

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 1, 2019 **MINISTERED BY THE DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS** Estab. 1924



Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD X222;
Associate Pastor: Fr. David Guzman, OCD X232;
Carmelite Vocation Director: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD X224

In Residence:
Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD X335;
Fr. Donald Kinney, OCD (Chaplain for the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles);
Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD (7th Grade Teacher)

Deacons: Deacon Joseph Mizerski X333;
Deacon Gilbert Vargas X333

NEW PARISHIONERS,

Register in the office at 510 N. El Molino Street, Alhambra.

Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; from 2:00 to 5:00 pm; and from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm and from 5:00 to 6:00 pm).

The 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).

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL (626) 289-3364

www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

Principal: Alma Cornejo X661

Principal @sainttheresecarmelite.school.com

Chaplain: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD X224

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 the 8:00 a.m. Mass

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

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

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office) 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.

Parish Secretary:

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cathycforlife@gmail.com

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Fr. Matthias Lambrecht,
OCD X224
frmatthias@sainttherese.carmeliteschool.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Grade School, Confirmation

for Youth & Adults,
RCIA, and Liturgical
Ministries): Call
the main office



Our Annual Guadalupe Dinner Festival



We can't wait to see **YOU** at this Annual Parish and School event! It will be held in the Hall from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., on **Saturday, December 14**. For dinner you will have your choice of several "Foods from Around the World," including Fr. Philip's World Famous Turkey Pozole, Grandma Carmelita's Tacos, homemade Pancit, authentic Italian pasta, and much more.



You will also have the opportunity to purchase gift baskets and raffle tickets—and to watch as we pull the winning ticket for the Early Bird raffle. During the evening, you will be entertained with live music and dancing performances. Admission is **FREE**, with the food sold *a la carte*.



Tickets will be sold at the Dinner for the **WINTER DRAWING** for the following cash prizes:

Grand: \$2,500; 2nd: \$1,000; 3rd: \$500. Tickets are \$3 each OR ten for \$25.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Silent Auction Gala on February 21, 2020;



We will have an **EARLY BIRD DRAWING** (from all the entries for the Winter Drawing) at the Guadalupe Dinner to win a very nice wine basket.

Don't miss it!

1st Sunday of Advent: Hopeful Expectation



Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. Today, the First Sunday of Advent, we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

We hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace, and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in God's ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled.

The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11,12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

BUS TRIP TO WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE

Vox Vitae is going to the Walk for Life in San Francisco on January 25th!—just two months from now! The Walk and its counterpart, the March for Life in Washington, DC, commemorate the anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that stripped legal protection from unborn children on January 22, 1973. Since then, more than 60 million babies have been aborted in the United States. The Walk for Life is not a party. Rather, over 60,000 people gather together to remember the dead and resolve anew to work to end abortion. We remember also the wounded mothers, fathers, and other family members of the babies.



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN to join Vox Vitae in San Francisco for the 2020 Walk for Life (we'll have TWO buses!). Join us! You can register at VoxVitae.org at the Events page. Our tentative schedule on **Saturday, January 25**, is:

Please be a VOICE FOR LIFE! Register today!

Midnight - Check-in at St. Therese Church; 1:00 a.m.—Depart; 7:00 a.m.—Arrive in San Francisco; 7:30 a.m.—Continental breakfast; 9:30 a.m.—Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption; 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—Info Faire (Lunch can be purchased; bring your own lunch money!); 12:30-1:30 p.m.—Speakers and rally; 1:30 p.m.—Walk for Life; 4:30 p.m.—Bus pick-up at Pier 1; 5:00 p.m.—Protest at UCSF, the nation's abortion training headquarters and where they harvest organs from late-term babies; 5:30 p.m.—Bus pick-up at UCSF; 6:00 p.m.—FREE BBQ dinner at Our Lady Star of the Sea; 7:30 p.m.—Bus pick-up at Our Lady Star of the Sea; 1:30 a.m.—Arrive back at St. Therese Church on January 26.

The anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade* is an especially important time to demand legal protection for unborn babies.

CONSECRATION

A R E M I N D E R



...for all those who have been attending the preparation sessions for St. Louis de Montfort's Classic Preparation for Consecration, "TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY: TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS"...

The next class (fourth out of five) for this 33-day preparation for Consecration will meet in the Parish Library from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**, tonight, **SUNDAY, December 1**. The final one will be next Sunday, December 8.

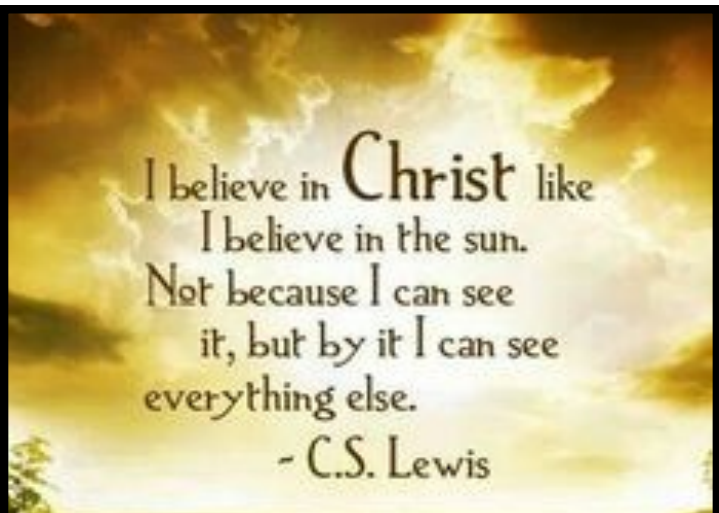


EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS!

Each Saturday morning, volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring Our Lord to the Catholic residents of Brookdale Assisted Living facility in Alhambra. We are in need of additional



volunteers to serve the Sick at this location. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Coordinator, Larry Regalado, at 788-6085.



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 last few weekends.

NOTE: The second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month is for our School (next is December 14 / 15).



Due to Thanksgiving, this bulletin was printed before the weekend of November 23/24; therefore, those collection totals are not available for publication yet.

October 26 / 27..... \$14,858.00
November 2 / 3..... \$17,392.00
November 9 / 10.....\$17,120.00
November 16 / 17.....\$23,358.00

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

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE



Please bring food & turkeys and hams on Sunday, December 22!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated food, turkeys, and money for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Our next food drive will be for those in need for Christmas.

Please help us by donating non-perishable food items (boxes, bags, cans) AND turkeys and/or hams for our Christmas Food Drive! Please bring these items to the Parish Hall on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

We will have freezers available in the Hall that day to place the turkeys and hams until we distribute them the next evening.

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

SPAGHETTI WITH SANTA

The Knights of Columbus will host a "Spaghetti with Santa" Dinner NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 7th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

Tickets will be available after all of the Masses this weekend (November 30/December 1). The cost is \$10 per adult (13 and older) and it's FREE for children 12 and under. There will be activities for the children, and Santa will be available for pictures.



ADORATION CHAPEL

"May Mary, who, in the freedom of her 'Fiat' and her presence at the foot of the cross, offered to the world Jesus the Liberator, help us to truly believe in His Real Presence in the Eucharist and to adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament on our altars." -St. John Paul II

Our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration chapel is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (for security it is locked in the evening until 6:00 a.m. the next day. For a \$20 fee paid in the office during open hours, you can get an electronic key that will open the chapel during the hours it is locked).

DINNER & CONCERT GALA

Your are cordially invited to attend the "Decade of Love & Life" Gala with Guadalupe Pregnancy Services. Don't miss this Dinner & Classical Concert, featuring Elizabeth Krestyn, which will be held on Saturday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m., at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton. RSVP at pregnancy-gps.eventbrite.com or contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You are invited to attend a special Christmas concert here at St. Therese: **EMMET CAHILL'S CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND, WITH THE ST. THERESE CHOIR AND CREDO CATHOLIC CHOIR.** It will be held on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, at 7:30 p.m., in the church.** Tickets—\$35 general admission or \$50 if you'd like to join us for the "Meet and Greet" at 6:00 p.m., followed by the concert—are available for purchase at www.EmmetCahill.com (click on the three white lines in upper left corner and choose TOUR DATES and then scroll down to December 5). You may also purchase tickets in our Office during open hours. To receive a **15% DISCOUNT**, enter **THERESE** in the **DISCOUNT CODE** online or say **THERESE** if you purchase in the office.

We look forward to seeing you there!

EMMET CAHILL'S
CHRISTMAS
IN IRELAND

With St. Therese Choir
and
Credo Catholic Choir

Thursday, December 5,
at 7:30 p.m.

THIS THURSDAY!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

* **STRE** (Kindergarten through 8th Grade, including Eucharist Preparation): Next classes will be held **Sundays, December 8 and 15, at 9:00 a.m.**

• **CONFIRMATION** (High School): The next classes for First Year (C1) will be **Sunday, December 8, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m.** Classes for Second Year (C2) will be **Sunday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.**

• **RCIA:** If you wish to become Catholic or to complete your Sacraments, join us! Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room on most Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are December 5, 12, and 19.

BIBLE STUDY GUIDEBOOKS



Study Guides for our current Bible study, "*The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*," are available for any persons

wishing to watch lecture presentations online and do individual studies at their own pace.

If interested, call Debbie Robles at 679-6370 to register, drop off a \$30 book fee (checks payable to St. Therese Church), then pick up your Guide from—the Rectory. For more information, visit www.ascensionpress.com or contact Debbie at 679-6370 or debrobles@me.com.

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St. Therese Church has **RENEWED ITS SUBSCRIPTION** to the Catholic media website, **FORMED.ORG** (sometimes referred to as "Netflix" for Catholics) and is continuing to make it available for **FREE** to ALL our parishioners! Discover all the best Catholic content in one place: Movies, talks, audio dramas, and a great selection of e-books. To register, go to the home page of our website (www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org) and click on the picture shown to the left. Then, simply enter your name, e-mail address, and zip code (**NO PASSWORD NEEDED!**) and get started enjoying all they have to offer.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECEMBER

Read: "The World's First Love," by Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen (soon to be beatified!).

Listen: "Lectio: Mary, The New Eve," with Dr. Brant Pitre (Eight 35-minute sessions from which to choose).

Watch: 1531: A Story Not Finished Yet," a great movie/documentary (only 75 minutes long) about Our Lady of Guadalupe.

ONGOING PARISH MEETINGS / EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room **between September and June**. For more info, contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or at 679-6370.

CATHOLIC KARATE is for boys, girls, and men from 7 to 60. Learn self-defense, increased self-control, and confidence. For more info, contact John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for the 11:00 a.m. Mass is every Wednesday from September to June (from 7:30-9:00 p.m.).

CONSECRATION TO MARY: Follow-up group for those already consecrated to Jesus through His mother, the Mother of God. Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the **first Sunday** of each month. For more info, call Angela at (310) 701-8386.

DETENTION MINISTRY: If you're 21 or older, join us in visiting the youth (ages 8 to 18) in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meet monthly in the LA Archdiocese with our chaplain in a safe confidential setting. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for **parents**: EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR Courage LA for **persons struggling with same sex attraction**: CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com).

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: Held every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

"FORMED" CATHOLIC MEDIA is available for **FREE** to ALL our parishioners! Discover all the best Catholic content in one place: movies, talks, audio dramas, and a great selection of popular e-books. To register, go to FORMED.ORG on our website, click on the icon, enter your name, email address, and your zip code—and get started!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (originally 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 meeting will be December 11.**

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: For Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Frank Bodeman, at (888) 869-3124.

LEGION OF MARY: The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: For info on Church teaches about openness to life, contact Jack & Katrina Crow at 292-1906 or katrina.fcp@gmail.com for **English OR** Martha Lacayo for **Spanish** at 372-0808 or Martha.fcp@gmail.com. Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System/NaproTechnology are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact one of them to register for the classes.

RISE MEN'S MINISTRY: All men who have made the challenge at www.MenRiseUp.org are encouraged to join us on **Saturday mornings for the Rosary at 6:45 a.m., followed by a video and discussion from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m.** in the Parish Meeting Room. For questions, contact Greg Keller at greglks@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 9, is the observation of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is normally a Holy Day of Obligation but not for 2019. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops explains, *"Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer."* However, we encourage you to attend Mass on December 9 to honor our Heavenly Mother and to seek her powerful intercession. Our Mass times will be **6:00 and 8:00 a.m., and 7:30 a.m.** at the Cloistered Carmelite Convent.

Mass Intentions

Floral Dedications

**For the Week of
November 30 through December 7, 2019**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Denise Holguin, Birthday INT

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Nguyen, INT

7:30 a.m.: John Okamoto, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Ioannis Gkatzimas, Birthday INT

11:00 a.m.: Natalia Robertson, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Bridie McDermott, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Jose N. Vales, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: John Okamoto, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Christine Hendershott, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Carmina Doria, INT

*7:30 a.m.: John Okamoto, RIP

8:00 a.m.: George Sebastian, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Carmelite Friars, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Jacqueline Grace, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Thomas Kalapura, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Cecilia Hardjasmita, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Gerald Werner, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Varkey Kalapura, RIP

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Deputy Joseph Solano, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Angelle Francisce & Karina Therese, INT

8:00 a.m.: Camille Macedonio, RIP

7:30 p.m.: Julius and Carmina Doria, INT

Saturday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Joseph Sandoval, INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

For Advent and Christmas, we will have either greenery (Advent) or poinsettias (Christmas season). You may schedule your dedication for a time after the Christmas season in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones! Bouquets are \$50+ each. To arrange for a dedication, call Giovanna at 281-9049.



Outside the Parish

HELP FOR MARRIAGES: 82% of marriages that complete the nine month *Retrouvaille* (REH-tro-veye) program are still together five years later. For questions or registration, call 909-900-5465 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Confidential!

You are invited to join Fr. Joe Joseph's Pilgrimage to SWITZERLAND, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM, including the OBERAMMERGAU-PASSION PLAY from SEPT. 2-14. Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@gmail.com or 323-547-6618 / 323-344-1548.

ARE YOU HOMEBOUND? You can view the Mass on TV on Channel 56 (KDOC) every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. For a free copy of the Mass prayer book, call 1-800-430-0930.

Lectors

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Larry Dumont

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Rex Owens / Thu Nguyen

9:00 a.m. John Kienker

11:00 a.m. Sarah Halpin / Jason Perez

5:00 p.m. Miriam Lopez

Personal Ads

ROOM FOR RENT in Rosemead apartment to clean, quiet person. Shared bathroom, kitchen privileges. \$630/mo., incl. utilities. Prefer woman but must be non-smoker/non-drug user. Call Rosa at 756-2072.

SEEKING TO RENT a private room with a non-sharing bath. Clean, quiet, non-smoking/-drinking lady always pays on time. Can afford up to \$700/mo., plus security. Call Valerie at 626-353-7648.