

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 23, 2018

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars Established 1924

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Sacraments:

Baptisms: Monthly on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application
(on our website or in our office)
SIX+ months in advance

Coordinator of Wedding Liturgy /

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Saint Theresse Carmelite School | (626) 289-3364

Principal: Alma Cornejo X66 I

www.SaintTheresseCarmeliteSchool.com

Watch our new video on our Facebook page!

Masses & Services:

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 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.

CONFESSION: Wednesdays: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Saturdays: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary: Monday through Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

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

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

“Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken by the
Lord would be fulfilled”
(Luke 1:39-45).



WELCOME!

If you are new to the parish, please register online or in the Parish Office at 510 North El Molino St., Alhambra (the church address is 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra, CA 91801).

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday through Friday,
9:00 am to 1:00 pm;
2:00 to 5:00 pm;
6:00 to 8:00 pm

We are **CLOSED**
from 1:00 to 2:00 pm
AND
from 5:00 to 6:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Continuous, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Sign up for an hour of adoration by calling the office.

The chapel, although available 24/7, is locked between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. for security purposes. You may get an electronic key (\$20) from the office if you wish to visit the chapel during the locked hours.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULES

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas



Christmas Eve:

5:00 p.m. (Family Mass); 7:30 p.m. (Simple Mass);
and *Midnight— The Traditional Choir will sing



CHRISTMAS CAROLS beginning at 11:20 p.m.

Christmas Day:

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
and 1:00 p.m. Latin High Mass
(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day)



New Year's Eve Mass

Monday, December 31, at Midnight

In conjunction with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles (Begins at the Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 East Alhambra Road, at 8:00 p.m. (Free-will offering only); call the Sisters at 289-3364 for more information.)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1

Masses at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.



"RISE," ONLINE MEN'S MINISTRY TAMALES FOR SALE!



All men who have made the 30-day challenge are invited and 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 More INFO,** go to www.MenRiseUp.org or contact Andy Acosta at 703-8939 or A.Acosta2046@gmail.com.

If you ordered tamales last week, please pick them up in front of the church after one of today's (Sunday, December 23) morning Masses (7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.)



All proceeds will benefit our School.

"NOEL," A POEM BY J.R.R TOLKIEN (Roman Catholic Author, 1892 - 1973)

Grim was the world and grey last night: The moon and stars were fled,
 The hall was dark without song or light, The fires were fallen dead.
 The wind in the trees was like to the sea, And over the mountains' teeth,
 It whistled bitter-cold and free, As a sword leapt from its sheath.

The lord of snows upreared his head; His mantle, long and pale,
 Upon the bitter blast was spread, And hung o'er hill and dale.
 The world was blind, the boughs were bent, All ways and paths were wild:
 Then the veil of cloud apart was rent, And here was born a Child.

The ancient dome of heaven sheer Was pricked with distant light;
 A star came shining white and clear, Alone above the night.
 In the dale of dark in that hour of birth, One voice on a sudden sang:
 Then all the bells in Heaven and Earth Together at midnight rang.

Mary sang in this world below: They heard her song arise
 O'er mist and over mountain snow, To the walls of Paradise,
 And the tongue of many bells was stirred in Heaven's towers to ring
 When the voice of mortal maid was heard, That was mother of Heaven's King.

Glad is the world and fair this night, With stars about its head,
 And the hall is filled with laughter and light, And fires are burning red.
 The bells of Paradise now ring With bells of Christendom,
And Gloria, Gloria we will sing, That God on earth is come.



This "lost" poem of Tolkien was published in 1936 in a school magazine and was then unknown until it was discovered in June of 2013.

LAST CHANCE TO WIN A BIKE WHILE HELPING OUR SCHOOL!

Today, Sunday, December 23rd, is your **LAST CHANCE** to buy a raffle ticket to win one of **BRAND NEW BICYCLES!** Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased at the Gift Shoppe in the main church vestibule after the Masses. The winning tickets will be drawn after the 5:00 p.m. Mass **TODAY, SUNDAY, December 23rd.**

These bikes will make great Christmas presents for your child—or another loved one! (Pictured adjacent to this announcement are photos of the three bikes.)



Saint Therese Carmelite School

www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.” -St. Therese

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 22nd - January 6th: Christmas Vacation

- January 7th (Monday): School resumes
- January 11th (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- January 13th (Sunday): Family Mass at 9:00 a.m. and Open House from 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m.
- January 14th (Monday): PSO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- January 18th (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- January 21st, Monday: MLK Day - No School



Perpetual Adoration

“When we worship you under the form of bread... we think of you as an adult. But every year at Christmas, you reveal yourself to us as a Child born in a crib. We stand in silent amazement before this mystery, like Mary when the shepherds came and told her what they had seen and heard: ‘She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.’”



-Chiara Lubich
(Founder of Focolare)

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

We are accepting new student applications for the 3rd quarter.

(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 January 12 / 13.)
THANK YOU!

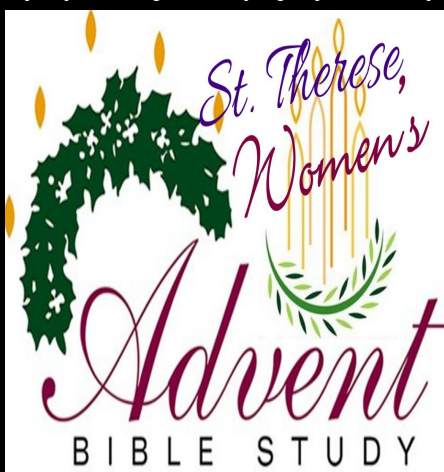


Due to Christmas, this bulletin was printed before the weekend of December 15/16. Those totals will be available next weekend.

November 17 / 18..... \$11,638.00
November 24 / 25..... \$19,408.00
December 1 / 2..... \$17,315.00
December 8 / 9..... \$30,502.00

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

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY



WOMEN! Join us for a Scripture Study for Advent and Christmas! "Rooted in Hope" echoes and expands upon the Advent tradition of a Jesse tree. This study will help to incorporate reading Scripture into your daily Advent prayers, while weekly meetings in the Mount Carmel Room (located in the Parish Offices on El Molino Street) will help you stay on track, as well as provide community

and prayer support.

The groups meet on Mondays at **TWO times: MORNING from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., and EVENING from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** For details, E-mail or text Micaela Darr at micaela.darr@gmail.com or 236-6147.

GET YOUR MISTLETOE!

Boy Scout Troop 140 will again be selling mistletoe after all the Masses **this weekend, December 22 and 23.**



The Scouts will be in front of the church after both the Saturday evening and all the Sunday Masses on these weekends.

Your purchases will be very much appreciated!

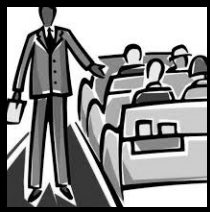
HOW DO WE KEEP BALANCE DURING ADVENT?

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the Church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous Church Council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.



Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor or lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

USHER INFO NEEDED



It has come to our attention that we have several ushers who have been graciously assisting at the Masses BUT for whom we have no contact info! Although we greatly need and appreciate your help volunteering as

“fill-in” ushers, it is very important that the staff of St. Therese has your contact info! Everyone who participates in any of our ministries **MUST** follow Archdiocesan guidelines and have attended a VIRTUS training class. Also, the Archdiocese requires that anyone who has contact with money **MUST** be on record with the Parish. To provide this information, please contact Damon Ayala, Head Usher, at dme4music@gmail.com.

ST. STEPHEN (Feast: December 26)

“A man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5): thus Luke introduces Stephen, first of seven deacons chosen by the community for its ministry of charity, first to lay down his life in witness to Christ. As the Church's first martyr, Stephen's life and death mirror the preaching and passion of Jesus, “the faithful witness” (Greek, martyr) (Revelation 1:5). Like Jesus, Stephen works “great signs and wonders among the people” (Acts 6:8). Like Jesus, when falsely accused, Stephen's face radiates angelic serenity (Acts 6:15), though his tongue, like Jesus', is a two-edged sword. As the dying Jesus forgave His executioners, even making excuses for them, then commended His spirit into His Father's hands (Luke 23:34, 46), so Stephen intercedes for his murderers and begs Jesus to receive his spirit (Acts 7:60, 59). How fruitful both passions! The penitent thief inherits Paradise; Saul, who consented to Stephen's killing, is transformed into the fearless preacher Paul. Thus Stephen challenges us to bear witness not in words only, but by Christ-like forgiveness toward all.



Ongoing Parish Meetings/Events

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, e-mail Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or call or text her at 679-6370.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for the 11:00 a.m. Mass is every Wednesday (September-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: Every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (confessions are available during the Mass).

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 **Wednesdays, January 9 and 23** (Note: The offices are closed on December 26, the fourth Wednesday of December).

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, Ramon Burce, at 695-2842 or the national line 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).

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.

Mass Intentions

For the Week of 12/22 to 12/29/18

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD, INT

Sunday

*7:30 am: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Augustine Goh, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Patrick Syn, RIP

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

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

5:00 p.m.: Eulogio Diaz, RIP

Monday—Christmas Eve:

6:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ronnie Ellis, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Steve Garcia, RIP

7:30 p.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

Midnight: Darey, Penny, Tristan, & Zarah Huo, INT

Tuesday—Christmas Day:

7:30 a.m.: Francis Goh, INT

*9:00 a.m. (CARMEL): Alvin & Anthony Cailan, INT

11:00 a.m.: Pedro & Rosita Lacayo, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Manuel Tuan, Jr., INT

No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 1

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mary Gabriel, OCD, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 2

*7:30 a.m.: Mary Frances Magana, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ralph Tamez, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Babies Terminated Through Abortion RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena 3

8:00 am: Raymona & Nicole Tittmann 22nd Anniv INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 4

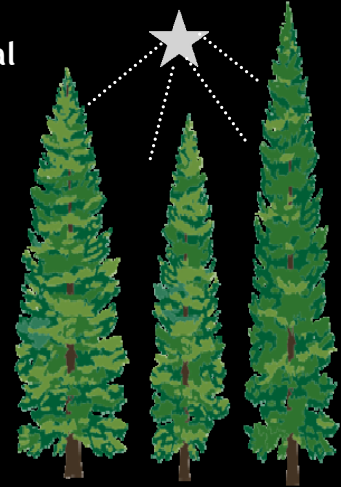
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Linda Kay Hesse, RIP

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

Floral Dedications

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



Outside the Parish

FULL-TIME JOB OPENING: The Carmelite Sisters at Sacred Heart Retreat House are seeking a **full-time (40 hours/week) Housekeeper/Kitchen Floater**. If you are interested in this special opportunity to join our retreat house team, please call Margaret at 289-1353, X252, or send your resume to fcfadmin@carmelitesistersocd.com.

14-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND May 30 – June 12, 2019—Join us as we visit Bethlehem, Galilee, Capernaum, Cana, Nazareth, Bethany, Shilo, Mt. Tabor, Mount of Beatitudes, Jerusalem, including the Upper Room used on Pentecost... and more! Direct flight from LAX. \$4,499 includes airport taxes and fees. For more info, contact Albert & Mary Helen at 285-6687.

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 / Lily Edusma

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

11:00 a.m. Lucy Lopez / Pat Cervantes

5:00 p.m. Charlie Gopez

