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St. Therese Catholic Church



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Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of His disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising His eyes toward His disciples He said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours . . ." (Luke 6:17,20).

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.

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

Monday and Tuesday evenings: *7:15 p.m. Mass
(*Monday evening Mass followed by Healing Service;
Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).

Thursday evenings: 7:00 pm Exposition & Adoration

First Fridays: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

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

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.;

Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00 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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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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

Let us continue learning about our patroness, St. Therese, and her "Little Way" in this centennial year of her canonization by sharing the second half of her work, *"In the Arms of Jesus."* —Fr. Peter Mary



"In the Arms of Jesus" by St Therese (Part 2 of MS C, 35v – 37r)

All the saints have understood this, especially those who filled the world with the light of the Gospel teachings. Is it not in prayer that St. Paul, St. Augustine, St. John of the Cross, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis, St. Dominic, and so many other famous Friends of God have drawn out this divine science which delights the greatest geniuses? A scholar has said: "Give me a lever and a fulcrum and I will lift the world." What Archimedes was not able to obtain, for his request was not directed at God and was only made from a material viewpoint, the saints have obtained in all its fullness. The Almighty has given them as fulcrum: HIMSELF ALONE; as lever: PRAYER, which burns with a fire of love. And it is in this way that they have lifted the world; it is in this way that the saints still militant lift it, and that, until the end of time, the saints to come will lift it.

Dear Mother, now I would like to tell you what I understand by the odor of the ointments of the Beloved. Since Jesus has re-ascended into Heaven, I can follow Him only in the traces He has left; but how luminous these traces are! How perfumed! I have only to cast a glance in the Gospels and immediately I breathe in the perfumes of Jesus' life, and I know on which side to run. I don't hasten to the first place but to the last; rather than advance like the Pharisee, I repeat, filled with confidence, the publican's humble prayer.



Most of all I imitate the conduct of Magdalene; her astonishing or rather her loving audacity which charms the Heart of Jesus, also attracts my own. Yes, I feel it; even if I had on my conscience all the sins that can be committed, I would go, my heart broken with sorrow, and throw myself into Jesus' arms, for I know how much He loves the prodigal child who returns to Him. It is not because God, in His anticipating Mercy, has preserved my soul from mortal sin that I go to Him with confidence and love.



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Fiat40 Women's Challenge for Lent

Ladies of St. Therese Parish: Would you like to grow deeper in your relationship with God this Lent by focusing on Mary's virtues? Are you wanting accountability and encouragement in your spiritual life? Do you feel Christ nudging you to go deeper? Please join us for a mini Fiat90 challenge called Fiat40 this Lent! You can find out more about Fiat90 and Fiat40 at <https://fiat-90.com/>.



The **challenge starts on Ash Wednesday, March 5th (download the Fiat40 booklet from the website above and start on your own)**

and then you will meet for fellowship and accountability in the Lisieux Room in the Parish Office building (510 North El Molino Street) immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the following Saturday mornings in Lent: March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12—from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Please email Katrina Crow at katrina.fcp@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or have further questions.



Women's Retreat at El Carmelo

Join the women of St. Therese Church for our annual Lenten Retreat weekend at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands on **March 14-16, 2025 (Friday night to Sunday afternoon):** Double room occupancy (2 per room): \$230 each person, includes two nights & six meals; **OR** Single room occupancy (private room): \$260 each person, includes two nights & six meals

The theme is, **"LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY,"** and our retreat master will be Fr. Philip Sullivan, former pastor of our parish.

A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is required to reserve your room. Check or money order payment only (VenMo, Zelle, or credit cards not accepted). Make checks payable to: El Carmelo Retreat House (memo: "Women's silent retreat, March 14-16, 2025). The registration form can be found in the brochure located by the church entrances. Payment(s) can be mailed to the retreat captain, Chantal Richardson, 15730 Nelson Ave., City of Industry, CA 91744. If a registration form is unavailable or you would like more information please contact Chantal at chantalmarierichardson@gmail.com | (951) 743-8801 (call or text) ** You must be age 18 and older to attend**

DINNER IN HONOR OF THE PRIESTHOOD



All parishioners are invited to come to the Hall on **Saturday, February 22**, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, to celebrate the priesthoods of all our Carmelite Friars, especially the special **15th Anniversary of the Ordination of Fr. David Guzman**, and of the Priesthood itself.

You are invited!



This sit-down dinner celebration will follow the 5:00 p.m. Mass from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. If you would like to bring a side dish or a dessert and/or would like to volunteer your help, please call Leonor Johnson at (626) 625-9514.

PASADENA EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The pastors of the Catholic parishes in our area of the Archdiocese have come together with the support of our bishop to welcome the **Pasadena Eucharistic Revival and Procession**.

Revival Begins:
Wednesday, **March 5th**

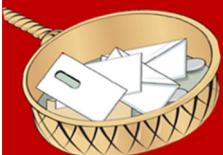
Procession:
Saturday, **May 17th**

The Revival will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, uniting all the Pasadena-area Catholic parishes, and will culminate with a **Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Pasadena on the evening of Saturday, May 17th**. Fr. Peter hopes that many of you will be able to participate in this procession. Please save the date of **May 17th!**



Stay tuned for more details! If you're interested in helping to support this event, please contact our own Deacon Rex Owens at deaconrex@outlook.com.

Financial Offerings



February 8 / 9, 2025

Unrestricted.....	\$22,135.00
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T O T A L.....	\$22,650.00

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January 18 / 19	\$16,106.00
January 25 / 26	\$13,529.00
February 1 / 2	\$21,776.00

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

"The Mystery of the Church"



Fr. Stephen Watson's next class is this Tuesday, February 18, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room.

The topic will be "The Church and the State: Issues concerning the Bishops and the Laity." Jesus teaches, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Mark 12:17). Pope Leo XIII, in his encyclical *Immortale Dei*, teaches, "The Catholic Church is a society chartered as of right divine...to possess in itself and by itself...all needful provision for its maintenance and action. ...it cannot be looked upon as inferior to the civil power or in any manner dependent upon it."

We will look at the way these two powers interact. All are welcome to join this class at any time!

Street Parking During Masses

If you park on the street around the church during Masses, **please be considerate of our neighbors.** We have received a complaint that this is a frequent problem.

Please **DO NOT block any part of their driveways**—even if this causes you to have to park farther away. If necessary, get out of your car to check. Please let your actions and words proclaim that you are a follower of Jesus. Thank you for your compliance.



BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO TRUST IN THE LORD.

Jeremiah 17:7

National Eucharistic Revival



Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 24: The Homily—After hearing God's Word to us in the Scriptures and especially the life and words of Jesus in the Gospel, next comes an opportunity to reflect more deeply on those words in the homily. As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, after the Gospel, we move into the "Second Half" of the Liturgy of the Word, which "consists of the homily, the Profession of Faith, and the Prayers of the Faithful. These three 'moments' in the liturgy act as a bridge between the Liturgies of the Word and Eucharist" (A Study of the Mass, page 9).

"Homily" comes from a Greek word that means "explanation." The purpose of the "homily is to break open the Scriptures and lead us in a deeper understanding of the mysteries we celebrate" (A Study of the Mass, page 9). From the glossary of our Catechism, the homily is "[p]reaching by an ordained minister to explain the Scriptures proclaimed in the liturgy and to exhort the people to accept them as the Word of God" (CCC, p. 882).

As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states, "The Homily should ordinarily be given by the Priest Celebrant himself or be entrusted by him to a concelebrating Priest, or from time to time and, if appropriate, to the Deacon, but *never* to a lay person. In particular cases and for a just cause, the Homily may even be given by a Bishop or a Priest who is present at the celebration but cannot concelebrate" (GIRM, 66). The reason that only a Bishop, priest, or deacon gives the homily in the liturgy is directly tied to the proclamation of the Gospel. One of the gifts a man receives at ordination is a particular grace for the special purpose of preaching and teaching the Gospel.

Source: Fr. Luke Spannagel's blog at:

<https://www.stphilis.com/church/eucharistic-revival-walk-through-the-Mass/>

Deus Vocat (God is Calling)

DEUS VOCAT Deus Vocat would like to thank the St. Therese Parishioners for supporting last Sunday's Deus Vocat

GOD IS CALLING

Fundraiser to help the Carmelite Friars who are currently in formation for the priesthood or brotherhood. God Bless You!

This new **Parish Vocation Apostolate** invites you to help us in supporting TWELVE CANDIDATES who are discerning God's call to a religious vocation. It is such as these our Apostolate supports.

You are also invited to join Deus Vocat every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Lisieux Room (in the Parish Office building, 510 North El Molino Street) to pray for vocations. For more info, please contact:

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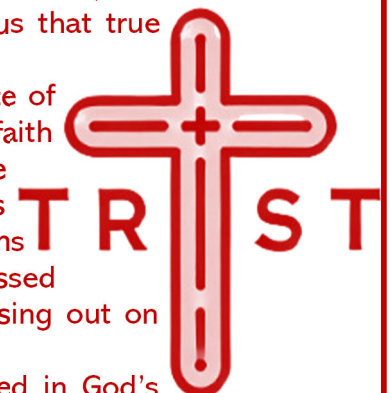
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Trusting in the Lord: The Path to True Blessing

As we journey through the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings invite us to reflect on where we place our trust. Do we rely on the fleeting security of the world, or do we root ourselves in the eternal faithfulness of God? The prophet Jeremiah warns that those who trust in human strength alone are like dry, barren shrubs in the desert, unable to thrive. But those who trust in the Lord are like trees planted by water, bearing fruit even in times of hardship (Jeremiah 7:5-8). This imagery is echoed in Psalm 1, which describes the righteous as trees nourished by the law of the Lord, while the wicked are like chaff scattered by the wind. These passages remind us that true stability and blessing come only when we anchor our lives in God.

St. Paul, in 1 Corinthians (15:12,16-20), emphasizes the ultimate source of our hope: the resurrection of Christ. If Christ had not been raised, our faith would be meaningless. But because He has conquered death, we, too, are given the promise of eternal life. Jesus reinforces this message in Luke's Gospel, where He delivers the Beatitudes, turning worldly expectations upside down. The poor, the hungry, and the suffering are called blessed because they rely fully on God, while those who are self-satisfied risk missing out on His Kingdom (Luke 6:17,20-26).

These readings challenge us to examine our own hearts. Are we rooted in God's truth, or are we seeking fulfillment in temporary comforts? **This Sunday's message is clear: true joy and security are found not in earthly wealth or power, but in trusting completely in the Lord.**



Mass Intentions

February 15—February 22, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Deacon Joseph Mizerski, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Gloria Therese, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Jamie Arakawa, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Jose Contreras, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Deacon Joe Mizerski, RIP

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

5:00 p.m.: Miriam Lopez, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Garo & Roza Kouyoumjian, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Cecilia, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Joe Reyes, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Frank Christopher Ayala, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mr. and Mrs. Ponet, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Gilbert Holman, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Samuel Sandoval, Sr., INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Giacinto Arcaro Palmerino, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Fulton Halpin, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Michael Arakawa, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mrs. Teresie Nally, RIP

8:00 a.m.: All Souls

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Angie Sandoval, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mr. and Mrs. Marc Giambalvo, INT

8:00 a.m.: Jose Atencio, RIP

Saturday (Morning):

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community

8:00 a.m.: Silverio Reyes, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel (215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra).**

Open to the public except on Sundays and some holidays.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass and the HOMILIES at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m. Masses. Be sure to "tune in"!

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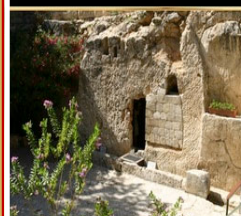
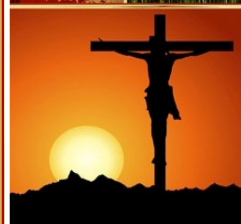
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For an itinerary and more info, contact Cecilia at (323) 721-0021 or gpilgrimages@yahoo.com**



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1 Corinthians 15:17

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