

St. Therese Catholic Church

February 26, 2023

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

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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. and 7:00 p.m.
(Tuesday's evening Mass is in Spanish).

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

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:00 p.m.,
and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE
STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube)

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

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

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm; 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

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Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. The tempter approached and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'" ... At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.'" Then the devil left Him and, behold, angels came and ministered to Him (Matthew 4:1-4, 10-11). {Excerpt from this Sunday's Gospel reading}

ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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



SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Register online

Weddings: Register online at least six
months in advance

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

Letter from the Pastor

Blessed Lent, everyone!

Our Lenten Promises

We are on a journey that started on Ash Wednesday. Lent is time to focus on what we need to do to be more like Jesus.

Once again, we are leaving our normal routine and heading out into a spiritual desert of prayer, fasting, and works of mercy with our Lord Jesus. It is a season uniquely designed to bring about in us a springtime ("Lent" comes from a German word for "spring") of renewal for both soul and body! So, let's talk briefly about each in turn, since we need all three for a true bodily and spiritual renewal.

1) Lord Jesus, we invite You to talk with each of us about our prayer life. How can we open our hearts more fully

to You, to listen to Your voice and follow Your gracious inspirations? Are you calling some of us to participate in Mass during the week or to read the Scriptures every day? Maybe to commit to a Rosary or a decade of the Rosary each day? Perhaps some of us could give You an extra 10 to 15 minutes after Mass, lingering in Your sacramental Presence? Or maybe do some spiritual reading like Brother Lawrence's *The Practice of the Presence of God*, or *The Narnia Chronicles* or *The Passion of Therese of Lisieux*, by Guy Gaucher?

2) What kind of fasting, Jesus, are You inviting us to do with You, both physical fasting by eating less food plus abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, and spiritual/intellectual fasting from TV or the internet or YouTube? Maybe fasting from something that's not good for us like too much sugar or fat or alcohol, and feasting on food that our doctor recommends, such as more vegetables or whole grains?

3) Lord Jesus, what work of mercy are You asking me especially to do with You this Lent? Pardoning all injuries and bearing wrongs patiently? Comforting the troubled or counseling the doubtful or instructing the ignorant or admonishing sinners? Praying for the living and deceased? Feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming strangers or visiting the sick? Clothing the naked or visiting those in prison or burying the dead? Maybe even volunteering to visit the aged in some skilled nursing facility?

Speak, Heavenly Father! Your beloved daughters and sons are trying to listen.... (And because this comes up every year, I want to clarify right away that **Sundays are a part of Lent**, as the Roman Missal makes clear when it speaks of the First Sunday of Lent—not in Lent. So, I encourage you to **keep your prayers and works of mercy going EVERY DAY of Lent**; on Sundays we can ease up with fasting and eat a bit more than on the other days. However, if you made the decision to give up pizza or chocolate or coffee, etc., for Lent, **please don't go back on your promise and indulge in those just because it's Sunday.**

And let us **FEAST—especially on the Sundays of Lent—on encouraging, counseling, instructing, forgiving others, etc.**

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, —Fr. Thomas of the Trinity, OCD

Annual Fr. Jerome Appeal for the Carmelite Nuns



Please help support our Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in Alhambra! In each pew you will find PINK ENVELOPES. Just place your donation in one and drop it in the regular collection. All donations will help with the nuns' daily needs and with the maintenance of their monastery.

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary was founded to financially assist the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns. If you have thought about joining but don't feel you have the time, **consider becoming a Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary ASSOCIATE!** You will receive minutes from each meeting and act as a resource to the Auxiliary with fundraising and other special projects. The time commitment is flexible!

You are invited to join them for their daily 7:30 a.m. Mass (Monday through Saturday). To **REQUEST PRAYERS** from them... Call: (626) 282-2387 | Visit: 215 East Alhambra Road | Email: TeresaCarm1913@gmail.com | Website: www.CarmelTeresa.org (Click Contact Us and then Prayer Requests).

If you're interested in becoming an Associate, please email Jessica Morgan at jessica.morgan@gmail.com. Thank you and we look forward to a successful year!

Women's Retreat

El Carmelo Retreat House
Redlands, California

"Peace & Mercy"
March 10 - 12

Please join the women of St. Therese Church for a Lenten Retreat at beautiful El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands (926 East Highland Avenue) from March 10 through 12. The retreat theme is "Peace and Mercy". The Single Room Rate is \$250 per person and the Double Room Rate (shared room) is \$220 per person. This year's Retreat Team consists of: Fr. Gerald Werner, Fr. Robert Barcelos, Fr. Jose Luis Ferroni, and Fr. Bernard Perkins (all OCD).

Applications can be found at the church entrances. For more information, please contact the Retreat Captain, Louisa Day, at (323) 360-5186.

Schedule for Lent

SOUP NIGHTS: Every Friday in Lent we will have **Soup Nights** in the Parish Hall from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** (donations accepted). The next Soup Night on **March 3rd** will be sponsored and hosted by the Spanish Prayer Group, followed by: **March 10th**, Margaret Blackwell Family and Friends; **March 17th**, the Knights of Columbus; **March 24th & 31st:** Margaret Blackwell Family and Friends



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Also on the Fridays of Lent we will have the Stations at 7:00 p.m.

THE DAILY CELEBRATION OF MASS: Mass is celebrated Monday through Friday at 6:00 and 8:00 a.m., and at 7:00 p.m. Think about making daily Mass a part of your Lenten observation.

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.



February 18 /19, 2023

Unrestricted..... \$ 9,989.00
Restricted \$ 520.00
T O T A L.....\$10,509.00

January 21 / 22 \$17,605.00
January 28 / 29 \$11,613.00
February 4 / 5 \$15,488.00
February 11 / 12 \$21,737.00

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



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith Academics Virtue

Common Core Education vs Classical Education *Excerpts from Regina Pacis Academy Website*

Well-Rounded Human Beings

Classical education is focused on creating well-rounded human beings. Classical literature, cursive writing, the fine arts, history, and more are all taught to provide the student with a well-rounded education. Of course, in Catholic education, Christ Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, is front and center. The Common Core curriculum does not speak of any religious belief or higher truth.

(Continued next week.)



The school will be hosting a Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Items may be donated to the school April 24-28 only.

All items must be clean, new or gently used, and in good working condition. Items **MUST** be dropped off; pick-up is not being offered for this sale.

SPRING SHADOW DAYS

Interested in applying to Saint Therese Carmelite School? We will be hosting Spring Shadow Days for all grades on Wednesday, March 22, and Thursday, March 23. Call our office today to sign up!



1106 East Alhambra Road
Alhambra, California 91801

PARENT FORMATION NIGHTS

“Atheism, Pornography, and Marijuana”
With Jesse Romero,
Catholic Author, Radio Host, & Evangelist
Thursday, March 23, 7PM, Parish Hall



“Awake or Woke: Care of Our Souls Amidst a Culture War”
With Fr. Robert Barcelos, O.C.D.
Wednesday, April 19, 7PM, Parish Hall



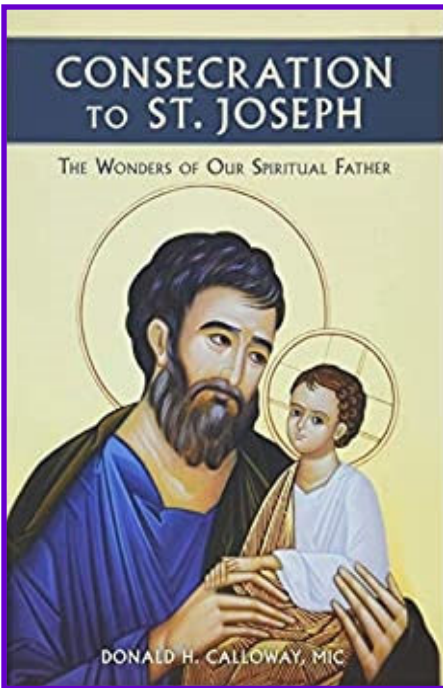
Admission is free.

Seating is limited in the Parish Hall. RSVP is recommended to reserve your spot.

Visit SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com/ParentFormation to RSVP.

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Consecration to St. Joseph



The next consecration to St. Joseph will be on Monday, March 20th. If you would like to make this consecration, you are invited to join us at our next preparation gathering on Wednesdays, February 22, and March 1, 8, and 15, at

Your choice of either Noon or 5:00 p.m. Both times will be held in the Guadalupe Courtyard/Avila Room (please enter through the adoration chapel doors). You will need the book, Consecration to St. Joseph, by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, which can be purchased in the office for \$15. For more info, call Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236 or email her at trinity1lord@yahoo.com.

"The Flame of Love"



For all those interested—including those who have not attended any of our previous cenacles—we will continue to meet every Monday. You may attend either in the afternoon or in the evening.

Both cenacles are held in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices—

afternoons from Noon to 1:30 p.m.; evenings from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the parish offices for \$10 each.

If you have any questions or want more information, please call Maria Alejandra at (626) 282-2744. When the recording comes on, enter 1 + 235.

40 Days for Life

Pasadena's Forty Days of Life will continue through **Palm Sunday, April 2**. Please spend some time with us in front of the Pasadena Planned Parenthood facility (info below) and pray to end abortions there and everywhere (bring a buddy with you!). PPP's busiest day for abortions is Tuesday. The Vigil location is Pasadena Planned Parenthood, 1045 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena. Vigil hours are Monday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Rain or shine, come by and pray). For more info, contact Rose Curiel at (323) 528-8094 / indigoro40daysforlife@gmail.com.



Learn more at www.40daysforlife.com/pasadena.

Special dates during the 40-day vigil are:

- **March 4:** Guest Speaker Dr. Haywood Robinson (former abortionist) will speak at 5:00 p.m., in front of Planned Parenthood, Pasadena
- **March 12:** Midpoint Rally in front of Planned Parenthood at 2:00 p.m.
- **April 2:** Final Blessing and Procession at 2:00 p.m., at St. Elizabeth (St. Elizabeth's Palm Sunday Mass is at 12:00 p.m., for anyone who may be interested in attending).

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- Traditional Values
- Carmelite Spirituality

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The Real St. Therese



An installment from
*The Passion of Thérèse of
Lisieux* by Guy Faucher

Sister Thérèse was buried in the late morning of Monday, October 4, 1897, in the town cemetery, on the hill overlooking Lisieux. Thirteen years later, on September 6, 1910, that tomb was opened by order of the Church authorities. The diocesan process had begun with a view to the eventual canonization of Sister Thérèse of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face.

We have followed her journey and reached this summit, and it is not without hesitation that we write the following chapter on Thérèse's sufferings. What remains to be said? Is it necessary to say any more? However, we have taken to heart her own words: "You must make it known to souls," and have decided to make a synthesis of the principle psychosomatic sufferings she endured during the last one hundred and eighty days of her illness. Only those who have experienced the unrelenting pain of physical suffering can understand the slow undermining of a twenty-four-year-old body. "One must suffer in order to know..."

When Thérèse first became ill, she was not unacquainted with suffering. But she was more familiar with moral suffering, especially the great trial of her life: the cerebral paralysis of her beloved father that had touched the innermost recesses of her being. Nothing could ever equal that abyss of sorrow into which she had been plunged at fifteen and which lasted until 1892. A person who comes through such a trial victorious at that age has matured. But she had had almost no experience of physical suffering at that point. She was to say: "Ah! to suffer in my soul, yes, I can suffer much...but as for bodily suffering, I'm like a little child, very little. I'm without any thought, I suffer from minute to minute."

We wish to establish the true facts, as opposed to the legend which still circulates of a "rose-water" Saint Therese who did not know what it was to suffer. "It wouldn't be so encouraging to souls if they didn't think I suffered very much."

Before Therese was finally confined to bed, she suffered from several ailments. They were bearable in themselves, that is true, but we must not disregard the effort she made to follow the austere Carmelite rule: to follow community exercises, to perform various duties, to be of service. These were tasks which, when a person is enjoying perfect health, require energy, patience, and self-control. What must they have demanded of one who had had a vesicatory, a session of "pointes de feu," who was burning with fever, suffering from indigestion and fits of coughing?

A Spiritual Bouquet to Our Lady of Fatima

The Five First Saturdays Devotion

Make a commitment to offer a spiritual bouquet of this devotion to Our Lady of Fatima! **This weekend, February 25 and 26, devotees will be outside the church after all the Masses** to provide the Spiritual Bouquet packet to all those interested. This packet includes an offering form and various devotional materials. For any questions, please contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 282-2744, Ext 235.



In 1917, at Fatima, Our Lady asked us to make the Five First Saturdays Devotion as reparation to her Immaculate Heart: **"I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep Me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to Me."**

Apparitions in Fatima: The apparitions of the Angel of Peace in 1916 were a prelude and a divine preparation to Our Lady's Apparitions of 1917 in Fatima. In the spring of 1916, three children—Lucia (9), Francisco (8), and Jacinta (6)—received the visit of an Angel at Cova da Iria near the village of Fatima in



Portugal. The angel told the children: "Do not be afraid! I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me." He prostrated himself with his forehead touching the ground, and repeated the following prayer three times:

"My God, I believe; I adore; I trust, and I love Thee. I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust, and do not love thee" (Fatima Pardon Prayer). "Pray thus," said the Angel before departing. "The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplication."

The Real Therese will continue next week.

Pray the Rosary!

Mass Intentions

February 25, 2023—March 4, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m. (Carmel): George & Yolanda Rossy, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Elayne Hoh, INT

1:00 p.m.: Theresa McCloskey, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Baby Joseph McDonald, RIP

Monday:

6 am: Baby Patrick & Parents, Julie & Aidan INT

*7:30 a.m.: Nathan Arne, INT

8:00 a.m.: Steven Smuckler, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Raymunda Bizares, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary Ruth Rheinschild, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Steven J. Smuckler, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Anthony Ramirez, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Matt Chandler, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary Ruth Rheinschild, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP

8:00 a.m.: David Salgado, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Jose Padilla, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Daniel Yan, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Steven J. Smuckler, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Teresa Pabines Buenaente, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Mary Ruth Rheinschild, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Cheah Kin Hun, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Can Kim Dang, RIP

8:00 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT

7:00 p.m.: Carlos Ibarra, INT

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Lim Ah Wee, RIP

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel.

The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and major holidays.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Quiet Listening Prayer

The Interior Castle: The Fourth Mansion By St. Teresa of Avila



What I understand to be most fitting for the soul that the Lord has desired to put in this dwelling place is that which has been said. And, without any effort or noise, the soul should strive to cut down the rambling of the intellect—but not suspend either it or the mind; it is good to be aware that one is in God's presence and of who God is. If what it feels within itself absorbs it, well and good. But let it not strive to understand the nature of this recollection, for it is given to the will. Let the soul enjoy it without any endeavors other than some loving words, for even though we may not try in this prayer to go without thinking of anything, I know that often the intellect will be suspended, even though for only a very brief moment (IV, 3, 7).

Deaths

Please pray for the
repose of the soul of

+ Phyllis Alfana

(Her funeral will be on Thursday,
March 2, at 5:00 p.m., preceded by the
Rosary and viewing at 4:00 p.m.)

Personal Ad

Lady seeks a female roommate for a 2-BR apt in Pasadena. \$850/month + utilities and a \$500 deposit. Covered parking provided. Contact Connie at (626) 316-6281.