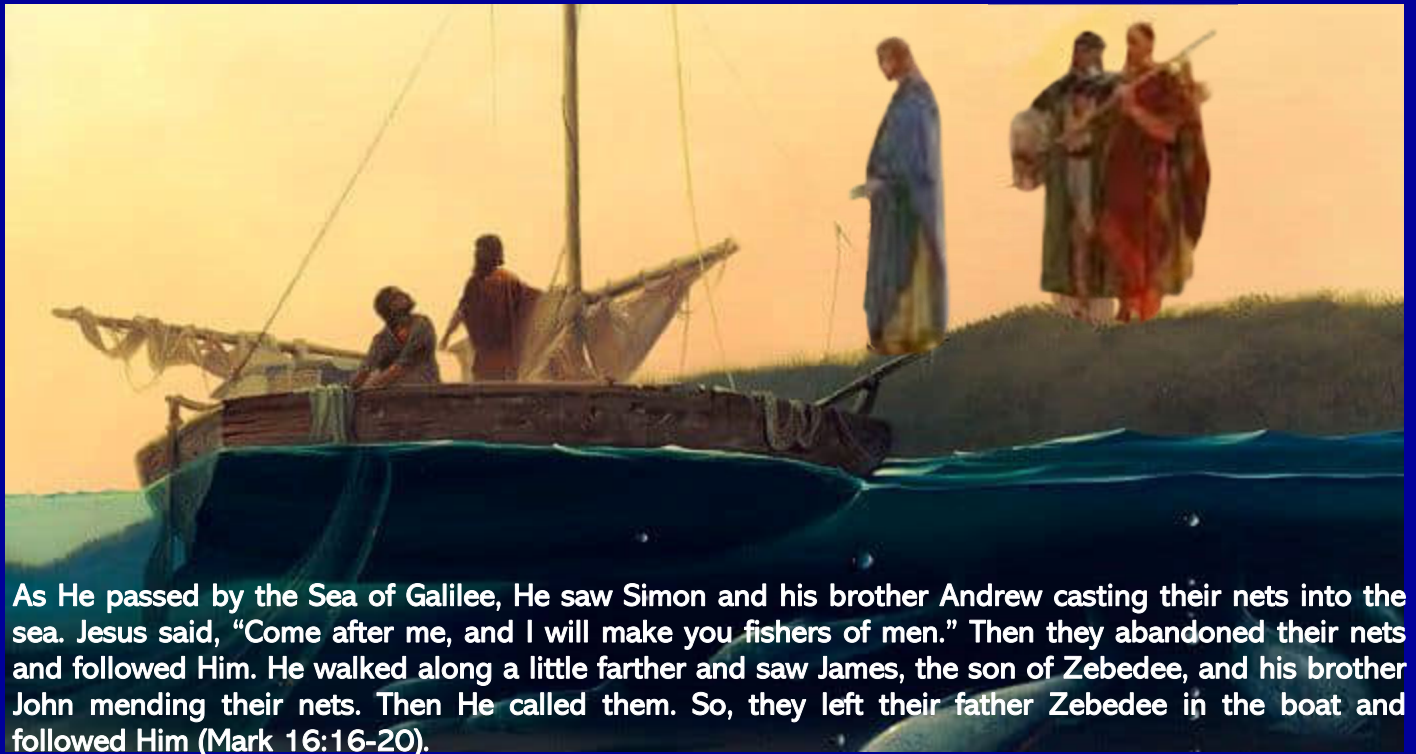


St. Therese Catholic Church

Est. 1924



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As He passed by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea. Jesus said, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed Him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John mending their nets. Then He called them. So, they left their father Zebedee in the boat and followed Him (Mark 16:16-20).

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

(*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.

Note: The daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday 7:15 p.m., and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all

LIVE STREAMED on Facebook AND YouTube.

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

Pastor: Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD: X 1+224

Associate Pastors: Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD X 1+225

Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD, Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD (X 1+226), Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

Deacons: Deacon Joseph Mizerski | Deacon Gilbert Vargas | Deacon Otto Lacayo: All at X 1+333;

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ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page 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,

This weekend marks a point when ALL the pro-life walks are happening throughout our country. On Friday, January 19, the National March for Life took place in our nation's capital. And on Saturday the 20th, both the West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco and our local One Life LA took place. This **Monday, January 22, is the actual day set aside by our bishops as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.** Please prayerfully consider participating in this in some way: going to Mass, praying a Rosary for the end of abortion, fasting, etc.

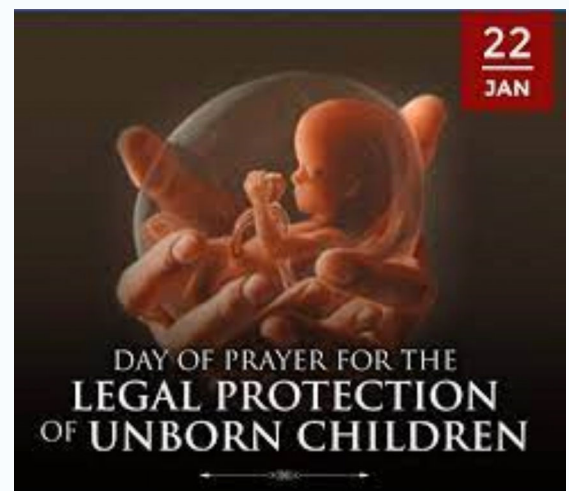
We must NOT relent in our efforts until abortion is completely eradicated from our culture! God will ask us on the last day what we've done to save innocent life from abortion. Please note, we will also have the opportunity to participate in the next 40 Days for Life Campaign that will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

Below is a statement from our bishops beseeching our engagement. Please respond generously.

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children.

While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.



WEEKDAY MASSES CELEBRATED IN THE HALL

Due to the refinishing of the floors, this week's weekday Masses (6:00 and 8:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.) will be held in the Parish Hall. After January 26, all Masses will return to being celebrated in the church.



USE THE SIDE DOOR OF THE HALL

Because the front doors of the hall are within the school's enclosed area (for the safety of the children), please ENTER the Hall for the Masses through the side door closest to Vega Street.

The Holy Hour on Thursdays will also be in the Parish Hall; however, **CONFESSIONS on Wednesday, January 24, will be held in the Parish Office building** (enter through the Adoration Chapel). Each of the available priests will be in a separate office for more privacy.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT AT EL CARMELO

Join the women of St Therese Church for our **Lenten Retreat weekend** at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands, California, on **March 15-17, 2024**. Registration forms can be found at the church entrances. The rates are as follows:



- Weekend Package (Friday to Sunday) for 2024**
- Double room occupancy (2 per room): \$230 each person, includes two nights & six meals**
- Single room occupancy (private room): \$260 each person, includes two nights and six meals**

A *deposit of \$75 (non-refundable) is required to reserve your room. Make checks payable to: El Carmelo Retreat House (make sure to write in the memo space on check: "Women's Silent Retreat, March 15-17, 2024"). [*Checks or money orders only.]

Please mail the \$75 non-refundable deposit OR the full amount, along with a registration form (found on the tables by the entrances) to: Louisa Day, Retreat Captain, 600 West Gleason Street, Monterey Park, CA 91754. If a registration form is unavailable or you would like more information, please contact Louisa at louisaeday@yahoo.com | (323)360-5186.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



January 13 / 14, 2024	
Unrestricted.....	\$16,672.00
Restricted	\$ 2,445.00
T O T A L.....	\$19,117.00

December 16 / 17	\$39,063.00
December 23/24/25....	\$35,468.00
December 30 / 31 ...	\$19,134.00
January 6 / 7	\$29,358.00

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

"LET ME INTRODUCE YOU..." By Fr. Stephen F. Watson, OCD

A New Feature in the Bulletin for our Parish Centennial



As I entered the house of **Enoch and Susana Martinez**, my eyes lit up seeing the home still adorned with Christmas decorations. There was a lovely Nativity set on the fireplace mantle. Susana pointed out the precious figure of little Baby Jesus. She said it was a piece done by Manuel de Chili "Caspicara" (ca. 1723 –1796), one of the most renowned artists of Ecuador. This Baby Jesus has been handed down in her family since the 18th century. In the dining room where I interviewed Enoch and Susana, there was a miniature Christmas scene of a village in the bay window. The long dining room table had another Nativity scene set up in the middle. Susana came down with the Covid flu on Christmas day. Lucky me—because of her illness she hadn't had time to put her Christmas decorations away!

Enoch is from Chiapas, Mexico, and Susana is from Quito, Ecuador. Susana, who had just graduated from the Universidad Católica de Ecuador, came to California in 1968 to meet her new sister-in-law, Gloria, recently married to her brother, Marco. Enoch came to the United States with his family in 1956. In 1965, while doing his internship at the Los Angeles County Medical Center as a radiologic technologist, he joined the Navy Reserves. He was sent to a naval hospital in Oakland during the Vietnam War. Later, he worked at Harbor Medical Center for 42 years.

So, how did Enoch meet Susana? Oh, I forgot to tell you... Her new sister-in-law was Enoch's sister. It was destiny. They were married at Mission San Gabriel on November 21, 1970. After a half dozen years living on the west side of Alhambra, they bought their home on North Magnolia in 1976 for \$68,000. There they raised their three children: Enoch Jr., Marcia, and Rocío.

The children went to St. Therese Parish School. Thus began Enoch and Susana's four decades of involvement in our Parish. It started innocently when Susana was asked to do "yard duty" at the School. Then, Parishioner Joanne Hawkins asked Enoch to join the Parish Council. Susana, for her part, joined the Parish Ladies' Auxiliary. By and by, Enoch became the director of the Liturgy Committee, which met at the Martinez home. The next thing he knows, he is the co-chairperson of the Family and Youth programs, Boy Scout Master, and president of the PTO! In those years, the Pastor at that time, Fr. William Fenton, became a close friend of the Martinez family and was a frequent visitor to their home. He presided at their children's First Holy Communions, assisted at their confirmations, celebrated the girls' quinceañeras, and witnessed the marriage of Enoch Junior. Father David Costello, who succeeded Fr. Fenton, was also a close friend.

While Bob Prichard was our Parish Music Director, for many of those years Enoch and Susana also sang in our Parish Choirs—both Contemporary and Traditional. Their daughter, Marcia, who studied at the New England Conservatory of Music, directed the Contemporary Choir after Mr. Prichard retired. She also taught music at the Parish School and formed a children's choir which sang at our 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Although the Martinezes are not involved in our Parish organizations any longer, they still participate in Parish activities, especially the most important activity of all, the Sunday Mass. However, Susana is still active in the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary and served as the president. But their most cherished activity is being grandparents. They have eight grandchildren! May God reward them for their years of service to their Parish community.

The Martinez family is part of the rich history of St. Therese Parish.

Let us all walk with St. Therese as we journey together in faith during this centennial year.

Saint Therese Carmelite School

Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School, united with our parents who are the primary educators of their children, seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.



Open House

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

10 AM-3 PM

Tours begin in the Parish Hall

TK-8TH GRADE



Saint Therese Carmelite School is first and foremost a CATHOLIC school. Saint Therese Carmelite School educates students through the Catholic Classical model of education to equip our students with the logic, critical thinking, and language skills necessary to succeed throughout their lives.

- Full 6-year WASC/ WCEA Accreditation
- Classical curriculum
- Weekly Mass
- Monthly Confession
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Latin for 3rd-8th grade
- Euclidean geometry
- All-school choir
- Fine arts
- CYO sports
- After-school daycare

Give them the necessary skills for high school and beyond!

Our middle school program focuses on providing our students with the critical thinking, self-discipline, and independent drive necessary to succeed in a rigorous high school program.



Come and see what our program is about!

National Eucharistic Revival



Do This in Remembrance of Me (Part 2): *Genuflection*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines genuflection as “a reverence made by bending the knee, especially to express adoration of the Blessed Sacrament” (CCC, Glossary).

The next time you enter a church, allow your eyes to be drawn to the sanctuary, altar, and tabernacle in the front of the church. In Catholic churches, a candle is kept burning next to the Tabernacle to indicate and honor the presence of Christ. Seeing the candle, called a sanctuary lamp, we can recognize that Jesus is truly present and give Him the great honor that He deserves. When we genuflect, we make an act of humility that acknowledges the greatness of God and confesses that Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist is God with us.

Source: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

2023

St. Therese Church Donation Report



If you would like to receive an end-of-year report showing your donations for the year 2023, please send an email requesting it to:

StcDonationStatement.2023
@gmail.com.

Teach me
YOUR WAY
O Lord

PSALM 27:11

Mass Intentions

January 20—January 27, 2024

Saturday Evening

5:00 p.m.: Doris Marikian, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Juanita Marquez Bugarin, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Mary Rose Go & Patrick Rosal, INT

9:00 a.m.: Alicia & Maurice Ko, INT

11:00 a.m.: Zenaida Madarcos, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Belen N. Vales, 80th B-Day INT

5:00 p.m.: Gilberto Gomez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Robert Ito, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Adelida C. Hernandez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Rod Latner, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Alex Villanueva, RIP

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Fructouso Dabatos, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Lauren Cheah, INT

8:00 a.m.: Alberto Manahan, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Fe Colibao Dabatos, RIP

*7:30 am: Ellena Cheah Wong, INT

8:00 a.m.: Raymond Tittmann, Birthday INT

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Rico Colibao Dabatos, RIP

*7:30 am: Ignacio Lopez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Michael, Birthday INT

Friday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Ellena Cheah Wong, INT

8:00 a.m.: Carlos Mauriz, RIP

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Julia Munoz, RIP

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel located at 215 East Alhambra Road.

Open to the public except on holidays every day except Sundays and holidays.

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LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday) is live streamed on *Facebook AND *YouTube. The homilies from the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and the Monday evening 7:15 p.m. Mass are also livestreamed. - *Links to these two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Prayer after Communion

By St. John Henry (Cardinal) Newman

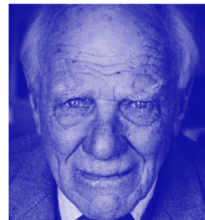
Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly, that my life may only be a radiance of Yours.



Shine through me, and be so in me
That every soul I come in contact with
May feel Your presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer
me, but only Jesus!

Let me thus praise You the way You love best,
by shining on those around me.
Let me preach You without preaching,
not by words but by my example,
By the catching force of the
sympathetic influence of what I do,
The evident fullness of the
love my heart bears to You.

Amen.



There is an amazing story about **Mother Teresa** that came from **Malcolm Muggeridge**, the award-winning British journalist who was a religious sceptic at the time he did a documentary about her in Calcutta.

Muggeridge claimed that due to the awful lighting in the poor facilities where Mother Teresa took care of her patients, his film crew believed that none of their shots would have the film-quality lighting needed to produce their documentary. They filmed anyway.

When the film was developed, the figure of the saint had a distinct glow around her at all times and all the other scenes of the film always had just the right amount of light for production.

As in the prayer above, Mother Teresa prayed daily after Communion that her life would be like Christ's pure light shining through her to others.

The Eucharist has this effect on us too when we commit ourselves to faithful participation in the Eucharist. Christ's light simply cannot be suppressed in the darkness of our world.

