



Saint Therese Church



December 11, 2016

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

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(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code).

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (222) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Charles Nawodylo, OCD (224) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD

Deacon Couple: Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

Vocations: Carmelite: (909) 629-9495; Archdiocesan (213) 637-7515

Sacraments:

Confessions: Wednesday: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (web-site or office) six months+ in advance.

Facilitator: Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

Wedding Coordinator: Erin Thibideaux (760) 447-5395 / EGPutman@gmail.com

Other Programs:

-Annulments:

Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

-Avila Young Adult Group:

Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284

-Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

-Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias

(323) 724-6443

-Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4p.m.

*Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight

Mike Stauffer: (310) 916-8419

-Legion of Mary: Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

-Little Flower Playgroup:

Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701

-Natural Family Planning:

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

-OCDS: Stan Interrante 714-996-4164

-Rosary Makers: Mondays, 6-8 p.m.

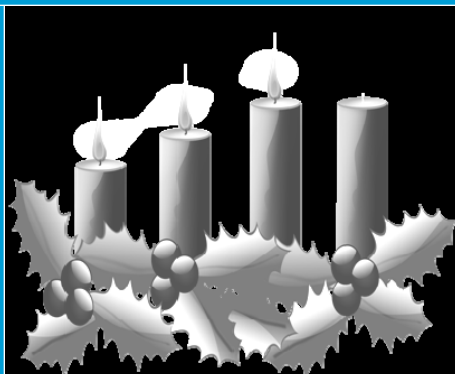
Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776

-Silver Legacy for Grandparents:

1st Mon., 7 pm; Susana Martinez at 289-9362.

-St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wed, 6:15

p.m., Lucy Marikian, 281-3706



Those whom the Lord has ransomed
will return and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.
—Isaiah 35:10

Masses & 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.

Holy Days:

6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., & 7:30 p.m.

Devotions:

Rosary: After Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass;
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-

8:00p.m.; Intercessors for Priests:

Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.; First Friday Mass
and All-Night Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

St. Therese Carmelite School:

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Parish Secretary:

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Catherine Contreras (112)

Altar Ministries:

Fr. Charles Nawodylo OCD (224)

Ministry to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla (626) 282-0943

Religious Education & RCIA:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

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Youth & Adult Confirmation

Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)

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Parish Vision Statement:

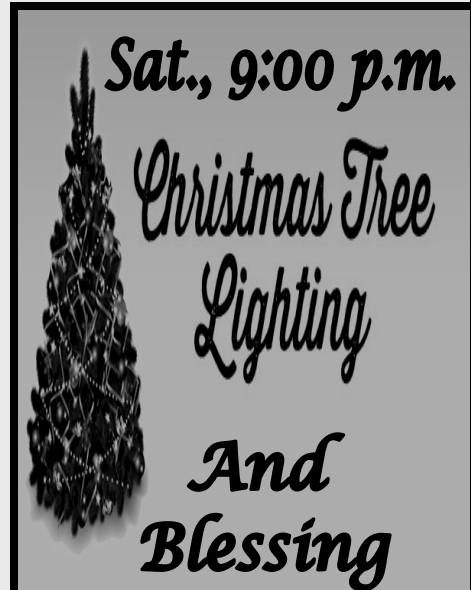
To be a spiritual Catholic Family focused on prayer as well as service to the Gospel through a Sacramental life. We envision our Parish as a community of stewards dedicated to building up the Body of Christ through active ministry while living the example of simplicity, humility, confidence and love of our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION AND WINTER FESTIVAL



SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 10: Our Lady of Guadalupe Winter Festival—The evening portion of the celebration includes:

- Pozolé Cook-Off, featuring the Pastor's Pozolé vs. the Principal's Pozolé; Traditional Mexican Dinner, Mariachi Music, and Folklorico Performances in the Hall
- Jumpers, Attractions, and Games will continue
- **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING:** The festivities will conclude with a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 9:00 p.m., along with a Special Blessing for everyone in attendance.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11: The Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast—Please join us in the Hall for a delicious Pancake Breakfast following the 9:00 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. Masses.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12: All Masses in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Christmas Schedule

Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas

Christmas Eve:

5:00 p.m. (Family Mass)

7:30 p.m. (Simple Mass)

and Midnight (Traditional Choir)

The Choir will sing Carols at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day:

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. Latin High Mass

(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day)

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Monday, December 12, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the culmination of our Guadalupe Celebration and Festival.

Masses will be at **6:00 and 8:00 a.m.** Please join us in honoring Our Mother under this very special title.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below you will find the totals for last weekend, followed by the totals for the previous four weekends:

December 3 / 4, 2016

Unrestricted.....	\$13,986.00
Restricted	\$ 3,529.00
T O T A L	\$17,515.00



November 4 / 5.....	\$21,998.00
November 12 / 13.....	\$14,698.00
November 19 / 20.....	\$15,243.00
November 26 / 27.....	\$16,494.00

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

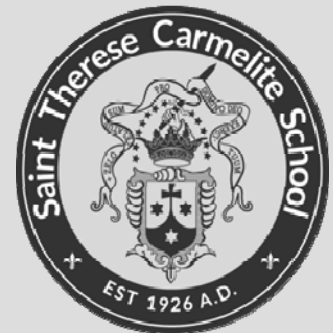
Thank you for your continued support of St. Therese Carmelite School.

God bless you! —Fr. Philip

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

St. Therese Carmelite School is fully accredited through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA). It offers:

- Kindergarten through Eighth Grade
- Fine Arts and Physical Education
- Religious Education provided by the Carmelite Friars, in collaboration with the Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Los Angeles
- Carmelite Spirituality, with an emphasis on the Carmelite saints
- Full-time Carmelite chaplain
- Rigorous Classical Curriculum
- Small class sizes
- Before- and After-School Academic Enrichment Program (optional), and more!



We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our wonderful school, to take a tour, or to spend a day with our amazing teachers and students. Please feel free to contact us at (626) 289-3364 or by email: admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com.

ST. THERESE PARISH DETENTION MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR INCARCERATED YOUTH

Come bring God's love to incarcerated youth (ages 8 to 18) at Central Juvenile Hall by helping with their annual Christmas Celebration!

Date/Time: *Saturday, Dec. 17, 2:00-5:00 pm
Place: Central Juvenile Hall-Eastlake, Los Angeles

*Volunteers must be **18 years and over** and **must register in advance**. Space is very limited! To register, please contact Sonia Macias at (323) 724-6443 / sonia_macias@hotmail.com OR contact Miriam Lopez at mimil@hotmail.com.



"For I was in prison and

4TH ANNUAL "TREE OF LIFE"

Please take an "ornament" from the "Tree of Life" (in the back of the church) to help Los Angeles Pregnancy Services (LAPS). By the grace of God, this year they have saved 352 babies from abortion!

The babies and their mothers need your help. Please return the items listed

on the "ornaments" by Sunday, January 8, (just place them under the tree).

We will deliver these gifts to the Center that week.

ADVENT IS A SEASON OF "HOPE"

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy.



This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



"Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is our Lady's 'Peace Plan.' I am absolutely certain that through Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, peace will come to our country and to the whole world. When we do on earth what is done in heaven, adore God perpetually, then there

will be 'a new heaven and a new earth.' The only name, the only power, the only love that will bring an everlasting peace on the face of the earth, is The Name, The Power, and The Love of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament."

-Rev. Msgr. Josefino S. Ramirez

To commit to coming to the chapel for the same hour each week, please contact the coordinator, Ruben Beltran, at 284-0020, ext. 235, or rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com.

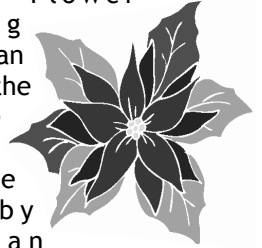
BAPTISM MINISTRY

Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, Ext. 225 In order to take part in our Baptism Program, PARENTS & GODPARENTS are required to attend a class from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library (next are January 5 and February 2). The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Baptisms are on Saturdays (next open are January 21 and February 18) at 11:00 a.m.

SELECTING THE GODPARENTS: Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) is at least 16; 2) has been Confirmed; and 3) is a practicing Catholic. A form attesting to this need to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Christmas Flower offering envelopes can be found in the pews. Please help us beautify the church by making an offering. All those whose names are entered on the envelopes will be included in a Mass offered for them at 6:00 a.m. on February 24. God bless you!



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure.

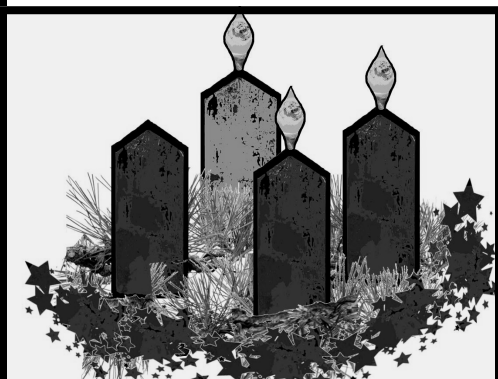
The Feast of St. Lucia is celebrated on December 13. Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan, and she refused. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Elementary Catechesis (STRE) - Pre-K through 8th grade (includes Eucharist Preparation classes) - Classes are in session Sunday, December 18, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Next classes after next weekend will be January 8.

Confirmation—High School Teens (9th Grade through 12th Grade) in public and Catholic High Schools! **Class dates** for candidates, parents, and C-2 sponsors:



C1 (1st year): Sunday, January 8, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass AND Tuesday, January 10, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

C2 (2nd year): Sunday, December 18, from 9:00 - 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass AND Tuesday, December 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE



The cupboard is bare! Help us restock our food pantry!

Your donations of non-perishable food will help us to create and distribute food packages before Christmas. Especially needed are **CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT, PASTA, PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA, and SPAGHETTI SAUCE.** Boxes have been

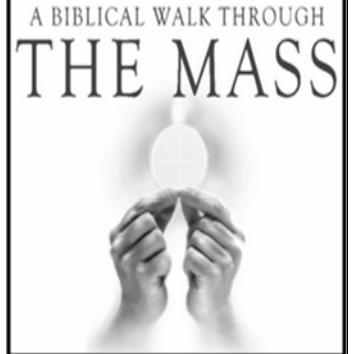
FEED THE HUNGRY

placed at all the doors of the church for you to drop off these donations. Turkeys, hams, and cash are also welcome!

Remember... God will not be outdone in generosity!

BIBLE STUDY

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS: FINAL CLASS FOR THIS SESSION IS THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14! As Catholics, the Mass is the center of our Faith. Do we know what all the responses and all the gestures mean? In this study, Dr. Edward Sri takes us on a unique tour of the Liturgy. We will explore the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the Liturgy and their profound significance. All are welcome! Come renew your faith and deepen your love and devotion to the Eucharist. Class will convene at 7:00 p.m. and the DVD will begin at 7:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room. For any questions, contact Debbie at debrobles@me.com or 679-6370.



ON-GOING MEETINGS / CLASSES / MINISTRIES

AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (Ages 21–39, singles/couples): Join us on most first Saturdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard, as well as for social events. For more information, contact Paula at 909-703-1284 or pgrimm.dir@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY: Join us Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Following time for gathering, each session will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. For more info about these sessions, visit www.AscensionPress.com, or contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or 679-6370.

DETENTION MINISTRY: Join us in visiting the youth in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

“GOING DEEPER”: Adults are welcome to join us in the Hall every Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Each week Parishioner, Author, and Producer Leo Severino will give a talk about a topic of our Catholic Faith in order to answer questions about God, our existence, and His Church—during which attendees are free to interject questions.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro) is for those grieving a loved one—no matter how long or for whom. We meet in the Parish Offices from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. The next meetings will be December 14 and 28.

INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP: Join us in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices to pray for priests every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. (following Benediction in the church). For more info, call Blanca at 281-7070.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES: Irish dance classes are held on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (for 45 minutes to one hour). Classes are for kids 4+ and for adults. For more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.

LEGION OF MARY: Consider becoming a member of the Legion. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room). The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary.

ROSARY MAKERS: Help make rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. For more info, call Magda at (213) 300-7776.

SILVER LEGACY: Grandparents are invited to discover how to support and assist their children with their own families. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the FIRST MONDAY of each month in the Parent Service Association Room of the school classroom building (last room on the lower level—across from the south side of the Parish Hall). For more info, call Susana Martinez at 289- 9362. Next meeting is Monday, January 2.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Come to the church every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at 281-3706.

Mass Intentions

For Week of 12/10/16 TO 12/17/16

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Eulalia Lindo RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Yu Chu Wan Lan RIP

7:30 a.m.: Alvin & Anthony Cailan INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa RIP

1:00 pm (Latin) Pierrino Mascarino INT

5:00 p.m.: Camille Macedonio RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Alvin & Anthony Cailan INT

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Blesilda Tuan INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns Christmas Novena 1

*7:30 a.m.: Hilda Safarik RIP

8:00 a.m.: Phuoc Huynh RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Virgil & Maria Odone INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns Christmas Novena 2

8:00 a.m.: Mireya Caballero INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Michael Alexander Cheah INT

*7:30 a.m.: Eleanor Miller RIP

8:00 a.m.: Giang Tran RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns Christmas Novena 3

*7:30 a.m.: Sam Casper, Jacob, Monica, John Park RIP

8:00 a.m.: Carmen Duncan RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns Christmas Novena 4

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Michael Jeffrey Landon RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road
Open to the public every day except Sundays/holidays.

Floral Dedication

Make a floral dedication in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones!

The next opportunity will be on Sunday, January 15.

Bouquets are \$45 plus.

Just leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.



Outside the Parish

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, will be the Chaplain for a Pilgrimage to Mexico (Mexico City, Tlaxcala, Ocotlan, Guadalupe, etc.. December 8 to 13, 2016. \$1,599 per person (round-trip air, 1st-class hotels, daily b'fast/dinner, tours, a/c bus. Contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305/maddatubeth@gmail.com/ www.adriatictours.com.

Carmelite Pilgrimage for the Fatima Centenary (June 7-15, 2017) to Braga, Coimbra, Fatima, Lisbon, etc. Cost: \$3,395 if reserved by Feb. 15 (double occupancy; single rms not avail). Includes R/T non-stop air from L.A., airport taxes, land transport by luxury coach, 2 nights in Braga, 4 nights in Fatima, and 1 night in Lisbon—all with private bath; Daily breakfast/dinner & 3 lunches; Daily Mass. Contact: Jack & Louisa Day at (323)722-9339 or (323)360-5186 OR Caroline Syversen (800)334-5425/ www.syversentouring.com/Carmel

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE JUNE 25 - JULY 6, with Fr. Darrin Merlino, CMF, & Fr. Gaspar Masilamani, CMF. Visit Nazareth, Caesarea, Bethlehem, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Bethany, Jericho, Jerusalem and much more! \$3,999, Dbl. occupancy. Includes daily Mass, direct flights from LAX, fabulous hotels, breakfasts/dinners, airport taxes, entrance fees. Contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at 285-6687.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER:

1) That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over; and 2) That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Alice Cheung / Lucy Lopez

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Lily Edusma / Ron Saldoval

9:00 a.m. Lucas Setiady / Nancy King

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

5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches / Charlie Gopez



For the word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all He does. -Psalm 33:4

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