

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 30, 2018 **MINISTERED BY THE DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS** Estab. 1924

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MASSES AND SERVICES:

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.

Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.

Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
First Friday: Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

"...His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety. And He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's House?"

~Luke 2:48-49



SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office) six months+ in advance

Holy Communion to the Sick:
Fred & Margaret Padilla, (626) 282-0943

Anointing of the Sick: Call one of the Fathers



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NEW PARTITIONERS: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE! PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE OR IN THE PARISH OFFICE

(510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra). Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 to 5:00 pm; 6:00 to 8:00 pm—closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration: Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations by calling the office at 282-2744.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



New Year's Eve Mass

Monday, December 31, at Midnight

This Mass is the conclusion of *An Evening of Thanksgiving*, an annual event hosted by the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles. It will begin at 8:00 p.m., at the Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 East Alhambra Road. There is no admission fee; however, you may make a free-will offering.

Call the Sisters at 289-3364 for more information.)



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1
Masses at 6:00, 8:00,
10:00 a.m.,
and 7:30 p.m.

The Magnificat

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on, all ages will call me Blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear Him. He has shown might with His arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry He has filled with good things; the rich He has sent away empty. He has helped Israel His servant, remembering His mercy, according to His promise to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his descendants forever." ~Luke 1:46-55



"THE HOLY FAMILY: The School of Love"

By Deacon Keith A. Fournier,
Editor of Catholic Online

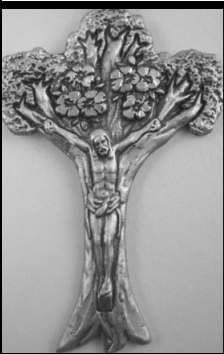
Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The significance of the Feast becomes much more meaningful when we consider the deeper truths it reveals. Yes, it teaches us about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. But it also speaks to each one of us how to live differently in our own families and make Jesus Christ the center of our life together. Through our Baptism, we are invited to live our lives in Him by living them in the Church, the Risen Body of Christ. The Church is the place where we learn, as the Apostle Paul reminded the Colossian Christians, to "put on love, that is, the bond of perfection" (Col. 3:14).

The Christian family is the first cell of the whole Christian Church. It is the place where we begin the journey toward holiness and learn to become more fully human. The Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, became one of us. He was born into a human family. That was neither accidental nor incidental. There, in what the late Pope Paul VI called the *School of Nazareth*, we can learn the way of love. In every moment of His time among us Jesus was saving the world, re-creating it from within. To use a word from the early Church Father and Bishop St. Irenaeus, he was *recapitulating* the entire human experience. There, in the holy habitation of Nazareth, He forever transformed family life. Now, He teaches us how to live in His presence and learn the way of selfless love—if we will enroll in the School of Nazareth.

From antiquity the Christian family has rightly been called a *Domestic Church*. In our life within the Christian family Jesus Christ is truly present. However, we need the eyes to see Him at work, the ears to hear His instruction, and the hearts to make a place for Him to dwell. Jesus spent 30 of His 33 earthly years in Nazareth. Some spiritual writers have called these the *hidden years*, because there is so little written about them in the Gospel. However, they reveal the holiness of ordinary life and show us how it becomes extraordinary for those baptized into Christ.

In the holy habitation of Nazareth, Jesus transformed daily family life. Already blessed as God's plan for the whole human race and the first society, marriage and the Christian family has been elevated in Christ to a Sacrament, a vehicle of grace and a sign of God's presence. The Church proclaims that Christian marriage, and the family founded upon it, is a vocation, a response to the call of the Lord. St. Paul exhorted the early Christians to, "...have this mind among yourselves which was in Christ Jesus, who though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself (Phil. 2:5). The Greek word for "emptied" is *kenosis*. This word refers to the voluntary pouring out of oneself in an act of sacrificial love. When the right choices are made in this life of domestic *kenosis*, we are converted. We cooperate with the Lord's invitation to follow Him by exercising our human freedom; we choose to give ourselves away in love to the other, and find ourselves made new.

In this life of responding to the Lord's invitations we are gradually transformed into an image, a living icon, of Jesus Christ, as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminded the faithful. This way of holiness is not easy, as anyone who has lived the vocation can attest; but make no mistake...it is a very real path to holiness. The challenge lies in the choices we make every moment. **Two trees still grow in the garden of domestic life. There is the tree in Eden where the first Eve said, "No I will not serve." Then there is that Tree on Calvary where Mary, the Second Eve, stood with the Beloved Disciple John and, along with him, again proclaimed her YES.**



Through those choices, presented to us from the moment we open our eyes every morning to the time we close them at night, we are invited to learn in the *School of Nazareth*. St. Paul wrote to the early Christians: *Brothers and sisters, Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another, and forgiving one another... And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.* (Col. 3). The first school of prayer and practice, the place where we learn this new way of life, is the first cell of the Church, the Catholic Christian Family. Happy Feast of the Holy Family.



A Prayer to the Holy Family



JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

Saint Therese Carmelite School

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"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." -St. Therese

Happy New Year!

2019

- January 7th (Monday): School resumes
- January 11th (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- January 13th (Sunday): Family Mass at 9:00 a.m. and Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (More info on Page Five)
- January 14th (Monday): PSO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- January 18th (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- January 21st, Monday: MLK Day - No School



Perpetual Adoration

"In the Blessed Sacrament we find the same Jesus whom Mary brought into the world, whom the shepherds found wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, and whom Mary and Joseph nurtured and watched over as He grew before their eyes within their Holy Family."



-Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

The Adoration Chapel is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You must get an electronic key (\$20) from the office to use the chapel between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. as it is locked for security purposes.

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

(289-3364 or admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com)



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

"...for God loves a cheerful giver"
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the previous four weekends. **NOTE:** There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month for our School (next is January 12 / 13.)

THANK YOU!



Due to Christmas and New Year's, this bulletin was printed before the weekend of December 22 / 23. The totals will be shown in the January 13 issue.

November 24 / 25..... \$19,408.00
December 1 / 2..... \$17,315.00
December 8 / 9..... \$30,502.00
December 15 / 16..... \$11,787.00

Check Users:

Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE SCHOOL ON JANUARY 13

All parishioners are invited to attend our upcoming OPEN HOUSE. It will be on Sunday, January 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saint Therese Carmelite School is committed to a Classical Curriculum that develops the whole child. We offer the following:



- 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

See for yourself the rich curriculum we offer for the head and heart!

The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man has strayed from His parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the Child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at His wisdom. It is notable that after Jesus talks of His Father's House, St. Joseph is never mentioned in the Scriptures again.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: Parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage--the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!



USHER INFO NEEDED

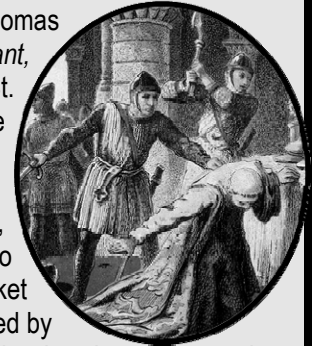
We still haven't heard from many of our ushers. Although we greatly need and appreciate your help volunteering as "fill-in" ushers, it is very important that the staff of St. Therese has your contact info! Everyone who participates in any of our ministries MUST follow Archdiocesan guidelines and have attended a VIRTUS training class. Also, the Archdiocese requires that anyone who has contact with money MUST be on record with the Parish.



To provide this information, please contact Damon Ayala, Head Usher, at dme4music@gmail.com.

ST. THOMAS BECKET (Feast: December 29)

Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, St. Thomas More declared, *"I die the King's good servant, but God's first!"* Our featured saint, St. Thomas Becket (1118-1170), could have said the same thing four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the King presumed, could be counted on, if made Archbishop, to deliver the Church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the Church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the Church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the King's friendship with him turned into a ferocious, almost irrational, hatred. Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's Church and justice for Christ's sheep.



Ongoing Parish Meetings/Events

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, e-mail Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or call or text her at 679-6370.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for the 11:00 a.m. Mass is every Wednesday (September-June) from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

CONSECRATION TO MARY: Follow-up group for those already consecrated to Jesus through His mother, the Mother of God. Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. For more info, call Angela at (310) 701-8386.

DETENTION MINISTRY: If you're 21 or older, join us in visiting the youth (ages 8 to 18) in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meet monthly in the LA Archdiocese with our chaplain in a safe confidential setting. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for **parents:** EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR Courage LA for **persons struggling with same sex attraction:** CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com).

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: Every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (confessions are available during the Mass).

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (originally formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro) is for those grieving a loved one—no matter how long or for whom. We meet in the Parish Offices from **2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays** of each month. The next meeting will be **Wednesdays, January 9 and 23**.

INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP: Join us in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices to pray for priests every **Thursday at 8:00 p.m.** (following Benediction in the church). For more info, call Blanca at 281-7070.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: For Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Ramon Burce, at 695-2842 or the national line at (888) 869-3124.

LEGION OF MARY: The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

ROSARY MAKERS: Help make rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. For more info, call Magda at (213) 300-7776.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Come to the church every **Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.** to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at 281-3706.

Mass Intentions

**For the Week of
12/29/18 to 1/5/19**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Janet & Joe Hermes, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 am: Annette Simms, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Goh & Cheah Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Lourdes D. Vales, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Steven Garcia, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Christmas Nov. 5/Parishioners

5 pm: Darey, Penny, Tristan & Zarah Huo, INT

Monday—New Year's Eve:

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 6

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

Midnight: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

Tuesday—Solemnity of Mary

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 7

*7:30 a.m.: Private Intention

8:00 a.m.: Carmina & Julius Doria, INT

10:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

7:30 p.m.: Steven Garcia

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 8

*7:30 a.m.: George & Yolanda Rossy, INT

8:00 a.m.: Letty Sebastian, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 9

*7:30 a.m.: Daniel Chupa, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Carlotta Guy, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Angelle Francisse & Karina Therese, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Daniel Chupa, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Antonio "Joker" Faustino, RIP

7:30 p.m.: Carmina & Julius Doria, INT

Saturday:

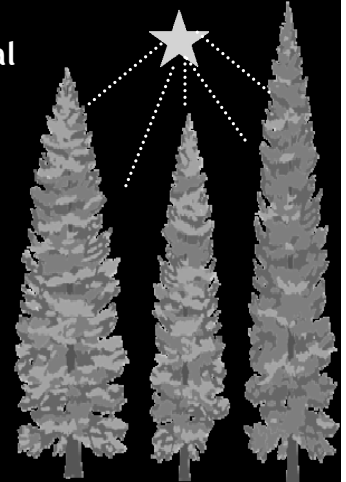
6:00 a.m.: Eugene Mushinskie, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Antonio Mallari, RIP

Floral Dedications

To arrange for a floral dedication (in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones), call Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.



Outside the Parish

14-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND May 30 – June 12, 2019—Join us as we visit Bethlehem, Galilee, Capernaum, Cana, Nazareth, Bethany, Shilo, Mt. Tabor, Mount of Beatitudes, Jerusalem, including the Upper Room used on Pentecost... and more! Direct flight from LAX. \$4,499 includes airport taxes and fees. For more info, contact Albert & Mary Helen at 285-6687.

ARE YOU HOMEBOUND? You can view the **Mass on TV on Channel 56 (KDOC) every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.** For a free copy of the Mass prayer book, call 1-800-430-0930.

HELP FOR MARRIAGES: 82% of marriages that complete the nine month *Retrouville* (REH-tro-v-eye) program are still together five years later? Your marriage and family are worth trying this successful Catholic, non-profit program. For questions or registration, make a confidential call to 909-900-5465 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Lectors



Saturday

5:00 p.m. Larry Dumont / Alice Cheung

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Jackie Johnson / Ron Sandoval

9:00 a.m. Rosa Natividad / Beatriz Pelayo-Garcia

11:00 a.m. Andy Zepeda / Jason Perez

5:00 p.m. Charlie Gopez

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

† Consuelo Duddleston
(mother of Elizabeth Duddleston)