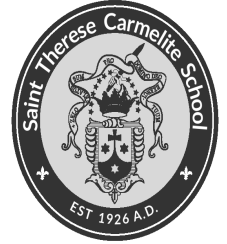




# Saint Therese Church



Dec. 27, 2015

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

[www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org](http://www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org)

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(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code).

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**Vocations:** Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocesan: (213) 637-7515

### Sacraments:

**Confessions:** Wednesday: 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

**Baptisms:** Once a month on a Saturday  
**Weddings:** Fill out an application (on the website) at least six months in advance.  
Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

### Other Ministries/Programs:

- \***Annulments:**  
Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)
- \***Carmelite Spiritual Reading Group**  
Mondays, Jim Gillette (213) 448-1039
- \***Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4p.m.**
- \***Bible Study:** Debbie Robles 679-6370
- \***Detention Ministry:** Sonia Macias (323) 724-6443
- \***Knights of Columbus:** Grand Knight Tom Quintana: (626) 863-7061
- \***Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
- \***Natural Family Planning:**  
Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906
- \***OCDS:** Stan Interrante 714-996-4164
- \***Respect Life Ministry:**  
Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942
- \***Rosary Makers:** Mondays, 6-8 p.m.  
Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776
- \***St. Joseph Prayer Group:** Wed, 6:15 p.m., Albert Grana 576-0872
- \***Tea at Therese Women's Group:**  
Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701
- \***Avila Young Adult Group:**  
Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284



Bl. Kuriakos Elias Chavara, OCD  
Feast Day: January 3  
(1805-1871)

### Masses & Services:

#### Monday-Saturday:

6:00 & 8:00 a.m.

Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

#### Sunday:

7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.

#### Holy Days:

6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

#### Devotions:

Rosary: After Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass;  
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00p.m.; Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.; First Friday Mass and All-Night Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

### St. Therese Carmelite School:

289-3364 - Principal: Alma Cornejo (661)  
stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com  
Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org

**School Chaplain:** Fr. Leonel Varela

### Parish Secretary:

Denise McMaster-Holguin (223)  
denisekay@hotmail.com

**Finance:** Noralyn Cailan (228)

### Christian Services:

Bridie McDermott (224)

### Choir Directors:

**9:00am:** Marcia Martinez-Bateman (775) 771-4992

**11:00am:** Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284  
pgrimm.dir@gmail.com

### Altar Ministries:

Fr. Leonel Varela (222)

### Ministry to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla (626) 282-0943

### Religious Education & RCIA:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)  
rhondalstorey@gmail.com

### Youth & Adult Confirmation

Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)  
rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

## Parish Vision Statement:

To be a spiritual Catholic Family focused on prayer as well as service to the Gospel through a Sacramental life. We envision our Parish as a community of stewards dedicated to building up the Body of Christ through active ministry while living the example of simplicity, humility, confidence and love of our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. --Isaiah 12:30

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

To all our parishioners and visitors!

## Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Wednesday, December 30: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

### New Year's Eve Celebration with St. Therese Parish and the Carmelite Sisters of Sacred Heart Retreat House

8:00 to 10:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Retreat House,  
(920 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra)

11:00 p.m.-1:30 a.m. at St. Therese

### *Schedule*

8:00-9:00 p.m.: Registration at the Retreat House,  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Conference

9:00-10:00 p.m.: Adoration & Confessions

10:00-10:30 p.m.: Benediction and Refreshments

10:30 p.m.: Rosary Walk to St. Therese Church

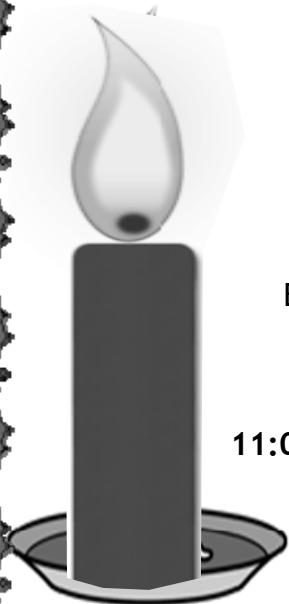
11:00 p.m.: Conference by Carmelite Fathers at St. Therese

**\*Midnight Mass at St. Therese Church**

\*Confessions will continue throughout the Mass.

The Midnight Mass will be followed by our monthly all-night vigil, ending with Benediction at 5:30 a.m.

**NO ALL-NIGHT VIGIL ON FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 1st!**



### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Friday, January 1):**

Masses at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m.,  
and 7:30 p.m.



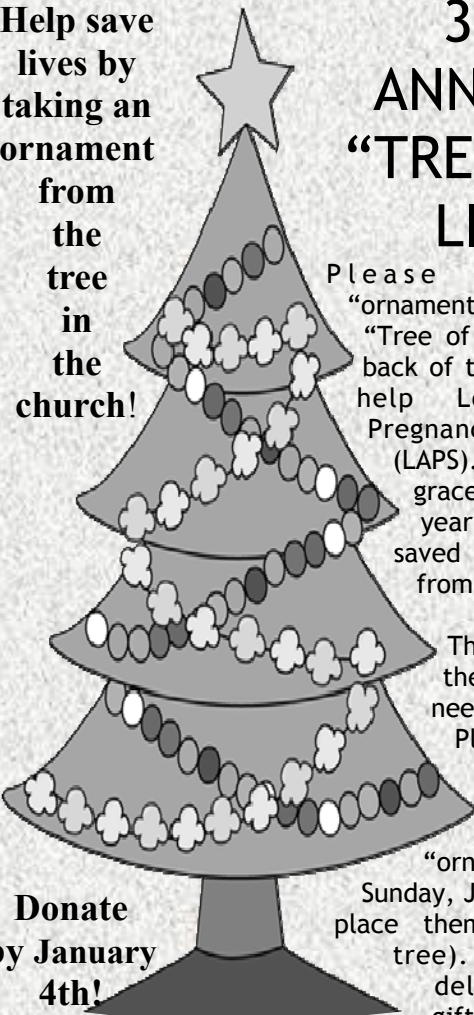
**Help save lives by taking an ornament from the tree in the church!**

**3RD ANNUAL "TREE OF LIFE"**

Please take an "ornament" from the "Tree of Life" (in the back of the church) to help Los Angeles Pregnancy Services (LAPS). By the grace of God, this year they have saved 381 babies from abortion!


The babies and their mothers need your help. Please return the items listed on the "ornaments" by Sunday, January 4 (just place them under the tree). We will deliver these gifts to the Center on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

**Donate by January 4th!**



**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Although this feast was officially founded in Montreal in 1663, the devotion to the Holy Family began in Bethlehem with the birth of the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and to honor His family. Then the wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King. We can go further to affirm that in a certain sense Christ Himself was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Himself to the duty of filial obedience towards them. St. Bernard of Clairvaux said, *"God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary's sake. God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure."*



For Catholics, this day is a time to celebrate the true spirit of family life. The Mass and Office of the day give Christian parents an opportunity to pray that their family life may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. As with the Holy Family, it may happen that God's will obliges the family to make disconcerting sacrifices. Yet every Christian family must live in harmony and in prayer—the pledges of joy and union.

**PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
*O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and one day delight in eternal rewards. We ask this through your Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL**  
 ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL IS PROUD TO BE A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND SERVICE.  
**"God's love shows itself just as well in the simplest soul which puts up no resistance to His grace as it does in the loftiest soul." –St. Therese**

- Happy New Year! We are on break through January 3 (classes resume January 4).
- Feast of St. Peter Thomas—Mass on Friday, January 8, at 8:00 a.m.
- No School on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (Monday, January 18)
- Roe V. Wade Respect Life Mass on Friday, January 22, a 8:00 a.m.
- Catholic Schools Week Festivities from January 24 to 29

Please join us for fun and food at our monthly restaurant fundraisers. Please remember to bring a flyer or to mention STCS, and a portion of your purchase will be donated to our school! Please support our school by purchasing Scrip (gift cards) for your regular daily purchases. Scrip can be purchased in the school office for grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, department stores, and much more. Please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Cornejo, by phone (626) 289-3364 or by email [stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com](mailto:stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com). We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our new school. We look forward to hearing from you!



## CHRISTIAN SERVICES FOOD PANTRY

We are VERY LOW on NON-PERISHABLE FOOD in the pantry! Please help us restock it!



We need: CEREAL, CANNED VEGETABLES AND FRUIT, PASTA & SAUCE, BOXED BAKING MIXES, CANNED BEANS AND SOUP, CANNED MEAT & TUNA, CANNED PASTA. Please . . . No expired food! We're not allowed to distribute anything past its "use by" date. May God bless you for you care for others!

*"When I was hungry, you gave me to eat."  
—Matthew 25:35*

### PARKING LOT TO BE RESURFACED DEC. 28-31

All Parishioners, Adorers, and Visitors! Please be aware that we are having the asphalt in the parking lot resurfaced on December 28, 29, 30 and 31 (it will be ready for parking for the Midnight Mass on New Year's Eve).

There is plenty of street parking around the church and offices. However, take note to park on the correct side of the street on Tuesdays as that is our assigned street cleaning day. Park on the east side of the street from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and on the west side from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

### BAPTISM MINISTRY



In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to attend a class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library. The next classes for which you can enroll are January 5 and February 2. The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Upcoming open baptism dates are Saturdays, January 23 and February 20, both at 11:00 a.m. For more info, call Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (X225)



**REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS:** Canon Law requires 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 for each prospective godparent.



### G U A D A L U P E PREGNANCY SERVICES:

Are you pregnant and in need of help? GPS counselors are available to help with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are private and confidential. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email [gps.pregnancy@ymail.com](mailto:gps.pregnancy@ymail.com).

# Be one with Jesus in *Eucharistic Adoration*



## **DEDICATE THE NEW YEAR TO OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD!**

By St. Peter Julian Eymard

For this New Year we pray that God's Kingdom will spread far and wide and progress in every way! Through a sinful tolerance, we have allowed our Lord to be banished from customs, laws, and good manners; in a mixed social gathering, many would not dare speak of Jesus Christ. Even among practical Christians, we should seem peculiar if we spoke of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament... There may be talk about religious art and moral truths, but about Jesus Christ, about the Eucharist, never. Well, change all that! Profess your faith openly. Be bold enough to say, "Our Lord Jesus Christ," never just "Christ"! We must prove our Lord's right to live and to rule in the language of society. We must manifest Him everywhere. The one who professes his faith boldly and dares speak out the name of Jesus Christ, places himself in the power of His grace. In public, everybody must know what we believe. Get to know our Lord better. Study His life, His sacrifices, and His virtues in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Study His love. It is all very well to see ourselves in Him, but to see Him in us is better. Instead of attending to yourself, attend to our Lord and make Him grow in you. You will find the food of your life in Him; for He is great and infinite.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### **STRE NEWS: PARENTS!**

Religious Education is an extremely important part of the faith life of every Catholic family! If your children are not attending Catholic School, they NEED to be enrolled in a Religious Education program. Classes for elementary grades are held twice monthly on Sundays—from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Next classes are on January 10 and 31. Happy New Year!

For any questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).

# YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Next classes are Sundays, January 10, 24, and 31.

### **All C2 Students: Mark your calendars!**

The Confirmation Retreat will be on February 19-21 in Big Bear. Watch for details! Also, the date of your Confirmation has been set for Sunday, May 22, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Bishop O'Connell will preside.

We wish all our students and their sponsors and families a very Happy New Year! God bless you all!



## **RCIA Adult Faith Formation**

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or completing your sacraments in the Catholic Church, please come to this class for more information. Classes are held on Thursdays from 7:00 to 900 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. The next dates are **January 7, 14, and 28.** For questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).



### WORD OF LIFE “Quote of the Week”

“Love your children. In them you can see Baby Jesus. Pray for them a lot and every day put them under Holy Mary’s protection.” -Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

“When a child is described as a burden or is looked upon only as a means to satisfy an emotional need, we will stand up and insist that every child is a unique

and unrepeatable gift of God, with the right to a loving and united family.” - St. Pope John Paul II

### FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below you will find the total collections for the last four weekends. Due to Christmas, this issue of the bulletin was printed before the weekend of December 19/20; therefore, the collections total for that weekend will be printed in the bulletin of January 2/3.

November 21 / 22.....	\$11,574.00
November 28 / 29.....	\$13,758.00
December 5 / 6.....	\$15,169.00
December 12 /13.....	\$20,354.00

### TOGETHER IN MISSION REPORT:

Parish Goal:	\$68,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$58,853.50
Amount Paid:	\$57,798.50

**\*Balance owed to Archdiocese: \$10,801.50**

Thank you for your contributions!

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# Adult Ministries

**YOUNG ADULTS (Ages 21–39, singles and couples):** Join us for our events, including 1) Formation Talks most first Saturdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., (**NO GET-TOGETHER IN JANUARY; next will be February 6**) in the Guadalupe Courtyard; and 2) Weekend Social Events: Members will host informal events, such as movie nights, pub nights, wine tastings, sports events, concerts, shows, dances, etc. For questions, contact Paula Grimm at [pgrimm.dir@gmail.com](mailto:pgrimm.dir@gmail.com).

**LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA:** Increase your knowledge of the faith through audio CDs given by well-known speakers, as well as books to inspire your faith journey. **The Kiosk is available the first weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of every month.** For additional information contact Vicky Sandoval at [geribah03@gmail.com](mailto:geribah03@gmail.com) or (323) 803-9956.

**CARMELITE SPIRITUAL READING GROUP:** All are invited to join us every **Monday** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Library in the Parish Center. **Lectio Divina is practiced on the first and third Mondays and Spiritual reading is done on the second and fourth.** All are welcome! **NO MEETING THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 28!** For more info, contact Jim Gillett at 213-448-1039 or [jimgillett@me.com](mailto:jimgillett@me.com).

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** This group, formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro, is for **anyone who is grieving for a loved one—no matter how long or for whom.** We meet in the Parish Offices from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the **2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month.** The next meetings will be **January 13 and 27.** For more info, call the office at 282-2744.

**WOMEN’S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP:** Come join us for this prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats! Children are welcome (play area available). Meetings are held on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.,** in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. The next meetings will be **January 14 and 28.** For more information, contact Dara Barbosa at (301) 542-9701.



# Mass Intentions

**For the Week of 12/26/15 to 1/2/16**

**Saturday:**

5:00 p.m.: Han Kun Fung RIP

**Sunday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena 2

7:30 a.m.: Kitty Ellis INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Elizabeth Fieux INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Jory Nazareth B-Day INT

5:00 p.m.: Laigo Family INT

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 3

\*7:30 a.m.: Rey-David Palomares INT

8:00 a.m.: Ok Hee Heo INT

**Tuesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Carmelita Garcia RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena 4

8:00 a.m.: Linda Kay Hesse RIP

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 5

\*7:30 a.m.: Jose N. Vales RIP

8:00 a.m.: Natalie Mulvihill RIP

**Thursday—New Year's Eve**

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 6

\*7:30 a.m.: Cailan Family INT

8:00 a.m.: Joshua Joseph Ribaya INT

Midnight: Tai Seng, Yu-Mei, and Kuo Shuong RIP

**Friday—Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

6:00 a.m.: Angie Brajkovich RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Christmas Nov 7 (PRIVATE—Nuns only)

8:00 a.m.: Mary Stuart

10:00 a.m.:

7:30 p.m.: Mary Rose Go INT

**Saturday:**

6:00 a.m.: Kathleen Permintier RIP

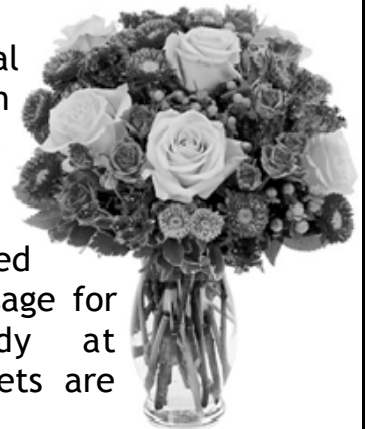
\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Judith Ann Stankewitz RIP

\*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road;  
Open to the public every day except Sundays/holidays.

# Floral Dedications

To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. Bouquets are \$40 and up.



# Outside the Parish

**CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. PAUL KOENIG, OCD:** In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, travel to Poland & Italy in the steps of St. John Paul II, the great "Mercy Pope," from April 13 - 26. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or Jack Day at (323)722-9339. Details available at <http://www.syversentouring.com/carmel>

**EASTERN EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE,** Sept. 12-27, in celebration of the Jubilee "Year of Mercy": Croatia, Dubrovnik, Medjugorje, Vienna, Budapest, Prague, places associated with Saints John Paul II and Faustina (the "Divine Mercy" Shrine), and many more. \$3,999 (double occupancy) all inclusive, air, transfers, land transport and lodging, breakfast/dinner, daily Masses and much more—all led by a Carmelite Chaplain. Insurance and single supplement available and optional. For more info, please contact Beth at [maddatubeth@gmail.com](mailto:maddatubeth@gmail.com) or (408) 903-6305.

**PILGRIMAGE:** Avenue of Travel presents "Marian Shrines of Europe" with FR. JAN LUNDBERG, September 16 -30, 2016, for \$2,929 per person (double occupancy; single, add \$571). Airfare NOT included. Visits to Madrid, Avila, Fatima, Santiago De Compostela, Burgos, Lourdes, Barcelona, Montserrat, and Saragossa. Prices include daily breakfast; 13 dinners, and Daily Mass. To hold a space, make a deposit of \$250 plus optional insurance of \$209; final payment due 6/5/16). Contact Angela Yang at [aokyang@gmail.com](mailto:aokyang@gmail.com) or 394-4367. Must be PHYSICALLY FIT as lots of walking.

**EL CARMELO RETREAT HOUSE,** operated by the Discalced Carmelite Friars, will receive a portion of the commission on any travel booked through [www.elcarmelotravel.com](http://www.elcarmelotravel.com). Save AND help maintain the center. Also book hotels, cars, cruises, etc.

# Lectors

**Saturday:**

5:00 p.m. Marta Timar / Alice Cheung

**Sunday:**

7:30 a.m. Ron Sandoval / Blanca Ruvalcaba

9:00 a.m. Lucas Setiady / Rosa Natividad

11:00 a.m. Andy Zepeda / Pat Cervantes

5:00 p.m. Miriam Lopez

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