

January 2, 2011



St. Therese Church

Established 1924

510 North El Molino Street • Alhambra, California 91801 • (626) 282-2744 • FAX (626) 282-7560 (Unless otherwise indicated, all telephone numbers are in the **626 area code**.) Web Page: <http://www.mysttherese.org>

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Masses & Services:

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm
Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Devotions:

Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm
Warrior-Intercessors: Thursdays, 8:00 pm
St. Joseph Devotion: Tuesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm
St. Joseph Project: 3rd Tues. (Nov.-Apr.) Mass, 7:00 pm
Fatima Pilgrimage: 13th of the month (May-Oct.), 7:00 pm

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
-Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
-Saturdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Baptism: Call 284-0200, ext. 225, for schedule
Marriage: Contact priest at least six months before
RCIA (Sac. for adults) Rhonda Storey 284-0020, Ext. 225

Other Ministries / Programs:

Legion of Mary: Wed., 7:00 pm - Jim Lindsey 943-9841
Little Flower Play Group: Thursdays, 10:00 am
Christiane Garcia 674-9800
Mary of Mt. Carmel Prayer Ministry: First Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
Peace & Justice Prayer Ministry:
Tuesdays at 6:15 PM - Edward William 768-0758
Respect Life Ministry: Call the rectory at 282-2744
Rosary Makers: Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm
Edward William 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com

Pastor:

Fr. Jan Lundberg, OCD (Ext. 222)

Associate Pastors:

Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD (Ext. 226)
Fr. David Guzman, OCD (Ext. 337)

In Residence:

Fr. Jerome Lantry, OCD (Ext. 334)

Deacon Couple:

Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)

Parish Vocation Director:

Fr. David Guzman, OCD (Ext. 337)

Parish Secretary: Denise McMaster (Ext. 223)

Finances: Please call Extension 228

Director of Music: Robert Prichard 441-5401

Christian Services: Bridie McDermott (Ext. 224)

Liturgical Coordinators:

Lectors: Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)
Eucharistic Ministers of the Altar: Dn J. & L. Mizerski (221)
Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick: The Padillas, 282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (Ext. 225)
rhondalstorey@gmail.com
* Pre K through 8th Grade * Adult Religious Ed

Youth Ministry / Young Adult Ministry:

Rocio Avila 284-0020 (Ext. 235)

Confirmation Program for Youth:

(9th and 10th Graders) Rocio Avila 284-0020 (Ext. 235)

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-3364, Ext. 660

Principal: Carmela Lovano, Clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org
Web Site: www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org

Eucharistic Adoration - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations.
Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson – 289-0388

New Parishioners: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE! Please come to the Parish office to register
(Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm**).



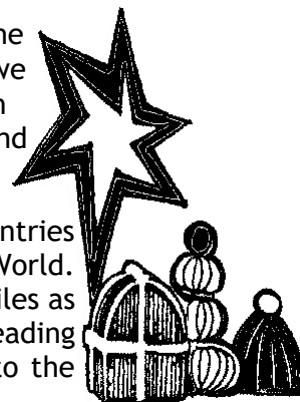
THE FEAST THE EPIPHANY

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They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — *Matthew 2:11*

LIGHT OF THE WORLD: Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. On Christmas, we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people; on Epiphany, we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the World. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the World was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Is 60:1-6).
Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).
Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are co-heirs, co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).
Gospel — Magi from the East arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

EPIPHANY

Solemn things of mystic meaning:
 Incense doth the God disclose;
 Gold a royal Child deigning;
 Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS:

School: Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and by the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA)

Teachers: Follow Archdiocesan guidelines, and California State Standards

Students: Are well prepared academically and accepted at the finest high schools in the area.

Shaping futures Teaching students Serving families

1106 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra * www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org

The St. Therese Faculty and Staff wish you and yours a Peace-building New Year!



Applications are being accepted NOW for the next school year (2011-2012). Please contact the school office for more information at 289-3364 or go online at www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org to download forms.

CASH FOR GOLD EXCHANGE on Saturday, January 15. Call the School office to make an appointment.

Catholic Schools Week Kick-off & Open House: Join us on Sunday, January 23, at the 9:00 a.m. Monthly Family Mass, followed by OPEN HOUSE, breakfast & Book Fair from 10:00 am. to Noon.

SAVE THE DATE for the **St. Therese School Dinner & Auction: A Vision of Peace**, on Sat., February 26! Tickets will be available soon! Invite your friends and family and help raise money for STS!

STS students are collecting: **Toiletries** for St. Francis Center AND **Campbell's Soup Label's & Boxtops** for Education. Please drop off any donations at the School office. THANK YOU for your support!

SPECIAL



ALLEGIANCE TO JESUS: MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL PRAYER

MINISTRY: Fr. Robert Elias invites everyone to the next session of this monthly Carmelite Retreat Night. It will be this Friday, January 7, beginning at 7:00 p.m., and continuing throughout the night (until daybreak). It includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, led meditations, the five-decade Rosary, Holy Mass, prayers of recollection, a conference by Fr. Robert Elias (at about 10:00 p.m.), and the Divine Praises and Benediction. The conference theme will focus on the *Epiphany*, which celebrates the “shining forth” or revelation of God to mankind in human form, in the person of Jesus Christ.



CASH FOR GOLD: St. Therese School is hosting a gold exchange on Saturday, January 15, in the Parish Hall from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Trade in your unwanted, mismatched, or broken gold jewelry for cash. Licensed appraisers will be testing and weighing your gold. Contact the school office (289-3364) starting January 4 to schedule an appointment.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE “WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST” IN SAN FRANCISCO (“LIFE

IS A CHOICE”): Join Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (GPS) as we host our first pilgrimage from Friday, January 21, through Sunday, January 22, to the Walk for Life in San Francisco. Cars & Drivers needed! Let us know if you are interested in driving your vehicle and sharing your car with a group to and from the Walk for Life. Sponsors needed! Please support GPS by sponsoring a Walker. Sponsor sheets may be found in the church vestibule. We have made arrangements with the Buena Vista Motor Inn for discounted room rates. We will arrive on Friday about 3:00 p.m., and begin our return to L.A after Mass and breakfast on Sunday. For full itinerary, visit www.guadalupepregnancyservices.org. To sign-up or volunteer to drive or sponsor a walker, call Louisa Day at 323-360-5186 or e-mail: gps.pregnancy@gmail.com.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Join us for our next session this Wednesday, January 5, at 7:30 p.m., in the



Parish Meeting Room, for *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom*, a 24-Part DVD Study Series by Jeff Cavins. Jeff provides comprehensive teaching and commentary on the Gospel of Matthew with a 50- to 55-minute talk designed to accompany a lesson. In Matthew, Jesus builds on the foundation laid in the Old Testament to inaugurate the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Experience how Jesus relived the life and struggles of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King, and see how the promises of the Old Testament are fulfilled in

Christ and his Apostles. Attendance is free; however, if you'd like to purchase materials, the fee is \$25 each.

- † See *Jesus as the Son of David, the Son of Abraham, the new Moses, the true manna, the new Temple—and learn what this means for us today.*
- † Learn how *Jesus reconstituted the struggling kingdom of Israel around Himself and brought it to a new level in the Kingdom of God, open to all people.*
- † Witness the *seeds of the Church in the foundation Christ built, Peter as His vicar. Discover the roots of the sacraments, and see how Jesus' words and actions are reflected in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.*

PARISH MINISTRIES



ST. THERESE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Rhonda Storey, 284-0020X 225

STRE: We wish everyone a happy New Year! Classes resume next Sunday, January 9, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., followed by the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please keep in mind that attendance at the Mass is PART OF THE PROGRAM. (Note: January 23 is St. Therese School's Open House, so no classes that day.)

ALTAR SERVERS: As parents are an important part of this program, too, we ask that at least one parent attend, along with their child/children, the FAMILY ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSION THIS TUESDAY, January 4, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the church. This session will be a complete run-through of the Mass; IT IS AN IMPORTANT ONE!! Subsequent ongoing training sessions for the altar servers will be on February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, and June 7 (first Tuesdays). (NOTE: Parents do not have to attend these subsequent sessions—but are welcome to do so)

YOUTH/CONFIRMATION Rocio Avila, 284-0020, X235

Are you a teen who wants to share his/her faith with others? Want to have fun, make new friends, and grow in your faith? Here's your chance for all that and more. Join us in Christ-filled events such as: Bible Study, Bowling, Movie & Game Nights, Petrus (2nd Saturday), Discipleship Week, Steubenville San Diego, Theology of the Body (4th Sundays) and more! Call the above number for more information.

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY (Prayer with Action: Strengthening of Families, Conversion of Sinners, and Peace in the World) Edward William, 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com

St. Joseph Prayer Devotion: Join us on Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. in front of the St. Joseph statue in the church. Let us all join together in solidarity to *pray* for peace and justice in every aspect of life, with the help of St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church.

The Rosary Makers: We meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room (following the St. Joseph Prayer Devotion). You are invited to help us make the rosaries (we'll show you how!), which are then shipped to missions throughout the world. This is our *action* aspect of the Peace & Justice Ministry.

COFFEE & DONUTS (HOSPITALITY MINISTRY): Visit us most Sundays in front of the Parish Center—by the St. Therese School's work-in-progress mural, "*Jesus and the Children*"—after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Any donations received beyond the actual costs of supplies will go to St. Therese Parish.

BAPTISM MINISTRY: Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, X 225—In order to take part in our Baptism Program, BOTH PARENTS AND GODPARENTS are required to: 1) Have an interview with a Baptismal Team member (interviews must be held the month BEFORE the Baptism); 2) Attend one pre-baptismal class (next classes are January 3 and February 7, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library); And 3) Be presented to the congregation at Mass (the next Presentation Sundays are January 16 and February 20 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. After completing these steps, your baby will then be baptized on a Saturday afternoon (next OPEN Baptisms are at Noon on January 22 and February 26). SELECTING THE GODPARENTS: Please note that Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (most people have two) who: 1) is at least 16 years of age; 2) has received the Sacrament of Confirmation; and 3) is a practicing Catholic. If you would like to baptize your child at St. Therese, call Rhonda Storey at the above number to set up an interview.



"Uh, oh, sumfin' smells funny..."

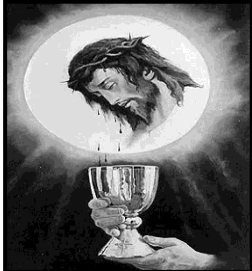
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: The Respect Life Ministry is in need of a leader and participants. Please keep this parish ministry and its needs in your prayers. Let one of our priests know if you would like to be a part of leading the parish in Respect Life outreach. Thank you!

ST. THERESE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

To be a spiritual Catholic Family focused on prayer as well as service to the Gospel through a Sacramental life. We envision our Parish as a community of stewards dedicated to building up the Body of Christ through active ministry while living the example of simplicity, humility, confidence and love of our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.

PARISH MINISTRIES / NEWS:

PERPETUAL ADORATION



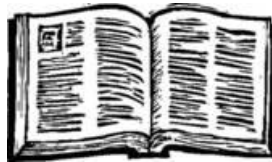
“My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, Nor yet because who love thee not are lost eternally; Not with the hope of gaining aught; Not seeking a reward; But as thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord. E'en so I love thee, and will

love, And in thy praise will sing, Solely because thou art my God, And my eternal King.” –St. Francis Xavier

SIGN UP! The Adoration Chapel is open day and night to adore Jesus in the exposed Blessed Sacrament. To sign up, call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

FR. JEROME'S BIBLE SPIRITUALITY

CLASS: Fr. Jerome's next class will be this Monday, January 3. Classes are held in the Bro. Francis Room on the first Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. (park on the street—not on the school grounds—and enter on El Molino Street). All are welcome to join this lively group, whose purpose is to help people develop a personal relationship with God.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE THANK YOU: Thank you to all our parishioners and school parents who donated food items for distribution to those in need for both Thanksgiving and Christmas! Your donations went a L O N G way to make those holidays brighter for God's little ones. May the new year bring your many blessings and much happiness! –Bridie McDermott

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN: “DID YOU KNOW?” Internet Filter Software Is No Substitute for Parental Monitoring There is a lot of material on the Internet that is inappropriate for children. Parents can use filtering software to protect children from that material, but filters do not guarantee that children will not be exposed; a filter will never be a substitute for a parent's presence. Monitor your child's online behavior. Keep your family computer in a highly visible, common area, like the family room or the kitchen. Ask your children to show you what sites they go to, and be open and willing to discuss the inappropriate material they might come across. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213 637 7650 or, locally, Rhonda Storey at 284-0020.

F I N A N C I A L :

Below are the collection totals for the weekend of December 18 / 19, followed by the total collection for the corresponding weekend from the previous year. (Note: The collection totals for Christmas, and the three weekends of December 26, January 2 and January 9, will be in the January 16th bulletin.)

December 18 / 19, 2010	
Unrestricted... ..	\$ 9,917.00
Restricted	\$ 1,010.00
December 19 / 20, 2009:	
Unrestricted... ..	\$10,262.00
Restricted... ..	\$ 2,903.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WARRIOR-INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS:

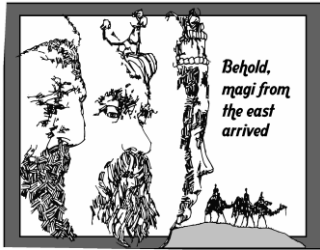
“Holy Mary, Mother of God...
...pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen” ~ “O Holy Mother of God, pray that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.” ~ “O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in Your mercy, hear and answer us. Amen.” ~ “Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven,



where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen.” Join us every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the church to pray for God's priests. For more information, you may call Blanca at 282-2744, ext. 237.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of 1/1/11 to 1/8/11



6:00 am: Missionaries of Charity, Home for the Dying, Calcutta
 *7:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena 9
 8:00 a.m.: Janet Canzano, RIP

Tuesday:
 6:00 a.m.: Lawrence Eleuteri RIP
 *7:30 am: Mr. and Mrs. William Jennett INT
 8:00 am: Janet Canzano, RIP

Wednesday:
 6:00 am: Julius Kasenda RIP
 *7:30 am: Sr. Mary OCD INT
 8:00 a.m.: Janet Canzano, RIP

Thursday:
 6:00 am: Myriam Sim RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Julius Kasenda RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Janet Canzano, RIP

Friday:
 6:00 a.m.: Erlinda Andaya RIP
 *7:30 am Mr./Mrs. Wm. Jennett INT
 8:00 am Janet Canzano, RIP

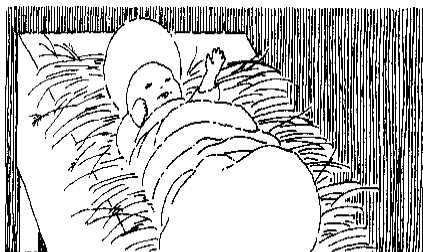
Saturday:
 6:00 a.m.: Lily Edusma INT
 *7:30 am Carmelite Community
 8:00 am Janet Canzano, RIP



Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 E. Alhambra Road—open to the public every day **except** on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays (e.g., Christmas).

INTENTIONS OF OUR HOLY FATHER FOR JANUARY 2011:

1) That the riches of creation be preserved, valued and made available to all, as a precious gifts from God to mankind; and 2) That Christians may achieve full unity, bearing witness of the universal fatherhood of God to the entire human race.



LECTORS: CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST

Saturday:
 5:00 p.m. Alice Cheung / Marie Valarao

Sunday:
 7:30 a.m. Aurora Dolores / Bill Hall
 9:00 a.m. Lily Edusma / Rebeca Willis
 11:00 a.m. Ignacio Verduzco / Andy Zepeda
 5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches / Gil Vargas

FLORAL DEDICATIONS

The Christmas Poinsettias are in honor of our Parish Family: All of our Parishioners (both living and deceased) and our Carmelite Fathers.



To dedicate a Floral Arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, please contact Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.

PERSONAL ADS

Lady has a room to rent to someone—female preferred. Home is on Alhambra Road, and room is available now. \$525/mo. Call 808-6398.

Devout Catholic female **SEEKS TO RENT A ROOM** from like-minded woman or family near St Therese. If you can help, contact Monique at caritas333@gmail.com or at 734-709-7484 or 213-880-1028

FOR SALE: Double-wide mobile home with spa on back porch. \$19,950. Please call 333-8668.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND ITALY with Avenue of Travel and Fr. James Zakowicz from **June 6 to June 18**. \$3,259 plus \$555 airline taxes. Pick up an itinerary from the tables by the church doors or contact Avenue of Travel at 877-914-7888 or pyang38372@cs.com

Join Msgr. Joe Brennan on a **Pilgrimage to the Philippines from Jan 9 to 23**, highlighting the Simbang Festival in Cebu City. For more info, call Mariza at 310-732-0101 or sayfiat@aol.com (\$100 will be donated to St. Therese for each person signing up from here).

If you have a relative with **Alzheimer's**, join our **Family Support Group** every 1st Friday at 6 p.m. at Vista Cove, 901 W. Santa Anita, SG. Call 289-8889 for more info.

SANTA TERESITA HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY is seeking volunteers to help serve meals to the residents in the Manor. This is a wonderful opportunity to interact with residents and to give of yourself. Call Sr. Rosario Therese at 408-7825.

THE IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (www.ivcusa.org) is for men and women **OVER 50** to share their skills serving the poor. Call Anne at 805-987-9807 Hansen@ivcusa.org)