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Jesus said to His disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky. and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then He will send out the angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky (Mark 13:24-27).

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.

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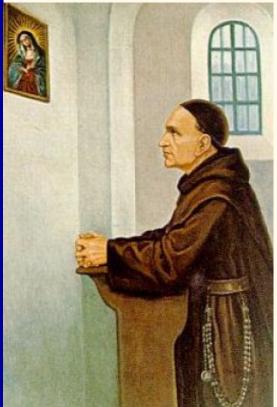
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PASTOR'S COLUMN



Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

We just celebrated the Feast of All Carmelite Saints this past Thursday, November 14, and there are many feasts of Carmelite saints all through this month. But I would like to highlight one in particular who doesn't usually get a lot of attention. His name is St. Raphael Kalinowski, and his feast day is this coming Tuesday, November 19th. He was a man described as a "living prayer" by those who knew him.

St. Raphael was born Joseph Kalinowski on September 1, 1835, of a noble Polish family in Vilnius, in modern-day Lithuania. His mother having died only two months after he was born, Joseph became very close to his stepmother, Victoria, who was a deeply religious woman and helped him return to his faith after he had lost it during his adolescence. A bright young man, he became a military engineer and worked on important construction projects in Poland. He lived a charitable and prayerful life while he was a busy young adult, although he was not yet as devout a Christian as he would later become. His life started to change in 1863, when Poland began its insurrection against Russian rule. At first opposed to this insurrection, affirming that there was no need to shed blood to obtain freedom, he later decided, while in Warsaw, to participate, on the condition that his position wouldn't involve condemning anyone to death. It was during this involvement that he resolved to dedicate his life to the service of God.

In 1865, after being arrested for his participation in the insurrection, Joseph was sentenced to ten years of forced labor in the salt mines of Siberia, a sentence that was later changed to exile. In Siberia, he underwent physical and moral sufferings which purified his spirit and prepared him for the apostolate he would one day carry out. All those in exile with him were amazed at the virtue he displayed, especially his patience and his readiness to assist those around him—even to the point of depriving himself of necessities in order to ease the sufferings of others. He was also admired for his deep prayer life and exceptional devotion to Our Lady. Even at times of extreme cold, he never skipped his daily meditation. Those around him had such faith in his prayers that they even included this petition when reciting the litany of the Saints: "Through the prayers of Kalinowski, deliver us, O Lord!" When his sentence was completed, Joseph returned to Warsaw, and there he became the tutor of Prince August Czartoryski. Joseph took great care to form the soul of this young man, and his efforts paid off, since Prince August would later become a Salesian, and is now a Blessed.

On July 15, 1877, Joseph entered the Discalced Carmelite Order at Linz, Austria. He couldn't enter in Poland because the only Polish monastery, Czerna, was part of the Austrian province. He took the name Brother Raphael of St. Joseph. He made his solemn profession on November 27, 1881, and was ordained to the priesthood on January 15, 1882. After his ordination, he became vice-master of novices, and the following year was elected prior of the convent of Czerna, an office he kept for almost the entire remainder of his life. He also served remarkably well in other important positions, such as provincial councilor, confessor, and director of the Discalced Carmelite nuns in Krakow, Poland.

Through his fervor and pastoral efforts, Father Raphael renewed and spread the Carmelite Order and the Teresian spirit throughout Poland, becoming a true missionary for that part of the world. This renewal included the Carmelite nuns, friars, and the Third Order, all of which flourished under his care. He wanted the renewal to have a solid basis in the things that sustained him in his own spiritual life: prayer, silence, and recollection. He showed great zeal for ecumenism and a fervent desire for the unity of all Christians.

On November 15, 1907, Father Raphael died of tuberculosis in Wadowice, Poland. In that same town was born Karol Wojtyla, destined to become St. John Paul II, who had a great devotion to St. Raphael, so much so that he discerned a Carmelite vocation himself.

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TO GET YOUR "GALA OF RESES" TICKETS!

You are invited join us for the finale of our Centennial Year! The "Gala of Roses" Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 11, in the Mediterranean Ballroom at Brookside at the Rosebowl (1133 Rosemont Avenue, Pasadena).

SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENING

4:00 p.m. - Registration

4:30 p.m. - Cocktail Hour

5:30 p.m. - Dinner, Dancing, & More!

9:30 p.m. - Closing

For the elderly and/or disabled. we provide shuttle service from the parking lot to the Gala's entrance (at arrival only).



Tickets are \$100 each (\$1 for each year St. Therese Church in Alhambra

has existed!). The deadline to purchase tickets is December 28 or until they are sold out. Tickets will be sold after selected Masses and in the office starting THIS weekend (November 2 / 3). You can also purchase them online by scanning this QR code or going to the link on our website's homepage.



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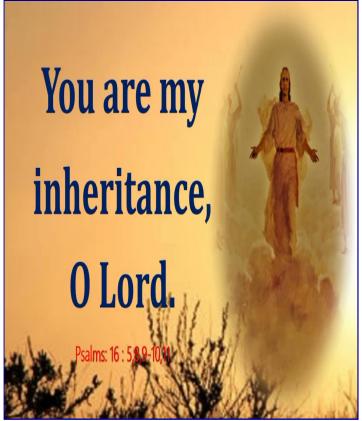
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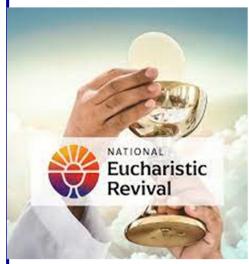
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Do This in Remembrance of Me: Part 16: Responsorial Psalm

Sing a joyful song unto the Lord! "After the First Reading follows the Responsorial Psalm, which has great liturgical and pastoral importance, since it fosters meditation on the Word of God" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, No. 61). (The "P" in the word "Psalms" is silent, so it sounds like "Salms.")

According to the Glossary in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a Psalm is "A prayer in the Book of Psalms of the Old Testament, assembled over several centuries; a collection of prayers in the form of hymns or poetry. The Psalms have been used since Jesus' time as the public prayer of the Church." There are 150 Psalms altogether, varying in length from very short (Psalm 117 has only two verses) to incredibly long (Psalm 119 has 176 verses!).

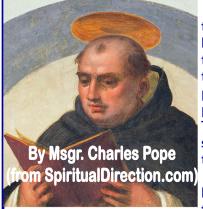
The General Instruction of the Roman Missal indicates that the Responsorial Psalm should be sung, and that if "the Psalm cannot be sung, then it should be recited in a way that is particularly suited to fostering meditation on the Word of God" (GIRM, No. 61). We typically repeat a refrain in between the verses. The refrain gives a brief line for meditation, summarizing a theme of a particular Psalm.

Our Lord Jesus had also sung and prayed these same words in the Psalms. There were times He referred directly to the Psalms, such as when He started praying Psalm 22 from the Cross: "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?"

Source: Fr. Luke Spannagel's blog at https://www.stphils.com/church/eucharistic-revival-walk-through-the-mass/

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WHAT WILL PURGATORY BE LIKE?



A lot of ideas that people have about Purgatory come from Dante Alighieri, the Italian poet and writer. However, the real "go-to guy" for information about Purgatory is St. Thomas Aquinas. For example, in Hell, he says that not everyone there is punished alike, and not everyone experiences it in the same way or with the same intensity. It wouldn't be fair that a genocidal murderer would be punished in exactly the same way as someone who was lustful or greedy. The punishments—or rather, the self-inflicted punishments—are going to be different. This same thing will be true in Heaven; that is, there are some who will live substantially more glorious lives, and some of us who will just barely get in under the bar.

The Lord certainly hints to us that there are places of honor at His right and His left; that we won't all have the same exact experience of Heaven. St. Paul says that the sufferings of this world produce glory in us way out of proportion to the

suffering itself. Let's be honest, some people have suffered a lot more than you or me. And therefore, if they're faithful, they've earned greater glory. One day, the righteous poor who suffered mightily, will be in one of the mansions Our Lord mentioned. Many who are last are going to be first, says Jesus. So, we see that there are levels in Heaven and levels in Hell. That makes sense just from reasoning about God's justice.

This will also be true in Purgatory. Not everybody will needs the same purification. It's not as though everybody goes through the same car wash. No, there are some who need the deluxe wash and some who just need a rinsing. I'm being silly, but you get the point, which is that clearly, God will purify us in a way that's appropriate for us and in the areas that we most need it. I believe there's great tenderness in Purgatory—that idea of the Lord wiping the tears away from all the eyes of those who have died. It's very tender, letting go and experiencing healing from some of those things that have just dogged us all our life—regrets, sorrows, and all those things. I think that Purgatory will be a combination of suffering and great release, great joy, and a great sense of relief that comes with it.

I'm not just making this up, I'm summarizing a lot of what St. Thomas has written about. To say that everybody—good, bad or indifferent—will be treated the same way is not just. Dante imagines the basic core sins that people struggle with will have purifications in Purgatory designed just for them. Likewise, the sufferings of those in Hell are related to the things they created for themselves through refusing to repent. All the saints who have mentioned Purgatory and some who've had visions of Purgatory all say the same thing: It's better to handle things here than wait for Purgatory, meaning, do your penance now! It will be much more intensified there. Now, most of us are probably going to Purgatory because we can be pretty mediocre and God is very holy. But on the other hand, we should never make it our goal to just get to Purgatory. We want to make it our goal to *get to Heaven*. "Just get to Purgatory" is an excuse to not strive for the holiness that God wants to give us now, not *later* after some fiery judgment following our deaths. Now, I also say this to people who are thinking about suicide: You *cannot* escape this issue. You think you're going to take your life and you'll escape from it all its sufferings. I'm going to tell you right now, worst case scenario, you'll either go to Hell and it'll be even worse. Better case scenario, you go to Purgatory and you'll deal with all your suffering there.

Another question people have: Is there time in Purgatory? How does time there relate to time here? We don't know, but I think there must be some sort of time in Purgatory because there is change, and time is basically a measure of change. A lot of people got confused with the old prayer books that would say, for instance, "50 days indulgence" at the end of a prayer. People thought that it meant you could take 50 days off your eventual time in Purgatory, but that's not what those numbers ever meant. They came from the very early Church when physical penances were assigned after confession, such as walking around in sackcloth and ashes for 50 days. So, for instance, a prayer that says "50 days indulgence" means it's equivalent to 50 days of physical penance—not days spent in Purgatory. In order to overcome this confusion, the Church changed these prayers or actions to a "partial indulgence" or a "plenary indulgence." For God, past, present, and future are all equally present. God sees the whole sweep of time at once. He's not waiting and wondering what you and I are going to do tomorrow. He knows. It's already present.

A lot of saints have said the time we spend in Purgatory is not short—for many people, it may be decades or even until the end of time, when Christ comes again in glory. The best thing we can do for any one of our relatives or friends who have died is to pray for them. We owe this to them, because frankly, most of us are living in homes they built and driving on roads they paved and living the Faith they proclaimed. We owe them.

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"Let Me Introduce You..." By Fr. Stephen F. Watson OCD



Azpilcueta is a Basque name, but it is not common even among the Basque. The mother of St. Francis Xavier was Maria Azpilcueta. The Castle of Xavier, located about thirty miles east of Pamplona, Spain, belonged to her. On September 21, 2017, I visited the castle and village of Xavier with Dean and Cecilia Tweedy. The Tweedys had gone on a pilgrimage to France with Fr. Donald Kinney, OCD. After the pilgrimage, they went to Pamplona, where I happened to be at the time. As Cecilia's family name is Azpilcueta, she wanted to visit the Castle of Xavier where her famous ancestor was born. This is the story of the Tweedy Family.

Dean is from Arcadia. He was born at Santa Teresita Hospital where his grandmother worked as a nurse. He has enough Choctaw Indian blood to qualify as a card-carrying member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Dean was raised as a Southern Baptist but says he always had a craving for the Eucharist. His grandmother, the nurse, had become a Catholic under the good influence of the Carmelite Sisters at Santa Teresita. Dean would have to wait for the moment of grace to become Catholic. A harbinger of that grace was meeting Cecilia Azpilcueta.

Cecilia was a teenager in 1973 when she, her parents, and her younger brother and sister all moved to California from

Torreón, Coahuila, Mexico. Ceci had already received the sacraments of initiation before leaving Mexico. Dean met her in 1985 while doing a painting job at the apartment complex where Ceci lived. Dean had started painting while he was still in high school and, by 1985, he had his own company. Dean and Ceci were married in 1990 by Fr. Michael Manning, SVD. In April of that same year, Dean had become Catholic. After a spell living in the town of Rialto, Dean and Cecilia moved to Bradbury Drive in San Gabriel and became members of St. Therese Parish.

From the beginning of their time at St. Therese, the Tweedys have been involved with parish life. With three children, Sean, Vanessa, and Jonathan, the Parish School was the first locus of their time, talent, and treasure, and where they served as homeroom parents. I was the Pastor at that time and remember well the generosity of the Tweedys in volunteering for School and Parish activities. In those years, coffee and donuts were available after the Sunday morning Masses. The Tweedys were on the welcoming committee which was responsible for setting things up for this Sunday hospitality. For many years, Dean sang in the 9:00 o'clock choir. The Tweedys were also involved with our Baptism Ministry helping prepare parents for their children's baptisms. In addition, they were on the Bereavement Committee which helped with funeral receptions.

Dean, the painter, oversaw the painting of our church (Dean has painted many of the churches in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles). However, less than a decade ago, Dean switched from painting to roofing. He and Ceci are now semi-retired. (Ceci has had health issues in the last ten years). Dean does his estimates on roofing jobs using a drone. Using his drone, he determined that the eyes of the statue of St. Therese in our church's bell tower are 136 feet above ground. His son Sean, who helps run the company, was married at St. Therese and he and his wife Marlene now live in the home once owned by the late Dr. Harry Zell—who was one of the very first graduates of Saint Therese School. Sean and Marlene's two daughters love to spend time with their grandparents (the Tweedys' house has a pool!); they have lived on Halsted Circle in Alhambra since 2006.

Dean is also a Knight of Columbus. For many years, he also volunteered with the Knights of Malta in a program to assist the homeless. For twelve years, Dean and Cecilia were sacristans in our church, which they stopped doing when Covid hit. Dean and Cecilia are currently formators in their community of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, which meets monthly at St. Therese. They are also associates of the Loyola Institute of Spirituality and are certified spiritual advisors.

And now you've heard the story of a family of one of the descendants of the mother of St. Francis Xavier.

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Mass Intentions

November 16—November 23, 2024

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Roberto "Papi" Ruiz, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Mack Malone, INT 7:30 a.m.: Helen Hummel, RIP 9:00 a.m.: Ramon Sy Su, Birthday INT 11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

1 p.m. (Latin): Roberto Abad, INT 5:00 p.m.: James Rios, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Pacita M. Piol, RIP *7:30 am: Lorelei V. Sunga, INT 8:00 a.m.: Fran Allan, RIP 7:15 p.m.: Francisco Estrada, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Rafaela Valerio, RIP *7:30 a.m.: Mary Clare Ha Tran, RIP 8:00 a.m.: Jose Atencio, RIP 7:15 p.m.: Esperanza Estrada, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Jim Nieman, RIP *7:30 a.m.: Deacon Otto Lacayo, INT 8:00 a.m.: Charles Alfred Myers, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Patrick Hummel, RIP *7:30 am: Atlas Chambliss, INT 8:00 a.m.: John Torres, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Frank & Joann Brodzik, RIP *7:30 am: Jose Aclaro, RIP 8:00 a.m.: Cecilio Reyes, RIP

Saturday (Morning):

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community 8:00 a.m.: Bonifacio Estrada, RIP

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

*Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

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

Outside the Parish

Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (GPS) invites you to their 2024 Gala (FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL) on Saturday, November 23, at 6:00 pm., at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 1901 S. San Gabriel Blvd. \$90



per person. Register and pay at: https://www.pregnancy-gps.org/Gala-Registration-2024.html or mail your check to: Guadalupe Pregnancy Services, P.O. Box 1192, Alhambra, CA 91802. IF YOU ARE ON OUR E-BLAST LIST, the registration forms can be found there (if you'd prefer to mail it in).

CARMELITE SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART invite you to their Assisted Living Community Open House and tour on TODAY, November 17, or next month on December 17—from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each of those days. Learn more about their services and floor plans at Good Shepherd and Cristo Rey Cottage. Please RSVP at https://bit.ly/STopenhouses or go there to watch the livestream.

For more info, contact them at (626) 734-2102 or rcfeadmissions@santateresitainc.com.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

+ Moises Hueda

(husband of Beatrice Hueda)

His funeral will be on Saturday, November 23, at 10:00 a.m. (viewing at 9:00 a.m.)





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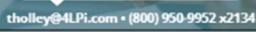


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