

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 24, 2019 **MINISTERED BY THE DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS** Estab. 1924

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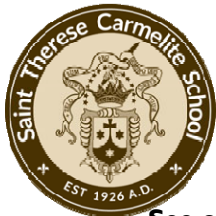
SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office)
at least six months+ in advance

Holy Communion to the Sick:
Fred & Margaret Padilla, (626) 282-0943

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office
to schedule an appointment.



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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page
or on the Church's website > Our School > Videos

MASSES AND 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.

Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. **Mass**

Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Friday: Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.



NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE! PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE OR IN THE PARISH OFFICE

The office is at 510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra. Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm... 2:00 to 5:00 pm... and 6:00 to 8:00 pm—closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open 24/7. An electronic key is needed from 5:00 pm to 6:00 am (available in the office for \$20).

"THANK YOU!" FROM VOX VITAE & COR JESU

FROM VOX VITAE: Thank You to everyone who joined us at the San Francisco Walk for Life on January 26. Vox Vitae was thrilled to take 107 teens and adults! The photo below was taken outside the Cathedral in San Francisco with Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life. Fr. Frank is looking forward



to speaking with our teens and adults at Vox Vitae Camp 2019.

The **40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN** will take place from March 6 through April 14. Vox Vitae will be at Planned Parenthood in Pasadena during the campaign on Fridays (Noon-5 p.m.) and Saturdays (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) All are welcome to pray there any day of the week or join us on Fridays and Saturdays. Also, we hope you can join Vox Vitae at its numerous events in MARCH (see below)!

- Saturday, March 2: Bi-National Pro Family, Pro Life Congress, University of San Diego (6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; \$10 each). Vox Vitae will take a day trip to San Diego!! Come join us for a fun day of pro-life learning, followed by a bonfire!
- Tuesday, March 5: Mardi Gras Fun, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard and Avila Room, Parish Offices.
- Wednesday, March 6: First day of 40 Days for Life (prayer and fasting Vigil).
- Thursday, March 7: Protest PPLA Fundraiser at Barker Hangar in Santa Monica. Vox Vitae will leave St. Therese at 5:00 p.m. and return at 9:30 p.m.
- Fridays, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5: 40 Days for Life, Prayer and witness at PP Pasadena. Vox Vitae will be praying from Noon-5 p.m. each of those dates.
- Saturday, March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6: 40 Days for Life, Prayer witness at PP Pasadena. Vox Vitae will be praying from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. each of those dates.

UNPLANNED, THE MOVIE: Vox Vitae is organizing a screening of *Unplanned*, the movie about Abby Johnson, former Director of Planned Parenthood and now ProLife active. This is a groundbreaking movie that will save lives! It exposes the deceptive practices of Planned Parenthood and its pro-abortion agenda. We encourage everyone to attend the screening (details to come soon!) or another screening near you. More information is available at VoxVitae.org.

For details or questions about any of the above, contact Catherine Contreras or Vox Vitae at (213) 395-8977.



FROM COR JESU

THANK YOU to the youth and families (pictured to the left) who each offered their morning on February 16 to stand up for LIFE and save babies by praying and witnessing in front of the Planned Parenthood in Pasadena! **God bless you!**



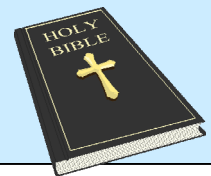
WOMEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Please join the women of St. Therese Parish as we study the Gospel of St. Matthew this Lent. While we journey through reading about the life of Jesus, we will focus particularly on our own repentance and God's mercy. We'll be using the book, "Hosanna," by Elizabeth Foss (available on Amazon) and we'll meet in the Lisieux Room of the Parish Offices from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m., on the following six Thursdays: **March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4 and 11.** For more details, email Micaela Darr at Micaela.darr@gmail.com or call or text her at 236-6147.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR



Save the Dates!



CONFIRMATION CLASSES—YEAR 1

March 30
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
First-Year Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra



CONFIRMATION CLASSES—YEAR 2



March 22-24
Second-Year Retreat at Big Bear. The bus will leave St. Therese at 4:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon.

April 28
Rite of Presentation at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

May 28
Confirmation Practice from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the church. Bring your Sponsor!



June 2
Rite of Confirmation at the 5:00 p.m. Mass (with Bishop Kevin O'Connell)

EUCHARIST CLASSES

March 9
10:00 a.m.
First Reconciliation in the church

April 6
Noon to 6:00 p.m.
Eucharist Workshop

May 14 & 16
(Tuesday & Thursday)
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
First Communion Practice in the church (NO HOLY HOUR!)

Saturday, May 18
10:00 a.m.
First Communion for Divine Mercy Home School

May 19
Last day of Religious Education classes

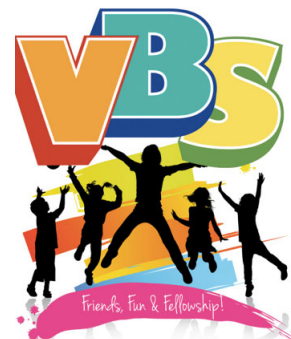
May 19
Mary's Crowning at the 9:00 a.m. Mass
FOR ALL STUDENTS

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



June 24—28
Vox Vitae Summer Camp For Teens

July 29—August 2
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Vacation Bible School (VBS)



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

SAVE THE DATE



The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on **Saturday evening, March 16**, in the Parish Hall, starting at 6:00 p.m. There will be plenty of food this year (we promise!), including corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, Irish stew, and soda bread! Don't miss it!

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES...

We listen quite a while before we get to the "punch line" of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture's way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked.

The point of Jesus' teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our Heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to be.



"Be merciful,
just as your Father
is merciful.

Stop judging
and you will
not be judged.

Stop condemning
and you will
not be condemned.

Forgive and you
will be forgiven."

Luke 6:36 - 37

WOMEN'S RETREAT



Please join the women of St. Therese Church on the weekend of **March 8, 9, and 10**, for a Silent Lenten Retreat led by our Carmelite Friars and Brothers at beautiful El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands. The retreat theme will be **"Be Holy As I Am Holy: How to Become A Saint in Today's World"** (1 Pet 1:16).

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required in advance to reserve your room. Charter Bus Transportation is included in the fee! Applications / Schedules can be found in the church vestibule and entrances.

Single Occupancy is \$200; Double Occupancy is \$175 per person. Mail your \$50 deposit to the Retreat Captain listed on the application. For more information, contact one of the Retreat Captains: Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186; Martha Traeger at 260-4843; or Claudia Rivera at 639-7758.



Saint Therese Carmelite School

www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.

"A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul." ~St. Therese

- February 28th (Thursday): Student Confessions at Noon
- March 1st (Friday): First Friday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- March 5th (Tuesday): Student Confessions at Noon
- March 6th (Wednesday): Ash Wednesday Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- March 8th (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.; Stations of the Cross at 12:30 p.m.
- March 9th (Saturday): 1st Reconciliation for STCS Students Preparing for 1st Communion at 10:00 a.m.



Perpetual Adoration

"If souls but understood the Treasure they possess in the Divine Eucharist, it would be necessary to encircle the tabernacles with



the strongest ramparts for, in the delirium of a devouring and holy hunger, they would press forward themselves to feed on the Bread of Angels. The Churches would overflow with adorers consumed with love for the Divine prisoner no less by night than by day."
- Blessed Dina Belanger

The Adoration Chapel is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You must get an electronic key for \$20 from the office in order to use the chapel between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. as it is locked for security purposes.



Thank you for supporting our Benefit Auction & Dinner!

(289-3364 or admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com)

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

"...for God loves a cheerful giver"
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the previous four weekends. **NOTE:** There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month for our School (next is March 9 / 10).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



February 16 / 17, 2019

Unrestricted.....\$16,163.00

Restricted \$ 2,344.00

T O T A L \$18,507.00

January 19 /20.....\$13,228.00

January 26 / 27.....\$10,502.00

February 2 / 3.....\$18,711.00

February 9 / 10..... \$17,308.00

Check Users:

Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 6TH!

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is just around the corner (**March 6th**)! Lent is the time God works and re-works us, and we try our best to be docile and pliable. We go into Ash Wednesday with good intentions, and then we fall—and then we get up again; and we repeat the cycle many times. “And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do” (Jeremiah 18:4).

*Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand (Isaiah 64:8).*

It is a mercy to live as you and I do. It is a mercy to have the traditions we have received from the Apostles through the saints. It is a mercy that we can go often to the Sacrament of Confession. It is a mercy that we can live Lent together every year. God will give us the grace to “make a good Lent”—even if we stumble often. Why? Because He came to save us—save us from our sins! But that’s just a prelude. He forgives our sins and heals us so that we can live a life that’s divine, sharing His own nature with us (see 2 Peter 1:4).

Lent is the time when the Potter takes His clay and works it into another vessel—a vessel of honor and of divinity, a vessel of holiness and grace. God created us to be saints; and when we fell He called us again to be saints. Only saints will live in Heaven; and you and I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in. The mercies of the Catholic life are many, and not least of them is the canonization of saints. God gives us, through the infallible judgment of the Church, the ability to know that certain people are living with Him now in Heaven. They are interceding for us. Their lives of faith can serve as reliable roadmaps for our own in the years we have remaining.

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday, instituted by Pope St. John Paul II. It was my great joy to meet with him on several occasions. He touched so many lives and set records by drawing some of the

largest crowds in history—millions of people—and he reached many more through television. His funeral was “attended” by hundreds of millions who tuned in via television and the Web. He never sought fame, but he sought glory—God’s glory—and he was willing to let it shine through him to the world. That’s what we’re all called to do this Lent: to be that vessel, that lamp in which the light of Christ can shine. Lent forms us for the task—molding clay into lamps, molding sinners into saints. As Lent proceeds, we’ll have so many reasons to celebrate God’s love and mercy.

Ash Wednesday

The First Day of Lent (March 6th)

Mass Intentions

Floral Dedications

**For the Week of
February 23 through March 2, 2019**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Telliana Lau, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 am: Legion Angeli, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Theresa Lim, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Carl Thompson, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Guillermina Leyritana, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Gil Leyritana, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Fernando & Saturnina Fuentesbella, Sr., RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Luci Angeli, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Vilma Gargano, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Praxedes, Catalina, and Everardo Cabalfin, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Thai Ouang, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Vilma Gargano, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Carmen & Timoteo Recardo, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Legion Angeli, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Vilma Gargano, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Ed Broom, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Rosa Lim, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Rhonda Storey, Birthday Intention

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Wilfredo & Praxedes Tolentino, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Luci Angeli, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Angelle Francisce and Karina Therese, INT

7:30 p.m.: Vicente & Amparo Yap, RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Kuo-Shang, Yu-Mei, Tai-Seng Huo, RIP

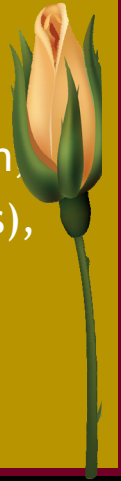
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Daniel Setia Widjaja, RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public

To arrange for a floral dedication (in someone's honor, for a special occasion or in memory of loved ones), call Giovanna at 281-9049.

Prices start at \$90 for two arrangements.



Outside the Parish

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend for Healing after Abortion: Rachel's Vineyard retreat is for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat is designed to help participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential. The next retreat will be **March 1-3** in Duarte. Cost is \$300 per person. For more information, go to www.rachelsvineyard.org and www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard. To register, please leave a message at 323-577-5693.

Full tuition Scholarships are available to all incoming freshman and transfer students of Mt St. Mary's U, L.A. An audition and music application are required. Please note the application deadline. For more information, www.msmu.edu/undergraduate-bachelor-programs/music/music-scholarship-auditions/.

Lectors

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Larry Dumont / Lucy Lopez

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Florence Goh / Blanca Ruvalcaba

9:00 a.m. John Kienker / Lucas Setiady

11:00 a.m. Sarah Halpin / Andy Zepeda

5:00 p.m. Mimi Lopez / Peter Chiu

DESTROYING ONE'S ENEMIES

"Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?"

-President Abraham Lincoln