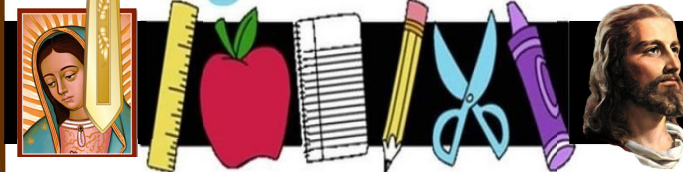
In the last year, you may have seen one of the Lay Missionaries of Charity selling raffle tickets to win the beautiful olivewood

statue of the Blessed Virgin (from Jerusalem). We now have a winner: NAHANNI GUEVARA's name was drawn last week, and she is now the owner of the statue. Congratulations, Nahanni!

Thank you to ALL OF YOU who purchased tickets! You helped the Lay Missionaries of Charity to collect \$2,000! This money will now be sent to Niño Dios Orphanage in Bethlehem for the use of the disabled orphans who live there. Please pray for these children and for the Sisters who dedicate their lives to caring for them.

God bless you!

Religious Education Registration



It's that time of year again! Registration for Religious Ed for non-sacramental and sacramental classes (First Holy Communion 1 & 2 and Confirmation 1 & 2), as well as for RCIA, will be held on the first two Sundays of August (August 6 and 13) after the morning Masses.

On those Sundays, look for the tables in front of the church as well as in front of the Hall by the school. Registration forms are also available on the church website.

When registering, please bring the student's/candidate's baptism certificate, as well as the appropriate fees for the year's program (printed on each form). The fees may be submitted by cash or check (make checks payable to St. Therese Church).

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.

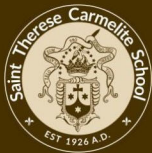


July 22 / 23, 2023

Unrestricted..... \$16,708.00
 Restricted \$ 460.00
T O T A L.....\$17,168.00

June 24 / 25\$17,817.00
 July 1 / 2 \$14,468.00
 July 8 / 9 \$16,440.00
 July 15 / 16\$11,866.00

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Wednesday, August 23

**Please pray for our students
and staff as we prepare to
head back to school for
another successful year!**

Quiet Listening Prayer

**FROM THE SPIRITUAL CANTICLE
OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**



Let those, then, who are singularly active, who think they can win the world with their preaching and exterior works, observe here that they would profit the Church and please God much more, not to mention the good example they would give, were they to spend at least half of this time with God in prayer, even though they might not have reached a prayer as sublime as this. They would then certainly accomplish more, and with less labor, by one work than they otherwise would by a thousand. For through their prayer, they would merit this result, and themselves be spiritually strengthened. Without prayer, they would do a great deal of hammering but accomplish little, and sometimes nothing, and even at times cause harm. God forbid that the salt should begin to lose its savor [Mt. 5:13]. However much they may appear to achieve externally, they will in substance be accomplishing nothing; it is beyond doubt that good works can be performed only by the power of God (29, 3).

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The Real St. Therese

In her last days lying in her bed, Therese could hear the convent clock strike regularly for community exercises.

In her imagination she saw her sisters going to the choir and entering the refectory. She let her gaze



An installment from *The Passion of Thérèse of Lisieux* by Guy Faucher

wander round the infirmary. She looked at her pictures pinned to the curtains round the bed, the statue of the Virgin of the Smile, the patch of garden that she glimpsed through the window. She heard music in the distance. Raising herself a little, she would take some bitter medicine, chase away an annoying fly, smile at the sister entering the infirmary. When she was alone, she thought of her past life, of her life as it then was. She prayed. And so her days passed by, at least the moments when she had some respite from pain.

When the pain returned, Therese—like any other sick person—suffered, groaned, cried. Then she would doze off to sleep, have nightmares, or have insomnia while all around her were sleeping. Like many others, there were times when she felt incapable of praying, incapable of saying or having “beautiful thoughts,” of imparting a formal will or testament, of dying like Socrates. There was no affectation in this simplicity: “I would, however, like to have a beautiful death to please you.” It was too bad if she disappointed those around her who wished to reap a harvest of “beautiful” words. They got only these: “I don't think of anything; I'm content to go to Heaven, and that's it. Since I have been ill, I don't think of anything very much.” This absence of thoughts at certain times is not inconsistent with other words that imply deep reflection. In June of 1897, the writing of Manuscript C stirred up reminiscences of recent and more distant events: “I sometimes remember certain details which are like a springtime breeze for my soul.” Between June and September 30, the day she died, Therese reflected often on her life.

Mass Intentions

July 29—August 5, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Teresa Olivas, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): Sr. Mariam Joseph, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: William Jess Grimm, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Jess Grimm, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Michael Migliozi & Family, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Phillip Tittmann, 18th B-Day INT

7:15 p.m.: Tyler Pruszynski, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Roberto Bernal & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Richie Sia, Birthday Intention

7:15 p.m.: Arenas Ortega Family, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, B-Day INT

7:15 p.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, B-Day INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Clifford Johnson, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Brother/friend of Roberto Bernal, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Johanna Cuevas, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. David Guzman 70th Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, Ordination. Anniv.

8:00 a.m.: Fr. David Guzman, 70th Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, Ord. Anniv. INT

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT

8:00 a.m.: Cherry Lou Sia, Birthday Intention

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and holidays.**

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Pilgrimages

Pilgrimage^s



Join the Carmelite Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Elizabeth of the Trinity," from Sept 28-Oct 11, incl. Paris, Lourdes, Ars, etc. Chaplains are Fr. Mark Kissner, OCD, and Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD.

Contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 | maddatubeth2@gmail.com.

French Canada Pilgrimage September 14-21, 2023: Discover Quebec's Shrines honoring the Mother of God and the Guardians of the Holy Family, St. Joseph Oratory, and St. Anne Beupre. Cost is \$3350 (double room occupancy | add \$395 for single room occupancy), which includes roundtrip flights from LAX and land travel by motorcoach, guesthouses/hotels with private bath, daily breakfast & dinner, all touring, and daily Mass.

For more info, call Louisa & Jack Day at (323) 360-5186 / (323) 403-8768 or Sacred Heart Tours at (845) 594-2222 | www.sacredhearttours.com

Personal Ad

SEEKING AN EXPERIENCED CAREGIVER to care for my mom in El Sereno (Spanish-speaking preferred). Contact Martha by phone or text at (310) 877-2201 or by email at hallvasquez@aol.com.