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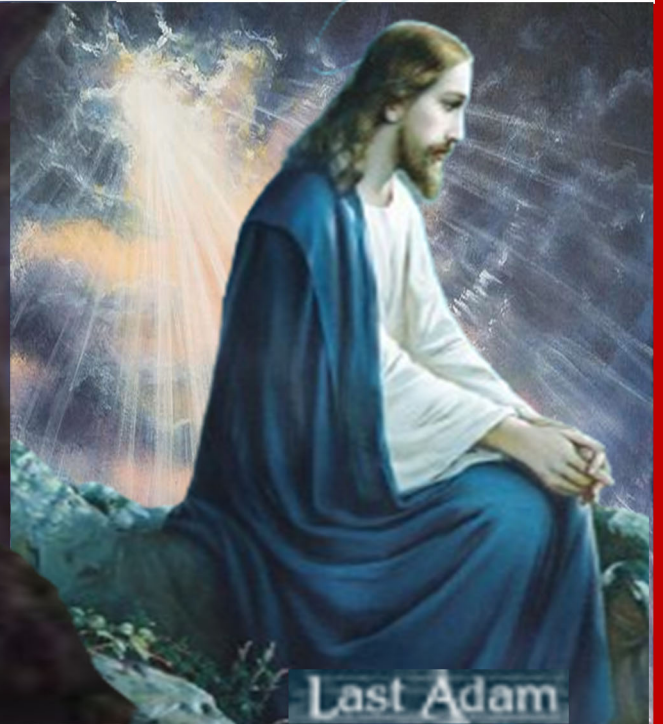
St. Therese Catholic Church



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First Adam



Last Adam

The first man, Adam, became a living being, the last Adam a life-giving Spirit. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from Heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the Heavenly one, so also are the Heavenly (1 Cor. 15:45,47-48).

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.

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• Weddings: Register online at least six
months in advance

• Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

Thank you to all who made our celebration of Fr. David's priestly ordination possible! May God Bless Fr. David in his priestly ministry and identity for years to come!

The next reading from St. Therese is one of her famous poems, *Living on Love*. Below is the introduction to it.

—Fr. Peter Mary



LIVING ON LOVE (POEM 17)

Introduction to the Text:



One cannot fail to be struck by the note of gravity in the fervor of this poem of love, written on February 26, 1895, some months before Therese's *Act of Oblation to Merciful Love*. This poem is spontaneous, not produced in response to a particular request or on the occasion of a liturgical feast or on the feast of one of the community sisters.

"Living on love—dying of love," this is the heart of this great meditation of Therese when she was beginning her manuscripts (Manuscript A was written in 1895 for the feast of her prioress and blood sister on January 21, 1896).

The poem is doubtless dominated by a fashion of the time, when romances would use and abuse the leitmotif—here, "Living on love is . . ." which is repeated over and over.

The poem "*Living on Love*" was born in a single outflow during the long moments of adoration in the choir, in the presence of the Holy Sacrament exposed for the three days of Forty Hours (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday). Two by two, the sisters replaced each other every hour before the monstrance. Only the sanctuary was illuminated, and it is in this context that this poem flowed from Therese's soul.

While the first stanza is expressed in trinitarian mode, the second also brings in the three divine Persons, but in such a way that Jesus is at the heart of the Trinity. After that, nothing is said but of Jesus alone.

Stanza 4, from Tabor to Calvary, comes from an intervention by Sister Genevieve, who said to her sister Therese, "It's beautiful, I say, but incomplete; you need a stanza on this theme: Living on Love is not to attach one's tent to the summit of Tabor while on earth. . ." Therese accepted this suggestion with good humor, even with gratitude.

Stanza 11: "Wipe away blasphemy with love" shows the image of Veronica wiping Jesus' Face, symbolizing the love which "wipes away" blasphemy.

Stanza 12 takes us from St. Veronica to St. Mary Magdalene.

In **Stanza 14**, Therese is already hardly on earth any more, being completely oriented towards Heaven.

"The Mystery of the Church"

The next class in this series will be this Tuesday, February 25, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. Fr. Stephen is out of town, but there will be a special **GUEST SPEAKER** that night: **BRO. JASON PARROTT, OCD.** (Fr. Stephen will be back for the class on March 11.)



The topic for the evening will be ***THE CHURCH IN HISTORY.***

FR. JEROME APPEAL FOR THE NUNS



On the weekend of **March 8 & 9**, a special collection will be taken at all the Masses to help our Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in the Carmel of St. Teresa in Alhambra. **Special pink envelopes will be in the pews.** Please help provide for their daily needs and the upkeep of the Monastery.

The Carmelite Monastery was instrumental in St. Therese Parish being established, and there has always been a special closeness and loving support between the Parish and the monastery. **THANK YOU!**

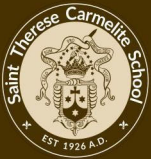
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR LENT!

ASH WEDNESDAY will be on **Wednesday, March 5th**. Masses will be at 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and ***7:00 p.m.**—Note: NOT at 7:15 p.m. Ashes will be distributed during the Masses. ***CONFESSION** will follow the evening Mass (approximately 8:00 p.m.)

SOUP NIGHTS & STATIONS: Our Lenten schedule will then begin the following Friday, March 7—with Soup Night from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in the Hall, followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday Mass at 7:30 p.m. (The first Soup Night sponsor will be Saint Therese Carmelite School. All the freewill offerings the first night will benefit the School.)

As of February 18, we still need **SPONSORS** for the following Soup Nights: **March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4, and April 11.** Please call the church office if your group, ministry, or family would like to sponsor one of these dates.





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Fiat40 Women's Challenge for Lent

Ladies of St. Therese Parish: Would you like to grow deeper in your relationship with God this Lent by focusing on Mary's virtues? Are you wanting accountability and encouragement in your spiritual life? Do you feel Christ nudging you to go deeper? Please join us for a mini Fiat90 challenge called Fiat40 this Lent! You can find out more about Fiat90 and Fiat40 at <https://fiat-90.com/>.



The challenge starts on Ash Wednesday, March 5th (download the Fiat40 booklet from the website above and start on your own)

. . . and then you will meet for fellowship and accountability in the Lisieux Room in the Parish Office building (510 North El Molino Street) immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the following Saturday mornings in Lent: March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12—from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Please email Katrina Crow at katrina.fcp@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or have further questions.



Women's Retreat at El Carmelo

Join the women of St. Therese Church for our annual Lenten Retreat weekend at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands on **March 14-16, 2025 (Friday night to Sunday afternoon):** Double room occupancy (2 per room): \$230 each person, includes two nights & six meals; **OR** Single room occupancy (private room): \$260 each person, includes two nights & six meals

The theme is, **"LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY,"** and our retreat master will be Fr. Philip Sullivan, former pastor of our parish.

A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is required to reserve your room. Check or money order payment only (VenMo, Zelle, or credit cards not accepted). Make checks payable to: El Carmelo Retreat House (memo: "Women's silent retreat, March 14-16, 2025). The registration form can be found in the brochure located by the church entrances. Payment(s) can be mailed to the retreat captain, Chantal Richardson, 15730 Nelson Ave., City of Industry, CA 91744. If a registration form is unavailable or you would like more information please contact Chantal at chantalmarierichardson@gmail.com | (951) 743-8801 (call or text). You must be age 18 and older to attend.

DINNER IN HONOR OF THE PRIESTHOOD



TONIGHT!



All parishioners are invited to come to the Hall **TONIGHT, Saturday, February 22**, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, to celebrate the priesthoods of all our Carmelite Friars, especially the special **15th Anniversary of the Ordination of Fr. David Guzman.**

This sit-down dinner is **tonight from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Hall.**

PASADENA EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

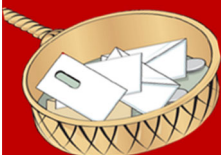
The pastors of the Catholic parishes in our area of the Archdiocese have come together with the support of our bishop to welcome the **Pasadena Eucharistic Revival and Procession.**

The Revival will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, uniting all the Pasadena-area Catholic parishes, and will culminate with a **Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Pasadena on the evening of Saturday, May 17th.** Fr. Peter hopes that many of you will be able to participate in this procession. Please save the date of **May 17th!**

Stay tuned for more details! If you're interested in helping to support this event, please contact our own Deacon Rex Owens at deaconrex@outlook.com.



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DEUS VOCAT This new Parish Vocation Apostolate invites you to help us in supporting TWELVE CANDIDATES who are discerning God's call

GOD IS CALLING

to a religious vocation. It is such as these our Apostolate supports.

You are invited to join Deus Vocat every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Lisieux Room (in the Parish Office building, 510 North El Molino Street) to pray for vocations. For more info, please contact:

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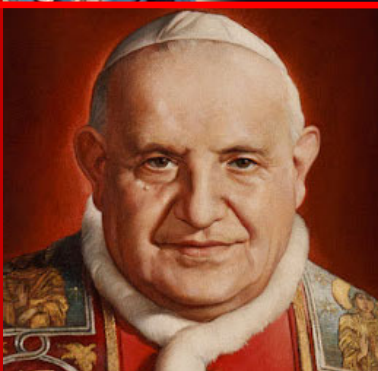
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FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Mark your calendar for our next First Saturdays Devotion on March 1, 2025. Join us after that morning's 8:00 a.m. Mass for the Rosary and 15 minutes of meditation.

THE POPES AND FATIMA



Pope John XXIII (Nov 25, 1881 – Jun 3, 1963)

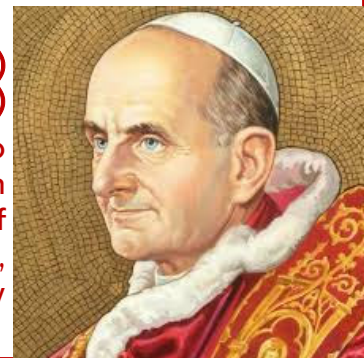
Papacy of five years (1958 – 1963)

Pope John XXIII visited Fatima while he was Patriarch of Venice before succeeding Pope Pius XII on May 13th, 1956. He expressed his gratitude for having been invited for what he called the "festival of mercy and love" offered by the Virgin Mary.

Pope Paul VI (Sep 26, 1897 – Aug 6, 1978)

Papacy of fifteen years (1963–1978)

The first Pope to visit Fatima was Pope Paul VI, on May 13th, 1967, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apparitions of Fatima and the 25th anniversary of the Consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He wrote an encyclical on the occasion of his pilgrimage. While there, he also blessed seventy National Pilgrim Virgin statues, to travel continually so that many nations would remember and practice the Message of Fatima.



Mass Intentions

February 22—March 1, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Betty Zepeda, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT
 7:30 a.m.: Theresa Lim, RIP
 9:00 a.m.: Simeon Basco, Jr., RIP
 11:00 a.m.: Betty Zepeda, RIP
 1:00 p.m. (Latin): Valentina Claverol, RIP
 5:00 p.m.: Jesus & Catalina Gomez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Frank Christopher Ayala, RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Anna OCD, INT
 8:00 a.m.: Theresa Woo, RIP
 7:15 p.m.: Agustin A. Solaun, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Frank Christopher Ayala, RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mariam, OCD, INT
 8:00 a.m.: Lai Kuen Kong, RIP
 7:15 p.m.: Lorraine Gonzales, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Clelia Arcaro, RIP (Anniv)
 7:30 a.m.: Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, INT
 8:00 a.m.: Charles Woo, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Frank Christopher Ayala, RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Deacon Joe Mizerski, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Gen Cervantes, 93rd Birthday INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory
 *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mariam Joseph, INT
 8:00 a.m.: Vicki Alger, Birthday INT

Saturday (Morning):

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community
 8:00 a.m.: Gregorio & Alberto Fuentes, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel (215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra).**

Open to the public except on Sundays and some holidays.

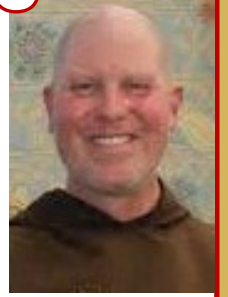
LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

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"!

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Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Psalm 145



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