

St. Therese Catholic Church

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"...from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate" (Mark 10:6-9).



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.

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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

October is upon us. That means baseball playoffs, the World Series, and a powerful month of saints! We just had the Solemnity of St. Therese last Tuesday, the Feast of St. Francis on Friday, and Saturday was the feast of St. Faustina, who had a famous dream/vision of St. Therese! Later in the month, we will have the Solemnity of St. Teresa of Jesus (October 15). But I'd like to focus on an upcoming feast this week, Our Lady of the Rosary (Monday, October 7). Here is a short but very important history of this feast:

On October 7, 1571, Our Lady intervened in a powerful way to help the Holy League defeat the Turks in a naval battle called "the Battle of Lepanto." During this time, Muslim forces were expanding their dominance in Asia and Africa and were setting their eyes on Europe. They were gaining increasing control over the Mediterranean Sea and were hoping to seize control of St. Peter's Basilica to turn it into a mosque. The Pope at the time, Pope Pius V, organized a Holy League, which was a coalition to defend Europe against these Muslim forces.

While only a few European nations came together and formed a very small army, the Pope fell on his knees and turned to God. He began praying fervently and encouraged all of Europe to pray the Rosary and go to Eucharistic Adoration. The soldiers of the Holy League also prayed the Rosary. While the Muslim forces were much stronger and had more ships, Pope Pius V entrusted everything to God through the hands of Mary.

The morning of the battle, the Holy League ships set off to meet the Muslim forces. In the beginning of the battle, the wind was against the Holy League. But later, the direction of the wind suddenly shifted and the Holy League was able to defeat these forces. The Holy League attributed the miraculous wind shift to Mary. Pope Pius V dedicated that day of victory to Our Lady, at first calling it, "The Feast of Our Lady of Victory;" eventually, however, the name of the feast was changed to "Our Lady of the Rosary."

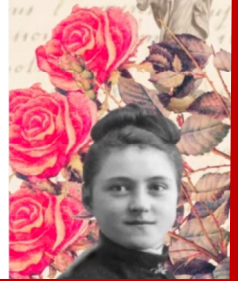
As Sister Deirdre said at the Republican National Convention four years ago, "...let us take up our weapon of choice, the Rosary, and pray to defeat the powers of darkness in our own age!" Let us believe in the power of the Rosary and pray for the victory of the Culture of Life in our General Election next month!

—Fr. Peter Mary



"100 Years of Walking with St. Therese" Parish GALA

We will conclude the celebration of our centennial year with a **PARISH GALA at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena on Saturday, January 11**. More details to come but—for now—please put the date in your calendar!



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



*"Oh, so long, Marianne,
it's time that we began to
laugh, and cry and cry,
and laugh about it all again."*

As I interviewed **Maryanne Losorelli** for this story, the lyrics of Leonard Cohen's song kept swirling in my head. Maryanne is a person with whom you can laugh and cry. She has been an active parishioner for the last half century of St. Therese Parish. This is the story of her family.

Maryanne is the daughter of the late **Anthony (Tony) and Angelina**

(Angie) Brajkovich. When Maryanne came into this world, her parents lived near Emery Park Elementary School. She has two older brothers, Anthony and Steve. As the only girl and the baby of the family, Maryanne's father and brothers were very protective of her. Maryanne adored her father but was also afraid of disobeying him, not that the thought of doing so ever crossed her mind! Tony was a first-generation American—his family having come from Croatia—and he was an award-winning stonemason. Angie was a first-generation Italian and the best hairstylist in town.

Growing up, Maryanne's brother Steve was best friends with another Alhambra local named **Joe Losorelli**. Joe had a brother named Frank, and the three of them—who each loved baseball and football—were always together. Maryanne and these boys all went to Alhambra High School where Joe was a star athlete in both baseball and football. (Joe is in the Alhambra High School Hall of Fame for baseball.) Joe graduated a few years before Maryanne and went to Cal State Fullerton where he played baseball. In 1971, Maryanne's parents bought a house just a few blocks from St. Therese Parish. Her father Tony kept the first car he ever owned, a 1929 Model A Ford, and you could often find him restoring it in his garage. He brought it into excellent condition, and I often saw it on beautiful display in his driveway or motoring down the street with his happy grandchildren waving from the rumble seat.

Maryanne, who as a teen was involved with All Souls' youth group, began to attend St. Therese with her parents following their move in 1971. On June 12, 1976, Maryanne and Joe got married at St. Therese. They had two girls, Nina and Lisa, both of whom are graduates of St. Therese School. Today, Nina and her family reside on the East Coast and Lisa lives in Colorado.

The Brajkovich and Losorelli families have been active in the Parish a long time. Maryanne was an Early Childhood Education Teacher in 1986. She also worked in the Adeste After School Care (funded by Catholic Charities) and was a room mother and the secretary of our School Board. In 1998, she brought *Life Teen* to the Parish, which continued for several years. Currently, she serves as the vice president of the Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary. In the past, Joe volunteered in many Parish events and fundraisers, including the Christmas tree sale and the Parish Festival. He was also active in coaching community sports. Tony and Angie were involved in Parish activities as well. Angie will always be remembered as a most hospitable person—always welcoming new parishioners; and Tony—a sacristan for many years—was such a gentle man and was beloved in our Parish.

Joe and Maryanne enjoy many activities outside of the Parish, including taking their wonderful dog Mollie to play at the beach and attending USC football games. They often attend these football games with friends and family. Everyone was excited to celebrate the Trojan victory over Wisconsin the last Saturday in September. (Hey, Joe! USC has a home game with Notre Dame on November 30... hint, hint!)

The Losorelli and Brajkovich Families are part of the rich 100-year history of St. Therese Parish.
Let us all walk with St. Therese as we journey together in faith during our Centennial year.

UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY ROSARY

By Fr. Basil Cole, O.P.

Many Catholics today do not pray the Rosary because they find it too difficult to think about two things at the same time: the Hail Mary's and the Rosary mystery. As a result, many have simply given up on it. This objection stems from a misunderstanding of what the Rosary is and how it is to be prayed. **The Rosary is a combination of vocal prayer (the Hail Mary's and the Our Father's, etc.) and of mental prayer (the meditation on the various incidents or mysteries in the life of Our Lord and His Mother).** There is no conflict in this combination, but rather a blending of one with the other; while the lips pronounce the words of the Hail Mary (vocal prayer), the mind should reflect (mental prayer) on the mystery of the Rosary. **The repetition of the ten Hail Mary's is used as a measuring device to determine the length of time to meditate on the mystery at hand.** So, the Rosary brings before us for our reflection, not the vocal prayers being recited, but the mysteries of our redemption.

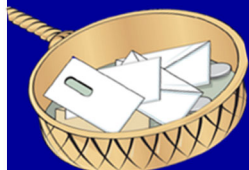


The Rosary is not only an important means of instruction in the truths of our faith, but an important means to bring Catholics to love and to be loved by Mary, who gave this form of prayer to the Church. As Pope Pius XII points out, its very origin and the wisdom of its composition is "more divine than human." Yet, the Rosary is not simply devotion to Mary. It is a devotion that leads one to the divine Trinity of Persons through the hearts and minds of Jesus Incarnate and Mary Immaculate. It is Mary's instrument to bring us closer to her divine Son, and to become more involved in our lives as her children. I am often saddened by the number of children and adults who do not know how, or do not care, to pray the Rosary; for when it is understood and prayed with devotion, it is a celebration of faith, of confidence, and of love in the Most Holy Trinity.

In addition to the above-mentioned reasons why some have given up praying the Rosary, is the fact that some find its recitation monotonous. This problem, as a rule, comes from the misconception already referred to, namely, reflecting merely or mainly on the vocal prayers being recited. Such is like a body without a soul. A mere repetition of Hail Mary's, fruitful as it may be as a prayer, or even as a source of meditation, is not the Rosary. The Rosary, in the words of Pope St. Paul VI, is a "compendium of the Gospel." It is so devised that it helps us to reflect briefly on the principal events of our redemption. If some find it difficult to meditate on these mysteries, either because of lack of instruction or because of fatigue, the Rosary will not be without its fruit, if they do the best they can, keeping in mind that involuntary distractions do not detract from the value of prayer. In prayer, what we want to do and try to do, is more important before God than whether or not we actually succeed in doing it. Those twenty minutes (more or less) given to this prayer, doing the best we can, are very pleasing to the Mother of God, and the source of much fruit, even if they might leave us without much personal satisfaction. We don't measure the value of prayer by the "lift" we get out of it.

As Pope Pius XII wrote, speaking of the Rosary, "the recitation of identical formulas, repeated so many times, rather than rendering the prayer sterile and boring, has on the contrary the admirable quality of infusing confidence in him who prays, and causes a sweet compulsion towards the maternal heart of Mary."
(MORE TO COME ABOUT THE ROSARY!)

Financial Offerings



September 28 / 29, 2024

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 September 14 / 15 \$17,628.00
 September 21 / 22 \$28,875.00

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REGISTRATION CLOSED FOR RELIGIOUS ED



We began taking registrations for Religious Education (for children and adults) back in August. As of October 1st, registration is closed.



Thank you to all those who have registered. We look forward to meeting

you each week and sharing the Faith with you and with your children!



CLASSES ON THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

The first two sessions of Fr. Stephen Watson's series of classes on The Mystery of the



Church were held last month. The next two will be this **Tuesday, October 8, and then on Tuesday, October 22.** These lectures serve as a catechetical mystagogy, a word in Greek meaning "to lead through the mysteries." Mystagogy is the form of catechesis that expounds on the spiritual treasures contained in the sacraments.

The Acts of the Apostles and Lumen Gentium serve as primary references for these classes. The hymn, The Church's One Foundation, embodies the theme and content of these classes.

These classes are presented twice a month—on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room (upstairs in the Parish Center building). **ALL ARE INVITED!**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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"Could you not watch one hour with me?"



"Today, I went to meditate before the Blessed Sacrament. When I approached the altar, God's presence pervaded my soul...and Jesus said to me... 'Know this, My daughter, that you are already tasting now what other souls will obtain only in eternity.'" -from the Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (969) - (August 25, 1905 – October 5, 1938)

St. Faustina was a young nun in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family and had only three years of simple education. However, she received extraordinary messages on God's Divine Mercy from our Lord Jesus; therefore she is called the "Secretary of Divine Mercy". These messages are recorded in her diary. St. Faustina was so in love with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament that she visited the chapel at every chance. Her full religious name was Sr. Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

New Year's 1935: "There is a custom among us of drawing by lot, on New Year's Day, special patrons for ourselves for the whole year. In the morning during meditation, there arose within me a secret desire that the Eucharistic Jesus be my special patron for this year also, as in the past. But, hiding this desire from my Beloved, I spoke to Him about everything else but that. ...When I approached the holy cards on which the names of the patrons were written, without hesitation I took one, but I didn't read the name immediately as I wanted to mortify myself for a few minutes. Suddenly, I heard a voice in my soul: 'I am your patron. Read.' I looked at once at the inscription and read, 'Patron for the Year 1935: the Most Blessed Eucharist.'" (Diary, 360).

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Mass Intentions

October 5—October 12, 2024

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Marilyn Contreras, Birthday INT

Sunday

- *7:30 a.m.: Therese Quynh Dao, INT
- 7:30 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT
- 9:00 a.m.: Sandra Arakawa, INT
- 11:00 a.m.: All Humanity and God's Creation
- 1 p.m. (Latin): Candelaria Marrero Ferreira, RIP
- 5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

- 6 am: Abuede-Okoh|Ojeda-Carlos Families, INT
- *7:30 am: Cecilia Makiewicz, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Angela Grimm, 11th Birthday INT
- 7:15 p.m.: Sarita Gomez, Birthday INT

Tuesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Mike Gomez, RIP
- *7:30 a.m.: Therese Quynh Hoa, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Eulalia McEntire, RIP
- 7:15 p.m.: Carlos Cantong, RIP

Wednesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Fr. Raymond Bueno, OCD INT
- *7:30 a.m.: Dominador & Melba Tugade, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Hattie M. Shower, RIP

Thursday

- 6:00 a.m.: Vicente & Renalda Tan, RIP
- *7:30 a.m.: Peter Santa Maria, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Nancy Holman, Birthday Intention

Friday

- 6:00 a.m.: Maria May Josephine Peralta, RIP
- *7:30 am: Michael Alexander|Lauren Cheah, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

Saturday (Morning):

- *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community
- 8:00 a.m.: Jay Shower, RIP

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

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***Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.**

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

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

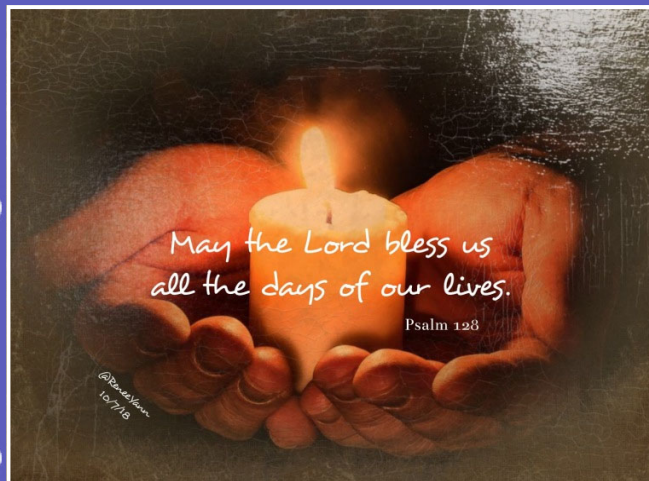
Outside the Parish

SEEKING ITEMS FOR THE CLOISTERED CARMELITE NUNS' AUXILIARY'S BOUTIQUE

on November 15: Please

take a look around your house (in drawers, cabinets, closets, etc.) for items you no longer use or display and are able to donate.

These will be sold at the Fall Boutique for the benefit of our Nuns. We need items in good condition: decorative items, small appliances, figurines, photo frames, jewelry, vases, nice dishes, teapots, etc. **NO FURNITURE OR CLOTHING!!**—it's not a rummage sale! For more info and a drop-off location, please contact Rosemary Moreno at (626) 281-9211. Thank you!



But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely,

Jesus

because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:9

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