

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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*When He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things (Mark 6:34).*

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## MASSES & CONFESSIONS

**Masses—Saturday:** \*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 and 8:00 a.m.

**Masses on Monday, \*Tuesday (in \*Spanish),  
Wednesday & Thursday EVENINGS: \*7 p.m.  
(\*Live Streamed on Facebook AND YouTube)**

**CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE):** Wednesdays from  
8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m.;  
and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENTS:

**Baptisms:** Register online

**Weddings:** Register online  
at least six months in advance

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



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# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Blessed (unofficial) Octave of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, everyone! For those of you who missed the Solemn High Mass and the enrollment into the Brown Scapular this past Friday, you can always catch one of us friars after any Mass to bless your scapular—or even enroll you in the scapular confraternity. Also, thank you to Maria Alejandra de Jesus for once again leading the preparation for Consecration to St. Joseph in this, his special year.

Please pray for our **Vox Vitae** youth this week and their wonderful shepherdess, Catherine Contreras (who was interviewed on EWTN a few days ago!), as they come together for fellowship and special training in defending and promoting the Culture of Life. "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full!" (Jesus in the Gospel of John 10:10).

Someone came up to one of our parishioners recently and asked, "Are you part of that healing ministry thing here at St. Therese Church?" When I was told about it, I thought, "I hope the response was something like, 'Yes! And I'm so glad that you are also! Which part of it are *you* involved in?'" We really are ALL involved in the ministry of healing, some through participating at weekday Masses and praying for those in need, praying the Rosary at home or praying the Liturgy of the Hours in the church or at home; others through pro-life sidewalk ministry, catechizing, working with our school children and their families, helping out with live stream Masses, volunteering as a sacristan or a lector or with homebound ministry, staffing the church, praying with people after Mass, or any of the other myriad ways that Our Lord inspires people to reach out to others here at St. Therese Church. As Pope Emeritus Benedict said, "Healing is an essential dimension of the apostolic mission and of Christianity. When understood at a sufficiently deep level, this expresses the entire content of redemption."

Speaking of healing, a parishioner recently visited a friend in a nursing facility. The friend, 100 years old, was extremely agitated and afraid and, according to the staff, had been so for many days. The parishioner took out some St. Joseph oil and made the sign of the Cross on the friend's forehead and all the fear and agitation subsided. Days later the negative emotions had still not returned. Thank you, good St. Joseph, and please keep inspiring us to be disciples of the Lord's healing (especially healing of relationships—both between us and the Trinity and between us and other human beings), as was your beloved friend, St. Andre Bessette!

Below are some more passages from *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook* about the working of the Holy Spirit in the early Church (pages 84-87). Note: Stop by the office to purchase a copy of this book at \$16 each. —Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD

One of the most insightful passages of Scripture regarding Paul's work in the areas covered in Acts is found in Romans 15:15-20. Here, Paul refers to his work of proclaiming the Gospel all the way from Jerusalem to Illyricum. This area encompasses the entire territory covered in Acts, and even beyond. Illyricum is modern-day Albania, Croatia, and Serbia—all north of Greece. There is no record of this missionary journey in Acts. This means that there were more cities Paul reached than were recorded in Acts. How did he go about his ministry? The answer is in verse 18: Paul sees his ministry as "what Christ has accomplished through me." Paul led the Gentiles to faith in Christ "by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit" (verse 19). Here we see, with even greater emphasis than in Acts, the centrality of signs and wonders and the power of the Spirit of God in the preaching of the Gospel. The grace that God gave to Paul to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles was not just undeserved election for that role, or undeserved forgiveness, but a divine enablement to carry out the ministry of Christ in the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Fulfilling the Gospel is more than preaching, more than the words we speak. It is also what Christ has done through us.

St. Cyprian, who converted as a young adult around 220 AD, vividly experienced the Holy Spirit's *sanctifying* power—a new power to resist sin and live for God and His *charismatic* power for healing, deliverance, and other gifts. He says, "He cleansed my heart and filled me with the Holy Spirit. I was born again, a new man. Then in a most marvelous way, all my doubts cleared up. I could now see what had been hidden from me before. I found I could do things that had previously been impossible. You know as well as I do what sins I died to at that moment, just as you know the gifts the Holy Spirit gave me, along with my new life. I have no desire to boast, but it is surely right to thank God for His free gift. God pours out His Spirit without measure. By that grace we are given power in all purity to heal the sick, whether of body or mind, to reconcile enemies, to quell violence, to calm passions, to reprimand demons and force them to disclose their identity, punishing them with sharp blows until, with loud shrieks and struggles, they flee in terror."

# THIS WEEK! VOX VITAE CAMP



**Teen Leadership Camp 2021: WHERE TEENS GROW IN FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND COURAGE!** Vox Vitae Catholic ProLife Teen Leadership Camp is being held here at St. Therese from **TODAY, Sunday, July 18, through Friday, July 23.**

**ATTENTION! All Adults, Parents, and Families... JOIN US TODAY, JULY 18, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., for the CAMP KICK OFF WITH TIM STAPLES!** The schedule is:

**5:00 p.m.:** Mass in the church; **6:30 p.m.:** Outdoor Concert by AD33 (bring your dinner!); **7:00 p.m.:** Recorded message from

Bishop Thomas Paprocki; **7:15 p.m.:** Talk by Deacon Steve Greco: *Be Spirit Filled*; **7:30 p.m.:** Call to Action Talk by Timmerie Millington Geagea: *We Can No Longer Remain Silent*; **8:00 p.m.:** Talk by Tim Staples: *Living Bread: The Truth of the Eucharist in Scripture and Tradition*. **ADMISSION is \$20 for Adults and FREE for teens and children.** Free childcare and special children's program available for children ages 2 to 6 and 7 to 12.



You are also invited to join the Teen Campers on **Tuesday, July 20**, as follows: **6:00 p.m.:** Mass in the church; **7:00 p.m.:** "Bring-Your-Own-Picnic-Dinner" in the parking lot (dinner will be provided for our teen campers); **7:30 p.m.:** Concert by AD33; **8:00 p.m.:** Movie-Night-Under-the-Stars: **PRAY: The Story of Father Patrick Peyton.** (*Venerable Patrick Peyton is the priest famous for his quote, "The family that prays together stays together."*) - Donation requested if you stay for the movie.

Vox Vitae Camp for teens explores the depth and beauty of the Catholic faith and the teachings of the Church. Vox Vitae Camp equips teens with knowledge they need to make moral rational decisions for themselves, defend Catholic Church teachings, and become leaders in their parishes and their communities. Join Bishop O'Connell, Tim Staples, Timmerie Millington Geagea, Deacon Steve Greco, Dr. Stacy Trasancos, Astrid Bennett Gutierrez, Jim O'Day, Pam Stenzel, and more dynamic speakers at Vox Vitae Catholic Pro-Life Teen Leadership Camp. Also, special recorded messages from Archbishop Cordileone, Bishop Strickland, and Bishop Paprocki!

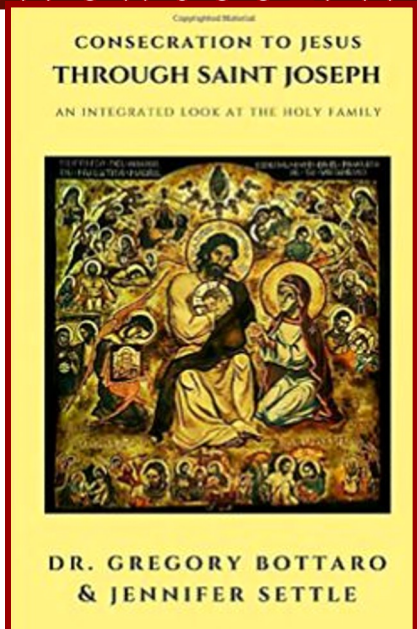
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# CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH ST. JOSEPH

**FOR THOSE ALREADY CONSECRATED TO ST. JOSEPH!**

If you have already made a Consecration to St. Joseph, we recommend **Consecration to Jesus through Saint Joseph: An Integrated Look at the Holy Family.** This book looks at the Holy Family through the lens of St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. Dr. Gregory Bottaro and Jennifer Settle have prepared this **devotional journal exercise** to bring into focus the spiritual (virtues) as well as the psychological (characteristics) realities of being human, reflecting on the full humanity of St. Joseph, Our Lady, and Jesus. **This is a private, simple, and humble devotion, which began Friday, July 2, and continues until the Consecration on Sunday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption.**

You can purchase this book for \$10 in the parish office OR you can buy it on Kindle or Amazon. **If you want to take part in the consecration on August 15, contact Maria Alejandra de Jesus at 993-4236.**



# HEALING MISSION COMING IN AUGUST!



Approximately one month from now we will host a very special **HEALING MISSION** here at St. Therese. **John Cojanis** (pronounced Co-Janice), a Catholic Lay Missionary from the Diocese of Tucson, Arizona, will conduct it. Over 2,500 Catholic Priests—as well as bishops, archbishops, and several Cardinals—are familiar with John's work within the Catholic Church, with over one thousand of them having heard him speak at a Catholic Church somewhere in America.

Many spiritual and emotional healings have taken place through John's ministry and—over the last forty years of his full-time work within the Church—a large number of physical healings have occurred at each and every Catholic Church he has spoken at.

The Healing Mission will take place in the Church on **Monday, August 16, and August 16, and Tuesday, August 17**, at your choice of **9:00 a.m.** in the morning or **7:00 p.m.** in the evening (same talk).

## "COME AWAY BY YOURSELVES..."

Separation, isolation, and hostility are terrible things. We are, sadly, too familiar with all of them in our modern life, whether we look at world events or events in our own lives. All three readings today refer to these same sad human conditions. However, all three readings also have an underlying theme of compassion and involve looking beyond one's own agenda to respond to the needs of others. In the **First Reading (Jeremiah 23:1-6)**, the prophet Jeremiah describes world conditions as if the people of his time were sheep who had been scattered by poor leadership and corrupt shepherds. But we are assured that "the days are coming when a new Shepherd, a just King, will come."

We hear about that that King in the **Second Reading (Ephesians 2:13-18)**, when St. Paul reminds us that all divisions can now cease in Christ Jesus, who has brought us together through His blood and has broken down the walls of division between peoples—drawing them to be reconciled with God. In last week's Gospel, Jesus sent the apostles out two by two. In today's **Gospel (Mark 6:30-34)**, we see Him bringing them back together, reporting "all they had done and taught." The disciples had had to have grown in their ability to heal and preach, but they probably also ran into frustrating times and encountered their limitations as human beings. If human nature prevailed, their partners were probably driving them nuts! So now, after all this sharing, Jesus called for some balance in their lives. It was time to come away and rest and have some "me time". However, even then, the crowds persisted; but Jesus saw their spiritual hunger and was "moved with pity," seeing them as sheep without a Shepherd.

Between family and friends and social media, many of us have lost this ability to "be by ourselves," as we have become accustomed to filling every moment with distractions. Perhaps one of the gifts and challenges of "sheltering in place" is that we were forced to listen to and name those voices of anger, loneliness, and fear. When Jesus and His disciples encountered the crowds, no doubt Jesus fed them spiritually and physically; but, at some point in time, I'm guessing that He still pulled the apostles aside and told them, "Okay, people are settled now, so let's leave all the excitement, delegate the job to somebody else, and find some peace and quiet."

None of us can really be any good at our prayer, our ministries, or our lives, **unless** we take the time to find the quiet and go back to replenish our own wells. There is no way we can give to others unless we do that. That is why we return to church each week, to rest and be nourished and renewed. And none of us is so important that we can't take time away to take care of ourselves. So, be gentle with yourself and with others this week.



# LIVING IN JESUS' LOVE AND PEACE

You probably know that the Jews in the first century did not particularly like the Gentiles. Some of them who became Christians still looked down on the non-Jewish Christians. In the epistle today, Paul addresses this problem by reminding them that Jesus died for all people, Jew and Gentile. And just as Jesus rose from the dead to a new life, the converts to Christianity were given a new life also. That new life of baptism joined them all to Christ, who lives in them, forgives them, and brings them peace. So why was that unity so hard to accept? One reason is that as much as we complain about laws and regulations, many people like to live by them. We even make our own rules: "I always eat breakfast at 7:15," or "I have to read the newspaper every morning." Even though our rules may not be bad in themselves, if we get angry at anyone who interrupts our routine, those rules lead us to sin. But some of the Hebrew Christians thought that they still had to keep the laws and regulations of the old covenant. The Ten Commandments are simply examples of Jesus' command to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself. So why not just do that? The problem with only keeping the Commandments is that **we can avoid doing evil things but still not love God or my neighbor.** For example, we can avoid using God's name in vain and kick back and relax on the Sabbath, but still not really love God. We can keep from killing, robbing, or lying to our neighbor, without loving anyone. Fortunately for us, God loves us first; we need only respond to that love. And if we make the decision to love God and our neighbors, and then base all our other actions on that love, we will not break any commandments, or even worry about breaking them. We will have the peace that Paul mentions in today's reading, the peace that makes us all one in Christ.



## MASSES & DEVOTIONS

- **MONDAY MEDITATION NIGHTS:** Join us every **MONDAY** evening to strengthen your faith! The schedule is as follows: 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:00 p.m.: Adoration; 8:00-8:30 p.m.: Teaching/ Meditation.
- **TUESDAY AFTERNOONS:** St. Joseph Prayer Group meets at 3:00 p.m. in front of St. Joseph's statue.
- **TUESDAY NIGHTS:** Mass Celebrated in SPANISH! Join us at 7:00 p.m.
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:** Now celebrating every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., with confessions at 8:00 p.m.
- **THURSDAY NIGHTS:** Join us every THURSDAY evening in HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH! The schedule is: 6:30 p.m.: Viewing of an Episode of The Chosen; 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:30 p.m.: Adoration and \*HEALING PRAYER (\*in the main vestibule and on the sides of the church).
- **FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** Come and honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus by attending Mass at 7:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Next will be FRIDAY, June 4, followed by adoration AND \*HEALING PRAYER (\*in the main vestibule and on the sides of the church).
- **SATURDAY NIGHT HEALING PRAYER TRAINING:** Join us in the church on Saturday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- **\*HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** Held during Adoration every Thursday evening and every First Friday

## 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.



July 10 / 11, 2021		June 12 / 13.....\$25,328.00
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Restricted .....	\$ 4,679.00	June 25 / 26.....\$10,840.00
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# BECOME A LAY MINISTER!

## WE ARE SEEKING



...parishioners to serve as **SACRISTANS** (those who prepare the altar for the celebration of Mass) and as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion!**

Now that the Covid restrictions have been lifted, Fr. Thomas is asking for people to come forward to become active in these two ministries—more people are needed for both the weekday Masses and the Sunday Masses (sacristans are also needed to prepare for funeral Masses).

Training will be provided at a later date. If you are interested, please call the office at 282-2744 (ext. 0) and leave your **name**, your phone **number**, and which of the two **ministries** interests you, and someone will get back to you. **Think of this invitation as Jesus sending you forth, as He did the disciples in today's Gospel reading.**



# \$50 Million Donation!



The Catholic Education Foundation of Los Angeles has received a \$50 million donation to provide scholarships to deserving new students of the schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Catholic school students are now back in the classroom—on the road toward graduation and becoming the future leaders of tomorrow! The Catholic Education Foundation has received a \$50 million gift to provide financial support to new elementary and high school students enrolling in an Archdiocesan school in Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara counties. Catholic education is affordable and tuition assistance is available!

Families interested in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Catholic schools are encouraged to visit [lacatholicsschools.org](http://lacatholicsschools.org) or call (213) 637-7070 for more information and access to financial assistance. Schools are enrolling now for Fall.

**To find out about enrolling your child(ren) in Saint Therese Carmelite School—one of only two schools in the Archdiocese using a Classical Curriculum!—contact the office at 289-3364 or email [principal@SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com](mailto:principal@SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com).**

# NEW! Mass & Confession on Wednesday Evenings!

We have added a Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Mass and Wednesday 8:00 p.m. Confessions to our weekly schedule. That means you can attend evening Mass here at St. Therese at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday (Spanish), Wednesday, Thursday, and every First Friday of each month. Confessions are now heard on Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., as well as on Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m., and on Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.



# Mass Intentions

# St. Lawrence Brindisi

July 17 through July 24, 2021

**Saturday:**

5:00 pm: Thuha Vo, INT

**Sunday**

- \*7:30 a.m.: Khoat Phan, INT
- 7:30 am: Michael Pagano, RIP
- 9:00 a.m.: Arturo Esteban, RIP
- 11:00 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT
- 1:00 p.m.: Tony Holguin, RIP
- 5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

**Monday:**

- 6:00 a.m.: Jonathan Solichin, B-Day INT
- \*7:30 a.m.: Tu Phan, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Victoria Sandoval, RIP
- 7:00 p.m.: Fred Schmauch, RIP

**Tuesday:**

- 6:00 a.m.: J. F. Kearney Family, INT
- \*7:30 a.m.: All Children & Families, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Maria Concepcion Aguilar, RIP
- 7 p.m. (Span): Mary Rose Go/Patrick Rosal, INT

**Wednesday:**

- 6:00 am: Joseph Jack Ren, RIP
- \*7:30 am: Huynh Le & Family, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Maryanne Losorelli, B-Day INT

**Thursday:**

- 6:00 a.m.: Joseph Can Kim Dang, RIP
- \*7:30 am: All Priests of Christ, INT & RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 7:00 p.m.: Daisy Thompson, INT

**Friday:**

- 6:00 a.m.: Joseph Can Kim Dang, RIP
- \*7:30 am: Doctors, Nurses, Med. Staff, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory

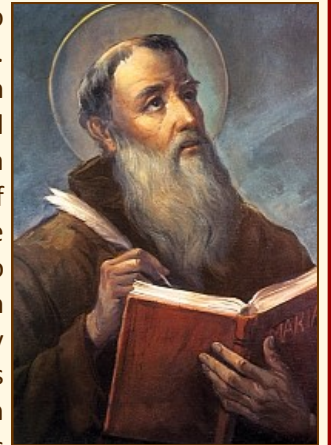
**Saturday:**

- \*7:30 am: Carmelite Community
- 8:00 a.m.: Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD, INT

**\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road  
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**LIVE STREAMED MASSES:**

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday),  
11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and 7:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening Masses (and another special evening Masses) are all live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those unable to attend due to illness). Links on our website's home page (top left column).



Born Biulio Cesare Russo on July 22, 1559, St. Lawrence was a Roman Catholic priest and theologian, as well as a member of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. He was born in Brindisi, Italy, to a family of Venetian merchants. After the early death of his parents, he was raised by his uncle and then educated at St. Mark's College in Venice. He joined the Capuchins in Verona as Brother Lawrence and received further instruction from the University of Padua. An accomplished linguist, Lawrence could read and speak Latin, Hebrew, Greek, German, Bohemian, Spanish, and French fluently (as well as his native Italian).

Lawrence was ordained a priest at the age of twenty-three and, at the age of thirty-one, was elected superior of the Capuchin Franciscan province of Tuscany. In 1596, Pope Clement VIII assigned him the task of preaching to the Jews in the city. He was so proficient in Hebrew that the rabbis assumed he was a convert from Judaism. Beginning in 1599, he established Capuchin monasteries in Germany and Austria, bringing many Protestants back to the Faith.

In 1601, he served as the imperial chaplain for the army of Rudolph II, Holy Roman Emperor, and successfully recruited Philippe Emmanuel, Duke of Mercœur, to help fight against the Ottoman Turks. He then led the army in Hungary, armed only with a crucifix. In 1605 he entered the service of the Holy See, becoming papal nuncio to Bavaria. After serving as nuncio to Spain, he retired to a monastery in 1618. He was recalled as a special envoy to the King of Spain in 1619 and, after finishing his mission, died on his birthday in Lisbon. He was entombed at the Poor Clares' Convent of the Annunciation in Villafranca del Bierzo, Spain. Lawrence was beatified on June 1, 1783, and canonized as a saint on December 8, 1881. **His feast is July 21st (this Wednesday).**

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