

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 6, 2019 **MINISTERED BY THE DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS** Estab. 1924



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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

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See our VIDEOS on
the School's Facebook page
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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.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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"SHEPHERD OR WOLF?"

By Todd Aglialoro
of Catholic Answers

Not too long ago—soon after he had published his book, *Building a Bridge*—James Martin, S.J., approached the Catholic Answers booth at an event that, in a rare convergence, we were both attending. “Catholic Answers, eh,?” he said with a smile. “I’m more interested in Catholic *questions*.” I was reminded of that encounter when Fr. Martin recently tweeted that “many LGBT Catholics still feel unwelcome in their own Church.”

Fr. Martin, of course, has become a “rock star” through his advocacy for Catholics who suffer with same-sex attraction (SSA). Since his appointment by Pope Francis as a consultant to the Vatican’s Secretariat for Communications, his media platform has only grown. And despite repeatedly transgressing the limits of Catholic moral teaching on sexual matters, he has steadfastly maintained that he does not challenge that teaching. None other than Robert George, with whom he struck up an unlikely friendship in 2017, has gone to bat for him publicly, stating that when Fr. Martin says he’s faithful, we should take him at his word. But Fr. Martin makes it hard sometimes, and this latest tweet, in which he refers approvingly to a same-sex “marriage” and parenting arrangement, is just another example to throw on the pile. This leaves many observers with a massive disconnect between his assertions.

But maybe some simple follow-up will fix that. Maybe we can get to the bottom of all this by engaging Fr. Martin’s own interest *Catholic questions*. In that spirit, I respectfully pose to Fr. Martin these four questions, along with an open invitation to make public his answers on Catholic.com or *Catholic Answers Live*. Those questions are:

1. Does God positively will that some people possess and act upon homosexual desires as *their* natural, correctly-ordered sexuality? Father, when you tweeted “Pride Month” greetings to your “LGBTQ friends,” urging them to be “proud” of their “God-given dignity” and “gifts” and their “place in the world,” did you mean to insinuate that homosexuality is a gift from God and something to embrace? Has God given them a *gay nature*? (You don’t say it in so many words, but it’s hard to think you’re ignorant of the subtext of your chosen words.) You seem to suggest just that when you claim that such people are “born that way,” as you did this past June. If this is the case, homosexual acts cannot be said to be immoral. In fact, *prohibiting* homosexual acts (as the Church does) would be immoral, because it would prevent people from being who God made them to be and doing what God wants them to do. Then it would make sense to advocate for the de-stigmatization of homosexuality and to encourage those with SSA to actualize their attractions as a lifestyle. This could explain your consistent support for Catholic gay ministries that affirm homosexual activity while ignoring those who don’t. It would also provide context for your reference to homosexuality as “a loving act, a form of love...that I have to reverence.” Do you believe this?

2. If you don’t believe these things, aren’t you doing gay people a disservice? If you think that homosexuality is not a nature given by God, does not have a sexual expression that is moral and ordered to a person’s happiness, then the only other option is that it is unnatural, that its sexual expressions are immoral, and that, however mixed with real friendship or real virtues it may be in any given situation, it’s ultimately ordered *away* from happiness. In which case, doesn’t saying that gay people are born that way, and insisting on using the gay-affirmative language that people with SSA “use for themselves,” have the effect of affirming people in what will make them unhappy? To say nothing of leading them away from eternal life? It’s one thing to promote general civility, to decry hatred toward people with SSA, to work for reconciliation between such people and their families and the Church. This is what you say you’re doing, and we all should support these efforts. But when you use affirmative language without any accompanying call to conversion and healing, won’t the result be that people will *only* feel affirmed? And if homosexuality is not natural, good, and God-given, isn’t that *hurting* them? What’s your answer?

3. Do you think it is possible for two persons of the same sex to be married? The ancient and, until about five minutes ago, unanimous human belief has been that marriage is only possible between men and women. Not merely *sacramental*, mind you, and not merely “Church-sanctionable.” Marriage simply is what it is and not another thing: a union between a man and a woman. We can agree that this is manifestly Catholic teaching, right? So when you refer to a man and “his husband” and their child; when you are chronically silent on the legal movements to redefine marriage and family despite your influential Catholic profile on the issue; when we do the math and realize that endorsing same-sex marriage is the only logical end point of endorsing homosexuality as God-given and natural—it’s only fair to wonder whether you assent to this teaching.

One way to square the circle, of course, is for you to say that you assent to Catholic teaching *today* that marriage is only between a man and a woman, but that’s not written in granite. Perhaps you would say this teaching is evolving and you’re just helping it get where it’s going. That would jibe with, for example, your stated wish to a gay man that “in ten years you will be able to kiss your partner...soon to be your husband” in church. **Is that what you believe, Father?** (Continued on next page)

4. When you say that you assent to Catholic teaching on homosexuality, which propositions do you have in mind? What are you specifically thinking of? Is it the full package: condemnation of homosexual acts as disordered and intrinsically immoral, affirmation that our sexual faculties are ordered toward marital love between a man and a woman, a basic biblical anthropology of sexual difference and complementarity, and so on? Or do you have in mind a minimalist or cloudy Catholic sexual morality in which very little is actually unchangeable "Church teaching," which would make assent pretty meaningless? This would make sense of your claim that "for a teaching to be really authoritative, it is expected that it will be received by the people of God," but that Catholic teaching on homosexuality *hasn't* been "received" by the "LGBT community." Is that it?

Or maybe you're holding on to a mental reservation in which the "Church teaching" to which you claim assent is actually what you *think Church teaching should be*, or what you think it's *going to be*—once the Church finally sheds all its old "homophobic hang-ups" (in ten years?) You could be substituting your own internal idealized or future version of "Catholic teaching" for the conventional one and thus making your claim to assent "true"... in a sense. Is that what you're doing? Because when you say that you "will not challenge" Church teaching on homosexuality and even lay out that teaching in impressive detail, most people can figure out that this isn't the same as saying you *agree* with it, that you endorse and promote it, and that you aren't subtly—in ways that don't rise to the level of a "challenge"—working to change it. So there's a suspicion that you might be hiding your light under a bushel.

Answering these questions will give you a chance to put the suspicions to rest (or confirm them), a chance to tell your many fans and foes alike what it is that you *do* believe and *are* trying to accomplish, and put an end to all the speculation and the strife. "Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'" (Matt. 5:37).

PAINT & PINOT with Fr. Philip

ALL ADULTS (single or married of ANY age) are invited to join the Avila Young Adults for a special night of **PAINT & PINOT WITH FR. PHILIP** (as our artist/instructor).



This event will be held on

Saturday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the Avila Room / Guadalupe Courtyard (within the Parish Office building

at 510 North El Molino Street).

The cost is \$25 if you RSVP or \$30 at the door. **Everything is included in this cost**, including the painting supplies, the wine, and the hors d'oeuvres. Join us and bring a friend!

To RSVP, E-mail AvilaYoungAdults@gmail.com.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

ATTENTION: All boys from Third Grade and Up!

There will be another Altar Server Training on **Saturday, October 19, from 10:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in the church (includes a pizza lunch at Noon, including time for basketball).

The training will be led by Fr. Philip and Fr. Matthias for ALL new and continuing St. Therese altar servers! Servers must be in the Third Grade or above and have made their First Holy Communion.

Registration forms for new Altar Boys will be available at the training. We hope to see a big group there!

For more information or any questions, please contact Fr. Philip at philolupe@yahoo.com or at 282-2744, ext. 222.



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 October 12 / 13).



September 28 / 29, 2019

Unrestricted..... \$ 9,821.00
 Restricted \$ 3,340.00
T O T A L \$13,161.00

August 31 / Sept. 8....\$10,688.00
 September 7 / 8.....\$16,671.00
 September 14 / 15.... \$27,526.00
 September 21 / 22.... \$19,008.00

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

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE | FAREWELL...BUT NOT GOODBYE

SAVE THE DATE OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22: The HOLIDAY LUNCHEON BOUTIQUE, put on by the **Auxiliary for the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns**, will be held at Holy Family Church (Connolly Hall, 1501 Fremont Avenue) in South Pasadena, on the above date. The schedule is: **10:30 a.m.: Boutique and Social Hour; 12:00 p.m.: Luncheon.**

The donation per person is \$25. **To RSVP**, send your check to Kathy Cardoza, 710 Lindaraxa Park, Alhambra 91801. For more info, call 570-9012. **Please respond by October 10th.**

We are sad to report that **Rhonda Storey** is leaving her position as DRE of St. Therese Parish as of October 9th. The silver lining in this dark cloud is that Rhonda has been hired for an exciting job elsewhere. So, our loss will be someone else's gain. We thank you, Rhonda, for your 11-plus years of devoted ministry to our Parish. You've always been willing to go the extra mile and assist whomever needs help. We are truly going to miss you! However, we know we will continue to see you as you will remain a parishioner and take part in parish activities. May God bless and guide you as you begin your new adventures!

Please join us in the Parish Hall TODAY, Sunday, October 6, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass for a going-away reception in Rhonda's honor. It will be a great opportunity to express your gratitude to her and to give her a BIG goodbye hug.



WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE & KARATE CLASSES

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASSES (for ages 16-60)—Learn to block, escape, and get home safe. Program is for five Thursday evenings (four remaining: Oct. 10, 17, 24, and Nov. 7) from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. **FEE:** \$60 for the five weeks, plus a \$5 registration fee (total of \$65).

The following **KARATE CLASSES** Resume Thursday, November 14, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Questions?

E-mail John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.



- ♣ **New Youth (Boys & Girls from 7 to 17)**—Learn to defend yourself; understand why you're worth protecting; and earn your black belt. Meet from **5:15 to 5:55 p.m.**
- ♣ **Yellow & Orange Belts** meet from **6:00 to 6:40 p.m.**
- ♣ **Men's Classes (18-60)**—Learn to protect yourself and your family. Meet **6:45 to 7:45 p.m.**

Classes are held in the Parish Hall; register on site. Please arrive 15 minutes early!

FEEES:

- ♣ **1st Youth:** \$10 per week; **2nd Youth:** +\$7 per week; **3rd Youth:** +\$7 per week; **Additional Youths:** +\$5 per week. Pay in full to save \$1 per week, per kid!
- ♣ **Men:** \$10 per week, plus a \$5 registration fee.

Rummage Sale! Restrooms Renovation



We are gearing up for a two-day Rummage Sale on **November 9 and 10**, and **we need your donations!** Please go through your homes, including your closets, garages, basements, attics, etc., and gather all the things you no longer need or want but which are still in good useable condition (no junk please!). Please bring small items to the office and larger items to the Bro. John Room (entrance on El Molino between the church entrance and the office entrance) during our open hours. If you have larger items or LOTS of stuff, stop by the office first so we can lend you a key for the basement door.

THANK YOU! to all those who have generously donated towards this renovation project! The Hall bathrooms are in the process of being refurbished.



There is a saying, "*Many hands make work light...*" We'd like to add, "*Many dollars will help our plight*" of paying for these renovations.

Please make it clear on your checks that your donation is to go toward the restroom work.

God bless you for your good stewardship!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To register, please arrive 15 to 20 minutes **BEFORE** class starts.

- * **STRE** (Kindergarten through 8th Grade, including Eucharist Preparation): Classes are in session today, **Sunday, October 6**.
- **CONFIRMATION** (High School): Classes for **First Year (C1)** are today, **Sunday, October 6**, and **Tuesday, October 8**. The next classes for **Second Year (C2)** will be on **Sunday, October 20**, and **Tuesday, October 22**, 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 October 10, 17, and 24.

BIBLE STUDY GUIDEBOOKS



Study Guide books for our current Bible study, "*The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*," are available now 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 Parish office on El Molino Street. For more information, visit www.ascensionpress.com or contact Debbie at 679-6370 or debrobles@me.com.

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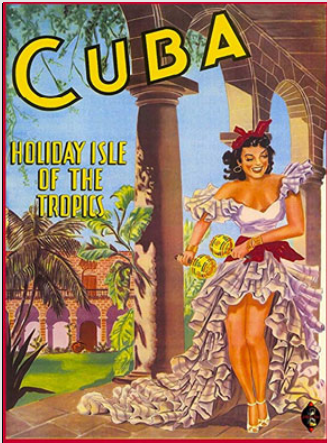
St. Therese Church has **RENEWED ITS SUBSCRIPTION** to the Catholic media website, **FORMED.ORG**, and is continuing to make it available for **FREE** to ALL our parishioners! Discover all the best Catholic content in one place: Movies, talks, audio dramas, and a great selection of e-books. To register, 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.

Some recommendations for the month of October are: Oct 5: St. Faustina; Oct. 7: Our Lady of the Rosary; Oct. 9: Venerable Pope Pius XII and St. Denis; Oct. 11: The Maternity of the Blessed Virgin and the feast of St. Maria Soledad. There are many options about St. Francis of Assisi, including movies and cartoons for the whole family. "The 13th Day" is one of 28 choices of movies, documentaries, audios, and eBooks on Fatima. With the feast day of Mystic and Reformer, St. Teresa of Avila, coming up on October 15, there is a great audiodrama on her life. **Find your interests by using the search feature.**

HAVANA CASINO NIGHT! YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

The Alhambra Knights of Columbus Council # 2431

Invite You to a Havana Casino Night



in our Parish Hall on Saturday, October 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and include food, a 50/50 raffle, prizes, and all the casino games you can play. Drinks will be available for purchase.

Come dressed for the theme of "Cuba: Holiday Isle of the Tropics"! There will be a contest for the best dressed. TICKETS will be sold at the door or you can get yours in advance by calling (888)

869-3124. We hope to also be selling them after the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Masses on the weekends.

All Young Adults (single or married in their 20's and 30's) are invited to the Fourth Annual Avila Young Adult Retreat. It will be held on November 8 through 10 at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands (www.elcarmelo.org), and will be led by the Discalced Carmelite Friars (www.discalcedcarmelitefriars.com).

This year's theme is

"St Therese: Living Her Little Way ~ On Her Life and Her Powerful Spirituality for Men & Women Today"



CHESS TOURNAMENT AT ST THERESE!

Delicious hot foods, snacks, and drinks available for sale on site.

For Students in Grades K—12 and for All Adults

Sunday, October 13—10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



St. Therese Church will host its second Open Chess Tournament for all ages and skill levels. All are welcome to this event, which is sponsored by the Saint Therese Carmelite School (STCS) Chess Club. It will be held on

Sunday, October 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall—with the Award Ceremony taking place at 3:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$15 if registered and paid by October 11 or \$25 at the door (cash or check payable to St. Therese School). Register at the school or church offices during open hours or by calling the Chess Club coach, Franklin Teng, at 241-6898 or Franklin.Teng@charter.net.



REGISTRATION FORM

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF UNDER 18:

Player's Name: _____

School Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

Grade: ____ Parent's Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian:

CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

K-5 Boys K-5 Girls 6-12 Boys 6-12 Girls Open

X _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Mass Intentions

For the Week of October 5 through October 12, 2019

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Xavier Zino, Birthday Intention

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Teresita Maria, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Xavier Zino, Birthday Intention

9:00 a.m.: Elide Ayuso, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Severo & Florentina Ballesteros, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Angela Grimm, 6th Birthday Intention

*7:30 a.m.: Alvin Cailan, INT

8:00 a.m.: Sarita Gomez, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Bro. Eric Hoffer, O.H., INT

*7:30 a.m.: Teresa Emily Dao, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Cailan Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Teresa Emily Dao, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Gurtrude Storey, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Wendy Chang & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Rhony & Ruth Laigo, INT

8:00 am: Nancy Holman, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Megan Grimm, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Anthony Cailan, INT

8:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa, RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: John Okamoto, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Madeleine Tittmann, 19th Birthday INT

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

Floral Dedications

This week's
Dedication is:

† In Honor of
Olga Moretti



Make a dedication in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones! Bouquets are \$50+ each. Call Giovanna at 281-9049.

Outside the Parish

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, a former pastor of ours, will lead a 6-day SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City (December 8 to 13). \$1,599 per person, double occupancy. For more info, contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 or maddatubeth@gmail.com.

HELP FOR MARRIAGES: 82% of marriages that complete the nine month *Retrouvaille* (REH-tro-v-eye) program are still together five years later? Your marriage and family are worth trying this successful Catholic, non-profit program. For questions or registration, make a confidential call to 909-900-5465 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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, 2020 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.

Today's readings are about faith, frustration, and how much is enough. Habakkuk is a complainer having an argument with God. Timothy is encouraging a community challenged by cowardice, and the apostles want more faith than they have. All of them—and we—want God to do something sooner rather than later and we want Him to give a reason to believe that it will all work out. What does God do? God puts it back on them—and us—telling Habakkuk to describe the world he wants; telling the apostles to do more than the expected. Doing more with less is a familiar phrase today and a reminder that a little faith may be enough even for the most difficult times.

Personal Ads

LADY SEEKS TO RENT A ROOM. Call Irene Morales at 250-8639.

SEEKING CARETAKERS for my elderly mother:
1) live-in Monday through Friday and 2) live in on weekends. Call 500-7612 for an interview.