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St. Therese Church

Established 1924

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Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

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 7:00 pm

Devotions:

Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm
Warrior-Intercessors: Thursdays, 8:00 pm
St. Joseph Devotion: Tuesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm
St. Joseph Project: 3rd Tues. (Nov.-Apr.) Mass, 7:00 pm
Fatima Pilgrimage: 13th of the month (May-Oct.), 7:00 pm

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
-Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
-Saturdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Baptism: Call 284-0200, 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:

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias 323-724-6443
Legion of Mary: Wed., 7:00 pm - Michelle Mestas 755-0564
Mary of Mt. Carmel Prayer Ministry: First Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
Peace & Justice Prayer Ministry:
Tuesdays at 6:15 PM - Edward William 768-0758
Respect Life Ministry: Call the rectory at 282-2744
Rosary Makers: Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm
Edward William 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com

Pastor:

Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (Ext. 226)

Associate Pastors:

Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (Ext. 232)
Fr. David Guzman, OCD (Ext. 337)

In Residence:

Fr. Jerome Lantry, OCD (Ext. 334)

Deacon Couple:

Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)

Vocations: Parish: Fr. David Guzman OCD (X 337);
Regional: 909-629-9495; Archdiocesan: 213-637-7515

Parish Secretary: Denise McMaster (Ext. 223)

Finances/Donations: Please call Extension 228

Christian Services: Bridie McDermott (Ext. 224)

Liturgical Coordinators:

Lectors: Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)
Eucharistic Ministers of the Altar: Dn J. & L. Mizerski (221)
Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick: Fred & Margaret
Padilla, 282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (Ext. 225)
rhondalstorey@gmail.com
* Pre K through 8th Grade * Adult Religious Ed

Confirmation Program for Youth:

(9th and 10th Graders) Rhonda Storey 284-0020
(Ext. 225) rhondalstorey@gmail.com

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-3364, Ext. 660

Principal: Carmela Lovano, Clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org
Web Site: www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org

Eucharistic Adoration - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations.
Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson - 289-0388

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**



*“The Spirit
of the Lord
is upon Me...”*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

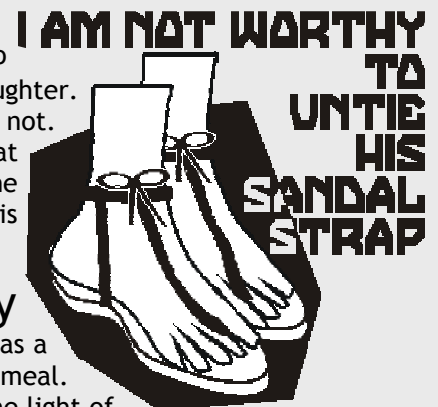
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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me. He has sent Me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners.” Isaiah 61:1 (Read by Jesus in the temple)

Today’s Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Gospel Summary: The Jewish leaders questioned John the Baptist asking who he was. They even took a few guesses themselves suggesting that he was the Messiah, Elijah, or a prophet. John had his own following who would have been glad to acknowledge him in any of these three categories, but John made it clear that he was simply announcing the one to come who would be much greater than himself.

Reflection for Families: So often our identity is tied to another person. We are Jim’s mom, Tom’s wife, Sue’s husband, or Mary’s daughter. Like John did in today’s gospel, we may even define ourselves by who we are not. John made it clear he was not the Messiah, a prophet, or Elijah returned. What John is, is the same thing we are, and that is a herald—the person who brings the Good News about Jesus Christ into the lives of others. In our families we do this by our faithful participation in worship, prayer, and actions.



Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Just like John claimed that he was a witness to testify to the light, make plans as a family to bring the Light of Christ into the world. Light candles at your evening meal. When you have finished eating, turn out all the lights so that you see only by the light of the candles. Go around the table asking each person to think of one action that he/she will do this week to announce Jesus among us. In a few nights, check in with each other to see how the actions were received.

Discussion Starters: 1) One of the hardest parts of my path to straighten is...; 2) I am a lot like John the Baptist because...; 3) Someone once showed me the way by...

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS:



NEW SCRIP GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE! You asked for it; we’ve got it! We now have scrip gift cards for Amazon, Taco Bell, and Chipotle Mexican Grill

SAVE THE DATE! Our annual Silent Auction Dinner & Dance, “Denim & Diamonds” will be on March 17, 2012.

EVERY LITTLE THING ADDS UP! Please support us in the following ways: Register your Ralphs, Von’s or Target cards with STS, so we can earn rewards. Send in your Fresh & Easy receipts & BoxTops for Education. And shop on the Marketplace link at www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org for costumes, candy, and Groupon deals, so that we can earn a percentage of your purchase, too. Do you have a School Appreciation card for Jamba Juice? Stop by our office to pick one up. You will get \$1 off your Jamba Juice and we will get 10%.

S P E C I A L

LAS MANAÑITAS FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: Please join us in celebrating this special feast day of Our Lady tomorrow, **Monday, December 12**. Music and serenade will begin at **5:45 a.m.**, Holy Mass (bi-lingual) will be at 6:00 a.m., followed by a traditional Mexican breakfast in the Parish Hall. All are welcomed! 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 the first meeting on Dec. 16 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Library. At that time, all parts will be assigned. **Also, each child must also be able to attend two practices—on December 20 and December 22—from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each night** (held in the church). Please call Rhonda Storey with any questions (284-0020, ext. 225).

DETENTION MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: Come bring God's love to incarcerated youth by attending the Christmas Celebration at Central Juvenile Hall! It will be this coming, **Saturday, December 17, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**, at Eastlake in Los Angeles. To sign up for the Celebration and/or to visit incarcerated youth on the first Sunday of each month, please contact Sonia Macias at (323) 724-6443/ sonia_macias@hotmail.com or Miriam Lopez at mimilc@hotmail.com. ***"For I was in prison and you visited me" (Matt. 25:36); "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matt. 25:40).***

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED: Next weekend, **December 17 and 18**, 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 19.

SEEKING DONATION OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS: Got too many books? Monica, an Ambassador Girl Scout from Troop 3581 (under Mrs. Storey), is working with a local homeless center to create a library in the shelter in order to encourage literacy in the resident children. Please help her accomplish this goal! You can drop off any type of children's books to Mrs. Storey or to the rectory. Thank you for your help. For more information, you can contact Mrs. Storey at 284-0020, ext. 225.

ALTAR SOCIETY SEEKS FLORAL DEDICATIONS AND DONATIONS

FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: 1) **Christmas Poinsettias:** If you'd like to donate towards the Christmas poinsettias, 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; 2) **Floral Dedications:** If you would like to honor your loved ones, living or deceased, with one or more beautiful bouquets on the altar, please call Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. During Ordinary Time, you can even choose the type of flowers and the colors.

PARISH MINISTRIES

ST. THERESE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rhonda Storey, 284-0020X 225

STRE: Next classes will be on **December 18**, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. Attendance at the 11:00 a.m. Mass is required for all families in the STRE program.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: If your child is interested in being part of the telling of the Christmas story, please see the details on the SPECIAL section of this bulletin.



R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) 2011-2012: If you are interested in becoming Catholic and learning about the Church—or know someone who is—then come, or have the person you know come, to the RCIA classes in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Rhonda at 284-0020, ext. 225.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION: Rhonda Storey, 284-0020X 225

Confirmation Classes for this month will be held today, **December 11, and on December 18.**

RITE OF WELCOME FOR YEAR 1: On **December 18 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass**, we will have the Rite of Welcome for First Year Candidates and their sponsors. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020, ext. 225.

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 on **Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. in front of the St. Joseph statue** in the church. **The Rosary Makers:** We meet on **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room** (following the St. Joseph Devotion). You are invited to help us make the rosaries, which are then shipped to missions throughout the world. This is our **action** aspect of the Peace & Justice Ministry.

BAPTISM MINISTRY: Blanca Ruvalcaba, 284-0020, X 225 ~ In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **BOTH PARENTS AND GODPARENTS** are required to: 1) Have an interview (must be held **the month BEFORE** the Baptism); 2) Attend one class (next are on **Jan. 9 & Feb. 13**) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Library); And 3) Be presented at Mass at a Presentation Sunday (next are **Jan. 15 & Feb. 19**) at the 9:00 a.m. Mass). After completing these, your child will be baptized on a Saturday (next OPEN Baptisms are at Noon on **Jan. 21 & Feb. 25**). **SELECTING THE GODPARENTS:** Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) **is at least 16;** 2) **has received Confirmation;** and 3) **is a practicing Catholic.**



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: **RESPECT LIFE QUOTE:**

"...the Catholic Church does not teach that government should directly provide health care... The proper role of the government is to regulate the private sector, in order to foster healthy competition and to curtail abuses. Therefore, any legislation that undermines the viability of the private sector is suspect. Private religious hospitals and nursing homes, in particular, should be protected, because these are the ones most vigorously offering actual health care to the poorest of the poor."

~ Bishop Nickless, *Voice Your Concern over Health Care Reform*, August 19, 2009 -

PARISH MINISTRIES / NEWS:

PERPETUAL ADORATION



"Put your sins in the chalice for the Precious Blood to wash away. *One drop* is capable of washing away the sins of the world." ~ "The Eucharist is connected with the Passion. If Jesus had not established the Eucharist, we would have forgotten the crucifixion. It would have faded into the past and we would

have forgotten that Jesus loved us. There is a saying that to be far away from the eyes is to be far away from the heart. To make sure that we do not forget, Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of His love."

-Blessed Mother Teresa

SIGN UP! The Adoration Chapel is open day and night to adore Jesus in the exposed Blessed Sacrament. To sign up, call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN: DID YOU KNOW?

Safety tips for parents traveling with children - Traveling with kids during the holidays can be a challenge, especially with the added worry of safety thrown into the mix. Here are some suggestions parents can use to help ensure their children's safety while traveling:



1. Prior to leaving on your holiday, remind children about your family safety procedures for dealing with strangers and what to do if they get lost. 2. Keep a recent photo of children handy, also a photocopy of passports kept in a safe place or with a relative that can fax it to you in case of loss. 3. If you label children's clothing, make sure the label is inside so strangers are not able to learn child's name. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS: This weekend, Dec. 10/11, is the annual collection for the Retirement of Religious. Please be generous! Envelopes are in the pews.

F I N A N C I A L:

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Below are the totals for the collections for last weekend and for the week.

<u>Collection for December 3 / 4, 2011</u>	
Unrestricted.....	\$10,646.00
Restricted	\$ 2,572.00
T O T A L.....	\$13,218.00
November 26 / 27, 2011.....\$13,017.00	

As a friendly suggestion for those of you who are employed, may we propose a realistic donation to St. Therese Church of at least one hour of pay per week.

WARRIOR INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS:

Harmony

UNITY, PEACE, REVELATION & TRUTH, FAMILY & LIFE, MOTHER OF GOD, MOTHER OF US ALL. God in her and through her; Love in her and through her. TO JESUS THROUGH MARY. Happy Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, OUR MOTHER and Queen of Heaven and Earth!

Join us in the church every Thursday at 8:00 p.m., as we ask her to pray for us and to join us in prayer for her beloved priests—the beloved children of her Immaculate Heart.



For more info, you may call Blanca at 282-2744, ext. 225.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of 12/10/11 to 12/17/11



Saturday:
5:00 p.m. Maria Lee Ngan RIP

Sunday:
*7:30am: Paul Chen RIP
7:30 am: Sr Nirmala Joshi MC INT
9:00 am: Lena & Vito Antoci RIP
11:00am: Luis Figueroa RIP
1:00 pm: DeLong Family INT
5:00 pm: Parishioners

Monday:
6:00 am: Lucia Baldo RIP
*7:30 am: Paul Tassi RIP
8:00 a.m.: Aurelio Mendoza RIP

Tuesday:
6:00 am: Park Ho Soon INT
*7:30 am: Pang Song Ren INT
8:00 am: Gloria Lima RIP

Wednesday:
6:00 am: Marie Park INT
*7:30 am: Wang-Shih Lin INT
8:00 a.m.: Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski INT

Thursday:
6:00 am: Michael Alexander Cheah INT
*7:30 am Eleanor Miller RIP
8:00 am: Kathleen Schuler INT

Friday:
6:00 a.m.: Teddy Yang INT
*7:30am Martha Lima INT
8:00 am: Taylor,Wood,Mariani,DeTardo Families

Saturday:
6:00 a.m.: Nicolas & Christina INT
*7:30 am: Carmelite Community
8:00 am: Fabian Cruz & Anselma Corjuz RIP

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:

1) That the nations of the earth, through knowledge and mutual respect, may grow in harmony and peace; and 2) That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that their dignity may always be respected and preserved from all violence.



LECTORS:

Saturday:
5:00 p.m. Alice Cheung / Franklin Teng

Sunday:
7:30 a.m. Florence Goh / Aurora Dolores
9:00 a.m. Rosa Natividad / Elena Muhr
11:00 a.m. Lorraine Mizerski / Jeff Storey
5:00 p.m. Alice Gamez / Susan Gamez

FLORAL DEDICATIONS

The Floral Dedication for this weekend is...

♥ In Honor of
Alellie-Joy Batterham



To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, contact Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.

PERSONAL ADS

NEED LIVE-IN FEMALE COMPANION for my elderly mother. Free living accommodations exchanged for light cooking/housekeeping. Call Christine at 975-7797.

HOME FOR LEASE--beautifully remodeled, new everything, 3 BR, 2 BA, 1824 sq. ft., walking distance to St. Therese. \$2,650/mo. Call Edith at 760-940-1914

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Join Fr. Jose Parathanal on a "Marian & Other Great Saints" Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France from May 17 to 29. Join Fr. Greg Neri to Portugal, Spain, France & Italy on Oct. 19 to Nov. 1. For more information, please contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or 323-344-1548/323-547-6618.

Avenue of Travel with Fr. Jan Lundberg presents "**Footsteps of Apostle Paul**" **June 23 to July 3, 2012.** Visiting Athens, Thessalonika, Philippi, Corinth, etc. 3 nights cruising to Mykonos, Kusadasi, Patmos & Santorini. Daily breakfast and 5 dinners, including welcome and farewell dinner, in addition to full meals onboard. LAND COST is \$2279 per person based on double occupancy and inside cabin on the ship. Upgrades available. For details or flyers, please check our website AVENUEOFORG.COM or contact us at 877-914-7888 or aokyang@gmail.com. Non refundable deposit of USD250 per person for reservation.

Join Fr. Robert Elias, OCD, on a **15-Day Spiritual Pilgrimage to FATIMA, HOLY LAND, MT. SINAI, in July 2012**, featuring 5 nights at the Carmelite Convent in Mt. Carmel, Haifa. Join in the celebration of the Feasts of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Elijah. For cost, etc., call 408-903-6305 or e-mail emaddatu@yahoo.com.

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