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“Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek

and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

(Matthew 11:28-30).



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. and 7:15 p.m.
(Tuesday's evening Mass is in Spanish).

Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:00 p.m.,
and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE**

STREAMED on Facebook AND YouTube)

Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS (INSIDE & OUTSIDE)-**Wednesdays**
from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; **Saturdays** 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
and **Sundays** from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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

Letter from Fr. Thomas, Pastor



Blessed 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, everyone!

We could call this week "Sacred Heart Week Revisited," since the Gospel today is in fact one of the Gospels used for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Matthew 11:28-30). I hope and pray that with the help of Jesus' Mother, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, you are finding some extra rest and joy and peace during these days of her Novena.

(We are offering a special Novena Mass in her honor each evening at 7:15 p.m.).

Here is a Scriptural meditation on "Carmel" (Hebrew for "garden/vineyard of God"): "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the lily it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God (Isaiah 35:1-2).

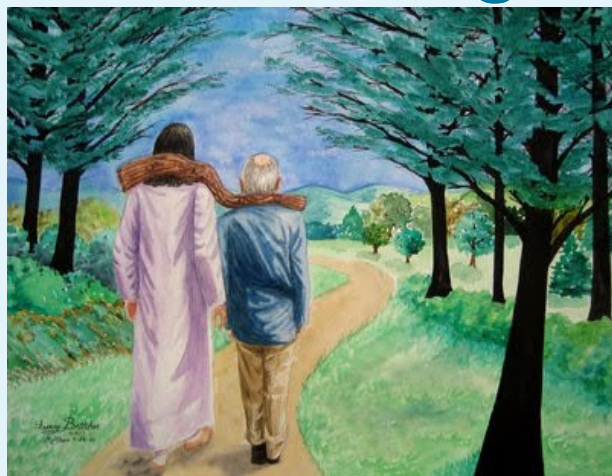
Hopefully these attractive/attracting biblical images will help you to experience something of the marvelous presence of the Mother of Jesus, and encourage you to think about wearing/getting enrolled in her Brown Scapular **(we will offer an enrollment in the Brown Scapular after all the Masses next Sunday, July 16, which is her Feast Day).**

At St. Jude's Church off of Boston Avenue in Downtown San Diego, Mother Teresa came to meet some AIDS patients. It was June 1996. At some point during the meeting, she gave them Brown Scapulars. Then they all returned to their AIDS home. A few days later, Jesús, one of the patients, felt close to death and remembered Mother Teresa talking about the Brown Scapular and the Blessed Virgin Mary. He asked one of the nurses if she could put it back on him (they had taken it off when they were washing him). She said "yes," but then forgot to do it. In the middle of the night she remembered and came into the darkened room. Without turning on any lights, while she was placing the Scapular around his neck, Jesús suddenly called out, "Turn out the lights! It's too bright!" The nurse saw a light and became frightened. She ran out of the room looking for some co-workers, to see if she was going crazy, or if they too could see a light. As they entered, the whole room lit up momentarily—and then Jesús died. Nine people witnessed this. **(For this and other Brown Scapular stories see the link in the electronic bulletin.)**

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, —Fr. Thomas, OCD

His Yoke is Easy... His Burden, Light

In today's Gospel today, the King says, **"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."** He is identifying every person who feels put upon by the world: economic worries, physical suffering, deep injustice, the death of a loved one, or the fear of your own death. You surely know what he's referring to—we all do. What is the answer? The answer is submitting to His Kingship. **"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me."** We are meant to imagine ourselves as pack animals. It seems rather demeaning, but this is what submission to Christ's lordship looks like: we serve His purposes and go where He wants us to go.



Is Christ commanding your life in every detail? Is He the Lord of your family life? Of your recreational life? Of your professional life? Of your sexuality? Of your friendships? Are you totally given over to Him, under His Lordship? This may sound oppressive to you, but remember He says, **"My yoke is easy and my burden is light."** When we surrender to the path of love which He has laid out for us, our lives become infinitely lighter, easier, more joyful—for it is then that we are moving with His divine purpose.

The Flame of Love: The Greatest Gift of Grace for Our Time

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"
Mark 14:37



"When we face the sun we get a tan... but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints."

– Blessed Carlo Acutis

Eucharistic Computer Genius
(May 3, 1991 – October 12, 2006)

Carlo Acutis was an English-born Italian Catholic youth, who is best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world and cataloguing them onto a website (<http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/>). While still young (his parents were not yet particularly devout), Carlo insisted on entering every church they passed to greet Jesus. He asked to make his First Communion at the age of seven, and faithfully attended Mass every day and made Holy Hours before or after Mass.

As a teenager, Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia. He offered his sufferings for the Pope and the Church. Carlo died at age 15 on October 12, 2006, and was beatified Oct. 10, 2020, in Assisi.

Be a Committed Adorer: Make a commitment to spend an hour or more every week with Our Lord in our Adoration Chapel!



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- Go to <https://adorationpro.org/thereseqa>;
- Click "Weekly Commitment;"
- Find the desired hour and click "Sign Up," and then fill out the form.

Keys to the Chapel | Security: If you use the chapel after dark, please make sure you engage the lock so that the door cannot be opened without a key. Please do not let anyone whom you do not know follow you into the chapel.

Missionary Here This Weekend!



Please welcome **Fr. Kondayya Mocherla, HGN**, who will speak at each of this weekend's Masses as part of the annual Archdiocesan Mission Co-Op. Fr. Kondayya will tell us about the **Catholic Diocese of Aitape, Papua, New Guinea**, and ask for donations for their support.

The Diocese of Aitape has more than 160,000 Catholics (75% of the population) living in 32 parishes that are distributed among three deaneries. They have a Pastoral Center to train catechists and lay ministers, as well as for continuing formation of the faithful.

The diocese also runs health facilities, schools, vocational centers, a center for the disabled, and a school that gives second chances. They have a lot of opportunities for evangelization and care of their people; however, the diocese is short of money for all fields of pastoral works.

Aitape has few resources and little infrastructure. The parishes—many of them located in the mountains—are poor and have dilapidated facilities. Many of their young men are willing to discern their vocation to the priesthood, so the formation of local seminaries is a priority.

Envelopes are in the pews this weekend for your donations. God bless you!



The Real St. Therese

On September 30, coming through the broken words of Therese, who was very restless in her bed, the witnesses discerned the presence of possible despair. Their evidence concerning that day is

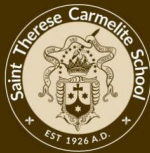


An installment from *The Passion of Thérèse of Lisieux* by Guy Faucher

unanimous. During the afternoon, Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart left the infirmary because she could not bear any more. Much later she was to confide to several sisters of the monastery the extreme anguish she experienced seeing her little sister suffer so terribly, and especially the last day of her life. After visiting the infirmary and witnessing it, she hesitated to return for she wondered if she would have the strength to see her be prey to such suffering. The valiant Mother Agnes herself left the infirmary at one time to go and throw herself at the foot of the statue of the Sacred Heart so that her sister might not fall into despair.

Sister Genevieve received the same impression: "I thought with great sorrow: 'What a terrible thing it is to die!' I went out to the cloister crying and, seeking some visible sign of her happiness I said, looking up at the rainy sky, 'If only there were some stars!' and I began to cry again." Sister Marie of the Trinity also wanted to run away: "I left the infirmary; I could no longer bear to assist at so painful a scene."

"Since they say that all souls are tempted by the devil at the moment of death, I'll have to pass through that, too," Therese had declared one day. And pass through it she did, although the demonic manifestations had been above all interior. (When we read these words of Therese, we feel that the dying nun's insistence on God's goodness ["Ah! my good God! ... Yes, He is very good, I find Him very good..."] is a response to interior temptations to revolt and to doubt. After six months of fighting, after experiencing the temptation to take one's own life, the stakes had not yet been played. Right up until the last moment, Therese had to struggle.



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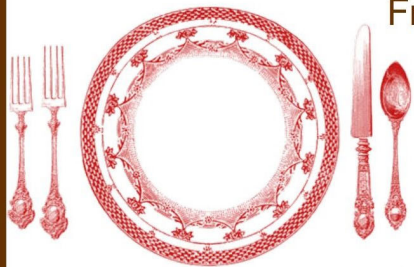


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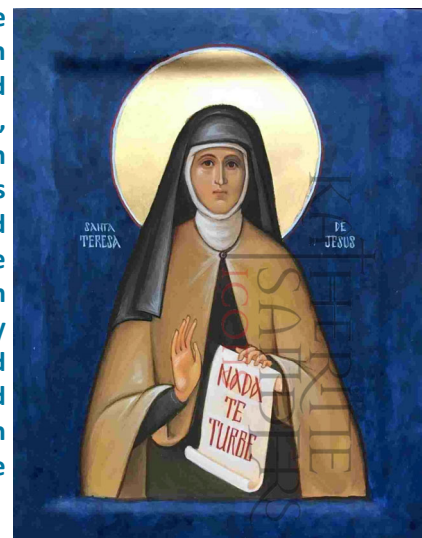


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QUIET LISTENING PRAYER THE INTERIOR CASTLE By St Teresa of Avila

The water coming from the aqueducts is comparable, in my opinion, to the consolations I mentioned that are drawn from meditation. For we obtain them through thoughts, assisting ourselves, using creatures to help our meditation, and tiring the intellect. Since, in the end, the consolation comes through our own efforts, noise is made when there has to be some replenishing of the benefits the consolation causes in the soul, as has been said. With this other fount the water comes from its own source which is God. And since His Majesty desires to do so—when He is pleased to grant some supernatural favor—He produces this delight with the greatest peace and quiet and sweetness in the very interior part of ourselves. I don't know from where or how, nor is that happiness and delight experienced, as are earthly consolations, in the heart. I mean there is no similarity at the beginning, for afterward the delight fills everything; this water overflows through all the dwelling places and faculties until reaching the body. This is why I said that it begins in God and ends in ourselves. For, certainly, as anyone who may have experienced it will see, the whole exterior man enjoys this spiritual delight and sweetness (IV, 2, Nos. 3-4).



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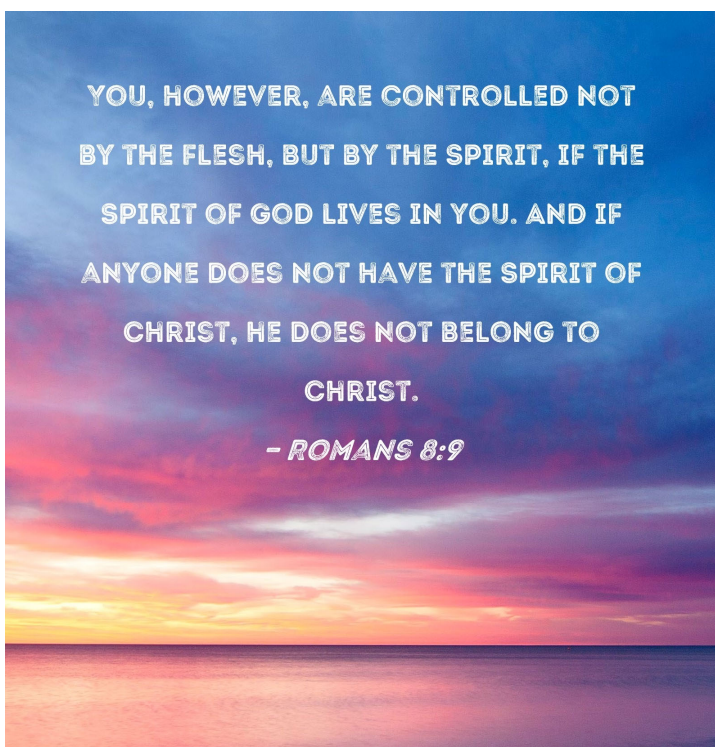
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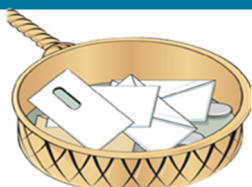
YOU, HOWEVER, ARE CONTROLLED NOT
BY THE FLESH, BUT BY THE SPIRIT, IF THE
SPIRIT OF GOD LIVES IN YOU. AND IF
ANYONE DOES NOT HAVE THE SPIRIT OF
CHRIST, HE DOES NOT BELONG TO
CHRIST.

- ROMANS 8:9



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.



The printing schedule of this bulletin was advanced for the Fourth of July holiday. Therefore, the collection results for July 1 / 2 will be posted in the July 16 bulletin.

June 3 / 4	\$12,736.00
June 10 / 11	\$17,382.00
June 17 / 18	\$13,900.00
June 24 / 25	\$17,817.00

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

Mass Intentions

July 8—July 15, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Ian Pasinato, Birthday INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): Jess Grimm, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Juliana Goh, INT

9:00 a.m.: Jose Gomez, Sr., RIP

11:00 a.m.: Lourdes Cuellar-Hernandez, INT

1:00 p.m.: Louise Jamila Sunga, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Chelsea Wilkes, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mary, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Lupe Amalia Cano, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Penélope Martin, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Miranda Wilkes, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mary, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Jesús Suarez, INT

7:00 p.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Joan Pham, INT

8:00 a.m.: Gonzalo and Daisy Torres, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Donald Charles Klinkhammer, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Joan Pham, INT

8:00 a.m.: Jose Maria De Storch, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Esther Pak & Family, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Romeo P. Buenavente, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Joan Pham, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ernie Grimm, 22nd Birthday, INT

7:00 p.m.: Elodia Garcia, RIP

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT

8:00 a.m.: Michelle Martinez, Birthday INT

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and holidays.**

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Pilgrimages

Pilgrimage



5-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO, OCTOBER 9-13, 2023, WITH FR. ROBERT BARCELOS, OCD: A pilgrimage is more than a vacation or a trip! Join us as we fly American Airlines direct to Mexico City. Take time to pray at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, walk to Tepeyac Hill to the Old Cathedral, site of the apparition, and have daily Mass in and around colonial Mexico! (Priest TBA). Enjoy famous Talavera tiles and the amazing Rosary Chapel in Puebla. Visit Coyoacan and Ocotlan, site of many miracles! Enjoy a boat ride on Xochimilco's floating gardens! \$1,499 includes 4-Star Hotel, breakfasts and dinners. Deadline to register is July 25, 2023. **Contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada (626) 533-4839.**

French Canada Pilgrimage September 14-21, 2023: Discover Quebec's Shrines honoring the Mother of God and the Guardians of the Holy Family, St. Joseph Oratory, and St. Anne Beaupre. Cost is \$3350 (double room occupancy | add \$395 for single room occupancy), which includes roundtrip flights from LAX and land travel by motorcoach, guesthouses/hotels with private bath, daily breakfast & dinner, all touring, and daily Mass.

For more info, call Louisa & Jack Day at (323) 360-5186 / (323) 403-8768 or Sacred Heart Tours at (845) 594-2222 | www.sacredhearttours.com

Join the Carmelite Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Elizabeth of the Trinity," from Sept 28-Oct 11, incl. Paris, Lourdes, Ars, etc. Chaplains are Fr. Mark Kissner, OCD, and Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD.

Contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 | maddatubeth2@gmail.com.

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- + Silverio Reyes
- + Esther Ruiz
- + Maria Socorro Granados



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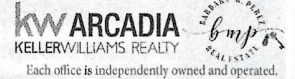
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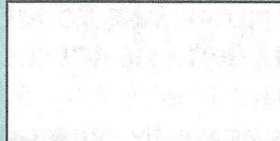
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