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Masses—Saturday: 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 and 8:00 a.m.

(the 8:00 a.m. daily and the Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Masses are LIVE STREAMED on our Facebook

page AND on our YouTube channel).

Masses on Monday, *Tuesday (in *Spanish)

and Thursday EVENINGS: 7:00 p.m.

(these are also LIVE STREAMED)

CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE) Saturdays from 3:00

to 6:30 p.m. and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.



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SACRAMENTS:

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"To what shall we compare the Kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade" (Mark 4:30-32).



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Hi(gh) in the Holy Spirit, everyone! The Lord Jesus gives us a compelling image of the Kingdom of God in today's Gospel: it starts out very small (a mustard seed) but then becomes so large and inviting that even birds can dwell in its shade! With the **Encounter Conference at St. Philip's in Pasadena fast approaching (June 24-26; <https://encounterministries.regfox.com/southern-california-encounter-conference>)**, I wholeheartedly encourage you to pray and ask the Lord to give you the desire, time, and means to take part in some or all of this special opportunity, *so that your experience of the Kingdom can likewise grow!* I would like to emphasize that we are simply continuing to build on the firm foundation of liturgical and personal prayer, catechesis, and ministry that have been in place at St. Therese Church for almost 100 years.

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sanctifying grace (to help oneself get to Heaven) and charismatic grace (to help others) are inseparable. Here are some thoughts from **Damian Stayne (Lord, Renew Your Wonders, Chapter 1)** that might help:

It is not only through the Sacraments and the ministries of the Church that the Holy Spirit sanctifies and leads the people of God and enriches them with virtues, but also, allotting His gifts to everyone according as He wills (114), He distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank. By these gifts, He makes them fit and ready to undertake the various tasks and offices which contribute toward the renewal and building up of the Church. According to the words of the Apostle: "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to everyone for profit" (115). "These charisms, whether they be the more outstanding or the more simple and widely diffused, are to be received with thanksgiving and consolation, for they are perfectly suited to and useful for the needs of the Church" (Vatican II Constitution on the Church—Lumen Gentium).

As we have seen, the word of God exhorts us to have a strong desire for spiritual gifts, and the Church affirms this. Why is this so important? Because spiritual gifts manifest the loving, transforming presence and power of a living Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. They are a point of encounter, an in-breaking of the Kingdom. As Cardinal Ratzinger wrote, "A dogmatic faith unsupported by personal experience remains empty." Through the exercise of these gifts, God's love and truth are transformed from doctrines into an experience that makes God real to millions. Spiritual gifts often prompt the conversion of the unbeliever and lead believers to deeper conversion and a more radical response to the Gospel. Paul explains that his proclamation of the Gospel was not in word alone..."but also in power and in the Holy Spirit" [1 Thess 1:5].

The Bible tells us we should earnestly desire the spiritual gifts as expressions of that love. When spiritual gifts are discussed, some people assert that love is the greatest charism and that this should be our only focus, not spiritual gifts. Love is supreme, of course, but Paul, rather than diminishing spiritual gifts in comparison to love, yokes them together: "Make love your aim, *and earnestly desire spiritual gifts*" [1 Corinthians 14:1]. Spiritual gifts are *tools of love*. It has become clear to us that God wants to pour out these gifts in abundance and at a level that almost everyone in the Church has simply not anticipated. Paul's exhortation to seek after spiritual gifts for the service of the Church and her mission is directed not to particular individuals but to the whole Church. It is obvious but needs to be stressed that if God's word calls us to "earnestly desire the spiritual gifts," it must be *because God earnestly desires to grant them!*"

P.S. from Fr. Thomas: To give just one example of how the Lord is helping ordinary people right here in our own Parish to move in these supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit: One parishioner was praying for another after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Thursday, May 27, and the person's TMJ pain (weeks'-long jaw pain—a side effect of the vaccine he had received) went from a level 6 to 8 down to a level 1 to 2. After he went home, it went back up to a level 6 during the night, but he renewed his trust in Jesus' powerful love and woke up with zero pain—AND the pain has not come back!

TAKE STEPS IN FAITH

The apostles said to Jesus, “Increase our faith!” (Luke 17:5). They were hoping He would answer, “Okay, I will increase your faith.” But instead, He told them to act on whatever faith they had, no matter how small: “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you” (Luke 17:6). As the healing evangelist John Wimber used to say, “Faith is spelled R-I-S-K.” It is by actually exercising faith—by taking risks—that our faith increases.

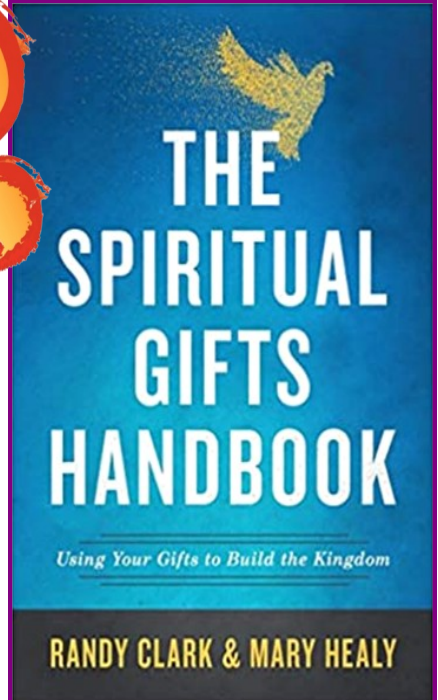
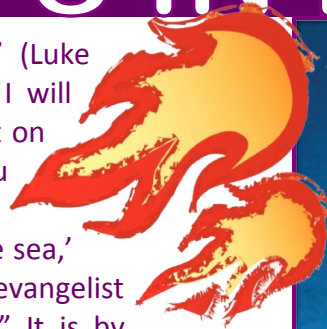
When the prophet Elijah was about to be taken up to Heaven, he encouraged his young disciple, Elisha, to ask for whatever he wanted. Elisha’s response was bold: He wanted a “double portion” of Elijah’s spirit—his supernatural gifting for prophecy, signs, and wonders. Elijah answered, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so” (2 Kings 2:10). Elisha did indeed see Elijah as he was taken up in a whirlwind—the sign that his desire was granted. But the key to Elisha’s being launched into prophetic ministry was that he immediately took a risk

in faith, doing just what he had seen his master do: He struck the water of the Jordan with Elijah’s mantle. The water parted, and he crossed over on dry ground (v. 14). He went on to perform many healings and miracles, just as Elijah had done. He received what he asked for—a double portion.

In a similar way, Jesus’ disciples saw Him as He ascended into Heaven, and then they were filled with His Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Peter and the other apostles immediately began to take risks in faith: proclaiming the works of God in tongues, preaching the Gospel boldly and saying to a man lame from birth, “In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk.” And the disciples who were being baptized into the Church were being truly “disciple” to do what Jesus had commanded the Twelve and the seventy-two to do: heal the sick, cast out demons, and raise the dead. Acts 4:29–31 tells us that all who received the power of the Spirit were enabled to speak the word boldly—exactly what the Church had prayed. Then, when the Church was scattered due to persecution following Stephen’s martyrdom, the “hand of the Lord” was with them (Acts 11:21). “Them” does not refer to the apostles, who remained in Jerusalem, although surely the hand of the Lord was with them, too. But “them” is a reference to the laity being used supernaturally by the Spirit as they flowed in His gifts. (The wall between the clergy and the laity needs to be removed when it comes to moving in God’s power.)

Mary: “I vividly remember the first time I took a big risk in faith. I had just returned from a two-week mission in Brazil with Randy’s team. I was speaking at a Catholic conference in the Middle East, and I knew the Lord was asking me to step out in faith for healing in a way I never had before. It truly felt like jumping off a cliff, since I had no idea what would happen or whether anything would happen at all. I named several specific physical conditions, asked people who had those conditions to stand up, and then had everyone in the congregation pray a simple prayer for them. After the prayer, I had to leave the stage quickly because it was the next speaker’s turn. To my amazement, the speaker came up to the podium in tears and said, ‘I’ve had hearing loss in one ear ever since I was hit by a soccer ball several months ago, and when you prayed, ‘Ears, be opened in the name of Jesus,’ my ear popped open. Now I can hear fine!’ That event brought my faith to a new level.”

(The above article is taken from *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook* (Healy and Clark, pp. 213-215), which is available for sale in the church office for \$16.)



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If you have any questions, contact us at CorJesuSTCALhambra@gmail.com.

HEALING MINISTRY

For those wishing to take advantage of our Healing Ministry, come to the **Masses on**



Thursday

evenings and First Friday evenings. The Mass on those nights will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will then be followed by adoration. During adoration, healing prayer will also be available in the church.

When it was evening, they brought Him many who were possessed by demons, and He drove out the spirits by a word and cured all the sick, to fulfill what had been said by Isaiah the prophet: **"He took away our infirmities and bore our diseases"** (Matthew 8:16-17).

Then He summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and **to cure every disease and every illness**" (Matthew 10:1).

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-Bishop David O'Connell, Auxiliary Bishop, San Gabriel Valley Region

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FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES



If your child (in First Grade+) has been baptized but has not yet received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, and you'd like to enroll him or her in our preparation classes, please contact Denise Lopez at

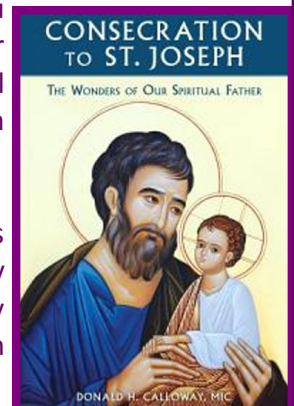
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ALSO... If you are interested in volunteering with this program, please send an e-mail to the same address.

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

The next consecration to St. Joseph will be on **Friday, July 16**, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The first gathering of those wishing to prepare themselves to be consecrated to St. Joseph will be **Wednesday, June 9**, in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Courtyard. You can **choose** to attend at either **12 Noon or 6:00 p.m.** We will meet both times each Wednesday through July 14.

The book we use to prepare is **Consecration to St. Joseph** by Father Donald Calloway. They are available for purchase in the office for \$15 each.



AVILA GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS



The Avila Group invites you to join them for a **Vespers service** and a **concert** on **SATURDAY, JUNE 26**. Here is the schedule:

4:30 p.m.: Vespers in the church

5:00 p.m.: Mass

6:30 p.m.: Concert featuring **JESSICA GERHARDT**
(held in the Guadalupe Courtyard)

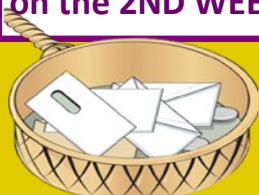
"Sultry emotive vocals, atop a distinctive blend of deep guitars and triangle percussion, Gerhardt succeeds in creating music that is experimental yet palpable. Lyrically, "Be My Hands" conveys the heightened tension that exists at the beginning of a relationship. The relatable song focuses on the feeling of excitement and nervousness that comes with a new love." - Chloe Robinson, Earmilk

MASS & PRAYER NIGHTS

- **MONDAY MEDITATION NIGHTS:** Join us every **MONDAY** evening to strengthen your faith! The schedule is as follows: **7:00 p.m.:** Mass; **7:30-8:00 p.m.:** Adoration; **8:00-8:30 p.m.:** Teaching/Meditation (indoors!)
- **TUESDAY NIGHTS:** Celebrated in **SPANISH!** Join us at **7:00 p.m.**
- **THURSDAY NIGHTS:** Join us every **THURSDAY** evening in **HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH!** The schedule is: **6:30 p.m.:** Viewing of an Episode of The Chosen; **7:00 p.m.:** Mass; **7:30-8:30 p.m.:** Adoration and **HEALING PRAYER**
- **FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** Come and honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus by attending Mass at **7:00 p.m.** on the first Friday of each month. Next will be **FRIDAY, June 4**, followed by adoration and prayer.
- **SATURDAY NIGHT HEALING PRAYER:** Join us **LIVE OR** via **ZOOM** for Fr. Thomas' **HEALING PRAYER TRAINING**. Training is held on **Saturday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** (join anytime during that time slot).

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.



June 5 / 6, 2021
Unrestricted..... \$14,793.00
Restricted\$ 1,370.00
T O T A L\$16,163.00

May 8 / 9.....\$13,970.00
May 15 / 16.....\$26,895.00
May 22 / 23.....\$20,649.00
May 29 / 30.....\$11,241.00

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Mass Intentions

June 12 through June 19, 2021

Saturday:

5:00 pm: Angelle Laigo, B-Day INT

Sunday

- *7:30 a.m.: Fr. Robert Barcelos, OCD, 13th Anniv. INT
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- 9:00 a.m.: Gliselda Wichairud, INT
- 11:00 a.m.: Peter & Monica Grimm, 24th Anniversary
- 1:00 p.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT
- 5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Donghua Guo, RIP
- *7:30 a.m.: Mary Catherine Bacciarini Fluetsch, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Elide Ayuso, RIP
- 7:00 p.m.: Raymond Toohey, INT

Tuesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Riordan Catton, RIP
- *7:30 a.m.: Mary Catherine Bacciarini Fluetsch, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Katelynn Torres, B-Day INT
- 7:00 p.m. (Span): Rodolfo Aguilar, RIP

Wednesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Denise Sookhan, B-Day INT
- *7:30 am: Audrey Mia Ruiz, B-Day INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Albert J. Shower, Sr., RIP

Thursday:

- 6:00 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT
- *7:30 am: Felicitas Gomez, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Victor Herman Arenas, B-day INT
- 7:00 p.m.: Andrea Arenas, B-day, INT

Friday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Rosemary Harrahill, INT
- *7:30 am: Helen Tran, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Albert Grimm, 10th B-Day INT

Saturday:

- *7:30 am: Carmelite Community
- 8:00 a.m.: Lapidario Family, INT

***Held Monday-Saturday at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA**

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday),
11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and **7:00 p.m.** Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening Masses (and any other special evening Masses) are all live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those not attending)—links on our website’s home page (top left column).

Tips for Quiet Listening

From St. Teresa of Avila



The reason why in this kind of prayer (the kind that is like the flowing spring in which the water does not come through aqueducts) the soul restrains itself or is restrained is its realization that it doesn't understand what it desires; and so the mind wanders from one extreme to the other, like a fool unable to rest in anything. (I am referring to the kind of prayer this dwelling place began with, for I have joined the prayer of recollection, which I should have mentioned first, with this one.)

The prayer of recollection is much less intense than the prayer of spiritual delight from God that I mentioned. But it is the beginning, through which one goes to the other; for in the prayer of recollection, meditation—or the work of the intellect—must not be set aside. The will has such deep rest in its God that the clamor of the intellect is a terrible bother to it. There is no need to pay any attention to this clamor, for doing so would make the will lose much of what it enjoys. But one should let the intellect go and surrender oneself into the Arms of Love, for His Majesty will teach the soul what it must do at that point.

Almost everything lies in finding oneself unworthy of so great a good and in being occupied with giving thanks (*Castle, Mansion IV, Chapter 3, No. 8*).

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