

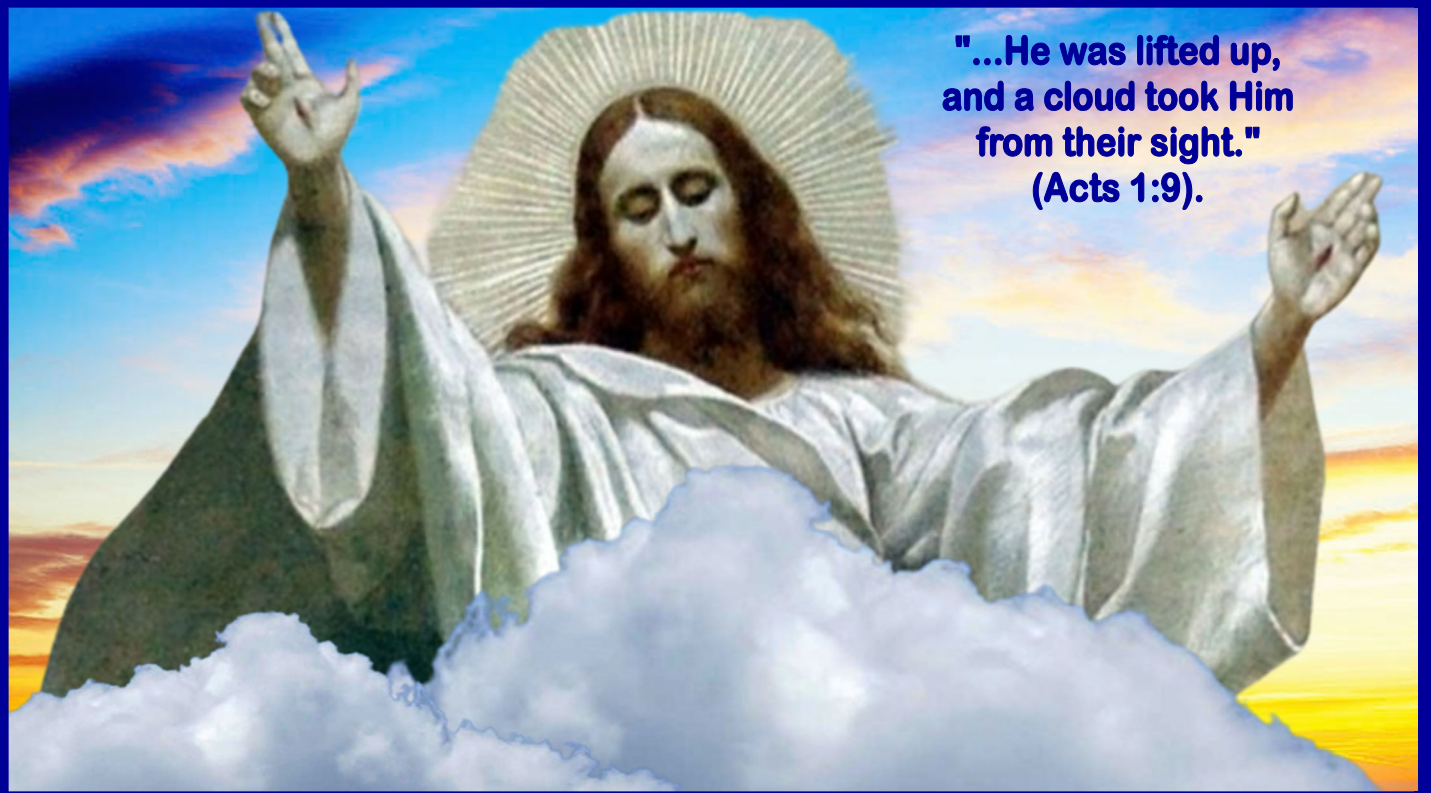
# St. Therese Catholic Church

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"...He was lifted up,  
and a cloud took Him  
from their sight."  
(Acts 1:9).

## 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. and 7:00 p.m.  
(Tuesday's evening Mass is in Spanish).

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

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:00 p.m.,  
and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE**

**STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube)

**Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass**

**CONFESSIONS** (INSIDE & OUTSIDE)-**Wednesdays**  
from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; **Saturdays** from 3:00 to 6:00 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. Thomas Koller, OCD X222

**Associate Pastor:** Fr. David Guzman, OCD X232

**In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD, Bro. Jason Parrott,  
OCD; and Fr. Godfrey Chandya, OCD

**Deacons:** Dcn Joseph Mizerski | Dcn Gilbert Vargas X333;

**Annulments:** Deacon Gilbert Vargas X333

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For the Carmelites: [www.discalcedcarmelitefriars.com](http://www.discalcedcarmelitefriars.com)

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



## SACRAMENTS


- **Baptisms:** Register online
- **Weddings:** Register online at least six months in advance
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Call the office

# Letter from Fr. Thomas, Pastor

**Blessed 7th Sunday of Easter and the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into Heaven, everyone!**

The celebration of Ascension Thursday is transferred to Sunday so that everyone can celebrate this most special Feast in the Life of Jesus and our lives! Why is it so special? Because after about 33 years, and then 40 days after His Resurrection from the dead, He finally gets to go Home forever to His Father....and to prepare a place for us, too!!! (John 14:2-3). It is also special because by Jesus' disappearance from our sight, He sends His Holy Spirit to be within us, as He teaches us to grow in trust in His Voice guiding us (He still remains with us here on earth invisibly while returning to the Father, just as He never left the Father while descending to our earth—cf. St Leo the Great). Wouldn't you prefer to have a Beloved Friend/Paraclete within you rather than just next to you?!? Yes, it is difficult to keep trusting that He is really there, but after a while we get used to hearing but not seeing Him yet face to Face. One day we will see Him face to Face.....sigh.... "How long, O Lord??"

To help us keep growing in this confident hope, it is good for each of us to keep some kind of Novena to the Holy Spirit during these nine days from the Friday after Ascension Thursday to Pentecost next Sunday. Even if you have not started, it is never too late and you could begin today, which is day three of the Novena. You can pick up a Novena at one of the entrances to the church anytime or from the office (or call the office and give your email address or download it from the E-Blast sent out on Friday, May 19).

Come Holy Spirit, You Who are "holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits" (Wisdom 7:22-23) and Whose glorious fruits are "love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness and chastity" (Galatians 5:22). 

And please fasten your seatbelts for next Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost, when the Father and the Son will pour out Their Spirit in a fresh, personal way upon each of us and all of us together, renewing the grace of our Confirmation. Get ready for the Lord to work signs and wonders through YOU—yes, little ol' YOU!!!—and IN YOU also, just as He did 2000 years ago on that first Pentecost!!! ("Signs like these will accompany those who believe: in My Name they will drive out demons, they will speak in new tongues....they will lay their hands on the sick and they will recover" (Mark 16:17-18).

 **Yes, Come HOLY SPIRIT!** 

## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,  
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."





# Commitment Weekend



This weekend is **Commitment Weekend!** Commitment Weekend ensures that every member of our parish has an opportunity to participate in the *Called to Renew* Campaign. This campaign offers us an opportunity to support our parish by preserving and building on our legacy while securing our future.

The participation of every family is very important. We pray that you discussed this initiative with your family and discerned how best you can support our campaign. **Thank you in advance for your support!**

“It’s not how much you give, but how much love you put into giving.”  
**-St. Teresa of Calcutta**

A little bit given over time will make a big difference.

**\$200 per month** over 5 years totals **\$12,000**

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**\$100 per month** over 5 years totals **\$6,000**

**\$60 per month** over 5 years totals **\$3,600**

**\$30 per month** over 5 years totals **\$1,800**

(That is only **\$1** per day!)

Each week, new donors support St. Therese by contributing to *Called to Renew*. However, our ultimate success depends on many more parishioners doing their part.

To those who have already participated, we are encouraged by your thoughtful expressions of support. To all others, please prayerfully consider joining us with your own commitment in the coming week.

### Our Goal

**\$1,000,000**

### Amount Raised

**\$126,712**

### Average Gift

**\$4,369**

### Percent of Goal Raised

**13%**

Pledges over a period of time allow parishioners to consider more substantial commitments than are possible with one-time cash gifts. For more details, please contact the office at (626) 282-2744. All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law. Campaign funds will be used for:

***Church Interior Renovations***

***Painting the Church Interior***

***Stained Glass Windows***

***Church – Tile Roof***

***Lighting/Wiring***

***Parish School and Parish Offices***

# Baby Bottle Drive

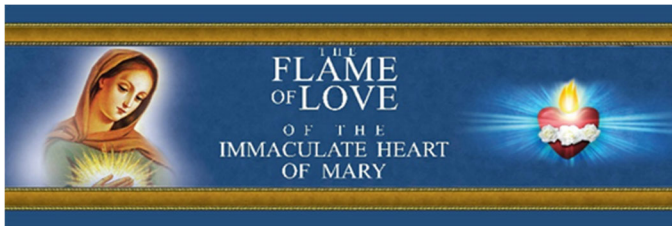
GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services’ annual Mother’s Day Baby Bottle & Baby Shower is going on now! Next weekend, May 27 & 28, please bring your filled baby bottles with you to any Mass. They will be collected by GPS volunteers outside the church.

GPS is also collecting Baby Shower Gifts for baby and moms. A Pac n’ Play crib is available to place your donations of baby items and essentials for moms.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US!**



# The Flame Of Love: The Greatest Gift of Grace for Our Time



**Living in the Flame – Sacrificial Love:** At its core, the Flame of Love devotion is a way of life, with one purpose: to assist Our Lord and His dear Mother in saving as many souls as Divine Mercy will allow, since so many souls are in danger of being lost for all eternity! Our Lady had certain expectations for Elizabeth Kindelmann (and for

us), including: **1) Goodness of life; 2) Generous amounts of time given to prayer; 3) Frequent reception of Holy Communion and Confession; 4) Simplicity of life; 5) Fasting (bread and water) on Mondays until 6:00 p.m.; 6) Eucharistic Adoration; and 7) Some withdrawal from worldly entertainments.**

The Spiritual Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann reflects a remarkable spiritual maturity, and her experiences are often reminiscent of St. Teresa of Avila’s. Without understanding the depth of sacrificial love called for in this mature spiritual state, the devotion and the Diary can seem harsh and off-putting. St. Therese of Lisieux was also gifted with this understanding of being a victim of Merciful Love: **“... in order that Love be fully satisfied, it is necessary that Love lower Itself to nothingness and transform this nothingness into fire... Jesus, I am too little to perform great actions, and my own folly is this: to trust that Your love will accept me as a victim.”**

**Join the Cenacle:** Two cenacle sessions are available every Monday in the Lisieux Room (in the office building)—one from **Noon to 2:00 p.m.**, the other one from **5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** **If you have any questions, please call Maria Alejandra at (626) 282-2744.** When the recording comes on, enter 1 + 235.



*Latin Teaching Mass*

**Sat., May 27th** With

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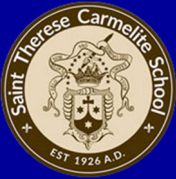
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## Retiro de Pentecostés

*Comunidad con el Espíritu Santo*

-  Dia: Viernes 26 de Mayo
-  Punto de Reunion: Auditorio 4:00pm-9:00pm (Misa 7:00pm)
-  St. Therese Church @ 1100 E Alhambra Rd, Alhambra, CA 91801
-  Actividades: Lectura, Meditacion, Testimonios Pláticas sobre los dones del Espíritu Santo, Misa, Oracion.

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## Excerpts from *Designing Your Own Classical Curriculum* by Laura Berquist

It is the ability to think that is our goal in a classical curriculum; we want our children to acquire the art of learning. It is not the number of facts they are acquainted with that measures educational success, but what they are able to do with the facts: whether they are able to make distinctions, to follow an argument, to make reasonable deductions from the facts and, finally, to have a right judgment about the way things are.

The main goal of the early school years is to learn the basic skills of reading, writing, and simple arithmetic. These are the first tools for any further learning. The subjects used to acquire and practice these tools are, in a sense, secondary. Also, remember that children learn from you by your conversation and example all day long, every day. Your faith, which informs your life, will inform theirs if they are with you. Your delight in God's creation will communicate to them the wonders God has given us in gratitude for them. It will inspire your children with an interest in learning.

At Saint Therese Carmelite School we form students in faith, academics, and virtue. Our teachers are all practicing Catholics. We are blessed to have Carmelite friars in the classroom and on the playground. Our students find a wonderful example of strong faith, joy, and professionalism in our faculty and staff.

Thank you all for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support for our parish school. Come and see for yourself the rare gem that we have. **Our Principal, Alma Cornejo, and our Vice-Principal, Brother Jason, will happily give you a tour.**

## Spring Concert



Everyone is invited to Saint Therese Carmelite School's Annual Spring Concert!

It will be held in the Parish Hall THIS THURSDAY, MAY 25, at 6:30 p.m. The students will be performing songs from Disney musicals and songs by the Beach Boys. Refreshments will be available after the concert. **DON'T MISS IT!**

## Graduation | Last Day

The last day of School for ALL students is Friday, June 2. Graduation of our 8th Grade Students will take place that day at 5:00 p.m. Congratulations, Class of 2023!



## Open Enrollment

We are now accepting applications for Grades TK through 8th. Call the School for a tour! (See the contact info at the bottom of this page.)

# QUIET LISTENING PRAYER THE INTERIOR CASTLE

By St Teresa of Avila

Concerning the difference in prayer between consolations and spiritual delights, the term "consolations," I think, can be given to those experiences we ourselves acquire through our own meditation and petitions to the Lord, those that proceed from our own nature—although God in the end does have a hand in them.... But the consolations arise from the virtuous work itself that we perform, and it seems that we have earned them through our own effort and are rightly consoled for having engaged in such deeds. But if we reflect upon this, we see that we experience the same joyful consolations in many of the things that can happen to us on earth; for example: when someone suddenly inherits a great fortune; when we suddenly see a person we love very much; when we succeed in a large and important business matter and of which everyone speaks well; when you see your husband or brother or son alive after someone has told you he is dead. I have seen the flow of tears from great consolations, and this has even happened to me at times. I think that just as these joyful consolations are natural, so are those afforded us by the things of God; but these latter are of a nobler kind, although the others are not bad. In sum, joyful consolations in prayer have their beginning in our own human nature and end in God. The spiritual delights begin in God, but human nature feels and enjoys them as much as it does those I mentioned—and much more. O Jesus, how I long to know how to explain this! ....the water comes from its own source which is God. And since His Majesty desires to do so—when He is pleased to grant some supernatural favor—He produces this delight with the greatest peace and quiet and sweetness in the very interior part of ourselves. I don't know from where or how, nor is that happiness and delight experienced, as are earthly consolations, in the heart (4th Mansion, 1.4; 2.4).



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## We Have A Winner!

Congratulations to parishioners Dean & Cecilia Tweedy for having the winning ticket (pulled on Mother's Day). Thank you to everyone who bought tickets...

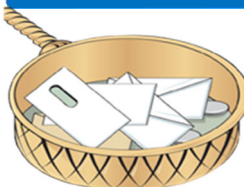


**You helped us raise over \$400!**

AND...**thank you** to the anonymous donor who designed and made this one-of-a-kind apron!

# 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.



May 13 / 14, 2023

Unrestricted..... \$17,375.00  
 Restricted ..... \$ 360.00  
**T O T A L.....\$17,735.00**

April 15 / 16 ..... \$25,296.00  
 April 22 / 23 ..... \$15,808.00  
 April 29 / 30 ..... \$13,752.00  
 May 6 / 7 ..... \$16,229.00

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

# Mass Intentions

May 20—May 27, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Mother's Day Novena 6

Sunday:

\*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): Sr. Cecilia, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Elena Sy Su, Birthday Intention

11:00 a.m.: Herminio Reyes, INT

1:00 p.m.: Mother's Day Novena 7

5:00 p.m.: Edna Lidia Juarez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 8

\*7:30 a.m.: Maryanne Losorelli, INT

8:00 a.m.: Gabriella Coyle, Birthday Intention

7:00 p.m.: Gloria Doria, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 9

\*7:30 a.m.: Sara Ramirez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Danilo P. Buenavente, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Emma Cox, Birthday Intention

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Leo Henry Tittmann, 11th B-Day INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Salvador Alcayaga, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Rica Yan, INT

7:00 p.m.: Beliza Cordova, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Magdalena Lopez, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Elizabeth, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Laureano Juarez, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Ruy Eduardo/Edgar Efrain Arenas, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Clelia Arcaro, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Augustin Juarez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Isabel Ortiz, RIP

7 pm: Deceased Mbrs of Crispino Mancao Family

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Jake Noel S. Pulido, INT

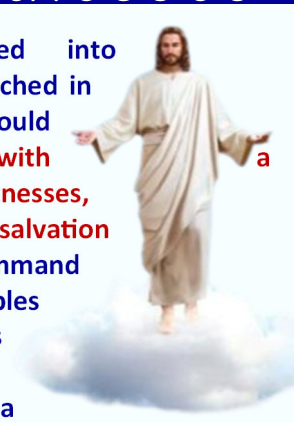
**\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and holidays.**

**LIVE STREAMED MASSES:**

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

# "Be My Witnesses"

When Jesus ascended into Heaven, His disciples watched in awe, wondering what would come next. **Jesus left them with a command to be His witnesses, spreading the message of salvation to all around them.** This command was not only for the disciples but for all believers throughout history.



The Holy Spirit plays a central role in the Christian faith, empowering and guiding every believer. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to His disciples, and He continues to guide and empower us today. The Holy Spirit is not limited to personal transformation, but also equips us to carry out God's mission in the world. He gives us the strength, wisdom, and gifts we need to serve others, proclaim the Gospel message, and work for justice and peace.

The promise of Christ's return is a central aspect of the Christian belief, bringing hope and joy to believers. Throughout the New Testament, Christ's return is described as a glorious event that will bring about the final judgment and the establishment of God's eternal Kingdom. As believers, we eagerly anticipate Christ's return, knowing that our actions and choices in this life impact our eternal destiny.

## Outside the Parish

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT JUNE 13-21, 2023, WITH FR. HUY NGUYEN:** From the beautiful dream of Mother Angelica to the beautiful Shrine in Hanceville, Alabama!. Experience the Pope St. John Paul II Eucharistic Museum, procession to the Lourdes Grotto, spiritual talks by the Friars, Healing Service, with a visit to EWTN and so much more. **For more info contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839. ONLY 6 spots still open!**

Come join the Carmelite Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Elizabeth of the Trinity," from Sept 28-Oct 11, incl Paris, Lourdes, Ars, etc. Chaplains are Fr. Mark Kissner, OCD, and Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD. Contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 | maddatubeth2@gmail.com.

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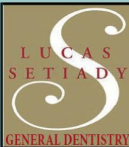
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