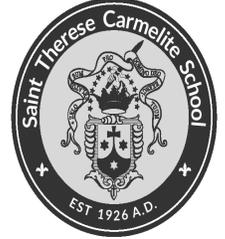




Saint Therese Church



Jan. 24, 2016

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

510 North El Molino Street - Alhambra, California 91801 282-2744 - FAX 282-7560

(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code).

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (332) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD and Deacon Bro. Charles Nawodylo, OCD **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

Vocations: Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocesan: (213) 637-7515

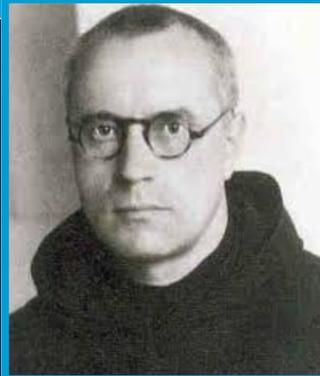
Sacraments:

Confessions: Wednesday: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday
Weddings: Fill out an application (on the website) at least six months in advance.
Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

Other Ministries/Programs:

- ***Annulments:**
Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)
- ***Avila Young Adult Group:**
Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284
- ***Bible Study:** Debbie Robles 679-6370
- ***Carmelite Spiritual Reading Group**
Mondays, Jim Gillette (213) 448-1039
- ***Detention Ministry:** Sonia Macias (323) 724-6443
- ***Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4p.m.**
- ***Knights of Columbus:** Grand Knight Tom Quintana: (626) 863-7061
- ***Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
- ***Natural Family Planning:**
Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906
- ***OCDS:** Stan Interrante 714-996-4164
- ***Respect Life Ministry:**
Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942
- ***Rosary Makers:** Mondays, 6-8 p.m.
Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776
- ***St. Joseph Prayer Group:** Wed, 6:15 p.m., Albert Grana 576-0872
- ***Tea at Therese Women's Group:**
Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



St. Henry de Osso y Cervello, OCD
Feast Day: January 27
(October 16, 1840—January 27, 1896)

Masses & 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.

Holy Days:

6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Devotions:

Rosary: After Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass;
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00p.m.; Intercessors for Priests:
Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.; First Friday Mass
and All-Night Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

St. Therese Carmelite School:

289-3364 - Principal: Alma Cornejo (661)
stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com
Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org

School Chaplain: Fr. Leonel Varela

Parish Secretary:

Denise McMaster-Holguin (223)
denisekay@hotmail.com

Finance: Noralyn Cailan (228)

Christian Services:

Bridie McDermott (224)

Choir Directors:

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11:00am: Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284
pgrimm.dir@gmail.com

Altar Ministries:

Fr. Leonel Varela (222)

Ministry to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla (626) 282-0943

Religious Education & RCIA:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)
rhondalstorey@gmail.com

Youth & Adult Confirmation

Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)
rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

Parish Vision Statement:

To be a spiritual Catholic Family focused on prayer as well as service to the Gospel through a Sacramental life. We envision our Parish as a community of stewards dedicated to building up the Body of Christ through active ministry while living the example of simplicity, humility, confidence and love of our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.-- Luke 4:18

CATECHESIS Q & A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

“HOW CAN TRUE LOVE BE EXPLAINED?”

From *"Boys to Men: The Transforming Power of Virtue,"* by Tim Gray



Love, as a theological virtue, is an act of the will. “To love is to will the good of another” (Catechism, no. 1766). Earlier, we saw how faith is a virtue of t

he intellect. Love, on the other hand, is a virtue of the will. That is, love is a mode of willing. By willing, we mean choosing something as good. We all love: It is just a question of what do we love—what do we choose as being good for us? The theological virtue of love is the desire for the greatest good for others and ourselves. The greatest good, of course, is God Himself.

Understanding love as an act of the will is in stark contrast to the more common consideration of love as a feeling. St. Thomas Aquinas distinguished the passion or feeling of love from love as a virtue. As a passion, love is the desire for some good, like ice cream, baseball, or a Mercedes-Benz. Love, in this sense, is something that happens to us. We are passive recipients of

emotional experiences. Our passions, that is, our desires, control our feelings and, in a sense, hold us captive to our basic instincts (cf. Catechism, no. 1765). Although these passions may be good and directed toward a real good, they do not indicate the presence of the virtue of love. Love, as a virtue, is about what we choose, not how we feel.

For example, when a young man commits himself to a woman in the Sacrament of Marriage, he makes a vow to love her regardless of his feelings. What does this mean? As time passes and the trials of life weigh down, the couple may not feel the sentiments of love. Because many people have a wrong understanding of love, they feel justified to leave the marriage and look for those same feelings in another person. This makes sense if we reduce love to mere feelings. True marital love, however, understands that the commitment transcends subjective feelings. The feelings may have been necessary at the beginning of courtship, but if it evolves into true love, feelings become secondary. Marriage is about a choice to commit one’s life to another for their well-being regardless of emotions. This is sometimes very difficult, but it is an example of the self-sacrificing nature of love.

Love, in this sense, is not about the wants of the one who loves, but about what is best for the beloved. True love is about the other, not the self. Consequently, love often demands sacrificing one’s own desires for the good of the other. The degree to which one is able to sacrifice for others is the measure of his love. We may want to love, but if we are going to will to love, we must have the virtues. The father who rises in the middle of the night to care for his new child is not acting out of a desire to get less sleep (hardly!), but out of love for his new daughter and tired wife. He acts for the benefit of others, not for himself.

There is a wonderful story told of a little boy who worked hard to earn enough money for a beautiful model of a sailing ship. He worked for days to build the ship and finally it was completed. He went down to a local park and placed his beloved ship in the lake. It was a great success and his ship floated perfectly. The model sails even caught the wind and moved the ship along. Then, unexpectedly, a strong gust of wind came and blew the small ship beyond the reach of the boy. He watched helplessly as the wind pulled the ship farther and farther into the great lake. He waited for hours hoping his ship would come back, but it was hopeless. His beloved ship was lost.

Devastated, the boy returned home without his prized possession. Weeks passed and he could not get the ship out of his mind. One day, he was walking through town, and as he passed a local shop, he raised his eyes and could not believe what he saw. His ship was sitting in the storefront window. He rushed in and explained to the owner that the ship was his and how he had lost it. The owner was moved, but he told the boy that he had purchased the ship from the person who found it and that he would have to sell the ship to the boy for a price. Having spent all of his money on the original purchase, the boy went home and began working diligently to save the money he needed to buy back his ship. Finally, with the money in his hand, he returned to the shop and bought his cherished ship. As he held the ship in his hands, the shopkeeper overheard the boy say, *“My little ship! How I love you. You are now mine twice. I made you, and then I lost you, but I have bought you back.”*

In Christ, God has done even more for us! He has created us out of love, and bought us back at the price of His own blood.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

ANNOUNCING Vox Vitae...

Be A Voice For Life!

Vox Vitae is a new Catholic non-profit organization with the mission of Educating, Empowering, and Spiritually Nurturing People to Actively Be A Voice for Life! Our Pastor, Fr. Philip Sullivan, is the Vox Vitae Spiritual Advisor. He will be writing a monthly blog on our site for everyone to read. Check us out at www.VoxVitae.org.

WE APPRECIATE YOU! The Respect Life Ministry would like to thank everyone who attended the STAND UP FOR LIFE activities on January 22nd as well as OneLife LA on January 23rd. Your presence at these events spoke loudly for life! God bless you!

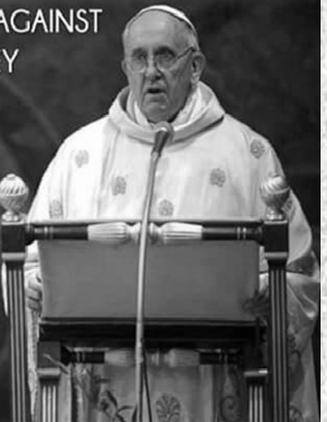
40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Let's get prepared for 40 Days for Life!

SHIELD OF ROSES—SIDEWALK COUNSELING TRAINING: Shield of Roses is coming to St. Therese to provide sidewalk counseling training! Come join us in the Avila Room (in the Parish Office building, 510 N. El Molino Street) on Sunday, February 7, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, please first RSVP by calling Catherine Contreras at 213-435-3942.

DEFEND THE UNBORN AGAINST
ABORTION EVEN IF THEY

PERSECUTE YOU
CALUMNIATE YOU
SET TRAPS FOR YOU
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OR KILL YOU.

- POPE FRANCIS



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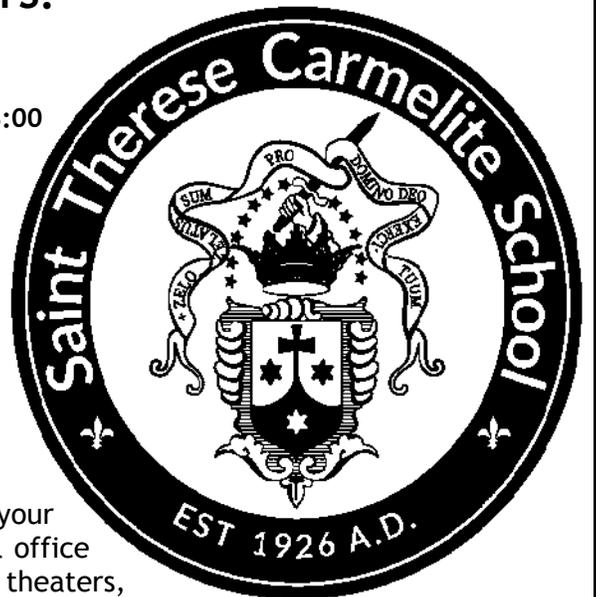
“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.” —St. Therese

JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Open House today after the 9:00 a.m. Family Mass
- Catholic Schools Week Festivities from January 24–29
- Feast of the Presentation Mass on Tuesday, February 2, at 8:00 a.m.
- Blessing of Throats on Wednesday, February 3, at 1:30 p.m.
- First Friday Mass on February 5 at 8:00 a.m.
- Family Mass on Sunday, February 7, at 9:00 a.m.
- Ash Wednesday Mass on February 10 at 10:00 a.m.
- Stations of the Cross on February 12 at 1:30 p.m.
- No School on President's Day, Monday, February 15
- School Mass on Friday, February 19, at 8:00 a.m.
- Stations of the Cross on February 19 at 1:30 p.m.

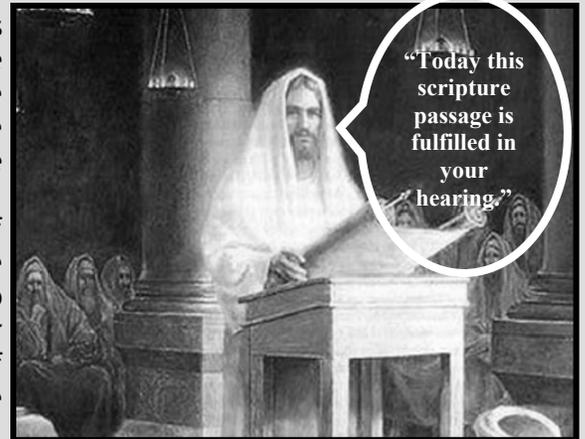
Please support our school by purchasing Scrip (gift cards) for your regular daily purchases. Scrip can be purchased in the school office for grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, department stores, and much more. Please feel free to contact our

Principal, Mrs. Cornejo, by phone (626) 289-3364 or by email stsprincipalcornejo@gmail.com. We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our new school. We look forward to hearing from you!



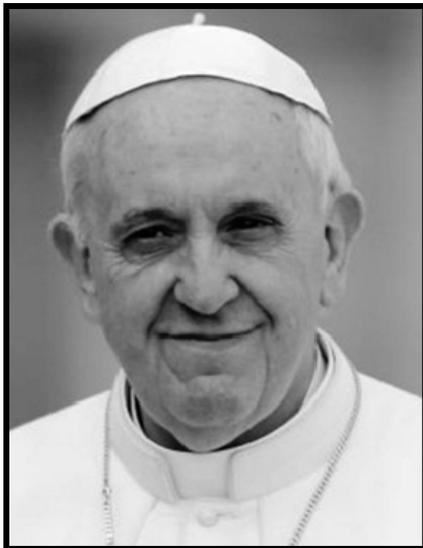
GOSPEL MEDITATION: LIVING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Some of St. Paul's best known and most beloved imagery is contained in the passages from First Corinthians that we have heard last week and this week: the many gifts granted by the one same Spirit and the many members making up the one Body of Christ. Few passages from Sacred Scripture more accurately sum up how Christian vocations work together. Unlike some of Paul's other writings, which are a product of the social and religious conventions of his time, these enable us to look at our own lives and the lives of those around us to discern what gifts and vocations the Holy Spirit has given for the good of all. We can likewise know the joys and sorrows of the other members of the Body and share in them for the strengthening of the whole Body of Christ.



WORD OF LIFE

Quote of the Week



"A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while

remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted. This compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment." —Pope Francis

BAPTISM MINISTRY



In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to attend a class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library. The next classes for which you can enroll are February 2 and April 5. The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Upcoming open baptism dates are Saturdays, February 20 and April 16—both at 11:00 a.m. For more info, call Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (X225)



REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS: Canon Law requires at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) is at least 16; 2) has been Confirmed; and 3) is a practicing Catholic. A form attesting to this will need to be signed by a priest from the parish for each prospective godparent.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

—SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for the annual Women's Retreat at El Carmelo Retreat House on:

March 11, 12, and 13.

Call a Captain for information and to reserve your room: Louisa Day at (323) 722-9339, Cecilia Tweedy at 712-3478, or Ernie O'Connor at 445-4333.

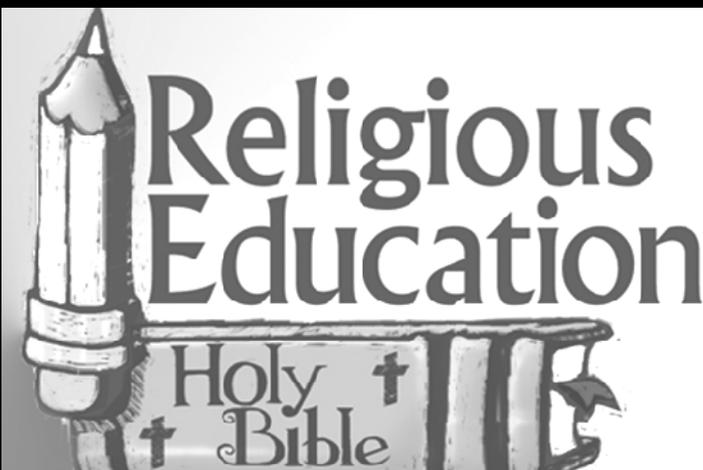
LOCATION CHANGE FOR “THE HEALING OF FAMILIES” SEMINAR WITH FR. YOZEFUO-B. SSEMAKULA

For all those who are registered—and those who wish to register—the location of this three-day seminar with Fr. Ssemakula—on January 29, 30, and 31 (Friday - Sunday), has been changed due to size constraints. It will now be held at the:

Sheraton Pasadena Hotel, 303 Cordova Street, Pasadena

Parking will be \$12 per car—so carpooling is recommended. However, the fees for this space will be much less than we would have had to pay, and accommodations will be very comfortable. For more details about the seminar and/or to register, go to our website, www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org, and click on the link, **HEALING OF FAMILIES**, at the top of the page; OR 3) e-mail denisekay@hotmail.com to request the registration form; or, if you don't have access to the internet, call (626) 282-2744 (223).

What is “The Healing of Families” Seminar? Fr. Yozefu-B. Ssemakula will present a simple, yet powerful, prayer method for freeing you and your family from things you have prayed about without results, including health issues. Explaining how we are our families and our families are us, he shows how what we usually think of as just our own personal problems in life are actually our family’s problems, only expressed in one or more members of the family. And, therefore, as long as we pray only for individuals of the family, our prayer is inadequate and ineffective. Fr. Joseph will show how God arranged our human life on our family system, as both a physical and a spiritual reality.



STRE NEWS: PARENTS! Religious Education is an extremely important part of the faith life of every Catholic family! If your children are not attending Catholic School, they NEED to be enrolled in a Religious Education program. Classes for elementary grades are held twice monthly on Sundays—from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Next Classes are in session on Sunday, January 31.

For any questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).

Classes are in session today, January 24, and Sunday, January 31.

All C2 Students: Mark your calendars! The Confirmation Retreat will be on February 19 through 21 in Big Bear. Watch for details! Also, the date of your Confirmation has been set for Sunday, May 22, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, with Bishop O’Connell presiding. For questions, contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2) or rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com.

RCIA Adult Faith Formation

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or completing your sacraments in the Catholic Church, please come to this class for more information. Classes are held on Thursdays from 7:00 to 900 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. The next date is **January 28**. For questions, please contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).

*Be one with
Jesus in
Eucharistic Adoration*



“Jesus speaks in the silence of the mystery of the Eucharist and reminds us that following Him means going out of ourselves and making our lives not something we ‘possess,’ but a gift to Him and to others. Allow your life to be transformed by Christ’s presence in the Eucharist.”

—Pope Francis

To sign up for a weekly hour, please call the coordinator, Ruben Beltran, at 284-0020 or email rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below you will find the total collections for last weekend and for the previous four weekends.

January 16 / 17, 2016

Unrestricted.....\$12,522.50
Restricted \$ 3,154.50
T O T A L\$15,677.00

Christmas 2015.....\$21,903.00
December 26 / 27.....\$32,447.00
January 2 / 3\$24,884.00
January 9 / 10\$14,311.00

“...for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

**SEEKING A
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
CATECHIST**

We are seeking someone who can teach Sunday School to the Third- and Fourth-Graders who are in their first year of First Communion preparation (eight to nine children). The current class has over 32 students, and we need to decrease its size. You would only need to come two Sundays a month through May. Also, one or two people are needed to serve as substitutes when our regular teachers are ill, etc. If interested in volunteering for these positions, please contact Rhonda Storey, the DRE, at 284-0020 (225).

Adult Ministries

YOUNG ADULTS (Ages 21–39, singles and couples): Join us for our events, including 1) Formation Talks most first Saturdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., (next will be February 6) in the Guadalupe Courtyard; and 2) Social Events, such as movie/pub nights, sports events, concerts, dances, etc. For info, contact Paula Grimm at pgrimm.dir@gmail.com.

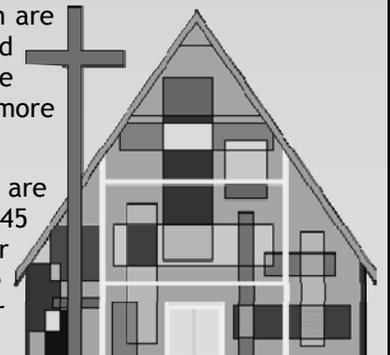
LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA: Due to a lack of donations, we are forced to end the Lighthouse ministry. Thank you to all those who donated in the past. God bless you!

CARMELITE SPIRITUAL READING GROUP: All are invited to join us every Monday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Library in the Parish Center. **Lectio Divina** is practiced on the first and third Mondays and **Spiritual reading** is done on the second and fourth. All are welcome! For more info, contact Jim Gillett at 213-448-1039 or jimgillett@me.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro) is for anyone who is grieving for 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 January 27. For more info, call the office at 282-2744.

WOMEN’S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Come join us for this prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats! Children are welcome (play area available). Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. The next meeting will be January 28. For more info, contact Dara at (301) 542-9701.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES: Irish dance classes are held on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (for 45 minutes to one hour). Classes are for kids 4+ and for adults and are taught by Mrs. Kelly Mohun. For more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions

For the Week of 1/23/16 TO 1/30/16

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Belen Juarez RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Judy Doto RIP

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: In Honor of Santo Nino

11:00 a.m.: Carmelita Basco INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Jean Marie Canzano INT

5:00 p.m.: Nancy Kern RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Joshua Martin Cohen INT

*7:30 a.m.: Andrea Merea INT

8:00 a.m.: Zeferina Gonzalez RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Injo Tek Hoh & Lan Injo RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Michel Mendez RIP

8:00 a.m.: Sr. Bernadette McConville RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Rosario Aluning RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Patrick McAllister INT

8:00 a.m.: Tim Dennehy RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Mazzili INT

*7:30 a.m.: Lorenza Sanchez INT

8:00 a.m.: Bram Tambunan RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Cirilo Ignacio Diaz RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Hector Lugo RIP

8:00 a.m.: Maureen Bursnell RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Tai Seng, Yu-Mei, & Kuo Shuong Huo RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Richard Nunez RIP

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

Floral Dedications

This week's Floral Dedication is:

 In Loving Memory
of Ida Moretti



To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. Bouquets are \$40 and up.

Personal Ads

KITTENS: Parishioner needs help finding loving, permanent homes for five 8-month old black kittens (rescued at 4-weeks old). Very loving with all medical needs met. Contact: Theresa Cardinali at 975-8210.

Outside the Parish

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. PAUL KOENIG, OCD: In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, travel to Poland & Italy in the steps of St. John Paul II, the great "Mercy Pope," from April 13 - 26. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or Jack Day at (323) 722-9339. Details available at <http://www.syversentouring.com/carmel>.

EASTERN EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE, Sept. 12-27, in celebration of the Jubilee "Year of Mercy": Croatia, Dubrovnik, Medjugorje, Vienna, Budapest, Prague, places associated with Saints John Paul II and Faustina (the "Divine Mercy" Shrine), and many more. \$3,999 (double occupancy) all inclusive, air, transfers, land transport and lodging, breakfast/dinner, daily Masses and much more--all led by a Carmelite Chaplain. Insurance and single supplement available and optional. For more info, please contact Beth at maddatubeth@gmail.com or (408) 903-6305.

Avenue of Travel with Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD presents "Marian Shrines of Europe" with Fr. Jan Lundberg on Sep. 16 -30 (15 days 13 nights). \$4141 per person, double occupancy, includes Airfare from LAX. (single supplement, add \$571 extra). Check with us for departures from other cities. Visits to Madrid, Avila, Fatima, Santiago DeCompostela, Burgos, Lourdes, Barcelona, Montserrat, Saragossa. Prices include daily buffet breakfast, 13 dinners, daily Mass, Travel Protection Plan included. If interested, book ASAP with deposit \$559 per person before rates go up. Final pymt due 6/1/2016. Send check to Avenue of Travel, P.O. Box 60068, San Angelo, TX 76906. Contact Angela Yang at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

Intentions of our Holy Father for January 2016:

1) That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice; and 2) That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

L e c t o r s

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Charitt Torres / Alice Cheung

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Blanca Ruvalcaba / Lucy Lopez

9:00 a.m. Lucas Setiady / Rosa Natividad

11:00 a.m. Pat Cervantes / Andy Zepeda

5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas

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