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St. Therese Church

Established 1924

510 North El Molino Street • Alhambra, California 91801 • (626) 282-2744 • FAX (626) 282-7560 (Unless otherwise indicated, all telephone numbers are in the **626 area code**.) Web Page: <http://www.mysttherese.org>

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Masses & Services:

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm
Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Devotions:

Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm
Warrior-Intercessors: Thursdays, 8:00 pm
St. Joseph Devotion: Tuesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm
St. Joseph Project: 3rd Tues. (Nov.-Apr.) Mass, 7:00 pm
Fatima Pilgrimage: 13th of the month (May-Oct.), 7:00 pm

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
-Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
-Saturdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Baptism: Call 284-0200, ext. 225, for schedule
Marriage: Contact priest at least six months before
RCIA (Sac. for adults) Rhonda Storey 284-0020, Ext. 225

Other Ministries / Programs:

Legion of Mary: Wed., 7:00 pm - Michelle Mestas 755-0564
Mary of Mt. Carmel Prayer Ministry: First Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
Peace & Justice Prayer Ministry:
Tuesdays at 6:15 PM - Edward William 768-0758
Respect Life Ministry: Call the rectory at 282-2744
Rosary Makers: Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm
Edward William 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com

Pastor:

Fr. Jan Lundberg, OCD (Ext. 222)

Associate Pastors:

Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD (Ext. 226)
Fr. David Guzman, OCD (Ext. 337)

In Residence:

Fr. Jerome Lantry, OCD (Ext. 334)

Deacon Couple:

Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)

Vocations: Parish: Fr. David Guzman OCD (X 337);
Regional: 909-629-9495; Archdiocesan: 213-637-7515

Parish Secretary: Denise McMaster (Ext. 223)

Finances/Donations: Please call Extension 228

Director of Music: Robert Prichard 441-5401

Christian Services: Bridie McDermott (Ext. 224)

Liturgical Coordinators:

Lectors: Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)
Eucharistic Ministers of the Altar: Dn J. & L. Mizerski (221)
Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick: M/M Padilla, 282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (Ext. 225)

rhondalstorey@gmail.com

* Pre K through 8th Grade * Adult Religious Ed

Youth Ministry / Young Adult Ministry:

Rocio Avila 284-0020 (Ext. 235)

Confirmation Program for Youth:

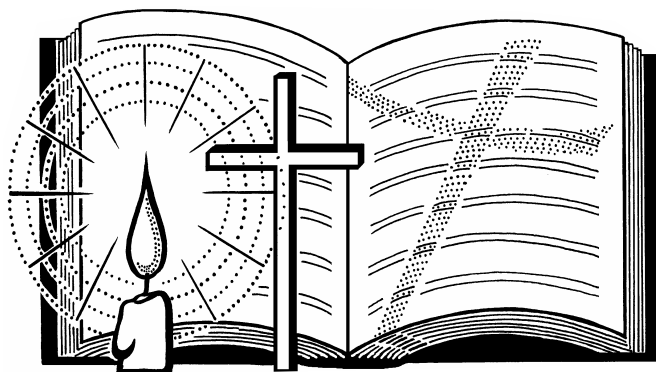
(9th and 10th Graders) Rocio Avila 284-0020 (Ext. 235)

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-3364, Ext. 660

Principal: Carmela Lovano, Clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org
Web Site: www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org

Eucharistic Adoration - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations.
Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson – 289-0388

New Parishioners: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE! Please come to the Parish office to register
(Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm**).



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 20, 2011

Christ Jesus destroyed death and brought life and
immortality to light through the Gospel. –2 Timothy

HELP THE VICTIMS OF THE TSUNAMI IN JAPAN

Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, stands in solidarity with those left reeling by the massive tsunami in Japan, and is providing assistance through their sister agency, Caritas Japan, to those in Japan and in the Asia Pacific region. They ask your help to enable them to offer their help. You may donate 1) by calling 1-877-HELP-CRS; 2) by credit card by going online to www.crs.org; or 3) by sending a check to Catholic Relief Services, PO Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-7090 (write in the memo "Japan Tsunami").



Heavenly Father, Embrace our brothers and sisters devastated by the powerful quaking of the earth in Japan and regions destroyed by the resulting tsunami. Welcome the dead into your kingdom and comfort the heartbroken. Hear the prayers of the Catholic Relief Services' and Caritas family for those whose world came tumbling down. Guide and speed the efforts of the rescue workers amid the destruction. Keep them safe and embrace the suffering. For your mercy, we give you thanks. Amen

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS:

FROM THE PRINCIPAL, CARMELA LOVANO: We are very proud of our 8th-Grade students! The high school acceptance letters are in, and all the finest schools are calling. As principal, I had the pleasure of receiving the good news directly from the high school administrators; and I can honestly say they love our St. Therese students. Our students have a reputation of being well-prepared and are eagerly welcomed to the best high schools. Many of our students received merit awards, leadership recognition, and acceptance with honors! Yes, as any proud parent or principal would do, I *am* bragging! Our 8th-Graders have been accepted into the class of 2015 for the following schools: Bishop Amat, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, Flintridge Preparatory, Immaculate Heart, Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Lucy's Priory, Don Bosco Technical Institute, La Salle, Pasadena Polytechnic, St. Frances, Cathedral, Loyola, Providence, Bellarmine-Jefferson, Ramona Convent, and Pomona Catholic. WELL DONE CLASS of 2011!

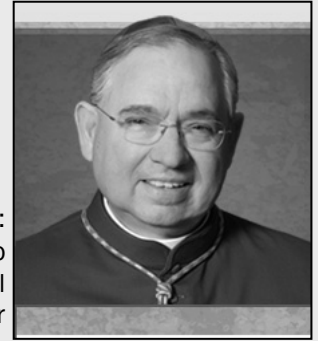


ACADEMIC DECATHLON: After a long absence, STS made a notable return to the Jr. High Academic Decathlon. We competed with 104 other Catholic schools and over 1000 students at the LA Sports Arena. Congratulations to 7th grader Natasha Arief for placing 3rd in Literature.

APPLICATIONS for 2011-2012 are available now for Grades K-8. Call the office or visit the website (289-3364; www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org).

SHAPING FUTURES....TEACHING STUDENTS....SERVING FAMILIES

SPECIAL



NEW ARCHBISHOP TO CELEBRATE MASS AT ST. THERESE CHURCH:

All parishioners are invited to attend this special Mass at St. Therese, celebrated by Archbishop José Gomez, **THIS Thursday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m.** Archbishop Gomez will extend a special blessing on the Marian Community of Reconciliation (a lay community of women who reside in our convent on Vega Street), in honor of their 20th anniversary of formation.

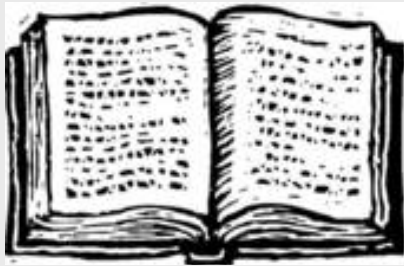
VIRTUS RE-CERTIFICATION TRAINING (“Protecting God’s Children”): If you previously attended a VIRTUS COURSE in 2007 or before, it is time to be re-certified. It will be this **Mon., Mar. 21**, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Library. This training is in compliance with Archdiocesan policies and is for **all ministry heads, religious ed teachers and all those working with or around children.** RSVP to Rhonda Storey at 284-0020, ext. 225.

PROTEST AT PORN CONVENTION: Men and Women of God, please join us next **Saturday, March 26, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**, to protest the Porn Con at the LA Convention Center (1201 South Figueroa Street). Stand fearlessly against the evil of the Porn industry—which destroys women and enslaves men throughout the world—leading to abortion, sexual abuse, human trafficking, prostitution, and the destruction of the family. Please RSVP to jonathannarloch@yahoo.com and pray that the protest is successful. Through Christ, we can stand together and be the light in this dark world!

HAM AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE: Collection boxes will at all the church entrances **NEXT WEEKEND, March 26 and 27**, to receive your donations of non-perishable food. **If you wish to donate a ham, please bring it to the rectory by Monday evening, March 28.** These items will be used to prepare Easter baskets for the many people who come to the rectory for assistance. (**NOTE:** Any cash donations will be used to buy hams.)

SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL RETREAT AT ST. THERESE CHURCH:

You are invited to join Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos for a Spiritual & Practical Retreat in the church **from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.** The “practical” part of this retreat day will concern changes which will begin next Advent (at the end of November) in the Mass—that is, the priest’s prayers and our oral and sung responses. Several of the prayers will have changes, such as the *Gloria* and the *Creed*, as will some of the Mass parts. For example, when the Priest says, “*Peace be with you,*” we will now respond, “*And with your Spirit.*” **COME TO THE RETREAT IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THESE CHANGES** and why the Church is revising the Mass. **Everyone who is involved in any Parish Ministry is required to attend.** Refreshments will be provided, but lunch will be on your own (visit a nearby restaurant or bring your own lunch and relax at the lunch benches with your parish friends). Each member of a ministry who comes will receive an official Blessing of Consecration and a certificate showing his or her



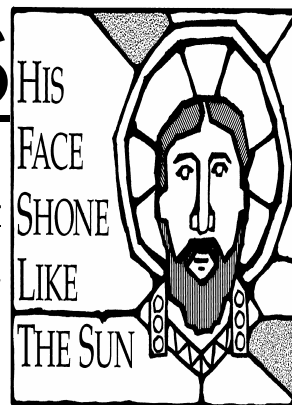
involvement. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to build community and to move toward a better understanding of the changes coming to the Mass.

L E N T: SOUP NIGHTS: Come join your parish family for some delicious soup and bread, (and some meatless extras!) from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Hall** every Friday during Lent. **The next one will be this Fri., March 25**, and will be sponsored by St. Therese School & Scouts. Upcoming nights will be sponsored as follows; **April 1:** The Alhambra Knights of Columbus; **April 8:** St. Therese Youth Confirmation Group; and **April 15:** St. Therese Religious Education with R.C.I.A. A free-will donation will be accepted, which goes toward our Christian Services Program to assist the poor in our area.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Stations of the Cross are held at **7:00 p.m.** every Friday evening during Lent. Take advantage of this opportunity to accompany Jesus during His Passion. **ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:** All Catholics 14 and up must **ABSTAIN** from eating *any* kind of meat (poultry, etc.) on all the Fridays of Lent.

FR. ROBERT’S TALKS AVAILABLE ON CD: Fr. Robert Elias has a new 3-disc CD which is available for purchase in our Gift Shop—a set of three CDs for \$23.95 (the gift shop is open in the back of the church after the Sunday Masses). The theme is “**Spiritual But Not Religious?: Unmasking the Fallacy of a New Kind of Pharisee**”. In these talks, Fr. Robert Elias, zealous to awaken a weary Christianity which lacks dynamism, passionately speaks on the implications of our secular culture’s “pseudo-beatitude” of professing to be “*spiritual but not religious.*”

PARISH MINISTRIES



ST. THERESE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Rhonda Storey, 284-0020X 225

STRE: The next classes will be in session next Sunday, March 27, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., followed by the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please keep in mind that attendance at the Mass is PART OF THE PROGRAM for ALL classes and grades.

RCIA: Classes are in full swing! There are SEVEN CATECHUMENS to be fully initiated at the Easter Vigil; and TEN CANDIDATES to be confirmed on May 29. Please keep them in your prayers. Upcoming classes will be held on the following **Thursdays:** March 31 and April 7; and on the following **Sundays:** April 10.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Next class will meet on March 24 (future dates are: April 14, May 5, 12, 26).

ALTAR SERVERS: Please remember to sign in (in the sacristy) before your Mass assignments! **All* altar servers need to attend all **FAMILY ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSIONS** (from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church). Our next sessions are **TUESDAYS, April 5, May 3 and June 7.** (*This includes older servers and those who don't attend St. Therese School).

YOUTH MINISTRY Rocio Avila, 284-0020, X235 We are working on building a new Youth Ministry team at St. Therese. Please keep the team in your prayers as we look forward to an active youth group program once again. If you are interested in helping with the youth program, please contact Rocio at the above number.

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY Edward William, 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com (Prayer with Action: Strengthening of Families, Conversion of Sinners, and Peace in the World)

St. Joseph Prayer Devotion: Join us on **Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. in front of the St. Joseph statue** in the church. Let us all join together in solidarity to *pray* for peace and justice in every aspect of life, with the help of St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church; **The Rosary Makers:** We meet on **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room** (following the St. Joseph Prayer Devotion). You are invited to help us make the rosaries (we'll show you how!), which are then shipped to missions throughout the world. This is our *action* aspect of the Peace & Justice Ministry.

BAPTISM MINISTRY: Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, X 225—In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **BOTH PARENTS AND GODPARENTS** are required to: 1) Have an interview (must be held the month BEFORE the Baptism); 2) Attend one class (next classes are **May 2 and June 6 (NO APRIL CLASS)**, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Library); And 3) Be presented at Mass (the next Presentation Sundays are **May 22 and June 19** at the 9:00 a.m. Mass). After completing these, your baby will be baptized on a Saturday (next OPEN Baptisms are at Noon on **May 28 and June 25—NO APRIL BAPTISMS due to Holy Week & Easter**). **SELECTING THE GODPARENTS:** Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) **is at least 16 years old;** 2) **has received the Sacrament of Confirmation;** and 3) **is a practicing Catholic.**



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: **ROSE BOWL PRO-LIFE EVENT:** Register now on-line for a spirited 2.5 mile walk at the Rose Bowl, next **Sunday, March 27, beginning with check-in at 11:00 a.m.** The Walk and Kick-off is at 12:30 p.m. Coadjutor Archbishop Gomez will lead the opening prayer, followed by inspiring speakers, food trucks, live music, KIDZONE. Raise \$\$ for the pro-LIFE group YOU choose! For more info: 755-7323; www.walk4LIFEsocial.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Take part in 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion (now through April 17). Also consider volunteering to pray outside Family Planning Associates at 1280 N. San Gabriel Blvd., Rosemead, during the 40 days. To get more info or to volunteer to help, call Remy or Del at 423-4508 or go to www.40daysforlife.com/rosemead.

ST. THERESE 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.

PARISH MINISTRIES / NEWS:

PERPETUAL ADORATION



"Farmers everywhere provide wheat for bread; but it is Christ alone who is the Bread of Life. Even if all the world's physical hunger were satisfied, even if all who are hungry were fed, the deepest hunger of man would still exist. Therefore, I say, Come, all of you, to Christ. He is the Bread of Life. Come to Christ and you will never be hungry again." --Pope John Paul II

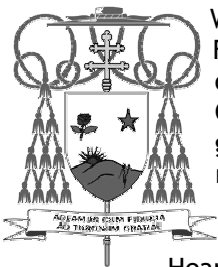
SIGN UP! The Adoration Chapel is open day and night to adore Jesus in the exposed Blessed Sacrament. **URGENT NEED FOR REPLACEMENT:** We need an adorer to commit to weekly adoration on Friday morning between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Thank you to the adorer who came forward to commit to coming for an hour each Monday. To sign up, call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

ST. VINCENT'S BUNDLE SUNDAY: TODAY, SUNDAY, March 20, is "Bundle Sunday".



The St. Vincent de Paul truck is in our parking lot (between 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.) to collect your unwanted-but-in-good-shape household items, small appliances, toys, clothing, and miscellaneous items. For big items, such as furniture and large appliances, call 323-224-6280 for home pick-up. Thank you! (**Note:** Please do not leave the items on the church grounds; place into the truck only!)

WARRIOR-INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS:



" YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER... "

Welcome, Archbishop José Gomez! From the moment of your ordination, our Holy and Triune God clothed you with His majesty, glory and honor. You are a member of a Royal Priesthood: the Masterpiece which flowed from His Most Sacred and Merciful Heart! **QUE VIVA CRISTO REY Y QUE VIVA LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE!**

All parishioners and visitors are invited to Join us at Archbishop Gomez' Mass this Thursday at 7:00 p.m., followed by prayers for priests at 8:00 p.m. (and every Thursday). For more info, you may call Blanca at 282-2744, ext. 237.

FINANCIAL:

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: For those of you following our collection trends, below are the collection totals for the last month and a half. Considering the volatility of our weekly collection, perhaps displaying the weekly trends will be more meaningful than displaying two totals one year apart. Thank you for your support!

February 5 / 6, 2011: \$14,625.00
February 12 / 13, 2011: \$10,846.00
February 19 / 20, 2011: \$10,378.00
February 26 / 27, 2011: \$10,036.00
March 5 / 6, 2011: \$14,868.00

LAST WEEKEND: March 12 / 13, 2011 (includes Ash Wednesday)

Unrestricted,\$12,960.00
Restricted \$ 1,004.00
T O T A L.....\$13,964.00

As a friendly reminder for those of you who are employed, may we suggest that a realistic donation to St. Therese Church could be **at least one hour of pay per week**. If everyone contributed at least this amount, our parish would be in very good financial shape.

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2011

"My Hope Comes From God" Psalm 62:6
Amount of 2011 Goal \$53,286.00
Donations received as of 3/6/11: \$11,831.00
Donations received as of 3/13/11: \$17,650.00
Donations Needed as of 3/13/11: \$35,636.00

"LIFE & DIGNITY SUNDAY"—FOLLOW UP TO THE POSTCARD PROJECT:

Thank you to the more than 400 parishioners (9,000 region-wide) who registered for the Catholic Legislative Network by filling out an email card. The cards will be sent to the California Catholic Bishops' Conference so that you will receive emails and be better informed about issues



and actions being taken on certain moral issues. Again, thank you for being a strong voice for life and dignity! For your convenience, we have included another card in this bulletin. You can also register on-line at www.cacatholic.org (click on **JOIN THE NETWORK** to pull up the form).

