

# SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 20, 2019 **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.

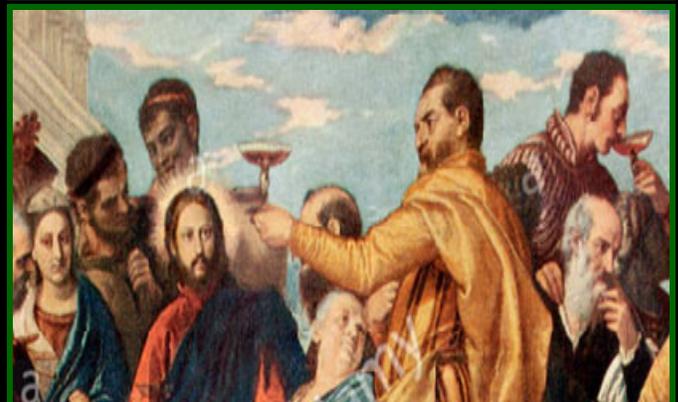
Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

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.

*"Do whatever He tells you." -John 2:5*



## SACRAMENTS:

**Baptisms:** Once a month on a Saturday

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

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

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



**SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL**  
(626) 289-3364

**Principal:** Alma Cornejo X661

[www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com](http://www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com)  
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See our VIDEOS on the School's Facebook page  
or on the Church's website > Our School > Videos

**•New Parishioners: 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.

# Welcome, Fr. Wolfgang Seitz!



Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, ORC, will be speaking at all of THIS WEEKEND'S Masses in preparation for his Mission here from March 17th to 20th (Sunday through Wednesday). (Fr. Wolfgang spoke at St. Therese Church previously—in October of 2016.)

At this weekend's Masses (January 19/20), he will give an introductory talk—especially directed toward parents—about devotion to the Guardian Angels and the value of making a

Consecration to one's Angel—***especially by our children***. The parents are, of course, a child's first educators in the Faith, and it is important for them to include Angels as part of family life.

***"Behold, I am sending an Angel before you to guard you on the way. ..hearken to his voice."***

**-Exodus 23:20**

After each Mass, any parents who are interested in having their children make a Consecration to their Angels will be able to obtain a book (for a small donation of \$6—at Father's cost, instead of the usual \$15.45 retail) written by Sr. Maria Antonia and published by TANBooks entitled, *"Under Angel Wings,"* which contains true stories of a girl who could see her Guardian Angel, as well as a booklet, *"Our Guardian Angel,"* and Guardian Angel prayer cards. The parents and the children will then read the book together or individually over the next two months.

Then when Fr. Wolfgang returns for the mission in March, each participating child will be able to make a FORMAL Consecration to his or her Guardian Angel. This consecration was approved by Cardinal Josef Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI) on May 31, 2000. (Our patroness, St. Therese, made a consecration to her own Angel!). It is a real growth experience not only for children, but also for the parents themselves as they go through the process.

**So...please be sure to mark your calendars for  
March 17 to 20 for Fr. Wolfgang's mission talks!**

**ABOUT FR. WOLFGANG:** Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, ORC, is originally from Ehingen, Germany. He is a member of the Order of Canons Regular of the Holy Cross, an international Order which has its Motherhouse in Tirol, Austria. The Order has the overall direction of the international apostolate, Opus Sanctorum Angelorum (Work of the Holy Angels), a public association of the faithful, whose mission is to spread devotion to the holy angels in the Church. Fr. Wolfgang studied at the seminary of the Order, Institutum Sapientiae, in Anapolis, Brazil, after which he was ordained a priest in 2002. His first mission after Ordination was to Detroit for a pastoral year at Assumption Grotto Parish. Since then, he has been giving retreats and conferences throughout the United States.

# CATHOLIC KARATE

**GRIFFON ARTS CATHOLIC SELF-DEFENSE** has come to St. Therese Church! There is **NO** prior experience required! **Classes, for those from ages 7 to 55, will be held in the Parish Hall starting on Thursday, February 7th, as follows:**



- **Youth (Ages: 7 to 17): 5:15 to 5:55 p.m.\***
  - **Dads & Young Men (Ages: 18-55): 6:00 to 7:55 p.m.\***
- \*Please arrive ten minutes before every class.*

## YOUTH

**Learn...**

- Self-defense and anti-bullying
- Increased discipline
- Confidence

...and have lots of fun!

**Attire:** Come in sweats; uniforms available for purchase in class.

## DADS & YOUNG MEN

**Learn...**

- How to protect your wives and children
- Increased self-control & stress outlet
- Confidence and leadership

...all while getting a little more fit.

**Attire:** Your work or play clothes; no uniforms. No prior experience required!



### WEEKLY CLASS FEES:

- 1st Youth: \$9 per week
- 2nd Youth: \$7 per week
- 3rd Youth: \$7 per week
- Additional Youths: \$5 per week
- Dads & Young Men: \$10 per week

**Registration Fee: \$5 per student**

### ABOUT GRIFFON ARTS CATHOLIC DEFENSE:

Self-defense is about learning the value of the human person as given by God and applying mutual respect to yourself as well as any bully or offender. Knowing both how and why to protect that worth, and that of those around you, is important to a healthy lifestyle, great relationships, and providing a safer community.

# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women of St. Therese Parish are invited to join us for a new four-week Bible study entitled, **"Call Me Blessed."** The classes will be held at **in the Lisieux Room in the Parish Offices at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings from January 24 through February 14** and will explore the stories of **19 faithful women of the Bible.** Join other women of the parish as we deepen our knowledge of Scripture and read through excerpts of *Mulieris Dignitatem*, St. John Paul II's encyclical on the dignity and vocation of women. For more information, please email or text Micaela Darr at [micaela.darr@gmail.com](mailto:micaela.darr@gmail.com) or 235-6147.



# COR JESU & VOX VITAE TO "WALK FOR LIFE" IN SAN FRANCISCO

WALK FOR LIFE IN SAN FRANCISCO, January 25/26: Cor Jesu and Vox Vitae are going to stand up for life at the Walk in San Francisco! Prior to the bus leaving (from the parking lot on January 25), all Cor Jesu High School students are invited to come and "hang out" with those who are going to San Francisco for the Walk. (The bus will return on January 26.) For more info, go to the following websites: 1) [www.voxvitae.org/events-2/walk-for-life-west-coast.command](http://www.voxvitae.org/events-2/walk-for-life-west-coast.command); 2) [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com).

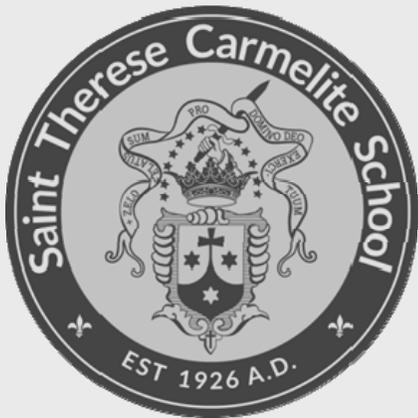
Also, **THANK YOU to everyone who DONATED CLOTHING** in December for the use of our brothers and sisters in need. **Over 400 pounds of clothing were received!** God bless you all!

FROM FR. MATTHIAS: THANK YA'LL for a great turnout in service (on December 22nd) for our homeless brothers and sisters! After making 200 lunches, our youth, families, and young adults went to Skid Row, along with the Franciscans and Bro. John, to distribute the lunches, offer attentive love and prayer, and help the Franciscans build relationships among the homeless, leading to further assistance (see the photos below).



## Saint Therese Carmelite School

[www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com](http://www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com)



January 21st (Monday):  
**NO SCHOOL**  
(Martin Luther King Day)



*"Love can accomplish all things. Things that are most impossible become easy where love is at work."*  
-St. Therese

## Perpetual Adoration

"As Mary is the treasurer and dispenser of the gifts and graces of the Most High God, she reserves a choice portion to nourish and sustain her children and servants. They grow strong on the Bread of Life; they are made joyful with the wine that brings forth virgins. They are carried at her breast. They bear with ease the yoke of Christ, scarcely feeling its weight because of the oil of devotion with which she has softened its wood." -From St. Louis de Montfort's *True Devotion to Mary*



We are accepting new student applications for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.  
(289-3364 or [admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com](mailto: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 February 9 / 10.)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



**January 12 / 13, 2019**

Unrestricted.....\$16,780.00  
 Restricted ..... \$ 6,227.00  
**T O T A L ..... \$23,007.00**

December 22 / 23..... \$25,321.00  
 Christmas..... \$25,466.00  
 December 29 / 30.....\$23,124.00  
 New Year's.....\$ 8,093.00  
 January 5 /6.....\$17,339.00

**Check Users:**

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

## WATER INTO WINE: HOW CHRIST TRANSFORMS US by Bro. Don Schwager

John, the beloved disciple of Jesus, tells us that Jesus did many signs in the presence of His disciples, seven of which were recorded by John. Jesus' first sign took place at a wedding reception in the town of Cana which occurred on the "third day". What is the significance of the third day? It was three days after Nathaniel's first encounter with Jesus (whom he met with the encouragement of Philip). When Nathaniel meets Him, Jesus reveals something that only Nathaniel would have known and then claims, *"You shall see greater things than these. Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see Heaven opened, and the Angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man"* (John 1:50-51). If someone makes that kind of claim to you, you are going to closely watch whatever he does to see if he can make good on the claim. You want to find out if he is genuine or just an imposter.

Back to the wedding reception, where they have run out of wine. When Jesus' mother presses Him to do something about it ("...they have no wine"), Jesus seems to put her off ("...My hour has not yet come"). But she knows her Son can do something to help. Mary said to the servants, *"Do whatever He tells you."* Jesus said, *"Fill the jars with water"* (there were six stone jars, each able to hold twenty or thirty gallons). They filled each to the brim and He said, *"Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast."* When the steward tasted the water-now-become-wine, he said to the bridegroom in confusion, *"Every man serves the good wine first... but you have kept the good wine until now"* (John 2:3-10), a reminder to us of all the prophets who came before Jesus.

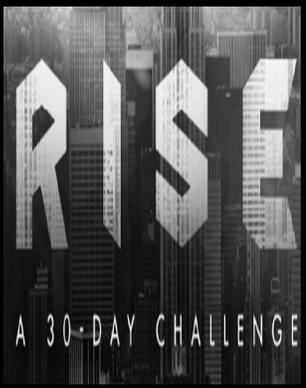
Why did Jesus pick an ordinary wedding feast in a little out-of-the-way town to perform His first sign and to launch His public ministry? He not only wanted to bless a newly-wed couple but all those at the wedding banquet as well. John describes Jesus' first public miracle as a sign—a sign of what He has come to do: **Transform the lives of all who will believe in Him.** For the people of Israel, a wedding feast symbolized God's special relationship and covenant with the people of Israel. The Old Testament describes God as the Bridegroom of Israel and presents His covenant relationship with the people of God as a spiritual marriage (Isaiah 54:5; Jeremiah 3:14; Hosea 2:16, 19-20).

If Jesus can change water into wine for an embarrassed wedding couple, how much more can **He change US through the transforming power of His Holy Spirit.** John tells us that "to all who received Him, He gave power to become children of God (John 1:12,13). This sign at Cana points to His power, not simply to improve the quality of our lives, but to change and transform us to be like Him—people of joy, peace, and love who do not fear death, but instead who know and experience even now the taste of eternal life—the life of God's Kingdom. He gives us everything we need to live as His disciples. Jesus blessed a nameless couple in Cana not only with His presence, but also with His power. He will bless us as well, not only with His presence, but with His healing love and life-changing power.

What might hold us back from allowing Jesus to change and transform us? Perhaps you feel that your faith is weak or that you are unworthy to receive God's favor and gifts. Perhaps you struggle with anxiety or despair because your life feels hopelessly out of control. Jesus knows our struggles and weaknesses better than we do. And that doesn't stop Him from offering us freedom and transformation through the gift and working of His Holy Spirit. Paul the Apostle reminds us that God chooses to work in and through fragile and cracked vessels, such as us, to reveal the power of His glory and love. "We have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). If there is anything holding you back from trusting in Jesus, let it go—give it to Jesus. Let go of fear—fear of losing your life. Let go of pride—wanting to always be in control and have things your way. And let go of unbelief—the stubborn refusal to accept Jesus on His own terms and to deny that He has the words of eternal life. **Be like Nathaniel and choose to follow the Master to the wedding banquet and beyond, to even greater things.**



# MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT



All men who have made the 30-day challenge are invited and encouraged to join us on Saturday mornings for the Rosary at 6:45 a.m., followed by a video and discussion from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Meeting Room.

FOR More INFO, go to [www.MenRiseUp.org](http://www.MenRiseUp.org) or contact Andy Acosta at 703-8939 or [A.Acosta2046@gmail.com](mailto:A.Acosta2046@gmail.com).

Women, are you interested in attending a Lenten Retreat on March 8, 9, and 10 at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands? Then come to an Informational Meeting in the Parish Library on Wednesday, February 6, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

## INFO Meeting

Light refreshments will be available. You may register for the retreat at this meeting with a \$50 deposit. At this meeting we will discuss the retreat theme and schedule, the retreat team of Carmelite Friars, bus transportation, new retreat captains, and fundraising ideas. There will also be a Question and Answer session. For more information, contact Louisa Day at 323-360-5186.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com); OR Courage LA for persons struggling with same sex attraction: [CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com](mailto: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 Wednesday, January 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).

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** If you would like more information on NFP and what the Church teaches about being open to life, please contact Jack and Katrina Crow at 292-1906 or [katrina.fcp@gmail.com](mailto:katrina.fcp@gmail.com). They offer introductory sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System/NaproTechnology once a month—typically on the 3rd Saturday of the month—and catechesis sessions upon request. Please contact them to register for the classes.

**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  
January 19 through 26, 2019



**Saturday:**

5:00 p.m.: Jeannie Zino, Birthday Intention

**Sunday**

\*7:30 am: Tina Mary Morris, INT  
7:30 a.m.: Ricardo Alfonso, RIP  
9:00 a.m.: Philip Liu, Jr., RIP  
11:00 a.m.: Barclay Tucker, RIP  
1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Parishioners  
5:00 p.m.: Geraldine Shifflett, RIP



**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Eugene Mushinskie, RIP  
\*7:30 a.m.: Frances Aubry, RIP  
8:00 a.m.: Eleanor Martinez, RIP



**Tuesday:**

6:00 a.m.: ProLife Movement, INT  
\*7:30 a.m.: Marietta Okamoto, INT  
8:00 a.m.: Priscilla Pineda, Phillip Mota, Antonio Lopez, RIP

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Carmelita Basco, INT  
\*7:30 a.m.: Rose Nguyen & Family, INT  
8:00 a.m.: Helen Morris, RIP



**Thursday:**

6:00 a.m.: Ruth Laigo, INT  
\*7:30 a.m.: Tina Mary Morris, INT  
8:00 a.m.: Raymond Tittmann, Birthday Intention



**Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Rhony Laigo, INT  
\*7:30 a.m.: Zeferina Gonzalez, RIP  
8:00 a.m.: Eugene Mushinskie, RIP



**Saturday:**

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Matthias, OCD, INT  
\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community  
8:00 a.m.: Renato Villafuerte, RIP

\*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public every day except Sundays/holidays.

# Floral Dedications

This week's dedication is:

In Honor of  
**Adelaida & Genaro Hernandez**  
on the occasion of their  
**63rd Wedding Anniversary**



To arrange for a floral dedication (in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones), call Giovanna at 281-9049. Prices start at \$45.

# Outside the Parish

Pasadena Community Orchestra presents its second **FREE** concert of the season **THIS Friday, January 25, at 8:00 pm**, in the Sanctuary of First Church of the Nazarene, 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena—1 block west of Michillinda Ave and La Salle High School. The concert will feature Mozart's Symphony No. 40, also known as the Great G Minor, Bach's G minor Fugue, Walton's Spitfire Prelude and Fugue, and Listz's Les Preludes. A light reception will follow the concert. Seating is comfortable (and wheelchair safe), and parking is **FREE**. For further info, please call 445-6708 or go to [www.pcomusic.org](http://www.pcomusic.org).

**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.

# Lectors

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Jackie Johnson / Florence Goh  
9:00 a.m. Ron Sandoval / Rosa Natividad  
11:00 a.m. Lucy Lopez / Pat Cervantes  
5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches / Ian Ranches

# Deaths

Please pray for the  
repose of the souls of:

- † Herman Kneeling
- † Melinda Kneeling
- † Chuck Marikian (Husband of Lucy)
- † Baby Soto (Child of Ty & Amber)