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Pentecost Sunday

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.

Rosary: Monday-Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Monday and Tuesday evenings: *7:15 p.m. Mass
(*Monday evening Mass followed by Healing Service;
Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).

Thursday evenings: 7:00 pm Exposition & Adoration

First Fridays: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.;

Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and

Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

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- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office



PASTOR'S COLUMN

My Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

Today, Sunday, May 19, we have our annual Rite of Confirmation at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. It is a great grace to have this celebration on Pentecost Sunday, and we pray that the Spirit of God may be poured out upon our Confirmandi and each of us in a new and empowering way, for both our Parish and our Church!

Let us reflect on this wondrous mystery through the eyes of our beloved patroness, St. Therese, as she recounts her Confirmation:

🔥 —Fr. Peter Mary 🔥



A short time after my First Communion, I entered upon another retreat for my Confirmation. I was prepared with great care to receive the visit of the Holy Spirit, and I did not understand why greater attention was not paid to the reception of this Sacrament of Love.

Ordinarily, there was only one day of retreat made for Confirmation, but the Bishop was unable to come on the appointed day, and so I had the consolation of having two days of solitude. To distract us, our mistress brought us to Mont Cassin and there I gathered very many big daisies for the feast of Corpus Christi. Ah! how happy my soul was! Like the Apostles, I awaited the Holy Spirit's visit with great happiness in my soul. I rejoiced at the thought of soon being a perfect Christian and, especially, at having eternally on my forehead the mysterious cross the bishop marks when conferring this Sacrament.

Finally the happy moment arrived, and I did not experience an impetuous wind at the moment of the Holy Spirit's descent but rather this light breeze which the prophet Elias heard on Mount Horeb. On that day, I received the strength to suffer, for soon afterward the martyrdom of my soul was about to commence.

It was my dear little Léonie who acted as my godmother, and she was so much moved that she was unable all through the ceremony to hold back her tears. She received Holy Communion with me, for I had the happiness on that beautiful day to unite myself with Jesus (Manuscript A, Chapter 4).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE THREE BIG EVENTS!

1) Parish Picnic for All Parishioners & School Families!

2) Fr. Stephen Watson's 40th Anniversary of Priesthood!

3) Bishop Gomez to Celebrate Mass Here on June 17!



SAVE THE DATE!
Church & School Picnic
and Fr. Stephen's 40th Anniversary
 Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 16 9:00 a.m. Mass
Lacy Park in the church!

Our Parish Picnic will be on **Sunday, June 16, from Noon to 5:00 p.m.**, in **Lacy Park** in San Marino. There will be food, games, social time, and lots of fun! That day is also the **40th Anniversary of Fr. Stephen's ORDINATION! (6/16/84)**. It will *also* be **FATHER'S DAY!**—what better way to celebrate Dad than to take him to a beautiful park for a picnic! **Put this date on your calendar and join us for a wonderful day!**

9:00 A.M. MASS WITH ALL LIVING FORMER PASTORS! The day will begin with the **9:00 a.m. Mass**, in honor of Fr. Stephen's **40th!** Former Pastors Fr. David Costello, Fr. Patrick Sugrue, Fr. Matthew Williams, Fr. Jan Lundberg, Fr. Philip Sullivan, and Fr. Thomas Koller will all be here to help celebrate!

Also... Bishop Jose Gomez will be here at St. Therese to celebrate a special **Mass on Monday, June 17, at 5:00 p.m.**, as **part of our centennial celebration**. All are invited to attend and pray for St. Therese Parish and all your needs.



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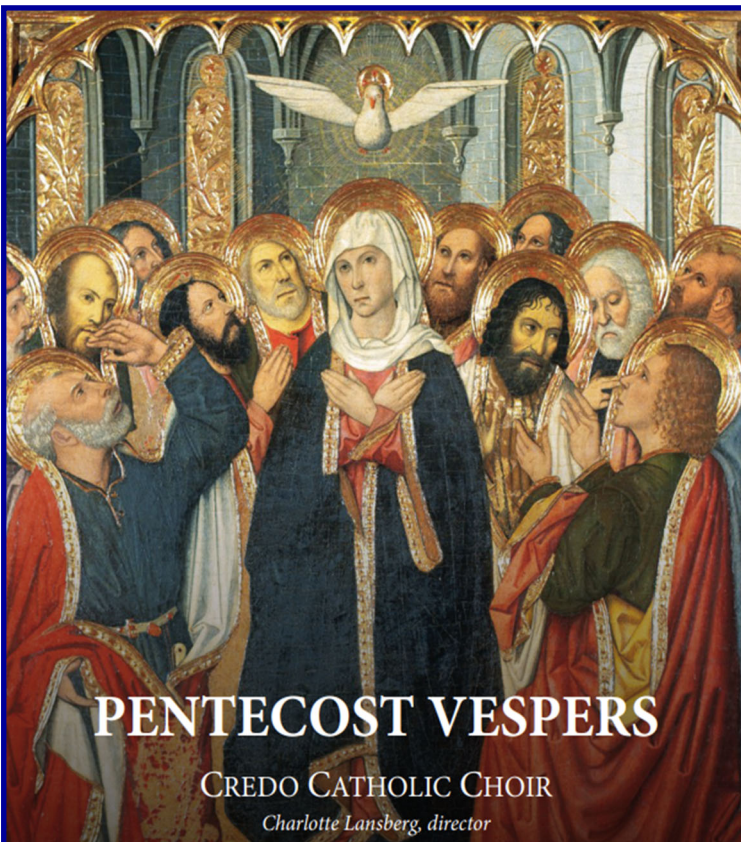
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Eucharistic Procession for Corpus Christi

SUNDAY, JUNE 2: Eucharistic Procession following the 9:00 a.m. Mass for the **Feast of Corpus**



PENTECOST VESPERS

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Join us in St. Therese Church at **4:00 p.m. TODAY, Pentecost Sunday, May 19**, for a vespers service sung by the Credo Catholic Choir. It will include choral antiphons and congregational Psalms. The music will be by Gibbons, Helvey, Aichinger, Biggs, Lotti, Durufle, and Bach. Come and be inspired!

DIACONATE ORDINATION AND FIRST MASS FOR REX OWENS

After five years of diaconate formation classes, at which he was accompanied by his wife Karen, Parishioner Rex Owens and six others will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Permanent Diaconate by Archbishop Gomez on **Saturday, June 8, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Cathedral of the Angels.



Due to space, admission is by ticket only. Rex has provided extra tickets for those who would like to attend. Rex and Karen would be honored to have **YOU** there! These tickets are available in the office; call to reserve your tickets or come by to pick them up.

Deacon Rex will assist at his first Mass on **Sunday, June 9th, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass**, followed by a **luncheon reception in the Parish Hall**. All are invited to come and show your support and love for Deacon Rex.

"100th Anniversary of St. Therese Parish" Pilgrimage to Visit St. Therese's Basilica in France (and more!) ~ 12 days from October 3rd to 14th, 2024 ~

St. Therese Parish's Fr. David will be the chaplain for a Special France Pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage explores where the Little Flower lived, as well as other holy sites in France (**Lisieux, Dijon, Lourdes, Mont St. Michel and others**), as part of St. Therese Parish's Celebration of our 100th Jubilee Year.

This 12-day Pilgrimage price is \$3,985.00, L.A. to L.A., which includes round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, breakfasts and lunches, and admission prices. Mass will be celebrated daily.

Itineraries, both for this Anniversary Pilgrimage to France and Fr. David's **Marian Shrine Tour in Wisconsin this August (see Page Seven)**, can be found in the church vestibule by the Baptistry... **OR** email our Parish Secretary (denisekay@hotmail.com), to **receive a copy of either or both by email**. **May God Bless You!**



"LET ME INTRODUCE YOU..." By Fr. Stephen F. Watson, OCD



When **Tim and Veronica Barnett** moved into their new Alhambra home on South Curtis Avenue back in 1998, Fr. Paul Koenig, OCD, came over to bless it. By then, the Barnetts already had their three children: Timothy Isidore II, born in 1987, Christopher James, born in 1989, and Veronica Rose, born in 1995. On a recent Friday night, I sat at their kitchen table with a cup of coffee and interviewed them. This is their story.

Once upon a time, a Jewish truck driver from Pennsylvania was enjoying a bowl of split pea soup at the famous Pea Soup Andersen's in Buellton. (Andersen's was established in 1924 by one of the Danish settlers who had arrived in that area in the early part of the 20th century to start farms and businesses. That's right...1924!—the same year St. Therese Parish was established!). Isidore Goldstein, the truck driver, took a fancy to his waitress, who was named Marie Iverson. She apparently fancied him back, as they became a couple and eventually married and moved to Boyle Heights. Who was this couple? They were Tim Barnett's maternal grandparents!

Veronica De Anda (Barnett) is a fourth generation Hispanic Angeleno. Her Mom grew up on Seventh Street in L.A. and went to St. Vibiana's Cathedral Elementary School and Queen of Angels High School. Veronica herself was also born in L.A. but was raised in Alhambra—graduating from Alhambra High in 1980. Her future husband, Tim, grew up in Bell Gardens and graduated from Bell Gardens High. Tim and Veronica met during the short time that each worked for a refining company that improved the quality of gasoline. Tim was baptized in the Lutheran Church; and Veronica was baptized in the Catholic Church, although she was never confirmed. When they got married, the ceremony took place in a Methodist church.

Later, Veronica's stepdad met Fr. Albert Bunsic at St. Therese Church and encouraged Veronica to visit "the beautiful church on Alhambra Road." (By the way, Fr. Albert was the first American-born Carmelite priest to be assigned to St. Therese since its founding by the Irish Province Carmelite Friars. Fittingly, Fr. Albert was also the celebrant for Veronica's stepdad's funeral a few years ago.) When Veronica visited St. Therese for the first time, she felt like she was home. Shortly after, both she and Tim started regularly attending Mass at St. Therese. As each of their three children were born, they had them baptized at St. Therese; then, as each started kindergarten in public school, they enrolled them in our Sunday Religious Ed program. Our Parish Secretary, Denise, was the teacher for their sons—from kindergarten through 2nd grade.

A homily by Fr. David Costello made such an impression on Tim that he decided he wanted to become Catholic. For her part, Veronica had a growing desire to receive Holy Communion and get confirmed. She knew that she and Tim had to first have their marriage convalidated (blessed) by a Catholic priest. So, they began attending RCIA classes so that they could realize their desires and participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church. At the same time, a long-time parishioner, Rebecca Willis, mentored the couple to help prepare them for their Church wedding. The glorious day arrived at the celebration of the Easter Vigil on March 30, 1997. I was the pastor at that time and had the privilege of receiving Tim into the Church. He and Veronica both received Holy Communion and Confirmation that night. Their nuptial Mass was celebrated three weeks later on April 19, 1997, by Fr. Paul Koenig. The next big celebration they are looking forward to is their grandson Arthur's First Holy Communion in 2025. His teacher, Denise Lopez, also helped prepare Tim and Veronica to receive Confirmation.

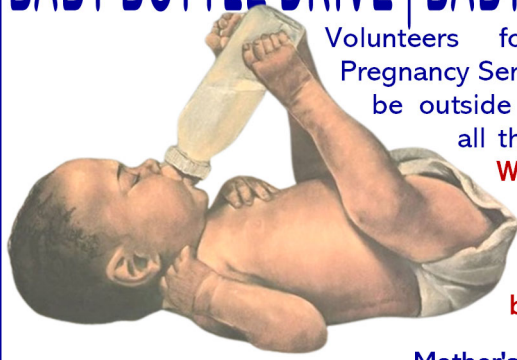
When Veronica saw the need for more religious education teachers at St. Therese, she asked Anita Herrera, the Religious Ed Coordinator at that time, if she could help out. Under the tutelage of one of our great Religious Education teachers, Mary Schneider, Veronica became a teacher herself. For eleven years she taught Morality to the sixth-grade students. Not only that but—over the years—she also became the godmother to twelve children! She also joined the Alhambra community of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites and eventually made definitive promises—meaning that she is a fully-fledged Secular Carmelite. Since 2013, she has also served our church as one of our church sacristans.

In January 2010, Tim and Veronica went to Tucson to attend the priestly ordination of Fr. David Guzman, OCD. They had earlier become friends with Fr. David when he was a Brother in formation, and arrangements were made for him to lodge at the Barnetts' home while he was visiting for the 2007 ordination of Fr. Philip Sullivan. Veronica remembers also attending the double ordination of Fr. Paul Koenig and Fr. Jan Lundberg in 1993 at St. Therese.

Tim has retired after twenty years working for Grifols Biologicals. Veronica is still employed, working as the Attendance Office Manager at Alhambra High School. Tim and Veronica continue to be active in the Parish. You may see them on Sundays at either the 9:00 or 11:00 Mass. Veronica and Tim are truly "salt and leaven" in our Parish.

**The Barnett Family is part of the rich 100-year history of St. Therese Parish.
Let us all walk with St. Therese as we journey together in faith during our Centennial year.**

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE | BABY SHOWER



Volunteers for Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (GPS) will be outside the church at all the Masses **THIS WEEKEND, May 18 and 19**, to collect the filled baby bottles

Mother's Day Baby Shower Outreach: Baby Shower gifts for baby and moms are greatly needed. We have a **Pac n' Play** crib set up in front of the church this weekend, May 18 & 19, so that parishioners may **place their donations of baby and mom items into it. Especially needed:** blankets, diapers (sizes newborn, 3, 4, 5 & 6), sippy cups, baby bottles, pacifiers, bibs, socks, teething toys, hard cover books, new clothes (sizes newborn to size 3T—boys & girls), toiletries (shampoo, lotion, powder, thermometers, nail clippers), and other baby essentials. For **essentials for the moms:** feminine hygiene products, gently used or new maternity clothes, nursing pads, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, APOSTOLIC

Excerpt from an article by Bishop Robert Barron

In the words of the Nicene Creed, the Church is "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic." The wind of the Holy Spirit produces these qualities, and therefore, it is by them that the Spirit's action is discerned. Let us analyze them one by one. The Acts of the Apostles gives us the great icon for the **ONENESS** of the Church in the picture of the Apostles gathered in prayer in one place with the Virgin Mary on Pentecost morning. The Spirit draws all of the followers of Jesus together in unity—as one Body.

The Church is meant to be **HOLY**, and it achieves this quality precisely in the measure that it is filled with the Holy Spirit. And since the Holy Spirit is none other than the love that connects the Father and the Son, holiness consists in love, which is not an emotion, but the act of willing the good of the other. Everything in the life of the Church—Sacraments, the Eucharist, the liturgy, preaching, the witness of the saints, etc.—is meant to inculcate love. I will confess that I frequently shake my head ruefully when I come across Catholics on the internet, who profess passionate commitment to the Sacraments,

doctrines, and practices of the Church, and who yet are obviously filled with hatred. Did not Jesus Himself say, "By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35)?

The Church is also marked by **CATHOLICITY** (universality). Jesus said, "Go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19); and that when the Son of Man is "lifted up," He "will draw all people" to Himself (John 3:14, 12:32). What is most important to see in this regard is that the Church's task is to be **LIGHT, SALT, AND LEAVEN** for our whole society.

And finally, the Church is **APOSTOLIC**. The word "apostle" is derived from the Greek language and means "to send." The original twelve Apostles were empowered by the Holy Spirit and then sent into the world to evangelize. Though they received the Spirit while they were hunkered down in the Upper Room, they were never meant to stay hunkered down. The original flame of the Holy Spirit was meant to become a conflagration, for Jesus said, "I have come to light a fire on the earth" (Luke 12:49).



May I offer a challenge to everyone? Celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost, but then *get out of the Upper Room!* **Light the fire of love in the streets, in the halls of government, in the world of communication, in business and industry, in schools, and in the hearts of your friends and neighbors.**

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Mass Intentions

May 18—May 25, 2024

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Mother's Day Novena 6

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Elena Reyes, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Goh & Cheah Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Jimmy T. Doria, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Archbishop Jose Gomez, INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Leah Sia-Ferrer, Birthday INT

5:00 p.m.: Mother's Day Novena 7

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 8

*7:30 a.m.: Ellena Cheah Wong, INT

8:00 a.m.: Gloria T. Doria, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Flame of Love Apostolate, INT

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Gonzalo Cruz, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Carmen Nava, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Mother's Day Novena 9

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Alex Villanueva, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Alicia Maria Guadalupe O., RIP

8:00 a.m.: Maryanne Losorelli, INT

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Elena Sy Su, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Edgar Efrain Arenas O., B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Emma Cox, Birthday Intention

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Eden Uy, Birthday Intention

*7:30 a.m.: Therese H. Nguyen, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Rica Yan, INT

Saturday (Morning):

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT

8:00 a.m.: Carlos & Carla Johnson, Anniv. INT

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Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass and the HOMILIES at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m. Masses. Be sure to "tune in"!

Pilgrimages

OUR LADY OF CHAMPION (approved Apparition) **PILGRIMAGE** with Saint Therese Parish's **Father David**: to visit the Shrines of Wisconsin, **AUGUST 10-16, 2024**. This is a Spiritual Retreat Pilgrimage including visits to Our Lady of Champion Shrine and our Carmelite Holy Hill Basilica. Two additional groups flying out of San Francisco and Tucson will be joining us on this fabulous journey. The per person/double occupancy total rate is \$2348 (from LAX). We will visit various Shrines of Our Lady, including Holy Hill Basilica and the Carmelite Nuns Cloister in Denmark, WI. Pick up a Pilgrimage Flyer for more information or email denisekay@hotmail.com.

CARMEHITE PILGRIMAGE TO FRENCH CANADA: St. Joseph Oratory, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Anne Beaupre, Cathedral -Basilica of Notre-Dame, and more... **August 23-30, 2024**. LAX to Montreal, Cost: \$3250 double occupancy (\$150 off for early bird discount by April 15th). For more information contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 Or go to: www.SacredHeartTours.com.



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