

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 27, 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.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..." -Luke 4:18



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
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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

The office is at 510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra. Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm...
2:00 to 5:00 pm... and 6:00 to 8:00 pm—closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel is open 24/7. An electronic key is needed from 5:00 pm to 6:00 am (available in the office for \$20).

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Today's Gospel is one half of a story. Next week's is the conclusion. In this week's first part, Jesus speaks and puts economic and social justice issues at the center of His ministry. He proclaims that He has been anointed to bring good news to the poor, release to prisoners, freedom for the oppressed, and a year acceptable to the Lord (Luke 4:18-19). Next week we will hear about the response to His message. First, the congregation will appear amazed. They will compliment Him on His gracious words. However, because there was perniciousness lurking behind this façade, the story takes a sharp turn. At one moment they praise Him, the next they want to kill Him. Why?

Some scholars have opined that this story is really part of *two different events* and that Luke somehow mistakenly combined them. Others act as if everything would have been fine if Jesus had not begun confronting His audience. There is another more convincing interpretation, but it requires one to consider the context in which Jesus spoke. Jesus goes to the synagogue, reads the Scripture, and offers interpretation. He then realizes, by their response, that they are *against* Him. What throws us off is their initial reaction of amazement. But was it true amazement and respect or was it amazed disbelief? Were they just being initially polite? It's really hard to say; but, for all intents and purposes, they seemed at this point to be responding well. However, they then ask about Jesus, "*Is not this Joseph's son?*" This is where things turn sour. There are two things about this question that reveal their veiled animosity. First, the question raises the issue of Jesus' legitimacy. Second, the question shows disrespect. The Law precludes those of illegitimate birth from taking any leadership position in the synagogue or in the nation (Deuteronomy 23:2). By questioning Jesus' parentage, they are questioning His authority to teach and speak and lead the people of Israel. By referring to Him as Joseph's son, they disgrace Him by failing to call Him by His name. Jesus need hear no more.

Jesus says, "*Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself'*". In other words, they seem to be saying to Him to cure Himself of His illegitimacy. He then accuses them of demanding that He perform miracles. He follows that up by saying, "*Truly, I tell you, no prophet is accepted in His own hometown.*" This story challenges us with Jesus' humanity. Jesus doesn't call Himself, "the Son of God." Instead, He likens Himself to the prophets. The townspeople knew Him as a child and did not recognize any special powers in Him—and He didn't perform miracles when He was there. This passage says nothing about Jesus as the Son of God who came to die for our sins. The mystery is that Jesus was both fully human and fully divine at the same time. However, by focusing here on His humanity, we can better understand Him and the conflict He evokes. We become able to place ourselves in His shoes to better understand His ministry.



Today we can imagine something similar happening in many churches. In today's Gospel, Jesus has just placed economic and social justice at the center of His ministry (that didn't go over very well in His day, and it wouldn't go over well in many churches today). Jesus then makes His point clear. He tells them that God sent the prophets to feed a pagan while many Jews starved; that God healed an enemy while Jews suffered. Just when they expected to hear about God's vengeance on Israel's enemies, Jesus recalls those two instances in the Old Testament and, in essence, says: *You are the despised. You are the unworthy. You are the unclean. You are the illegitimate.*

A number of Christians today seem to take pleasure in speaking about eternal damnation for others. This is not unlike the Jews in the synagogue who looked forward to God's vengeance on their enemies and on pagans. What Jesus said to them He now says to the world: God may surprise you! Those you assume are destined for torment, God may save; and those you assume will be rewarded, God may reject.

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

For questions, contact John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com



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 in the **Lisieux Room in the Parish Offices at 6:30 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 or 236-6147.



NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Saint Therese Carmelite School (School), mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the School. The School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools. While the School does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the School are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the School in meeting the student's needs.

WOMEN'S RETREAT MEETING

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.**

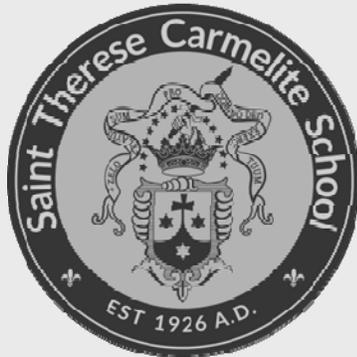
INFO
Meeting

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.

Saint Therese Carmelite School

www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.



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

Perpetual Adoration

"The flesh feeds on the Body and Blood of Christ that the soul may be fattened on God."
- Tertullian



The Adoration Chapel is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You must get an electronic key for \$20 from the office in order to use the chapel between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. as it is locked for security purposes.



We are accepting new student applications for the 3rd quarter.
(289-3364 or 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 19 / 20, 2019

Unrestricted.....\$12,001.00

Restricted\$ 1,227.00

T O T A L \$13,228.00

Christmas..... \$25,466.00

December 29 / 30.....\$23,124.00

New Year's.....\$ 8,093.00

January 5 /6.....\$17,339.00

January 12 /13.....\$23,007.00

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

LITTLE WAY GALA



2019 Recipient of the Lantry Award

COMING IN LESS THAN FOUR WEEKS!

We hope you will join us for our School's Annual Gala on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.**, at the Lakeview Room of Almansor Court in Alhambra. The evening will include a happy hour, a delicious dinner and dessert, **SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS**, and dancing!

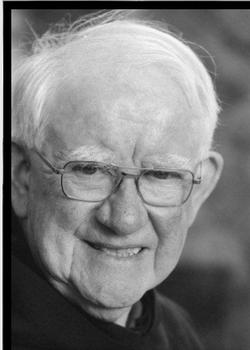
This year's recipient of the Lantry Award will be the Associate Pastor of St. Therese Church and Chaplain of our School, **Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD**. Fr. Matthias also teaches Music and Religion at our School, as well as coordinates our Youth Ministry Program, **COR JESU**.

The Lantry Award is awarded every year to someone who stands out as a role model for our School families and parishioners. It was first awarded in the year 2017 to Fr. Albert Bunsic, who celebrated his 50th year of priesthood that same year.

Tickets are \$95 each. Become a sponsor for as low as \$1,500!

Please make your reservations by February 8th by purchasing your tickets at the website,

www.bidpal.net/stcsauction.



Fr. Jerome Lantry of the Immaculate Conception

Ticket prices for the Little Way Gala will increase after February 13; get yours now!

Any ads or dedications you'd like to put in the Silent Auction booklet are due by February 8!

Winter Drawing Tickets are DUE by February 15!



Making Plans

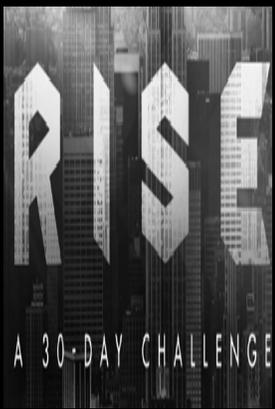
If you are planning for a year,
sow rice.

If you are planning for a decade,
plant trees.

If you are planning for a lifetime,
educate a child.

-Chinese Proverb

MEN'S MINISTRY 2019: A Year Acceptable to the Lord



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 or contact Andy Acosta at 703-8939 or A.Acosta2046@gmail.com.

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be *"a year acceptable to the Lord."* And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing His listeners at that time. When Jesus announced the arrival of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, *"Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."*

The year acceptable to the Lord is **this year**. The day that is holy is **this day**. The time to listen is **now**. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's Word.

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 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; OR **Courage LA for persons struggling with same sex attraction:** 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 meetings will be Wednesdays, February 13 and 27.**

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: For info on what the Church teaches about being open to life, please contact Jack and Katrina Crow at 292-1906 or 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

Floral Dedications

**For the Week of
Jan. 26 through Feb. 2, 2019**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Telliana Lau, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 am: Tina Mary Morris, INT
7:30 a.m.: Patrick McAllister, INT
9:00 a.m.: Trong Van Le, RIP
11:00 a.m.: Julia Munoz, RIP
1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Parishioners
5:00 p.m.: Emelia Vega, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Eugene Mushinskie, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Rosa Nguyen & Family, INT
8:00 a.m.: Bridie McDermott, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Uyen Dinh & Family, INT
8:00 a.m.: Telliana Tai-Wah Lau, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Park Ho Soon Maria, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Patricia Ocampo, INT
8:00 a.m.: Patrick Hew, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Ed Broom, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Uyen Dinh & Family, INT
8:00 a.m.: Bridie McDermott, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Angelle Francisse & Karina Therese, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Tina Mary Morris, INT
8:00 a.m.: Eugene Mushinskie, RIP
7:30 p.m.: Nino & Maria Ruvalcaba, RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Teddy Yang, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
8:00 a.m.: Stan Joslyn, RIP

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

This week's dedication is:

In Loving Memory of

Ida Moretti and Giancarlo Moretti



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 \$90 for two arrangements.

Outside the Parish

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD will lead a Discalced Carmelite pilgrimage to Spain in honor of the Tucson Carmelite Martyrs of the Spanish Civil War from Oct 11 to 21 (Avila, Alba De Tormes, Valladolid, Burgos, Pamplona, San Sebastian, Loyola, Zaragoza, Lleida, Vic, Montserrat, Barcelona and Tarragona). Cost is \$4,509 per person, based on double occupancy. Single supplement, \$529 per person additional. Cost includes round-trip airfare from LA, all lodgings, daily breakfast and dinner, daily Mass, and sightseeing. If interested, contact Angela Yang, Avenue of Travel: Email, aokyang@gmail.com or Tel, 394-4367.

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. Rebeca Willis / Larry Dumont

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Thu Nguyen / Flora Santoso
9:00 a.m. John Kienker / Lucas Setiady
11:00 a.m. Sarah Halpin / Pat Cervantes
5:00 p.m. Charlie Gopez / Peter Chiu

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

† The victims of violence throughout the world