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Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life" (John 3:14-15).



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

(*Monday evening Mass followed by Healing Service;

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.

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



Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

In our recent focus on the three practices of Lent, we spoke of fasting and almsgiving. I want to now highlight **THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER**, a favorite of Carmelites. A famous Carmelite who lived during World War II, **Pere Jacques**, says this about prayer: **“Prayer should be our steady, supernatural method of breathing, day and night, in the silence of our souls. Prayer is the reason why God has placed us on earth. We learn truly to pray when we are in the presence and company of Christ.”** So, here we see the necessity of putting

ourselves in the presence of God in order to pray. This does not necessarily mean we have to be in the church or the Adoration Chapel to do this. The Church has consistently taught that the Holy Trinity remains within our souls when we are in a state of grace. We only need to go within the temple of our souls to find God!

The other thing I want to point out about this saying is Pere Jacques’s emphasis on prayer as “breathing.” In other words, it should become as natural and vital as breathing is for us. And it should become such an integral part of us that he says: **“Eventually, even daily duties in the kitchen will be subsumed into prayer, and nothing will be able to disrupt its focus.”** So everything we do becomes a prayer, even the most mundane things. He goes on to say: **“Love expresses itself in constant prayer. This state of prayer must be our life not only for two hours a day, but all day long.”** This correlation between prayer and love is very much in the spirit of St. Teresa of Avila’s famous definition: **“Prayer is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us.”** With this understanding, prayer should be something for which we crave, hunger, and thirst. It’s nothing less than spending time with the One we love!

Finally, what are some of the benefits of prayer? Pere Jacques says: **“The prayerful person is responsive to the slightest initiative of the Holy Spirit. The person who is eager to learn the lessons of prayer requires little prompting to submit at once to the action of the Holy Spirit.”** So, we might say that prayer helps us to do God’s will better because we’re always attentive to what He’s asking of us. St. Teresa adds her own insights on the benefits of prayer: **“I say only that prayer is the door to favors as great as those He granted me. If this door is closed, I don’t know how He will grant them.”** She goes on to say: **“Prayer is a safe road; you will be more quickly freed from temptation when close to the Lord than when far.”** So, prayer not only grants us special graces, but it strengthens us and frees us from temptation. Prayer is always a win-win situation for us. Let us apply ourselves to it all the more during this holy season of Lent!

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

LENTEN MISSION: "Lessons from St. Therese of Lisieux"

This Mission will be held from **Monday, March 11, through Thursday, March 14**, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. each evening. Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD, one of our Carmelite friars from our Ugandan Mission will be conducting the Mission. **He will speak at each Mass this weekend to introduce the Mission. Here is the SCHEDULE:**

• **March 11 (Monday):**

- ◆ 6:00-7:00 p.m.: Talks: 1) "St. Therese and the Basics of Lent"
2) "Family at Lisieux"
- ◆ 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Mass
- ◆ 8:00-9:00 p.m.: Adoration



• **March 12 (Tuesday):**

- ◆ 6:00-7:00 p.m.: Talks: 1) "Significance of Her 150th Birth Anniversary"
2) "The Confidence of Pope Francis"
- ◆ 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Mass
- ◆ 8:00-9:00 p.m.: Adoration



• **March 13 (Wednesday):**

- ◆ 6:00-7:00 p.m.: Mass
- ◆ 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Talks | **Confession**
1) "Chapter IV of St. Therese's Autobiography"
2) "Singing of God's Mercies"
- ◆ 8:00-9:00 p.m.: Adoration | **Confession** (cont. from 7:00 p.m.)



• **March 14 (Thursday):**

- ◆ 6:00-7:00 p.m.: Talks (St. Therese the Poet):
1) "Why I Love You, Mary"
2) "St. Cecelia—Poem to Her Sister Celine"
- ◆ 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Mass
- ◆ 8:00-9:00 p.m.: Adoration



Greetings from Fr. Julius

Happy Lenten Observance and 150 Birth Anniversary of St. Therese of Lisieux!

This is Fr. Julius Ntalo (of the Nativity), OCD, inviting you to the grace-filled days of this Lenten mission. **A little bit about myself:** I was born on April 22, 1984, in Uganda—the seventh in a family of nine children (four girls and five boys). My mother, Ruth Ntalo, 'til now works on her farm in rural Uganda and my father Ntalo George William is of blessed memory. Before joining the Glorious Order of Our Lady, I graduated in Public Health, majoring in Maternal Health. I worked for a couple of years with a local Non-Governmental Organization as a coordinator for *Obstetric Fistula* (a maternal injury from childbirth known well in rural Africa). That has shaped my participation in the Pro-Life Ministry as a Natural Family Planning instructor.

As a student of Maternal Health at the University, I was introduced to Christian Feminism, with St. Teresa of Avila as the Champion of the 16th Century. This re-opened up what I had once considered my childhood dream of becoming a Religious Priest. I did my religious and priestly education in Uganda, Kenya, and Nigeria (mission territories, so dear to you; thanks for your support!).

I took my first vows in September of 2012 and was ordained to the Priesthood in August of 2022. I've served at Santa Cruz Parish in the Tucson Diocese and am now at St. Cecelia's in Stanwood in the Diocese of Seattle. **See you at the Lenten Mission. -FJN**



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March 2 / 3, 2024

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Soup Nights/Stations

Lenten



& Stations of the Cross

All are invited to the Parish Hall for Soup Night every Friday of Lent through March 22nd (from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. each of those nights). **This coming Friday's sponsor (March 15) includes four PRO-LIFE groups: *40 Days for Life—Pasadena, *Live Action, *Right to Life LA, and *Vox Vitae.** The final Soup Night (before Holy Week) is **March 22**, which will be sponsored by the Retrouvaille Marriage Ministry.

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MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH By Fr. Stephen F. Watson, OCD

Since we are in the month of St. Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I invite our families to pray a **Novena—BEGINNING MONDAY, March 11—in preparation for the Solemn Feast of St. Joseph on March 19th.** Another way of preparing for his feast is to recite the **Litany of St. Joseph** and meditate on the titles he has been given. Here is a brief reflection on four of those titles: **Model of Workers, Glory of Home Life, Guardian of Virgins, and Pillar of Families.**

Joseph earned his living by working with his hands as a carpenter. The village of Nazareth was a backwater place... “Can anything good come out of Nazareth,” exclaimed Nathaniel (John 1:45). **St. Joseph is an admirable model for all who work to support their families.** St. Joseph’s customers might not have always paid him in a timely fashion; he did not have “job security.” Instead, he trusted in God’s providential care. After Joseph died, Jesus must have worked to support His mother, Mary. “Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mark 6:3).

It may seem unusual to think of **St. Joseph as the Glory of Home Life.** The word glory is used to translate the Latin word “decus.” The Latin word also means honor, beauty, ornament, shining light, virtue, and brightness. Decus is mostly rendered as glory, but Joseph is also the shining light of home life. Among the domestic virtues of Joseph was the total calm in all adverse circumstances, his acceptance of poverty with no trace of discontent, never a harsh word from his lips, never a trace of anger or indignation. He was steady in everything with a firm confidence in God’s providence. Jesus learned from His father Joseph to see in the lilies of the field the evidence of an always providing God.

St. Joseph is invoked as the **Guardian of Virgins and the Pillar of Families.** Surely there is a need to guard virginity. Virginity is not a dirty word. It is a beautiful attribute of an innocent person, pure of heart. By virtue of our baptism, Joseph keeps watch over us as members of his family, but he also wants us to be on our guard and to look out for one another. Nowadays, guarding the virginity of others is a thankless task.

But a guard is no guard if he looks the other way. Joseph never looks away. He is truly a pillar, a column, a firm foundation of families. Joseph is the protector of the universal Church. He is also the protector of the domestic church, i.e., the family.

“I know by experience,” says St. Teresa, “that the glorious St. Joseph assists us in all necessities. I never asked him for anything which he did not obtain for me. I don’t know how anyone can think of the Queen of the Angels, during the time that she suffered so much with the Infant Jesus, without giving thanks to St. Joseph for the services he rendered to them then.”



"St. Joseph is the model of those humble ones that Christianity raises up to great destinies; he is the proof that in order to be a good and genuine follower of Christ, there is no need of great things. It is enough to have the common, simple, and human virtues, but they need to be true and authentic."

—Pope St. Paul VI

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Nov 19, 1962 - Mary: “. . . I, the Mother of Mercy, entrusted you with the most excellent of my graces: to make my Flame of Love known to others. Why precisely you? I will tell you. Listen, my daughter, you are also the mother of a large family. Through your children you know all the pains and problems of a family . . . Only a mother can truly share my sorrows. I am the Mother of Sorrows, I suffer greatly because of the souls being lost. I am tortured in pain as I grieve for the suffering of my Divine Son.”

Oct 5-7, 1964 – Jesus: “I placed you in a family setting, so others could see how they can and ought to live. You serve both the family and God at the same time.”

Reference: Building on Solid Rock. Flame of Love Retreats, Session 1, Part 1: <https://flameoflove.us/building-on-solid-rock/>

Join the Cenacle: Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room every Monday. One from Noon to 2:00 p.m., the other one from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. **For more info, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.**

Pilgrimage to France with Fr. David Guzman



100th St. Therese Parish Anniversary / Pilgrimage to visit her Basilica in France! 12 days from October 3rd to 14th, 2024: Join

St. Therese Parish Fr. David as he travels to Lisieux, Dijon, Lourdes, Mont St. Michel, and other religious sites in France, as St. Therese Parish's 2024 100th Anniversary connects with the 2023 100th Anniversary of St. Therese' Beatification and her 2025 100th Anniversary of Canonization.

The package price for 12 days (from L.A. and back to L.A.) is \$3,985 which includes round trip airfare, hotel accommodations, Breakfast and Lunch, admission prices. Mass is celebrated daily. Please look for informative flyers available soon.



Pro Life News: 40 Days for Life

Join us in front of Pasadena Planned Parenthood (1045 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena) Monday through Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



For more info, contact Rose Curiel at indigorose40daysforlife.com or (323) 528-8094. Here are some other activities in which you may be interested:

- March 12: Midpoint Rally in front of Planned Parenthood at 3:00 p.m.
- Rosary with the Knights of Columbus every Saturday morning and Thursday evening
- Stations of the Cross every Friday at 12:10 p.m., with Fr. David Guzman
- Mysteries of the Rosary: WEDNESDAYS at 4:00 p.m., with Fr. Burfitt
- March 23: Prolife Movie Night (showing Bella) at St. Therese (time to be decided)
- March 24th at 3:00 p.m.: Final blessing and prayers in front of Planned Parenthood

Learn more by going to the 40 Days for Life website: www.40daysforlife.com/pasadena.

Mass Intentions

March 9—March 16, 2024

Saturday Evening

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

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Regina, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Eulalia McEntire, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Patrick Canos, Birthday INT

11:00 a.m.: Ernesto Bueno, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Braulio Maramag, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Rogelio N. Vales, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Wang-Shih Lin, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Miriam Joseph, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Kay Fitzpatrick, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Carter & Fullenkamp Families, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Jose Munoz, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Rommel Protacio Karanugan, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Aurora Olivarez Relatores, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Silverio Reyes, RIP

*7:30 am: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, B-Day INT

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Robert Earl Jeffers, INT

*7:30 am: Sr. Teresita, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Sophia Olomi, INT

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Sabrina Olomi, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Irene Zacharias, INT

8:00 a.m.: Emma Morejon, RIP

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: John Arellano, Birthday INT

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel (located at 215 East Alhambra Road).

Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

Our livestreaming service will not be available until later as we are working to put the wiring underground. When we return, we'll livestream 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.

Outside the Parish

CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE: The Live Action Young Leaders' Summit will be a transformative event, propelling leaders into the forefront of the battle for cultural change on issues of sex, relationships, and abortion. This one-day summit is a rallying cry for champions of life. Hear from Live Action President Lila Rose and other dynamic speakers, including Allie Stuckey, Seth Dillon of the Babylon Bee, pro-life apologist and author Trent Horn, and many more! It will be on **Saturday, March 16, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, at 16500 Scientific, Irvine 92618.** \$20 per person, but use the code YLSGROUP for 50% off. Register at www.lifelinks.io/YLS.

OUR LADY OF CHAMPION (approved Apparition) PILGRIMAGE with Saint Therese Parish's Father David: Join Fr. David Guzman, O.C.D., to visit Shrines of Wisconsin, **AUGUST 10-16, 2024.** This is a Spiritual Retreat Pilgrimage including visits to Our Lady of Champion Shrine and our Carmelite Holy Hill Basilica. Two additional groups flying out of San Francisco and Tucson will be joining us on this fabulous journey. The Per Person/Double Occupancy total rate is \$2348 (from LAX). We will visit various Shrines of Our Lady, Holy Hill Basilica, and the Carmelite Nuns Cloister in Denmark, WI. Pick up a Pilgrimage Flyer for more information.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO FRENCH CANADA: St. Joseph Oratory, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Anne Beaupre, Cathedral -Basilica of Notre-Dame, and more... **August 23-30, 2024.** LAX to Montreal, Cost: \$3250 Double occupancy (\$150 off for early bird discount by April 15th). For more information contact: Louisa Day (323)360-5186 Or go to: www.sacredhearttours.com.

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