

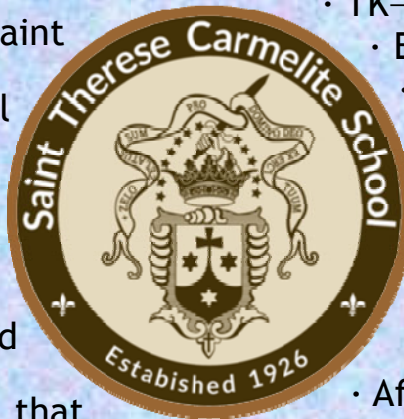
SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE OPEN HOUSE FOR ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL!

All parishioners are invited to attend the OPEN HOUSE for Saint Therese Carmelite School **TODAY, SUNDAY, January 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Our School is committed to a Classical Curriculum that develops the whole child.



WE OFFER:

- TK—Grade 8, Small Class Sizes
- Euclidian Geometry & Latin
- Music, Art, P.E., CYO Sports
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Carmelite Friars Teaching in the Classroom
- Weekly Mass & Monthly Confession
- After-School Daycare Enrichment Program
- Affordable Tuition

Special Edition



"Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love."
-St. Therese of Lisieux

ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL



Greetings from the Principal, Alma Cornejo

Dear Saint Therese Parish Community,

“Go and do the little things well.” I encourage our thriving band of TK-8th grade students and teachers with this phrase every day at the conclusion of morning assembly. Here, we begin each day with prayer and briefly discuss some pertinent spiritual or faith-related topic for the day. The Carmelite spirit of prayer and desire for authentic holiness is carried throughout the school day and lives in the hearts of our students, teachers, and families. We do not apologize for our aspiration to become saints, the essential call of all Christians. Thus, at Saint Therese Carmelite School, we intentionally foster and nurture a truly Catholic environment through classroom instruction, the Sacraments, school culture, and the faithful witness of our Carmelite friars and practicing Catholic teachers.

In continuation of the long and exceptional Catholic tradition of education in the humanities, arts, and sciences, our school offers a classical curriculum with a pedagogy that opens students to the vast horizons of life-long learning and inquisitiveness. As the first LA Archdiocesan school offering a classical curriculum, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to pave a new path for Catholic education in Southern California. We intend to offer our students a foundation of intellectual excellence in conjunction with spiritual and human formation to empower them for high school, college, and beyond.

I invite each of you to be a part of our community. Join us in this journey of hope for the future of Catholic education and our children. If you would like more information about our school, please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment with me or to speak with Fr. Philip. Potential students are welcome to visit and sit in on classes. To keep tuition costs as low as possible, over half of the school budget comes from donations, and so I also invite you to prayerfully consider making a contribution of material resources or time. Above all, please remember us in prayer and, for those of you have supported us in any way so far, thank you for investing in our students and community. Your contributions go a long way in the formation of saints! For more information about Saint Therese Carmelite School, please visit our website: www.sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com or call us at 289-3364.

Yours faithfully in Christ,

Alma Cornejo

Principal of Saint Therese Carmelite School

Mrs. Cornejo is in her 4th year as Principal of STCS. She holds a Master's in School Counseling, a Master's in Psychology, has a Pupil Personnel Services Credential, and is certified in Level 2 for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She has 12 years of administrative experience and over 18 years of teaching experience.

Her passion for Catholic education is contagious!

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We are accepting new student applications for the 3rd quarter!

Please contact us at 289-3364 or at admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com.

MEET OUR TEACHERS

Chaplain and Music and Religion: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, began teaching at STCS in 2017. He graduated from St. Martin's University in Washington State with a Bachelor's degree in English and a Minor in Philosophy; and graduated from Mount Angel Seminary in 2017 with a Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Theology, and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (STB). He teaches Music to Grades 1 through 8, and Music, Art, and Religion to 5th and 6th. He enjoys playing basketball, composing music, and playing guitar and piano.

Transitional Kindergarten / Kindergarten: Mrs. Ana Vallejo is in her 4th year of teaching at STCS. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She is certified in both Levels 1 and 2 for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She is the TK/K Homeroom teacher, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd teacher for Grades TK to 3rd, and Parish Outreach. She enjoys reading and board games.

Grades One and Two: Miss Kathleen Duncan has been teaching at STCS for 4 years. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Cal State Fullerton with a BA in Comparative Literature, Composition, and Rhetoric, with a minor in Linguistics. She serves as both Vice-Principal and teacher to Grades 1 and 2. She is certified in Level 1 for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She enjoys writing, including her thirty published student composition texts and literature guides.

Grade Three: Miss Rosario Miranda is in her 4th year of teaching 3rd Grade at STCS. She graduated from Thomas Aquinas College with a double major in Philosophy and Theology, and a double minor in Mathematics and Natural Science. She enjoys fine tuning her guitar skills over hot chocolate.

Grade Four: Miss Rosalie Simoneau is in her 2nd year of teaching 4th grade at STCS and also leads the School Choir for special events and Sunday Masses. She graduated Cum Laude from Thomas Aquinas College with a double major in Philosophy and Theology, and a double minor in Mathematics and Natural Science. She received Distinction on Baccalaureate Thesis and Defense. She enjoys painting, hiking, guitar, singing, dancing, and volleyball.

Grade Five: Miss Heidi Tittmann is in her 2nd year of teaching at STCS. She graduated from Thomas Aquinas College with a double major in Philosophy and Theology. She holds a Master's degree in Education from Penn State and a teaching credential in both Pennsylvania and California. She is currently the 5th Grade homeroom teacher and she also teaches Euclidean Geometry and 2nd-year Latin. She enjoys traveling, biking, swimming, playing the piano, baking, and spending time with family.

Grade Six: Mrs. Joanne Goodwin is in her 4th year teaching at STCS. She graduated from Pomona College with a degree in Religious Studies. She is currently the 6th Grade homeroom teacher and also teaches 1st-year Latin. She is a Rose Docent at the Huntington Library, is a talented painter, and enjoys gardening.

Grade Seven: Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD, is in his 2nd year teaching at STCS. He graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a Bachelor of Theology. He also holds an MA in Theology from Mount Angel Seminary. He currently teaches History, Literature, and Language Arts to 7th Grade and Math and Science to 5th and 6th Grades. He enjoys making rosaries, studying astronomy, and reading C. S. Lewis.

Grade Eight: Mr. Salvador Miranda is in his 4th year of teaching at STCS. He graduated from Thomas Aquinas College with a double major in Philosophy and Theology, and a double minor in Mathematics and Natural Science. He currently is the 8th grade Homeroom teacher and also teaches Latin, Physics, Literature, Math 7, History, and Language Arts. He enjoys dancing, music, and volleyball.

Religion / Physical Education: Bro. John Cannon, OCD, is a seminarian who majored in Philosophy and Theology Studies at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon. While here on a student pastoral year, he is teaching Religion in 7th and 8th Grades and Physical Education for boys in Grades 5 through 8. He enjoys running, hiking, and reading.

Iconography: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, has been Pastor here for seven years and has taught at STCS for the last three years. He graduated from Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon with a Master's of Philosophy and a Master's of Theology. He teaches the art of Iconography to Grades 7 and 8. He enjoys biking, hiking, and painting.

"Teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of bringing the first two loves together."

Classical Education



A Classical Education enables students to develop, form, and strengthen their minds. The end of this educational process is wisdom. Man desires by nature to know, and that means we want to have not only the facts, but the reasons for the facts. We want to think about the most noble and interesting things. Therefore, the goal of education is to teach children how to think—to help them “learn the art of learning.” If children learn how to learn, they will be able to master any subject. In large measure, the role of the teacher of both Grade School and High School children is this: teaching the students to think.

Saint Theresse Carmelite School is faithful to the doctrine and teaching of the Catholic Church, which enlightens and informs all the areas of the curriculum. It is not the number of facts children are acquainted with that measures their educational success, but it is instead what they are able to do with those facts, such as make distinctions, follow an argument, make reasonable deductions from the facts, and finally, to have the right judgment about the way things are.

The ultimate end of Classical Education is to enable the students to better know and glorify God. Classical education teachers ask God to use their teaching, dispositions, and actions as instruments in His hand to cultivate the students' souls toward holiness. In this sense, learning is a means of grace.

To fulfill a good of a lower order, one must proceed to the good of the next highest order (e.g., to fulfill the good of finishing homework, the student must proceed to the slightly higher good of trying to get a good grade; to rightly gain food and shelter, we must seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; to get into the most appropriate college and to do well when we get there, we must seek wisdom and virtue). Failure to recognize this principle in every area of education and life leads to a disordered soul and a school that cannot succeed in what it values most highly. To nurture rightly-ordered souls requires the cultivation of the moral imagination.

The knowledge, insights, or experiences we are given lay on each of us the duty of stewardship. “To whom much is given, much will be required.” What we do with what we are given is the principle of our accountability.

Mission and Philosophy

Saint Theresse Carmelite School was founded in 1926 and has traditionally served students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Theresse 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.

Saint Theresse Carmelite School is first and foremost a Catholic school. We cultivate Catholic values and spiritual formation of the school community through daily prayer, weekly school Masses, recitation of the Rosary, praying the Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, and the Sacraments. Carmelite spirituality is fostered through the teaching and example of the Carmelite friars and sisters. Every classroom has a Carmelite patron saint. We entrust our school to our Loving Savior, His Blessed Mother, our patroness Saint Theresse of Lisieux, and all the Carmelite saints. By teaching our students to imitate the virtues and lives of the saints, we aim to form students who fulfill their destiny of becoming saints.



Saint Theresse 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. We seek to give students the necessary tools of learning and to foster a deep sense of wonder and love for all that is genuinely true, good, and beautiful. We emphasize classical learning, not only because we want our students to read well, speak well, and think well, but ultimately because truth, beauty, and goodness are desirable in themselves and for their own sakes.

We seek to incorporate within our students the wisdom of two thousand years of Catholic thought, history, culture, and the arts so that they might understand themselves and their world in the light of that Truth, and acquire the character to live happy and integrated lives in the service of God and others.

SCHOOL HISTORY

In February 1926, the pastor of St. Therese Church, Fr. Malachy Cranfield, OCD, was authorized to have a church-school combination building erected, and an architect, Ross Montgomery, was hired. The groundbreaking took place on June 1, 1926, and the building was completed in time for the first school year to begin in September. The school portion of the building was on the ground floor, and the church on the upper level. In its first year, beginning September 1926, the school enrollment was fifty-three children. By 1927, because many more people had relocated to Alhambra to take advantage of the new school, the enrollment had grown to 185, with two grades per class.



The Dominican Sisters were hired to staff the school and were here until 1930, at which time the Archbishop moved them to a school in Anaheim. It was the responsibility of Fr. Gerard Houlihan, the pastor appointee in December of 1927, to find a new order of Sisters. After an extensive search, the Sisters of St. Mary of the Woods in Indiana (Sisters of Providence) consented to staff the school. In 1960, because of increased school enrollment, Fr. Gerald Winters, the new Pastor that year, oversaw the demolition of the old school and hall and the construction of the present school classrooms and Parish Hall, which were completed in 1963 (the hall is now officially known as the Fr. Gerald Winters' Auditorium).

Gradually through the 1970's, the Sisters of Providence left and were replaced with lay teachers. By the mid-1980's, the school was solely staffed by lay persons. The first lay principal, Paul McLaughlin, was hired in the mid-1980's. Following him were Grace Walker (August 1993 – January 2000), Michael Cantu (August 2000 – June 2004), Christopher Heygood (August 2004 – June 2005), Christina Buckowski (August 2005 – June 2010), Carmela Lovano

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL BY WATCHING OUR VIDEOS!

(They are all available on the Church website under "Our School" > "Videos")

The latest video is from the School Concert in December 2018. It is a professionally-produced video of the **Saint Therese Carmelite School Choir** singing, "**CAROL OF THE BELLS**".

The next is a mini-documentary produced this past November 2018 by Beggar Kings Production Company, entitled "**LITTLE THINGS**".

The third is from April of 2017 and features Michael Voris of ChurchMilitant.org speaking about our School, as well as interviews with Fr. Philip Sullivan, Alma Cornejo, and several of our students. Its title is "**CLASSICAL NEVER GOES OUT OF STYLE.**"

The fourth is from November 2017 and features some of our youngest students singing in the **SCHOOL CHOIR AT A SUNDAY MASS.**

Lastly, we have a video (available on our Home Page) about our **CARMELITE FRIARS.** It features one of our former Associate Pastors, Fr. Robert Barcelos, and two of our current teachers, Bro. John Cannon and Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, speaking about their experiences in the Discalced Carmelite Order.



2019 Annual Gala

OUR 2019 AUCTION IS UNDERWAY!

We hope you will join us for our School's Annual Gala on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.**, at the Lakeview Room of Almansor Court in Alhambra. The evening will include a happy hour, a delicious dinner and dessert, silent and live auctions, and dancing!

This year's recipient of the Lantry Award will be the Associate Pastor of St. Therese Church and Chaplain of our School, **Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD**. Fr. Matthias also teaches Music and Religion at our School, as well as serves as the Coordinator of our Youth Ministry Program, **COR JESU** (see below right).

The Lantry Award is awarded every year to someone who stands out as a role model for our School families and parishioners. It was first awarded in the year 2017 to Fr. Albert Bunsic, who celebrated his 50th year of priesthood that same year.

More information will be available in upcoming bulletins. Stay tuned!



January Calendar



Here are some events coming up this month:

- **January 13th (TODAY, Sunday):** Family Mass at 9:00 a.m.; Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (begins in the Parish Hall)
- January 14th (Monday): PSO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- January 18th (Friday): School Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- January 21st, Monday: Martin Luther King Day – No School
- January 27th—Feb. 2nd: **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Cor Jesu for our Students

Cor Jesu is a program which ministers to both our Middle School students and to High School students (including our graduates) as part of our School's Mission to nurture the spiritual lives of our students and help them to "become saints". It includes a monthly service ministry to the homeless, etc. The group normally meets on the last Friday (Discipleship Night) and Saturday (Service) of each month. However, this month the dates will be the week before, which is **NEXT WEEKEND**, as follows:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18: DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT

- 6:00 p.m. in the Hall: Social
6:30 p.m.: Meeting of groups:
- High School
 - Middle School
 - Parents and Children
- 8:15 p.m.: Holy Hour and Confessions (all are welcome!)



SATURDAY, JANUARY 19: SERVICE MINISTRY

ONELife LA's Walk for LIFE: Meet at 11:00 a.m. at La Placita on Olvera Street. **Look for Fr. Matthias and the Cor Jesu & Vox Vitae banners in order to walk TOGETHER.** For more info, go to www.onelifela.org.

WALK FOR LIFE IN SAN FRANCISCO, January 25/26:

High School students will hang out before the bus leaves with those going to San Francisco. Go to the following websites for more information, www.voxvitae.org/events-2/walk-for-life-west-coast.com and www.walkforlifewc.com.

Mass Intentions

**For the Week of
January 12 through 19, 2019**



Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Blanca Castro, INT

Sunday

*7:30 am: Adrish Banerjee Favillis, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 am Faithful Priests/Bishops of the Church INT

11:00 a.m.: Jerome Cueto, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Bill Biersack, INT

5:00 p.m.: Apolinar Yanez, RIP



Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Eugene Mushinski, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Faithful Priests/Bishops of the Church INT

8:00 a.m.: George Sebastian, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Lori Duardo, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Zeferina Gomez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Roy E. Lowrance, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Faithful Priests/Bishops of the Church INT

*7:30 a.m.: Rosa Ponce, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Jay Shower, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Faithful Priests/Bishops of the Church INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mary Sutter, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Eugene Mushinski, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Faithful Priests/Bishops of the Church INT

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Elena Avila, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Otto Lacayo, Sr., INT

Saturday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Faithful Priests/Bishops of the Church INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public every day except Sundays/holidays.



Adopt-A-Saint

Saint Therese Carmelite School, united with our parents—the primary educators of their children—seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a classical education. Our School cannot survive without YOUR help! If we raise tuition to match costs, the cost of education at Saint Therese would make it difficult, if not impossible, for many families who desire a Catholic education to attend.



Please consider helping us to keep tuition down by “adopting a saint”! Here are some stats to help you make a decision:

- \$4,980 will sponsor one year’s tuition for one child
- \$2,490 will sponsor half a year’s tuition for one child
- \$1,000 will sponsor one family’s annual fundraising fee
- \$500 will sponsor one child’s student fees
- \$150 will sponsor one 8th Grade Student’s Graduation fee
- \$80 will sponsor one child’s sport’s fee.

If you can help, please make a donation by visiting the School’s website (www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com) and clicking on the tab “Donate”.

For any questions, please contact the School Office at 289-3364 or admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com

Thank You to All Our Benefactors!

Last—but certainly **NOT** least—we want to take this opportunity to thank all our benefactors for your support of the school—both financially and through your prayers. Your backing is deeply appreciated! Be assured of our prayers for you as well.

On the second weekend of every month we have a Second Collection for the support of Saint Therese Carmelite School. That collection just so happens to fall this weekend, during our Open House. We again ask for your generosity in assisting us to sustain this faithful Catholic School. God bless you!

