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"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be."  
-St. Therese

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### OUTDOOR SERVICES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.,  
Traditional Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.  
and Sunday Evening at 5:00 p.m.;

Monday-Saturday—9:00 a.m.: Outside for the Public (live streamed on Facebook)

Confessions in the Parking Lot on Saturdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St Thérèse Church,

First, thank you for your encouragement, each and every one of you, as I continue to settle into my assignment as your new pastor. Second, allow me to return the favor and encourage *you* to trust Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd, speaking through His Church—as our Nation concludes its voting this Tuesday—by passing along some thoughts from others who have and continue to help me. The following is from an article by Joan Frawley Desmond, published in the October 15, 2020, issue of the *National Catholic Register*:



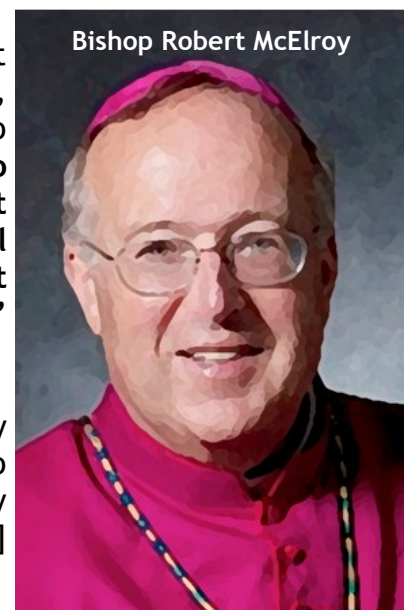
Bishop Thomas Daly

Bishop Thomas Daly of Spokane told the Register Wednesday that he strongly disagreed with San Diego Bishop Robert McElroy's guidance to Catholic voters, offered during a virtual discussion organized by St. Mary's College just three weeks before the 2020 presidential election. Bishop Daly recalled that before the November 2019 vote on updating the U.S. bishops' election-year statement, "Cardinal [Blase] Cupich and Bishop McElroy wanted changes in the document, with Bishop McElroy arguing that it isn't Catholic teaching that abortion is the preeminent issue that we face as a world, and Archbishop [Charles] Chaput stood to challenge that statement."

During that intense debate over the language on abortion that would be added to a letter accompanying the USCCB's election-year guidance, "*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*," Bishop McElroy argued that identifying abortion as a "preeminent priority" was at odds with Church teaching and with Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad)*. The exhortation states that the lives of the unborn are "equally sacred" with "the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection."

"It is not Catholic teaching that abortion is the preeminent issue that we face in the world of Catholic social teaching," Bishop McElroy said, adding that to teach otherwise would provide "a grave disservice" to the faithful. Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia stood up to challenge Bishop McElroy's argument. "I am certainly not against quoting the Holy Father's full statement. I think it's a beautiful statement, but I am against anyone stating that our stating that it [abortion] is 'preeminent' is contrary to the teaching of the Pope," he added, sparking applause. "That isn't true."

Bishop Daly said that the San Diego bishop's remarks "effectively constituted a defense of . . . prominent Catholic elected officials who publicly support unrestricted abortion." "But if abortion is intrinsically evil, which Bishop McElroy admits to, how can Catholics vote for [such] a candidate?," asked Bishop Daly.



Bishop Robert McElroy

This next part is from an October 27, 2020, *National Catholic Register* article by Patti Armstrong: In a speech on Sept. 12, 1960, to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association, [presidential candidate John F.] Kennedy said: “I do not speak for the Church on public matters and the Church does not speak for me.” It was a clever sound-bite but a damning philosophy. Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen warned in that same era against becoming “bourgeois” in our faith. Archbishop Sheen used the word to describe people using religion as part of seeking a comfortable life associated with achieving the middle class or above rather than seeking a true relationship with our Lord... McGinley pointed to Catholics who have been swept downstream with the mainstream, rather than setting our own course, as hurting the Church. “The fact that so many people call themselves Catholic, while feeling no particular duty to live and think as Christians, demonstrates just how much the Church has become merely an identity or a brand, rather than an encounter with divinity in the Person of Jesus Christ,” he wrote. “We meet people where they are, not to have a little party, but to lift them to planes of holiness they might not have thought attainable. ...The Church is not about playing politics to comply with the ‘spirit of the age.’ It is in the business of saving souls. In the end, nothing else matters. Let us pray for their souls.”

This last part is from then **Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger** (Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI)—*Worthiness to Receive Holy Communion (General Principles, July 2004)*: “The Church teaches that abortion or euthanasia is a grave sin. The Encyclical Letter *Evangelium Vitae*, with reference to judicial decisions or civil laws that authorize or promote abortion or euthanasia, states that there is a ‘grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection’... In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is therefore never licit to obey it, or to ‘take part in a propoganda campaign in favor of such a law or vote for it’” (*Redemptionis Sacramentum*, No. 73).



“Christians have a ‘grave obligation of conscience not to cooperate formally in practices which, even if permitted by civil legislation, are contrary to God’s law.’ Indeed, from the moral standpoint, it is never licit to cooperate formally in evil... This cooperation can never be justified either by invoking respect for the freedom of others or by appealing to the fact that civil law permits it or requires it (No. 74)... Not all moral issues have the same moral weight as abortion and euthanasia... Regarding the grave sin of abortion or euthanasia, when a person’s formal cooperation becomes manifest (understood, in the case of a Catholic politician, as his consistently campaigning and voting for permissive abortion and euthanasia laws), his Pastor should meet with him, instructing him about the Church’s teaching, informing him that he is not to present himself for Holy Communion until he brings to an end the objective situation of sin, and warning him that he will otherwise be denied the Eucharist.”

**United in prayer and sacrifice for our Lord and  
His Church and for the salvation of everyone,**

**Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD  
Pastor**

# A VOTING PRAYER - From EWTN

## PRAYER FOR OUR NATION AS WE PREPARE TO ELECT OUR LEADERS



Lord Jesus Christ, you told us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. Enlighten the minds of our people in America. May we choose a President of the United States, and other government officials, according to Your Divine Will. Give our citizens the courage to choose leaders of our nation who respect the sanctity of unborn human life, the sanctity of marriage, the sanctity of marital relations, the sanctity of the family, and the sanctity of the aging. Grant us the wisdom to give you what belongs to You, our God. If we do this as a nation, we are confident you will give us an abundance of your blessings through our elected leaders. Amen.

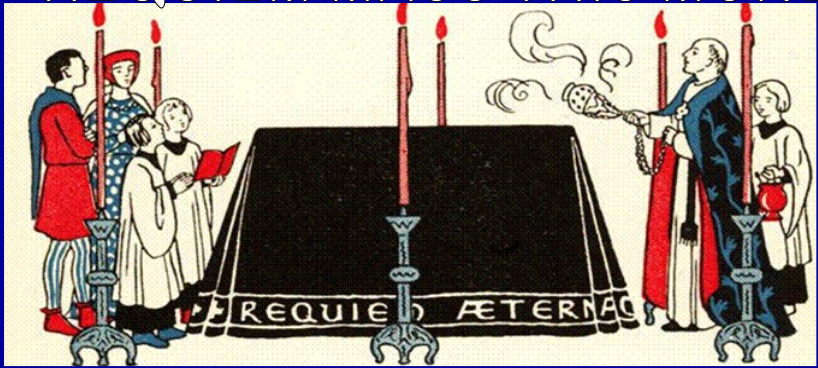
(Composed by Servant of God, Fr. John Hardon, S.J.)

## FOR SALE: Vox Vitae T-Shirts

The Vox Vitae **ProLife** Flag T-shirts (shown below) are available for sale for \$15 each. We have sold out TWICE, but we have a third order ready to sell. We also have **THE DOGMA WITHIN ME** T-shirts—on sale for \$20 each. Both designs are available in sizes Small, Medium, Large, and Extra-Large. **Call (213) 395-8977 to place your order.**



# REQUIEM MASS THIS MONDAY, ALL SOULS DAY



**THIS MONDAY, November 2,** we will commemorate the souls of our loved ones at a special **REQUIEM MASS**, which will include the Faure Requiem, sung by the St. Therese Choir.

All those attending can fill out cards in memory of their deceased loved ones, and they will be kept in prayer for the month of November. **ALSO**, before Mass

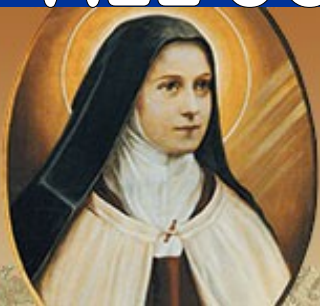
(starting at 7:00 p.m.), come and light a candle in memory of your loved one(s). Mass will then begin at 7:30 p.m.

**SUNG LITANY OF THE DECEASED:** All our parishioners and/or their loved ones whose funerals have taken place here since All Souls' Day 2019 (or who have an association with the Parish) will be remembered by name in a sung litany. Their names are:

Elena Baldo, Robert Black, Barbara Bushere, William Cain, Genie Campbell, Hector Castro, Marie Chavez, Christina Chernick, Akira Curtiss, Roland DeLa-Rosa Paule Ford, Fr. Joseph Glynn, Evangeline Holman, Gilbert Holman, Patricia Jackson, Maria Leone, James Magro, Charles Marikian, Clara Grace Maringka, Mary Kay McMaster, Hugh McTeague, Jean Motz, William Murray, Marie Nesvig, Richard Nolan, Efrain Parra, Fernando Perez, Victor San Lucas, Richard Stewart, Daisy Torres, William Vasquez, and George Watson

**All are welcome to attend!**

## ALL SOULS NOVENA OF MASSES



*All Souls Day*  
Let Us Pray for Your Beloved

A Novena of Masses will be celebrated here at St. Therese from November 3 through November 11. To enroll your deceased loved ones, either use the envelope that came in your envelope packet or use any plain envelope. On the outside of your envelope, write the names of your deceased loved ones; return your offering in the envelope, and your loved ones will be remembered in the Novena during the above-stated dates.

# A Heavenly Family Reunion



Today we celebrate ALL SAINTS' DAY, the solemn feast that gives us a glimpse of all our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone home to God before us. When we quiet ourselves to hear the Word of God today, we recall the mystery of our salvation. We praise the Lord who saves our loved ones who have died and who promises to have mercy on us as well. The reading from Revelation (7:2-4, 9-14) amazes us with its sweeping images of

countless souls basking in God's glory. The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 24:1-4) echoes our own longing to join those saints and look on the face of God. St. John's letter (1 John 3:1-3) affirms our deep desire to be with God, providing robust advice about how we may realize our hope: by living purely. The familiar words of Matthew's Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) show the way to purity—and to genuine happiness, now and forever.

Successful organizations live by strong mission statements. All Saints' Day reminds the Church of her mission: to know the love of God on earth in order to experience the fullness of God's happiness forever in Heaven. The Church herself—and each one of us, her members—can use this celebration to give thanks and to renew our commitment to evangelization. If the Heart of Jesus desires to unite all souls in Heaven, then we must spend time every day actively praying for and serving God's people. In our words and actions, we can pour Christ's love into the world. We can be the light of the world, reminding everyone that this life is a foretaste of what is to come.

God's enemy, Satan, does not want us to think of Heaven, prepare for Heaven, or long for Heaven's peace. Satan wants us to forget about our connection to the Lord and live only for the glory we can find here and now. We feel that hellish pull whenever we grow tired of doing good, especially when no one appreciates or thanks us. We know the temptation to despair when we hear skeptics ridicule believers, especially if we can't point to convincing evidence that God provides for us that there is a life after this one. These shaky, uncomfortable experiences may come to us once in a while, or they may take root in our hearts and burden us for years. This is precisely why we must celebrate All Saints' Day with hearty gladness, because every single blessed soul in Heaven is praying for us. The Communion of Saints is real, and the strength that Jesus sends to us through their prayers makes an actual difference in our lives. Just as we pray for one another here on earth, our big brothers and sisters in Christ continue to pray for us, inviting us to know and share the love of God.

## TAMALES! GET YOUR TAMALES!

If you would like to purchase tamales (either cold OR hot and ready to eat), please place your order by calling Maria Alejandra at 993-4236.



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# Mass Intentions

# Saint of the Week

**For the Week of  
October 31 through November 7, 2020**

**Saturday:**

5:00 p.m.: Remedios Legazpi, RIP

**Sunday**

\*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Alex & Lauren Cheah, INT

9:00 a.m.: Joseph & Julia Munoz, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Michelle Reed, INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Maureen Lynch Grobarek, RIP

**Monday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Theresa Hong Nguyen, RIP

9:00 a.m.: 1) Victoriano Seguerra

2) Jesus & Adela Barrera & Family, RIP

**Tuesday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Joe Glynn, OCD, RIP

**9:00 a.m.: 1) All Souls Novena 1**

2) Marie Chavez, RIP

**Wednesday**

\*7:30 a.m.: All Souls Novena 2

9:00 a.m.: 1) Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

2) Aaron Zino, Birthday INT

**Thursday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Joe Glynn, OCD, RIP

9:00 a.m.: 1) Julius Doria, Birthday INT

2) All Souls Novena 3

**Friday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Laigo Family & Edna Mancao, INT

9:00 a.m.: 1) Danilo Matro, RIP

2) Edgar Lopez, RIP

7:30 p.m.: All Souls Novena 4

**Saturday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

9:00 a.m.: 1) Jose Aclaro, RIP

2) All Souls Novena 5

\*Held at the \*Carmelite Chapel,  
215 East Alhambra Road (CLOSED FOR NOW)

**9:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
(Monday–Saturday) is held  
outside for the public and is  
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**The Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass  
is also live streamed  
on Facebook.**

**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES (1579–1639)  
Feast Day: November 3**



St. Martin is frequently shown as feeding a dog, cat, bird, and mouse from the same dish.

Initially denied entrance by the Dominicans because of his mixed race (Spanish father, Panamanian mother), Martin was a Peruvian lay brother of the Dominican Order. He was noted for his work on behalf of the poor, establishing an orphanage and a children's hospital.

Among the many miracles attributed to him were those of levitation, bilocation, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and an ability to communicate with animals. He cherished those who were marginalized by society. For him, menial tasks, lovingly done, were sacred. Great and lowly alike feasted on his charity. Enemies were reconciled by this “poor mulatto” (his self-description), who was kind even to those whose racism demeaned him.

Apprenticed to a surgeon-barber in his youth—thus patron saint of hair stylists and public health providers—Martin dispensed healing and dignity to Lima’s poorest, serving in them the Christ he adored for hours in the Blessed Sacrament. By the time he died, all Peru called him Martin the Charitable, a title even those of us who will never be called “saint” might still aspire to.



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