

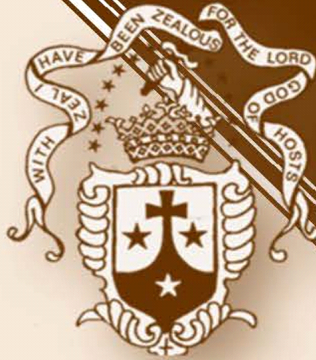
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June 21, 2020

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For Grade School,
Confirmation for
Youth & Adults, RCIA,
and Liturgical
Ministries—
Call
the
main
Office.

MASSES AND 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 in the Church: Noon

Carmelite Nuns' Cloister: 7:30 a.m.
(Chapel closed to the public on Sundays)

Confessions in the Parking Lot: Sat: 3:30-5:00





**What I say to you in the darkness,
speak in the light;
what you hear whispered,
proclaim on the housetops.**

Matthew 10:27

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**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

JUNE 21, 2020

HAVE MERCY

“Praise the LORD, for [God] has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!” (Jeremiah 20:13). After the great recession of 2008, the middle class shrank, and people who lost their jobs and often their homes sank into poverty. This is not the direction we should be heading. We should be lifting up the poor, helping them to stay afloat and build a sufficient life for themselves: own a home, feed and educate their children, have hope. For this is what God wills for us, to help our brothers and sisters, no matter their race, religion, national origin, or any other thing that makes them “different” from us. We must have mercy. Even those who have little are known to share what they have with those who have less. How much more should those who have much offer help to those who are stuck! As we sing in today’s responsorial psalm, “For the LORD hears the poor, / and [God’s] own who are in bonds [God] spurns not” (Psalm 69:33).

WITH YOUR CONSTANT HELP, O LORD

“I hear the whisperings of many: ‘Terror on every side!’ ” (Jeremiah 20:10). Of what are we afraid? Are we afraid of people speaking ill of us? Of those who seek our very lives? Are we afraid of falling into poverty? Of war on our own soil? It has been said that we are all just one hospitalization away from poverty; we should not be so confident in our material goods. We never know what may befall us. We must have mercy on those who have fallen into misfortune, and be ready to help our sisters and brothers just as God has mercy and helps us when we have tripped and fallen.

FEAR NO ONE

Poverty exists just as death exists. But we must not give up or lose hope! For God knows all our needs, and stands ready to help us. “For the LORD hears the poor, / and [God’s] own who are in bonds [God] spurns not” (Psalm 69:33). We may or may not be materially poor, but we are victims of our own tendency toward sin.

As in Adam all died, in Christ all remain alive. “But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many” (Romans 5:15). We look to God for mercy and comfort in our need. God hears our prayer, and in the secret recesses of our hurting hearts, God comforts us and offers us salvation. “Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops” (Matthew 10:26–27).

We may be poor in material ways, or fear such poverty. We are all poor in our transgressions, large and small, but we need not fear, for God is with us in mercy and love. “[D]o not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul” (Matthew 10:28). God can be trusted.

TODAY’S READINGS

Jeremiah 20:10–13
Psalm 69:8–10, 14, 17, 33–35
Romans 5:12–15
Matthew 10:26–33

MEDITATION ON TODAY'S READINGS

In each of our readings today, there is movement from darkness and despair to trusting in God as our source of salvation. In the **first reading (Jeremiah 20:10–13)**, Jeremiah sounds almost like a madman as he describes the evil and vileness that surrounds him. In the midst of that terror, he professes his faith in God. Then we hear the Psalmist cry out to God, “Lord, in your great love, answer me” (**Psalm 69:8–10**). Next in the **second reading from Romans**, we see a good example of why St. Paul’s letters don’t show up as examples in grammar textbooks. It begins with one of those long Pauline run-on sentences that leave lectors gasping for breath:

“Therefore, just as through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression, for if by that one person’s transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the One Person Jesus Christ overflow for the many” (**Romans 5:12-15**).

Take a closer look at St. Paul’s words above to see how his fervor for his subject matter completely overcomes any flaws in his grammar and sentence composition. He reminds us that **One Man, Jesus Christ, came into the world for the sake of many in order to overcome the evil and sin that have been prevalent since Adam**. There is something admirable about St. Paul’s being so caught up in his convictions that his words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion. Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage’s early *importance* in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that the words were never refined. What leaves YOU in such a breathless condition? Re-telling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event? When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words and stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ!

In our world today, it seems there are many things to make us fearful. We can become distraught over personal finances, relationships, poor choices our children are making, issues with jobs, the changing climate, or a zillion other things. The problems may not even be evil but may be simply “life” and all its challenges. But these struggles are real, and sometimes we seek unhealthy solutions. Many people suffer with issues of anxiety and depression, and fear leads others to addiction as a means of coping. In today’s **Gospel from Mark (Matthew 10:26–33)**, Jesus calls us from fear, sin, and darkness to live in the light. He reminds us that we are not alone and how very precious each of us is in the eyes of God. Indeed, God hears our cries!

Sometimes we look for very complex answers when a simple promise or solution is right in front of us. As I am writing and looking out the window, I see half a dozen little birds sitting in a bush. Their presence is a reminder to me of God’s love and care for each and every one of us. If something that seems so insignificant or incidental is known by God, how much more are we loved and cared for! Take a moment to look at the world around you—take it in and ask God for the help you need. Turn everything over to God and place your trust in Him. Remember, though, Jesus seldom heals without some sort of action on our part. When you have given your concern over to God, other concrete steps may be necessary. Is it time to schedule an appointment with a professional? Time to name an issue? Or time for the sacrament of reconciliation?

Evil’s power comes from remaining in the darkness. When we no longer close ourselves off or suffer alone, but we instead share our concerns with someone else, we can begin to grow and heal and move past them. It is seldom magical or instantaneous. It is a long arduous process; but we must hold on to the simple reminder, **“You are worth more than many sparrows!”**



WE CONTINUE TO LIVE STREAM!

Remember, the Dispensation is still in effect for those who don't feel safe to go around large groups of people for any reason (especially for those 65 and over, immuno-compromised, or vulnerable in any way, etc.). For you we will continue to **LIVE STREAM Mass** every day of the week on Facebook and YouTube. The public Mass schedule can be found on the front of this bulletin.



To view, just go to our **Facebook page** at <https://www.facebook.com/stthereseoflisieuxalhambra> and scroll down until you see the most recent live streamed Mass (look for a red box that says, "Live"). You can easily access it from the Home Page of our website (just click on the word

Facebook in the right column, and it will take you to our page—no need to be a Facebook member). Sometime after the Masses air, you can access them from our **YouTube Channel**. To watch on a Smart TV, go to the YouTube app on your TV and search for St. Therese Roman Catholic Church. Click on that and then choose the Mass.

If you don't get our weekly e-blast newsletter, The Little Flower Weekly (which contains the latest information about our Masses, confessions, and more articles, etc.), but would like to receive it, please send your email address to denisekay@hotmail.com. The newsletters normally go out on Fridays.

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 last few weekends.

June 13/14, 2020

Unrestricted.....	\$29,006.00
Restricted.....	\$ 8,132.00
TOTAL.....	\$37,138.00

April 20-26.....	\$ 7,254.00
April 27—May 13..	\$44,848.00
May 14-21.....	\$ 7,407.00
May 22-June 5.....	\$29,717.00

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

Thank you to everyone for your donations and your love and support of St. Therese Parish and the Carmelite Friars!

God bless and protect each of you!

~Fr. Philip and the Discalced Carmelite Community of St. Therese Parish, Alhambra, California

*With Sincere Thanks from
your Carmelite Friars*



NOVENA OF MASSES FOR FATHERS

Happy Father's Day!



We wish all Fathers a very Happy Father's Day! May it be a day of joy and blessings!

To enroll someone in the Novena, please email his/their name(s) to denisekay@hotmail.com. All those enrolled will be prayed for at each of the nine Masses held here daily—from Monday, June 22, through Tuesday, June 30. We are not yet allowed to distribute cards, so if the father you're enrolling is living, just give him your own card with the following notation written inside: *"You have been enrolled in the Father's Day Novena of Masses celebrated by the Discalced Carmelite Friars at St. Therese Church in Alhambra, California, from June 22 through June 30."*

You may then 1) drop off your offering in the mail slot to the right of the office door, 2) mail it in, or 3) put it in the collection at the weekend Masses.

ADVICE TO A NEW FATHER

FROM PETER KREEFT

By Kevin Birnbaum (Assistant Editor of Northwest Catholic)

A few years ago, when my wife was seven months pregnant with our first child, I wrote a letter to Peter Kreeft (the wise old Boston College philosophy professor and prolific Catholic writer and speaker), asking him, **"What advice would you give to a new father?"** He replied with a handwritten letter, offering four points that I've never forgotten, even as I've often failed to live up to them. Here's what he wrote:

1. St. Augustine, asked to name the four cardinal virtues, replied, "Humility, humility, humility, and humility." You know lesson one: You write: "I know enough to know I know nothing." Just remember it.
2. The best thing you can ever do for your children is to love their mother forever and "if-lessly" (no "if's", no conditions).
3. From Day One your kids will be both adorable and exasperating. Look at the "adorablenesses" ten times more often than the "exasperatingnesses."
4. At least ten times a day smile and salute your "Commanding Officer" (God). We all have serious spiritual ADD; a "salute" takes two seconds and reminds us of Who we serve and why we're here.

SUPPORT GPS!



Dear St. Therese Parishioners,
GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services needs your support now more than ever in order to continue to provide life-affirming, compassionate care to mothers, babies, and their families.

Since we were not able to distribute baby bottles this past May, as we normally do, we are continuing our campaign to collect the filled baby bottles and the gifts for babies and moms. Please...

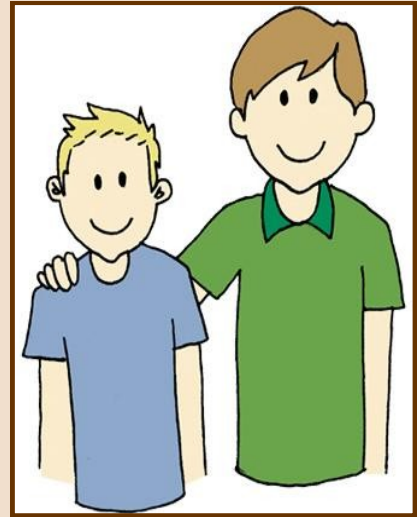
- Pick up a baby bottle from the porch at the Parish offices (510 N. El Molino St); fill it with coins and bills, and return it during daytime hours (ring the bell to let someone know you're placing it there).
- Donate online at <http://www.pregnancy-gps.org/Donate.html>
- Mail a check (made payable to GPS) to Guadalupe Pregnancy Services, Post Office Box 1192, Alhambra, CA 91802.

Note: Your donation is tax-deductible!

FATHER AND SON

Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen once told the following anecdote:

"A little boy who had been to Sunday School told his father that he learned that



God the Father and God the Son were equal.

The father said, "That is ridiculous. I am your father; you are my only son. As I existed a long time before you, *I am* greater."

The boy replied, "No, you're not, because you did not begin to be a father until I began to be a son."

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

These are essential items of which we are running low:

FOR BABIES:

- Baby Shampoo and Wash
- Baby Lotion
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Cornstarch Baby Powder
- Baby Spoons/Forks
- Socks Boys/Girls (12/18 months)
- Clothing Girls (9/12/24 months)
- Clothing Boys (9/18 months)
- Wash Cloths / Bath Towels
- Diapers Size 4, 5 & 6
- Pull-ups Size 2T/3T
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Formula
- Baby Food Jars
- Toys



FOR MOMS:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Bar Soap/ Body Wash
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Dish Soap
- Detergent
- Cleaning Products
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Lysol

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:

- Cereal /Oatmeal
- Juice
- Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- Canned Meats & Fish
- Rice /Beans
- Snacks/Cookies



Mass Intentions

For the Week of June 20 through June 27, 2020

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, INT

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Robert Barcelos, OCD, INT

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

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Gilbert Holman, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): David Steele, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Roland De La Rosa, RIP

Monday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carrell Family & Friends, INT/RIP

Noon: 1) Father's Day Novena 1

2) Jonathan Brunaczki, INT

Tuesday:

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

Noon: 1) Father's Day Novena 2

2) Andrew Halpin, Birthday Intention

Wednesday

*7:30 a.m.: John David Wrotniewski, INT

Noon: 1) Father's Day Novena 3

2) John & Anne Wrotniewski Anniversary, INT

Thursday:

*7:30 a.m.: Vivian Nitch, Birthday Intention

Noon: 1) Father's Day Novena 4

2) Ricardo L. Alfonso, RIP

Friday:

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Ed Broom, OMV, INT

Noon: 1) Father's Day Novena 5

2) Natalie Grimm, 11th Birthday Intention

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

Noon: 1) Father's Day Novena 6

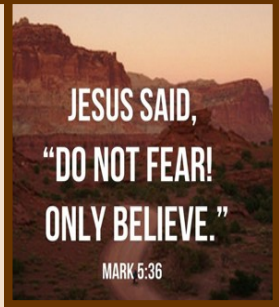
2) Julianna Brunaczki, RIP

*Held at the *Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

***THE NUNS' CHAPEL
IS BACK OPEN FOR
PUBLIC WORSHIP EVERY
DAY BUT SUNDAY!**

(50 people maximum)

Faith's Paradox



"Fear no one," Jesus says. He is talking about fearing those who persecute you for your faith. In the verses before these words, He tries to prepare us for that persecution and says that since it was done to Him (Jesus), it would be done to His followers.

But what happened to Jesus? He was crucified, but He rose from the dead. So He triumphed over His persecutors; they could not stop Him! And that is what He promises us: Whatever persecution, ridicule, or discrimination we suffer for our faith, we **cannot** be destroyed as long as we keep that faith.

Now the best way to keep that faith is to give it away. That sounds like a paradox, but it means that when we spread the faith, our faith grows, too. Sure, it takes courage to talk about our faith to others, but when we share our stories about what God means to us, we relive those experiences; we remind ourselves what God has done for us. And when we allow others to share their faith with us, we are encouraged and supported. That is why Jesus says that what is hidden will be made known: **True faith never stays hidden; it NEEDS to be shared!**

Sometimes we may hesitate to talk about our faith. If we let ourselves be tempted to silence, we are letting the devil have his way. That is **the only thing to fear**: not Satan's power, but **our weakness**. That's why Jesus said whoever denies Him will be denied by Him. Yet Jesus died for our sins, so even they cannot destroy us if we turn back to the Lord. Just as God knows every sparrow that falls, so He knows us when we fall and values us more than sparrows.

So thank Him for His forgiveness, but don't forget to spread the news about that forgiveness! You might give someone else the courage to come back to the Lord, and so score another victory for faith over fear.