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Comments & Requests—

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve:
5:00 p.m. & Midnight

Christmas Day:
7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
and Latin High Mass
at 1:00 p.m.

*No 5:00 p.m. Mass
on Christmas Day*



December 23, 2012

Saint Therese Church

Established 1924

Visit us on our website! www.sttheresechurchalhambra.org

Masses & Services:

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm
Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm

Devotions:

Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm
Warrior-Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm
St. Joseph Devotion: Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm
Fatima Pilgrimage: 13th of the month (May-Oct.)

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Wed, 7:00 - 8:30 pm; and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Baptism: Call 284-0020, ext. 225, for schedule
Marriage: Contact priest at least six months before
RCIA (Sac. for adults) Rhonda Storey 284-0020, Ext. 225

Other Ministries / Programs:

Bible Study: Victoria Sandoval 323-343-9064.
Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias 323-724-6443
Legion of Mary: Mon., 7:00 pm - Fr. David Guzman X 337
First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer Vigil, 7:30 pm-6:00 am
King's Men: Sun., 6:30-8:30 pm, Rex Owens, 323-273-8825
Respect Life Ministry: Catherine Contreras, 213-435-3942
Rosary Makers: Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm
Edward William 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com
St. Joseph Devotion Prayer Ministry:
Wednesdays at 6:15 PM - Edward William 768-0758

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (Ext. 226)

Associate Pastors: Fr. David Guzman, OCD (X337)
and Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (Ext. 232)

Associate Carmelite Friar: Fr. Jerome Lantry, OCD

Deacon Couple: Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (X221)

Vocations: Parish: Fr. David Guzman OCD (X 337);
Regional: 909-629-9495; Archdiocesan: 213-637-7515

Parish Secretary: Denise McMaster-Holguin (Ext. 223)

Finances/Donations: Noralyn Cailan (Ext. 228)

Christian Services: Bridie McDermott (Ext. 224)

Choir Directors/Organist:

George and Barbara Klump (818) 249-8472

9:00 a.m.: Marcia Martinez-Bateman (775) 771-4992

Liturgical Coordinators:

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers of the Altar:

Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla, 282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (Ext. 225)

* Pre K through 8th Grade * Adult Religious Ed

Youth Ministry: Adam Orozco, 284-0020, Ext. 235;

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Youth/Adult Confirmation Program:

Ruben Beltran, 284-0020, Ext. 235;

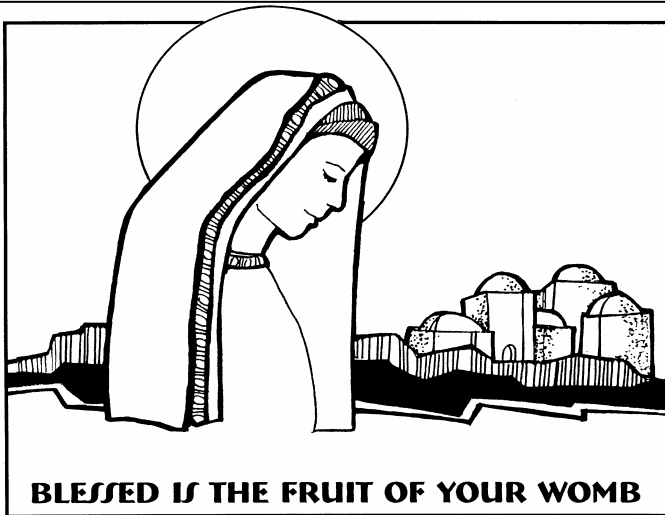
Email: rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-3364, Ext. 660

Principal: Carmela Lovano, E-mail:

clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org

510 North El Molino Street . Alhambra, California 91801 . 282-2744 . FAX 282-7560 (Unless otherwise indicated, all telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code.) **New Parishioners: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE!** Please come to the Parish office to register. **Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 to 5:00 pm; 6:00 to 8:00 pm—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm;** **Eucharistic Adoration** - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson - 289-0388



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23, 2012

Blessed are you among women, and
blessed is the fruit of your womb.
—Luke 1:42

Christmas & New Year's Schedule

Mass Times!

Christmas Eve (Monday): +5:00 p.m. & Midnight
+The Children's Pageant will be presented at the 5:00 p.m. Mass
Christmas Day (Tuesday): 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., and
Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.
(No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day)

Feast of Mary, Mother of God:

New Year's Eve (Monday, December 31): Midnight
New Year's Day: 6:00, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.



ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS:

St. Therese School would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Please consider joining us for these upcoming events:

- Help Restock St. Therese Christian Services Pantry for Christmas (Ongoing Collection)
- School Toy Drive - Ongoing Collection of New Unwrapped Toys
- New Student Registration Opens for Transitional K through 7th Grade



Please visit the school office to purchase retail gift cards, to turn in Fresh & Easy receipts, and to purchase AVON! We also encourage you to visit our website at www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org for important information and updates. Please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Lovano, by phone at 289-3364 or by email at clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

SPECIAL

MEMORIAL MASS FOR LONG-TIME USHER, HANK MULDER:



The family of Hank Mulder invites you to attend his Memorial Mass. It will be held here next Saturday, **December 29, beginning with the Rosary at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Mass at 10:00 a.m.** (celebrated by Fr. David Guzman, O.C.D.) May he, along

with his beloved wife Margaret, rest in peace!

ALTAR SOCIETY SEEKS DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

FLOWERS: If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas poinsettias which will decorate the church on the Feast of the Nativity, you may pick up and return a Flower Memorial envelope from the pews. A Memorial Mass will be offered for all the deceased whose names are written on the envelopes. The Society is also accepting Floral Dedications (see Page Six for more info).



THE YEAR OF FAITH (October 11, 2012, to November 24, 2013) Faith is the

lifelong companion that makes it possible to perceive, ever anew, the marvels that God works for us. Intent on gathering the signs of the times in the present of history, faith commits every one of us to become a living sign of the presence of the Risen Lord in the world. Faith is both a personal and a communal act: it is a gift from God that is lived in the communion of the Church and must be communicated to the world. Every initiative for the *Year of Faith* should be designed to aid in the joyous rediscovery of the faith and its renewed transmission. All of the members of the Church are invited to make this *Year* a special time in which we, as Christians, may share that which is most dear to us: Christ Jesus, the Redeemer of mankind, Universal King, "leader and perfecter of faith" (Hb 12: 2).



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

For more information, check out the following WEBSITES: US Bishops (www.usccb.org); the Vatican's official Year of Faith site (www.annusfidei.va); and our own website. (www.sttheresechurchalhambra.org)

HOLY FAMILY INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP:



What does the Bible say about infertility and how can I remain faithful in the waiting? The Holy Family Support Group is a group of Catholic women experiencing difficulty growing their families and looking for a loving place to share and/or pray together with other women in a similar place. Interested couples may include those experiencing sub-fertility, infertility, secondary infertility, miscarriage, as well as those interested in or pursuing foster care and/or adoption. Our crosses may be different but we can support each other in our struggle to be open to life in God's time. The next meeting will be **Thursday, January 10, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Library.** Refreshments provided. Please call or e-mail Alison Contreras for more information or for prayer requests (713-702-7232 / alisonleanor@gmail.com).

Parish Ministries

ST. THERESE RELIGIOUS ED Rhonda Storey, 284-0020 X225; rhondalstorey@gmail.com— **STRE** (St. Therese Religious Education)

STRE We wish all our families a very Merry Christmas! The next classes will be in session on **Sundays, January 6 and 13, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon**, followed by attendance at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Merry Christmas

R.C.I.A.: Please pray for those in the RCIA classes as they journey towards the Sacrament of First Eucharist or full initiation into the Church. The next meetings are **Thursdays, January 3,**

10, and 24, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room; next group-attendance at Mass is **Sunday, January 20, at 9:00 a.m.** Please contact Rhonda Storey for more info.

CONFIRMATION

Ruben Beltran,
rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com
284-0020 X235



...for Youth: Merry Christmas to all our students and sponsors! The next classes will be on **Sundays, January 6, 13, and 27, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**, which includes the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

On the first Sunday of each month, **Year One Sponsors are to attend class with their sponsored students**, as well as the 5:00 p.m. Mass that follows. **LECTOR MINISTRY:** If you're interested in becoming a Lector, call Ruben.

...for Adults: All baptized Catholics who have received their First Communion but NOT the Sacrament of Confirmation, are invited to the RCIA class (next are **Thursdays, January 3, 10, and 24, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Parish Meeting Room).

BAPTISM MINISTRY: Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, X 225 - In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to: 1) Have an interview the month before the Baptism; 2) Attend a class (next are Jan. 7/Feb. 4) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Library); And 3) Attend a Presentation Sunday Mass (next are Jan. 20/Feb. 10) at 9:00 a.m. Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday (next OPEN Baptisms are on January 26 and February 16). **SELECTING THE GODPARENTS:** Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) is at least 16; 2) has been Confirmed; and 3) is a practicing Catholic. A form attesting to this will need to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY Edward William, 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com (Prayer with Action: Strengthening of Families, Conversion of Sinners, and Peace in the World) - **St. Joseph Prayer Devotion:** Join us **Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.** by the St. Joseph statue in the church. **The Rosary Makers:** Help us make Rosaries in order to distribute them locally, nationally, and internationally. Don't know how to make a Rosary? We'll teach you! We meet **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Meeting Room. **Donations to purchase Rosary supplies and shipping fees are always in need and appreciated** (make checks to St. Therese Church and mail to Rosary Makers, 510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra 91801. For more info, contact Edward William at tieknt@gmail.com.

THE KING'S MEN: Rex Owens, 323-273-8825 / owens.rex@aaa-calif.com - All men of the parish are invited to join **The King's Men**, a Catholic Men's formation group. Their goal is "to challenge and empower men to live virtuous lives, through education, formation, action, and healing." The group meets on **Sundays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**, in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, contact the coordinator (number above) or see the national website at www.thekingsmen.org.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: Catherine Contreras, 213-435-3942 - **RESPECT LIFE QUOTE:** In Christian art Mary's pregnancy was made evident as a rounded belly, or by showing the figure of a child, or by having "IHS" marked on her stomach. The original portrayal of this theme was the veneration with which Elizabeth greeted Mary: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" (Luke 1,42). "John was 'filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb' by Christ Himself, whom the Virgin Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. Mary's visitation to Elizabeth thus became a visit from God to His people." --Catechism of the Catholic Church, Article 8. 717.



PARISH MINISTRIES / NEWS:

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



“The Eucharist is Christmas prolonged, because faith tells us that once God became man, He decided to remain man. From all the reaches of past eternity, God had only been God. But having once taken on human flesh, into now the future reaches of eternity, God will always remain man. And this God-Man is here; Bethlehem is wherever there is a Catholic Church or chapel in which Christ is present. two facts that we commemorate on Christmas day.”
 --Fr. John A. Hardon, S. J.

URGENT! We need an adorer to commit to coming to the chapel every Saturday morning, 2 to 3 a.m. To sign up for this hour or any other hour, please call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN: “DID YOU KNOW?”
 Teaching kids to be safe around unfamiliar animals: We’ve all had the experience of someone else’s dog approaching us. The ASPCA website provides advice on teaching children to read a dog’s body language to identify signs it wants to be left alone. The website also helps parents teach their children how to protect themselves by demonstrating the basics of dog bite prevention, such as protecting hands and face and calling for help, rather than running or screaming if chased by a dog. For more information, check out Dog Bite Prevention and Safety at www.asPCA.org.

THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Because of the bulletin’s advanced printing schedule for Christmas, the collection totals for last weekend (December 15 / 16) will not be published in the bulletin until January 13. Below are the collection totals for the previous four weeks:

November 17 / 18, 2012.....	\$22,886.00
November 24 / 25, 2012.....	\$13,074.00
December 1 / 2, 2012.....	\$13,450.00
December 8 / 9, 2012.....	\$17,565.00

As a friendly suggestion for those who are employed, we propose a realistic donation of at least one hour of pay per week.

2012 TOGETHER IN MISSION

URGENT!

Amount of 2012 Goal: \$63,805.00
 Donations received as of 12/14/12: \$41,495.00
***Donations Needed: \$22,310.00**
 As you can see, we owe nearly \$23,000, which is due in the Archdiocesan offices in ONE WEEK!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

“Give to those who have given a lifetime!” Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests worked for many years for little or no money. They are now left without adequate savings for retirement. Your donation to the annual Archdiocesan collection for the Retirement for Religious Fund helps to provide medications, nursing, and more for thousands of elderly. Please help! Envelopes are in the pews.

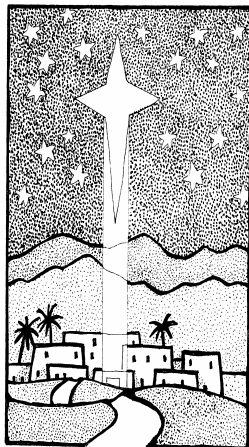
SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: MEMORIES AND DREAMS—Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. If we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure traveling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord’s words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

Mass Intentions

For the Week of 12/22/12 to 12/29/12



O come, O come,
Emmanuel!



*Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 E. Alhambra Road—open to the public every day except on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.

Intentions of our Holy Father for December 2012:

1) That migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity and authentic love, especially by Christian communities; 2) That Christ may reveal Himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of His Church.



Lectors:

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Marta Timar / Rebeca Willis

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Aurora Dolores / Florence Goh
 9:00 a.m. Rylin Bencenti / Jim Raney
 11:00 a.m. Lorraine Mizerski / Lucas Setiady
 5:00 p.m. Gabriela Rubio / Heinrich Ranches

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Han Kya Luk Fung INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m. Jane Jani Widjaja RIP
 7:30 a.m.: Augustine Goh RIP
 9:00 a.m.: Joseph Lan Tran RIP
 11:00 a.m.: Elide Ayuso RIP
 1:00 p.m.: Parishioners

5:00 pm: Rebecca & Brando Wiesner INT

Monday-Christmas Eve:

6:00 a.m.: Goh & Cheah Families INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Mary Noelle Rasmussen INT
 8:00 a.m.: Anita McKeown RIP
 5:00 p.m.: James & Ursula INT
 Midnight: Paul & Joseph Tassi RIP

Tuesday-Christmas Day:

7:30 a.m.: Mary Rose Go INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Whole Human Family INT
 9:00 a.m.: James and Ursula INT
 11:00 a.m.: Dorothy Arredondo RIP
 1:00 p.m.: Dosong Yoon & Guison Shin RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 1
 *7:30 a.m.: Olga Zazueta RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Victoriano Segueria Sr RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m: Elizabeth Fieux INT
 *7:30 a.m: Christmas Novena 2
 8:00 a.m.: Fanny Amat RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Park RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Bruce Campbell INT
 8:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 3

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Lucille Moore RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
 8:00 a.m.: Linda Kay Hesse RIP

Floral Dedication

This week's floral dedication is:

♥ *In Loving Memory of
all Deceased Carmelite Friars*



To dedicate a Floral Arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, contact Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. *Each bouquet is \$40 (two for \$80).*

Personal Ads

Long-time St. Therese family of 7 **SEEKS A HOME TO RENT** (apt., back-house, etc) in local area as soon as possible. Please contact 323-264-8701 if you have available property or for more details.

Former single mature female **parishioner seeks to move back** to Alhambra, SG, or South Pas, and **needs to RENT A 1-BR OR SINGLE APT.** Nonsmoker, no pets. Can afford up to \$1000. Call 323-667-2526 OR 476-6055

APARTMENT FOR RENT: 1 BR with garage in Alhambra area. Please call 622-2209.



Outside the Parish

PILGRIMAGE DATE CHANGE: Fr. David Guzman will be the spiritual director for a pilgrimage to **Egypt and the Holy Land in April/May 2013 (moved from November 2012).** For more info and the full itinerary, contact JMJ Ministries at 520-573-0065 or visit www.jmjministries.org. You may also request an itinerary from Denise at the parish offices.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO WESTERN EUROPE (Carmelite and Marian Shrines) on **September 2-15, 2013, with our Pastor, Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD.** Will visit many sites in France (Paris, Lisieux, Lourdes); Spain (Avila, Segovia); and Portugal (Fatima). Cost is \$4295 (**save \$200 if you sign up by 12/31/12**). For more info, call Louisa & Jack Day at 323-722-9229 or 323-360-5186. Download an itinerary at www.syersentouring.com.

Please join Fr. Jose Parathanal on a **pilgrimage to Egypt, Israel & Jordan** from 1/27/13 to 2/9/13; to Guadalupe, Mexico from 5/20/13 to 5/25/13; and a "Journey with St. Paul" to Turkey & Greece 9/19/13 to 10/1/13. For more information, please contact: Bernadette Corpuz at bcorp1114@hotmail.com / tel: 323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618.

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