

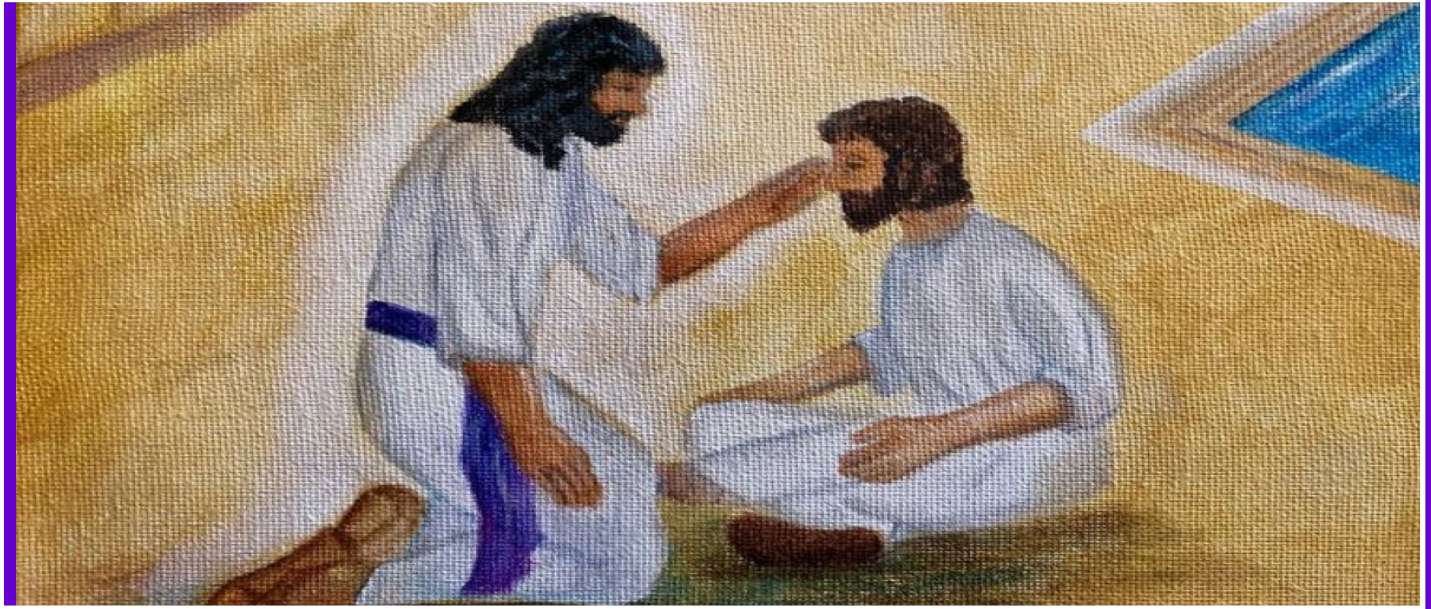
St. Therese Catholic Church

March 19, 2023

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

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“...He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on (the blind man’s) eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam.” So, he went and washed, and came back able to see. ...Jesus said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him and the one speaking with you is He.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped Him (Jn 9:6-7, 35-38).

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 7:00 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** from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
and **Sundays** from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

Monday–Friday: 9:00 am–1:00 pm; 2:00 pm–5:00 pm

Pastor: Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD X222

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In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD, Bro. Jason Parrott,
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See our **VIDEOS** on the School’s Facebook page
or on the Church’s website >Our School > Videos



SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Register online

Weddings: Register online at least six
months in advance

• **Anointing of the Sick:** Call the office

Letter from the Pastor

Blessed Fourth Sunday of Lent | Springtime for soul and body!

Today is also called “**Laetare Sunday,**” because there is a special emphasis on rejoicing in the Lord in the middle of all of our extra prayer, fasting, and works of mercy. The Blessed Trinity is helping us with extra rejoicing this week because They planned from all eternity that tomorrow, Monday, would be the transferred Solemnity of St. Joseph, the second greatest saint of all, after his spouse, the Blessed Virgin Mary. So, Blessed Solemnity tomorrow!!! Be sure to celebrate our great patron and stop by the office (during our open hours) for some oil of St. Joseph from Montreal, Canada—which St Andre Bessette used in order to bring St. Joseph's healing to the sick in mind and body.

And more joy: this coming **Saturday, March 25** (nine months before Christmas), is the **Solemnity of the Annunciation**, when the Word was made Flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary by her FIAT/Let it be done unto me!!! **Come, Blessed Mother!** Help us to give our complete YES! to our Lord Jesus, and to the Father and the Spirit also!!!

PARISH MISSION! Another excellent extra help for rejoicing this week will be the Parish Mission that **Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA**, will be giving in the evenings this Monday through Thursday, **starting with Mass at 6:30 p.m.** (not 7:00 p.m.!). Fr. Peter is a member of the **Congregation of St Michael the Archangel**, the community that ministers at the church of **St Michael's Cave in Monte Sant' Angelo, forty-five minutes from St Padre Pio's Church of San Giovanni Rotondo in Italy.** Fr. Peter will be **preaching** and, after Mass, **giving talks on the Divine Mercy, on St Faustina** and, of course, on **St Michael and the Holy Angels.** He will also be leading Adoration and some Healing ministry after Mass. Welcome, Fr Peter!!!

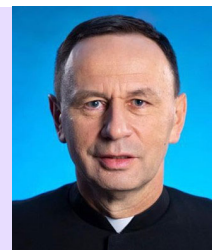
Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, —Fr. Thomas of the Trinity, OCD

LENTEN PARISH MISSION THIS WEEK!

By Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA

Begins with Mass at **6:30 p.m.** each of the following evenings:

Monday, March 20 | Tuesday, March 21 | Wednesday, March 22 | Thursday, March 23



ABOUT FR. PETER: Born in Poland in February of 1963, Fr. Peter entered the Congregation of St Michael the Archangel in 1982 and was ordained as priest of the Congregation on May 23, 1990. From 1993 to 1996, **Fr Peter served as chaplain to the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw, where Saint Faustina started her religious life.** For nearly twenty years, he has travelled to many countries proclaiming and explaining The Divine Mercy devotion. His main charism and expertise is on St. Michael the Archangel and the Holy Angels, which has led to him becoming a sought-after inspirational speaker. Since 2004, Fr. Peter has also been chief editor of “**Who is like God,**” a Polish magazine on the topic of Holy Angels. The Divine Mercy and the holy angels go hand in hand. Fr Peter was also appointed the General Animator of the Knighthood of St Michael. The original statutes were approved by the Superior General from the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel in Poland in August 1994. Since 2005, Fr. Peter has been the spiritual director on English speaking Divine Mercy pilgrimages to Krakow, Warsaw, Vilnius, and Rome—including the Shrine of St Michael the Archangel in Mont Sant Angelo, Italy. People have joined his pilgrimages from many English-speaking countries throughout the world.



A Historic Moment

Announcing a campaign to strengthen our parish and ministries.

We are all Called to Renew

Your life has a purpose: to love God and to spread hope and light in a world desperately in need of both. The Church, too, has a responsibility: to boldly witness to the power of grace and healing through Christ – in our families, our parishes, and our communities.

The *Called to Renew* campaign gives us the opportunity to renew not only our spirit, but the ways in which we live out our faith in our parishes. The campaign will allow us to:

- Renovate facilities to ensure they are safe spaces for families to learn, grow, and worship
- Reaffirm our support for priestly vocations
- Reinvigorate our ministries to serve those who are sick, dying, and imprisoned, as well as their families
- Reimagine faith formation so people of all ages can grow in their Catholic faith

The campaign will also benefit our parish.

Our Parish Needs

Fifty percent (50%) of all funds raised up to goal will remain with our parish to address the following needs:

- [Church Interior Renovations](#)
- [Painting the Church Interior](#)
- [Stained Glass Windows](#)
- [Church – Tile Roof](#)
- [Lighting/Wiring](#)
- [Parish School and Rectory](#)

ATTENTION ALL 7:00 P. M. MASS GOERS!
 The evening Mass this **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** (March 20, 21, 22, and 23), will be at **6:30 p.m.**, instead of 7:00 p.m., due to our Parish Mission with Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA (see Page Two for all the details).



One hundred percent (100%) of funds collected over our parish campaign goal will remain in our parish to address local needs.

In the coming weeks, our Ambassadors will be calling families to explain the campaign and answer your questions. We hope you will welcome their invitation to meet with open hearts. **Thank you**

Our Goal

\$1,000,000

Amount Raised to Date

\$48,815

Number of Gifts

11

Average Gift

\$4,438

Percent of Goal Raised

5%



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith Academics Virtue

Don't Give Up on the Liberal Arts!

(Excerpts from Bishop Robert Barron)

It has just come to my attention that Marymount University, a Catholic institution in Arlington, Virginia, has announced its intention to cut ten traditional majors from its program, including philosophy, religious studies, theology, art, history, and sociology. It will also apparently eliminate a master's degree in English literature. The president of the university has explained that this move is designed to make her school more competitive: "Students have more choices than ever for where to earn a college degree and MU must respond wisely to the demand." Well, okay, but one wonders why she bothers remaining competitive, for she has effectively undermined the purpose of her university. What is especially tragic is that this is far from an isolated case, for a number of religiously-affiliated liberal arts schools are, anomalously, eliminating religion and the liberal arts! And this should get the attention of the entire society, for the loss of the liberal arts is tantamount to a loss of soul.

(continued next week)

Soup Night This Friday!

It is a Lenten custom of the parish to hold a meatless meal on Fridays in Lent to promote fellowship in the school and parish. Friends of STCS will be hosting Soup Night this **Friday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall.

All are invited to attend! Admission is free. Free-will donations are gratefully accepted.

Stations of the Cross will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the church; Mass will follow at 7:00 p.m.



LIVING Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 31, 11:30 am

All are welcome to join our School for our annual Living Stations of the Cross. This beautiful memorial of Our Lord's Passion is lovingly presented by the 8th grade class, who have worked tirelessly to prepare this Lenten meditation for you.

Parent Formation Nights

"Atheism, Pornography, and Marijuana"



With Jesse Romero, Catholic Author, Radio Host, & Evangelist
Thursday, March 23, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall



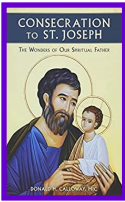
"Awake or Woke: Care of Our Souls Amidst a Culture War"



With Fr. Robert Barcelos, O.C.D.
Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Due to fraudulent ticket purchases, this event is now password-protected. Please call the school office to obtain the password.

Visit SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com/ParentFormation to RSVP.

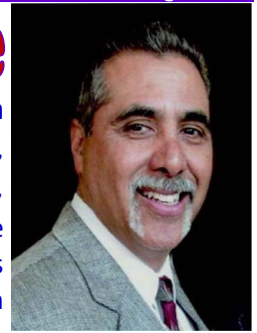
Consecration...



TO ST. JOSEPH! The next consecration to St. Joseph will be this **Monday, March 20th.** If you have been preparing on your own with the use of the book and would like to make this consecration, you are invited to join us at the : Mass tomorrow. For more info, call Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236 or email her at trinity1lord@yahoo.com.

Jesse Romero to Speak at St. Therese

ALL ARE INVITED to the **Parish Hall this Thursday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m.,** to hear Jesse Romero—Catholic Author, Radio Host, and Evangelist—speak about **“Atheism, Pornography, and Marijuana.”** **WHO IS JESSE ROMERO?** Jesse holds a B.A. in Liberal Arts from Mount St. Mary’s College in Los Angeles and a Master’s Degree in Catholic Theology from Franciscan University. After rediscovering his Catholic roots, Jesse studied and prayed his way back to a fervent ongoing practice of the Catholic Faith. Through his vast experiences with non-Catholics and fallen-away Catholics alike, Jesse has become proficient on how to “speak the truth in charity” (Ephesians 4:15) and is very effective at bringing them into the fullness of truth found only in the Catholic Church. Space is limited, so you **must RSVP. To do so, go the School’s website (under link Parents) or call Denise at the Parish Offices for help.**



Easter Flowers

Please help us beautify the church for Easter by giving a donation in one of the Flower Offering envelopes, which can be found in the pews.



The Real St. Therese



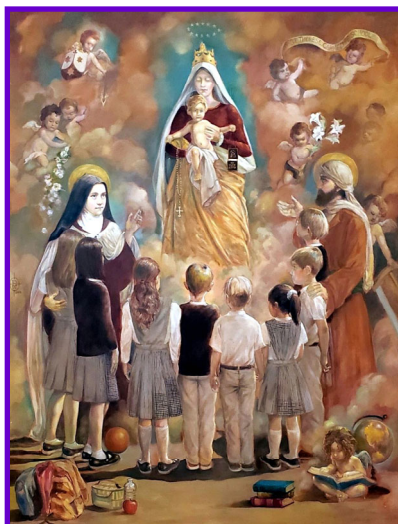
An installment from *The Passion of Thérèse of Lisieux* by Guy Faucher

The consequences of these sufferings also demand some attention. In the letters written at this time, the words, “weakness” and “powerlessness” recur frequently. Although she experienced some surprising returns of vitality, Thérèse lived out her last months beneath the sign of weakness. Witnesses have left us a wealth of concrete details from July onwards:

“She feels so very weak.”
 “She can’t wash her own hands any longer, it’s a real effort for her and causes her suffering in all her limbs.” “She can no longer make the Sign of the Cross, or recite the Angelus.”

This weakness, in one of its most trying manifestations, affected her nerves. The least noise, a few whispered words, or paper being crumbled, wearied her. What then could be said of the conversation of her three sisters at her bedside and above all of the intoning of the “Miserere” (even in a low tone of voice) by the whole community, on the days she received communion! She could no longer even bear anyone taking her pulse or moving her bed a little. Even another’s breathing wearied her.

Saint Therese Carmelite School



Developing **STRONG** and **ENGAGING** Jesus-Centered Catholic children, one student at a time.

- Classical Education
- Traditional Values
- Carmelite Spirituality

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Annual Fr. Jerome Appeal for the Carmelite Nuns



Please help support our Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in Alhambra!

Just place your donation in

any envelope, write **CARMELITE NUNS** on it, and then drop it in the regular collection. All donations will help with the nuns' daily needs and with the maintenance of their monastery. You are invited to join them for their daily 7:30 a.m. Mass (Monday through Saturday). To **REQUEST PRAYERS** from them... Call: (626) 282-2387 | Visit: 215 East Alhambra Road | Email: TeresaCarm1913@gmail.com | Website: www.CarmelTeresa.org (Click "Contact Us" and then "Prayer Requests").

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary was founded to financially assist the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns. If you have thought about joining but don't feel you have the time, **consider becoming a Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary ASSOCIATE!** You will receive minutes from each meeting and act as a resource to the Auxiliary with fundraising and other special projects. The time commitment is flexible!

If you're interested in becoming an Associate, please email Jessica Morgan at jessica.morgan@gmail.com. Thank you and we look forward to a successful year!

Today's Music

OPENING HYMN: *Christ Is The World's Light* (Pew Missal No. 105)

OFFERTORY: *Amazing Grace* (Worship II No. 22)

11:00 a.m. Choir: *Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake* (Farrant)

COMMUNION HYMN: *My Song Is Love Unknown* (Pew Missal No. 195)

11:00 a.m. Choir: *Miserere Mei* (Orlando di Lasso)

MARIAN ANTIPHON: *Ave Regina Caelorum* (Pew Missal No. 96)

RECESSIONAL: *Take Up Thy Cross* (Pew Missal No. 253)

Schedule for Lent

SOUP NIGHTS: Every Friday in Lent we have **Soup Nights** in the Parish Hall from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** (donations accepted). The next Soup Nights will be on **March 24th & 31st**, both of which will be hosted and sponsored by Parishioner Margaret Blackwell & Family and Friends

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Also on the Fridays of Lent we pray the Stations. **The new time is 6:30 p.m.** Join us in the church!

THE DAILY CELEBRATION OF MASS: Mass is celebrated Monday through Friday at 6:00 and 8:00 a.m., and at 7:00 p.m. Consider making daily Mass a part of your Lenten observation.



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.



March 11 / 12, 2023

Unrestricted..... \$10,368.00
Restricted \$ 7,430.00
T O T A L.....\$17,798.00

February 11 / 12 \$21,737.00
February 18 / 19 \$10,509.00
February 25 / 26 \$19,701.00
March 4 / 5 \$17,080.00

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

Mass Intentions

March 18—March 25, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Elayne Hoh, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m. (Carmel): Sr. Dolores Bailey, OCD, RIP

7:30am: Jose|Julia Munoz & Josefina Rosales, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Jorge & Genoveva Boco, RIP

11:00 a.m.: John Torres, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Brenda Millerd Fonseca, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Sr. Cecilia of the Child Jesus, OCD, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Grace Lowenberg, INT

8:00 a.m.: Peter Grimm, Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Genaro Hernandez, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Nicholas & Joy Solichin, Anniv, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Orlando P. Vales, Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: Sr. Cecelia of the Child Jesus, OCD, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Ron Vargas, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Kadir Ekerman, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. John Tran Cong Nghi, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Anthony Brajkovich, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Armando Stephen Cano, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Linda Forbes, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Peter Tran Giac Hoa, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Fidelina Adan, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Sr. Cecelia of the Child Jesus, OCD, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Brandon Hunt, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Vincent Nguyen Bao Hoan, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Daniel Yaw, Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Joanne Hawkins, RIP

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Moses Goh, INT

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel.

The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and major 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).

Sunday's Gospel

We hear today about Jesus giving sight to a man who was blind from birth. Not only was his physical sight restored, he saw things clearly even though the people around him—religious leaders, his own parents—were blinded by fear. Their preconceived convictions kept them in darkness even while the light of the world stood before them. Led by the light of Christ, the man who had been blind worshiped Jesus. In the first reading, Samuel looked at Jesse's sons through the eyes of God and found the Lord's anointed, not in the older, stronger ones, but in the youngest, David. As we continue our Lenten journey, we resolve to live in the light of the Lord, to see clearly through the eyes of faith and respond by sharing Christ's light with the world.

Most of us can admit that we're blind at times—we simply do not see the people and situations around us clearly. We stumble in the darkness of illness or grief and cannot see a way out. We may be blinded by selfishness or self-centeredness. Sometimes we are so caught up in our own lives, we're blind to the hurt, confusion, and need of those around us. We may look at things through our limited experience and perspective and not understand others' pain. At times, we choose to remain blind. We fail to see injustice and unfairness, preferring to remain in the dark rather than risk acknowledging and addressing such situations. Like the parents of the man who was born blind, we stay safe and comfortable, even when there is clearly an opportunity to make a difference, to bring light and love to the darkness.

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

+ Engracia Vales
(Mother of Noralyn Cailan)

+ Patricia Moreland
(Mother of Tom Moreland)