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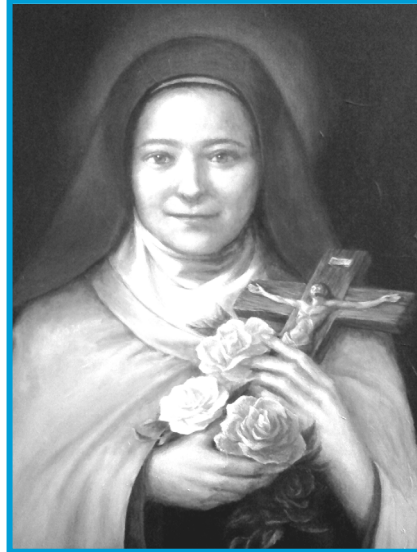
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December 9, 2012

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars



Saint Therese Church

This portrait of St. Thérèse was painted by Miss Christina Yang, a 17-year-old altar server at St. 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, Brian Lasky, 860-861-4962
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;

Email: Adam.O311@gmail.com

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:

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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

All people shall see



the salvation of God

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2012

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low. —Baruch 5:7

Christmas & New Year's Schedule



Confession Times

Saturdays, December 15 and 22: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, December 12 & 19: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mass Times:

Christmas Eve (Monday): 5:00 p.m. & Midnight
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 (Tuesday, January 1): 6:00, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.



ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS

St. Therese School is so GRATEFUL for your support throughout 2012!

Please consider joining us for these upcoming events:

- Help Restock St. Therese Christian Services Pantry for Christmas (Ongoing Collection)
- All School Mass Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12 at 10:00 a.m.
- Transitional-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Open House on December 13 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. each night
- Family Mass on Sunday, December 16, at 9:00 a.m.
- School Christmas Program on December 18 at 1:00 AND 6:30 p.m., in the Hall (two shows)



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

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:



The St. Therese Guadalupañas invite you to join them in celebrating this special feast day of Our Lady this **Wednesday, December 12**. Las Manañitas (music and serenade) will begin at **5:45 a.m.**, a bi-lingual Holy Mass will be at **6:00 a.m.**, followed by a traditional Mexican breakfast in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! Children are invited to wear traditional costumes honoring Mary, Mother of the Church.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT:



The annual Christmas Eve Children's Pageant, a reenactment of the birth of Jesus, will be held at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Participation is open to all children from either the parish or the school. Any child interested in participating **must, along with at least one parent or guardian, attend three meetings**. The first meeting will be to assign parts and will be held in the Hall on December 13 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; the second and third meetings will be practices and will be in the church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each night. Please call Rhonda Storey at 284-0020, ext. 225,

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED: Next weekend, **December 15 and 16**, boxes will be near all the church entries to collect your donations of non-perishable food items. These will be used to make Christmas baskets for those in need. You may also donate hams or turkeys by bringing them to the office during open hours anytime before or on Monday, December 17 (the day of distribution).

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)

At the invitation of Pope Benedict XVI, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the contribution of the Committee for the Preparation of the Year of Faith, has drawn up some recommendations for living this time of grace, without precluding other initiatives which the Holy Spirit will inspire. These proposals are intended as examples to encourage a ready response to the invitation of the Holy Father to live fully this Year as a special time of grace. The joyous rediscovery of faith can also contribute to consolidate the unity and communion among the different bodies that make up the wider family of the Church. The final three (7 to 9) are as follows:



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

7. During the Year of Faith, in cooperation with the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, various ecumenical initiatives are to be planned, aimed at "the restoration of unity among all Christians" which is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. In particular, there will be a solemn ecumenical celebration in which all of the baptized will reaffirm their faith in Christ.

8. A Secretariat to coordinate all of the different initiatives promoted by various offices of the Holy See will be established for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. The Secretariat will open a dedicated website with the goal of making available useful information regarding living out the Year of Faith more effectively.

9. At the conclusion of this Year, on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, there will be a Eucharist celebrated by the Holy Father, in which a solemn renewal of the profession of faith will take place.

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)

Parish Ministries

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

STRE Next upcoming classes are Sun., Dec. 16, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, followed by attendance at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICES:

All children interested in being in the Christmas Eve Pageant must attend **ALL THREE** of the following meetings: **Thurs., Dec. 13**, in the Hall from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; **Mon., Dec. 17**, and **Thurs., Dec. 20**, in the church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. both nights.

SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER: If you placed an order for See's Candy, it will be delivered here the third week of December.

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 class is **Thursday, December 13, 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, 284-0020 X235



...for Youth: Classes are in session today, **Sunday, December 9**, and **Sunday, December 16**, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., which includes the 5:00 p.m. Mass. **RITE OF WELCOME** for Year One students will take place at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on December 16. **NOTICE:** Beginning December 16 and then continuing for the first class of each following month (i.e., January 6), **Year One Sponsors are to begin attending class with their sponsored student**, 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 is this Thursday, December 13, 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: Brian Lasky, 860-861-4962 / brianmlasky@gmail.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:** "No matter what the motive, love of ease, or a desire to save from suffering the unborn innocent, the woman is awfully guilty who commits the deed. It will burden her conscience in life, it will burden her soul in death; but oh, thrice guilty is he who drove her to the desperation which impelled her to the crime!"

--Susan B. Anthony

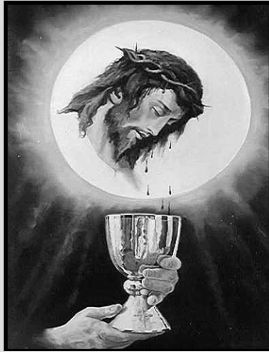


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PARISH MINISTRIES / NEWS:

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



"Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life and its faith, of its charity and its virtue."

—St. Peter Julian Eymard

"The temples of those who deny the Real Presence are like corpses. 'The Lord was taken away and we do not know where they have laid Him.'"

—Francois Mauriac

URGENT! We need an adorer to commit to coming to the chapel every Saturday morning from 2:00 to 3:00 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?"

Tips for choosing safe toys for kids - Millions of toys are out there, and hundreds of new ones hit the stores each year. Toys are supposed to be fun and are an important part of any child's development. But each year, scores of kids are treated in hospital emergency departments for toy-related injuries. Here are some general guidelines to keep in mind when toy-shopping: Toys made of fabric should be labeled as flame resistant or flame retardant. Stuffed toys should be washable. Painted toys should be covered with lead-free paint. Art materials should say nontoxic. Crayons and paints should say ASTM D-4236 on the package, which means that they've been evaluated by the American Society for Testing and Materials. For more information, please visit: www.kidshealth.org. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Below are the totals for the collections for last weekend and for the previous month:

Collection for December 1 / 2, 2012

Unrestricted.....	\$12,041.00
Restricted	\$ 1,409.00
T O T A L.....	\$13,450.00

November 3 / 4, 2012.....	\$19,987.00
November 10 / 11, 2012.....	\$11,702.00
November 17 / 18, 2012.....	\$22,886.00
November 24 / 25, 2012.....	\$13,074.00

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

U R G E N T !

Amount of 2012 Goal: \$63,805.00

Donations received as of 12/9/12: \$41,325.00

***Donations Needed: \$22,480.00**

As you can see, we owe nearly \$23,000, which is due in the Archdiocesan offices by the end of this month! Please donate!

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.

CATHOLIC TRADITION TALK: The next Catholic Tradition Talk will be Friday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m., in the Parish Center Library (2nd floor). The topic will be "Advent: Preparation for Christmas". All are welcome to attend!

MONTHLY ST. JOSEPH DEVOTION MASS: The next St. Joseph Mass will be on Tuesday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. Take advantage of this opportunity to seek the intercession of this powerful saint, beloved by Jesus and Mary.

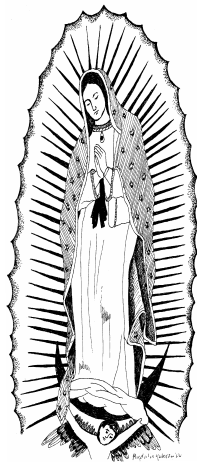


Mass Intentions

For the Week of 12/8/12 to 12/15/12



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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.

Saturday:
5:00 p.m. Christine & Richard Dunfee INT

Sunday:
*7:30 a.m. Lucille Moore RIP
7:30 a.m.: Xieu My Ha RIP
9:00 a.m.: Parishioners
11:00 a.m.: Paul Saucillo b-day INT
1:00 p.m.: Joseph Camerota INT
5:00 pm: Natalé Moretti RIP

Monday:
6:00 a.m.: Maria C. Hernandez INT
*7:30 a.m.: Patricia Reyes INT
8:00 a.m.: Diana Guadalupe Ramirez B-day INT

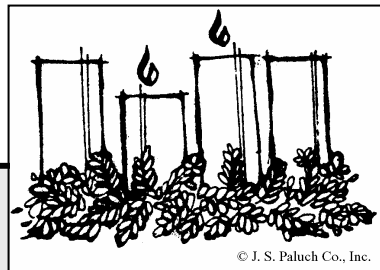
Tuesday:
6:00 a.m.: David Thrash INT
*7:30 a.m.: Larry & Martha Campos RIP
8:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa RIP

Wednesday, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:
6:00 a.m.: Laureano & Maria Herrera RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00 a.m.: Lucia Baldo RIP

Thursday:
6:00 a.m.: Bob Klotz RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Martin L. Elizondo, Jr INT
8:00 a.m.: JoAnn Wixson b-day INT

Friday, Feast of St. John of the Cross:
6:00 a.m.: Scholastica Keimon INT
*7:30 a.m.: Deacon Howard Shannon RIP
8:00 a.m.: Victoria Campbell INT

Saturday:
6:00 a.m.: Michael Alexander Cheah INT
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
8:00 a.m.: Charles McTaggart RIP



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Lectors:

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

Sunday:
7:30 a.m. Thu Nguyen / Florence Goh
9:00 a.m. Jim Raney / Antoinette Sandoval
11:00 a.m. Lorraine Mizerski / Andy Zepeda
5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas / Heinrich Ranches

Floral Dedication

This week's floral dedication is:

♥ *In Loving Memory of*
Olga Zazueta



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).*

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

✠ Andrew Lopez

✠ Hank Mulder (long-time usher)

Personal Ads

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.syversentouring.com.

The Sister Disciples of the Divine Master (a branch of the Paulists) will be offering a **DAY OF RETREAT** on **Sat., Dec. 15, from 9 am to 3 pm**, for Single Women ages 18-35. See their website at www.pddm.us

Please join Fr. Jose Parathanl 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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