

St. Therese Catholic Church

January 29, 2023

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

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He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven..." (Matt. 5:2-3)

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 7:00 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 (OUTSIDE)-Wednesdays from 8:00
to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 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 X222

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page
or on the Church's website >Our School > Videos



SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Register online

Weddings: Register online at least six
months in advance

• **Anointing of the Sick:** Call the office

Letter from the Pastor

Blessed Epiphanytide and Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time!

This **Thursday, February 2**, we are having a special **Candlemas** (Presentation of the Lord) **Mass at 7:00 p.m.**, led by my Carmelite brother, **Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD**. Please join us for this Mass, which will be followed by the **"Flame of Love" Consecration** (see Page Five in this bulletin), **Adoration, the Rosary, and Healing Prayer Ministry until 10:00 p.m.** In preparation for this Mass and the consecration, below you will find more information.

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, —Fr. Thomas

The Flame of Love

Our Blessed Lord said, "I came to cast fire upon the earth and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49). Jesus is the All-Consuming Fire of God's Living Flame of Love. In His zealous devotion towards us, He ardently desires to set our hearts on fire with the love of His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit of the Resurrected Christ is the glory of the Living Flame of Love. **To love God passionately with all of one's being is what the symbol of fire best spiritually represents.** This transformation in love is what we are created for! It is what makes us fully human, the key to happiness, the secret of sanctity, and the glory of eternal life!

This fervent ardor of a soul afire with divine love is seen best—above and beyond the most magnanimous and seraphic of God's greatest friends—in the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In our troubled times today, God our Eternal Father, the Worker of Wonders and Author of Miracles, has chosen her to prepare the way for an unprecedentedly abundant outpouring of grace. Through the merits of her Son's Passion, our Eternal Father has commissioned Mary to enkindle the saving fire of the Holy Spirit's merciful love in us as a most efficacious preparation for the final victory of Christ over the powers of darkness at work in the world.

In 1963, Jesus spoke to a woman named Elizabeth Kindelmann about the world as undergoing a dark night of the soul through a loss of faith and moral confusion. Our Blessed Mother, aware of the spiritual war for the salvation of our souls raging behind the scenes, also spoke to Elizabeth, saying that "We are now entering the final battle against Satan." We are invited to become warriors in Mary's Army and mission for ushering in "the universal Triumph of Jesus' divine Heart, the liberation of souls, and the opening of the way to salvation to its fullest extent." Jesus and Mary declare in these prophetic promises that nothing like the torrent of grace that is to come has ever been granted "since the Word became flesh."

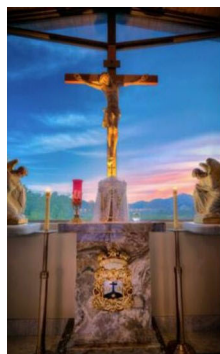
To find out more and to be "set on fire," come to the 7:00 p.m.

Mass this Thursday, February 2nd, with Fr. Robert Elias.



Women's Silent Retreat at El Carmelo

Please join the women of St. Therese Church for a Lenten Retreat at beautiful El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands (926 East Highland Avenue) from **March 10 through 12**. **The retreat theme is "Peace and Mercy"**. The Single Room Rate is \$250 per person and the Double Room Rate (shared room) is \$220 per person. This year's Retreat Team consists of:



El Carmelo Retreat House
Redlands, California

"Peace & Mercy"
March 10 - 12

Fr. Gerald Werner, OCD, Superior | Fr. Robert Barcelos, OCD, Retreat Director
Fr. Jose Luis Ferroni, OCD | Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD

Applications can be found at the church entrances. **For more information, please contact the Retreat Captain, Louisa Day, at (323) 360-5186.**

2022 Church Donation Report



If you would like to receive an end-of-year report showing your donations for the year 2022, please send an email requesting it to 2022DonationStatement@gmail.com.

From Chapter Seven of "Be Transformed: The Healing Power of the Sacraments" by Bob Schuchts (How Holy Matrimony Heals Wounds of Fear) Seventh Installment

Can you see how drastically the Sacrament of Matrimony differs from the myriad ways of forming and breaking relationships in the world? Only the Sacrament, lived in the power of the Holy Spirit, can heal our wounds of fear. All the other worldly sexual relationships are nothing more than disguised infidelities, which in the long run only serve to exacerbate our wounds of fear and mistrust. Unfaithfulness can never heal fearfulness. Only faithfulness can do that.

After coming through our marital crisis and seeing how my spiritual blindness and selfish attitudes had almost destroyed our marriage, I developed a greater hunger for God's perspective on love and relationships. As I read the Scriptures and studied Church teaching, my desire to live God's will in our marriage grew even stronger. Continued next week)

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.

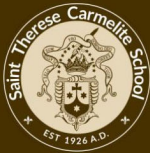


January 21 / 22, 2023

Unrestricted..... \$14,992.00
Restricted \$ 2,613.00
T O T A L.....\$17,605.00

December 24 / 25 \$33,055.00
Dec. 31 / Jan. 1 \$20,193.00
January 7 / 8 \$13,656.00
January 14 / 15 \$22,298.00

CHECK USERS:
Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith Academics Virtue

Memorization in Classical Education *Excerpts from "Repetition, Memorization, Recitation" by Leigh Lowe*

But repetition and memorization alone aren't quite enough. Recitation consummates the learning experience for students. Memorization and recitation naturally go hand in hand. Recitation is the fruit and the proof of memorization. It is both the test and the triumph. Previously the sole method of testing in schools, recitation requires mastery of a subject like no other testing mechanism can. It reveals gaps or flaws immediately. Students know instantly and independently when there is still work to do. But recitation also reveals victory clearly. Recitation is unique in that it fosters the kind of confidence and pride we want our children to have—the kind earned by accomplishing a challenging feat, the kind that enables them to humbly believe they can learn anything. On a practical level, recitation encourages clear, articulate, meaningful communication. It promotes interacting with others with poise, accuracy, and consideration. But more importantly, recitation teaches the importance of sharing our lights with others and using the knowledge that we hold in our hearts to delight and serve.

Thank you to the Religious Communities
who serve and support
our school!



As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week this week, we have set aside **Wednesday, February 1**, to appreciate the religious communities who help teach, offer sacraments to, visit with, and pray for our students.

Support our Student Bake Sales!

Next Sunday, February 5, the 3rd/4th Grade class will be hosting a treat sale after many of the Masses.

We appreciate your support of their sale!



Did You Miss Our Open House?



You can still tour our school! Visit SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com/schedule-a-tour to schedule a visit and begin the admissions process.

1106 East Alhambra Road
Alhambra, California 91801

Saint Therese Carmelite School's Poker night fundraiser



NIGHT

**Saturday,
February 4**

\$50.00 Per Person

Poker, food, drinks, raffles,
and more! Stop by the school
office to purchase tickets.

All attendees must be 21+.
No Exceptions.

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"The Flame of Love" Consecration

The *"Flame of Love Consecration: To Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary"* will take place here in St. Therese Church on **Candlemas Day, THIS THURSDAY, February 2, with Fr. Robert Elias**. The words *"Flame of Love"* come from the diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann entitled, *"The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: The Spiritual Diary."* In it, Our Lady promises many blessings, including:



- To blind Satan
- To save souls (especially family members)
- To save the family
- To free souls from Purgatory
- To convert the world

To be part of this amazing **Movement of Grace**, please register at the Church office. The Flame of Love book is available for purchase for \$10.

PREPARATION FOR THE CONSECRATION: Meet Every Monday in this month of January. Two sessions are available on the remaining Monday (January 30): either at 12:30 p.m. in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices or at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Act of Consecration will take place at the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Candlemas Day this coming Thursday, February 2, and will be led by Fr. Robert Barcelos, OCD.



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Developing
STRONG
and **ENGAGING**
Jesus-Centered
Catholic children,
one student
at a time.

- Classical Education
- Traditional Values
- Carmelite Spirituality

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The Real St. Therese



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

Mme. Guerin's letter to Jeanne La Neele, in its medical realism, reveals the state of those who were caring for Therese: "For four days now, they have given her enema after enema, fearing gangrene." It seems most likely that it was at this time that Therese gave the advice about not leaving any poisonous

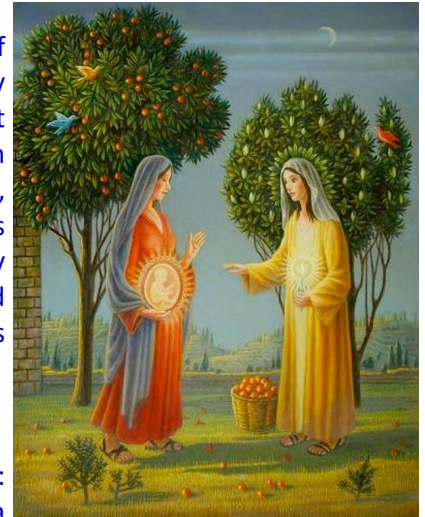
medicines within a sick person's reach, saying, "If I had not the Faith, I would have committed suicide without a moment's hesitation." On the afternoon of Friday, August 27, there was a sudden relief. The next day her bed was moved and placed in the center of the room so she could see the garden through the window. That pleased her greatly. She was now in front of the Virgin of the Smile and she could see the statue through the opening in the bed curtains. When they thought she was dying, she was to have another nineteen days of remission. She was extremely weak, yet took an interest in what was going on around her as if she had regained her taste for life.

An unexpected remission (August 28 – September 13): The words "remission" and "improvement" are only used by way of comparison. They simply mean that the sufferings of the preceding days had ceased. The fever, the thirst, the difficulty in breathing, and the weakness had all been her daily lot since the beginning of July. Three days after this unexpected alleviation, Therese could be seen in the cloister on a folding bed. Sister Genevieve took the opportunity to take her photo for the last time, as she was unpetaling roses over her crucifix. The bed was then pushed to the little door that opened into the nuns' choir and, from there, she prayed for the last time before the sanctuary. Dr La Neele, back from Lourdes since August 25, was summoned to Caen by Mme. Guerin's telegram and again entered the enclosure on the 30th. He said that the left lung was half gone (Therese, therefore, had only half a lung with which to breathe). She had exactly one month left to live at that point. As he was leaving, Dr. La Neele remarked rather curtly to Mother Marie de Gonzague that his cousin's sufferings were such that she should have seen a doctor every day. He returned the next day and said that she "could die just from turning in her bed." On September 8, he visited her for the fourth and last time and, to Therese's great surprise, said that she was like a ship that neither advances nor goes back. He predicted that she would not have another experience of agony; during these days, Therese seemed to come back to life. She was astonished and humiliated that she had all sorts of cravings for food. Mme. Guerin did her utmost to satisfy these desires.

Allow God's Divinity to Burst Forth

Last week's entry from the Spiritual Handbook began listing the gifts that St. Paul spoke of in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. Included were Words of Wisdom, Words of Knowledge, Faith, Healing, and Miracles. Next are:

- Prophecy (Mary prophesies, "From now on, all generations will call me blessed..." Zechariah also prophesies: "You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High..." Also, when Jesus is presented in the temple, Simeon and Anna prophesied.
- Discernment of spirits: Mary discerns that Gabriel is an angel of God, and that it is truly the Holy Spirit of God who has overshadowed her.
- Interpretation of tongues: John, a preborn baby who knows no language, hears Mary's greeting and rightly interprets what it means. God is in the room! He leaps for joy at the hidden presence of the Savior.
- Tongues: At the birth of John, "Zechariah's mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed" to bless the Lord, and he, too, was "filled with the Holy Spirit." Although not literally referring to the gift of tongues, it is describing a similar phenomenon: the Holy Spirit making a person bubble over with joyful praise of God.



What we learn from these scenes that Luke so carefully narrated is that before evangelism is about words, or about acts of loving service, it is about the Word of God Himself, Jesus, present within us through the Holy Spirit.

Evangelism is not first and foremost a matter of strategies, plans, and projects, but rather of being filled with the Holy Spirit and allowing that divine life with us to burst forth in both word and action.

Mass Intentions

January 28, 2022—February 4, 2023

Saturday evening:

5:00 p.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m. (Carmel): Sr. Mary, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Lorraine Esposito, INT

9:00 a.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP

11:00 a.m.: James Green, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Shia LaBeouf, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. David Guzman, OCD, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Kim Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Juanita Goins, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Anthony Ramirez, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Lorena Rodriguez, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mike Smith, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Tuesfe Cruz, Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: Dorothy Hall, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Lorena Rodriguez, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. David Guzman, OCD, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT

7:00 p.m.: Reynaldo Bacolod, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Duane Klever, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Lela Marie E. Pulido, INT

8:00 a.m.: Steven Smuckler, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Hannah Kruz, INT

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Steven Smuckler, RIP

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel.

The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and major holidays.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

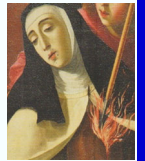
The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Quiet Listening Prayer

The Interior Castle: The Fourth Mansion

By St. Teresa of Avila

It is not, however, the prayer of recollection, for by divine assistance everyone can practice that prayer, but what I mean is quite a different thing. Sometimes, before they have begun to think of God, the powers of the soul find themselves within the castle. I know not by what means they entered, nor how they heard the Shepherd's pipe; the ears perceived no sound, but the soul is keenly conscious of a delicious sense of recollection experienced by those who enjoy this favor, which I cannot describe more clearly. I think I read somewhere that the soul is then like a tortoise or hedgehog, which retreats into itself. Those who said this no doubt understood what they were talking about; but these creatures can withdraw into themselves at will, while here it is not in our power to retire into ourselves, unless God gives us the grace. In my opinion, His Majesty only bestows this favor on those who have renounced the world, in desire at least, if their state of life does not permit doing so, in fact. He thus specially calls them to devote themselves to spiritual things; if they allow Him power to do it freely, He will bestow still greater graces on those whom He thus begins calling to a higher life.



EnCourage

Standing fully by the teachings the Catholic Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who



support one another and our loved ones who have same sex attraction, and gender confusion, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meetings are held monthly with our chaplain in a safe confidential setting. You don't have to make this journey alone. Go to the website, www.couragerc.org or contact your local chapter:

EnCourage (for parents):

EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com

EnCourage (for Spanish speakers):

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Courage LA (for persons who

struggle with SSA or gender confusion):

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