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St. Therese Church

Established 1924

510 North El Molino Street • Alhambra, California 91801 • (626) 282-2744 • FAX (626) 282-7560 (Unless otherwise indicated, all telephone numbers are in the **626 area code**.) Web Page: <http://www.mysttherese.org>

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Masses & Services:

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm
Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Devotions:

Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm
Warrior-Intercessors: Thursdays, 8:00 pm
St. Joseph Devotion: Tuesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm
St. Joseph Project: 3rd Tues. (Nov.-Apr.) Mass, 7:00 pm
Fatima Pilgrimage: 13th of the month (May-Oct.), 7:00 pm

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
-Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
-Saturdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Baptism: Call 284-0200, ext. 225, for schedule
Marriage: Contact priest at least six months before
RCIA (Sac. for adults) Rhonda Storey 284-0020, Ext. 225

Other Ministries / Programs:

Legion of Mary: Wed., 7:00 pm - Jim Lindsey 943-9841
Little Flower Play Group: Thursdays, 10:00 am
Christiane Garcia 674-9800
Mary of Mt. Carmel Prayer Ministry: First Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
Peace & Justice Prayer Ministry:
Tuesdays at 6:15 PM - Edward William 768-0758
Respect Life Ministry: Call the rectory at 282-2744
Rosary Makers: Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm
Edward William 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com

Pastor:

Fr. Jan Lundberg, OCD (Ext. 222)

Associate Pastors:

Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD (Ext. 226)
Fr. David Guzman, OCD (Ext. 337)

In Residence:

Fr. Jerome Lantry, OCD (Ext. 334)

Deacon Couple:

Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)

Parish Vocation Director:

Fr. David Guzman, OCD (Ext. 337)

Parish Secretary:

 Denise McMaster (Ext. 223)

Finances:

 Please call Extension 228

Director of Music:

 Robert Prichard 441-5401

Christian Services:

 Bridie McDermott (Ext. 224)

Liturgical Coordinators:

Lectors: Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)
Eucharistic Ministers of the Altar: Dn J. & L. Mizerski (221)
Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick: M/M Padilla, 282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (Ext. 225)

rhondalstorey@gmail.com

* Pre K through 8th Grade * Adult Religious Ed

Youth Ministry / Young Adult Ministry:

Rocio Avila 284-0020 (Ext. 235)

Confirmation Program for Youth:

(9th and 10th Graders) Rocio Avila 284-0020 (Ext. 235)

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-3364, Ext. 660

Principal: Carmela Lovano, Clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org

Web Site: www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org

Eucharistic Adoration - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations.
Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson – 289-0388

New Parishioners: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE! Please come to the Parish office to register
(Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm**).



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

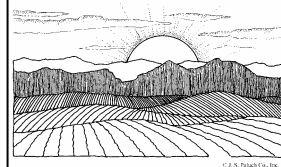
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Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.” —Matthew 5:3

G O D ' S W A Y S

If we itemized the top ten things that bring us happiness, what items might show up on the list? A hefty bank account? A Caribbean cruise or an African safari? A shopping mall marathon? Season tickets for the hometown team? A new car? If we already have some of these things, most likely we know they don't bring us true happiness. Fact is, they probably bring us more aggravation—items to return or repair, one more object for people to argue over. Today's Scriptures point us toward the things that bring us true joy. The words of all three passages conflict with our society's conviction that fortune, fame, and power are the sought-after treasures of life. God's ways are not the ways of our popular culture, after all, and today's readings help point us in the right direction.

Blessed
are the
peacemakers



FEAST OF FAITH (“I Confess”): One form of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is the traditional *Confiteor*, or “I Confess,” a prayer that was formerly prayed by the priest alone at the foot of the altar, but which is now prayed by the entire assembly. The *Confiteor* is at once personal (“I confess”) and communal (prayed aloud, together). We recognize that sin does not just separate us from God; sin comes between us and others, isolating us. We acknowledge that sin has many dimensions, individual and communal: sins of thought, sins of speech, sins of action, sins of omission. Sin is not something that happens to us; sin is something we do. In the *Confiteor*, we take responsibility for our own actions. The repeated insistence on our “fault,” with the ritual gesture of striking the breast, an ancient sign of penitence, is not meant to lower our self-esteem. Rather, it acknowledges our human instinct to transfer the blame whenever we can (“The devil made me do it!”). This prayer stops us short. We take responsibility for ourselves, our actions, our failure to act. Then we cry out to God in those ancient words, *Kyrie, Eleison*—Lord, have mercy. For the sinner who repents, there is mercy. This truth is at the heart of our faith, and it is where the Mass, our feast of faith, begins.

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS:



REGISTRATION PACKETS are now available in the school office. For more information, contact the school at 289-3364 or go online at www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org to download forms. (Also, see us at www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org and follow us on Facebook.)

ST. THERESE SCHOOL DINNER & SILENT AUCTION, “Celebrating A Vision of Peace,” on Saturday, February 26, at the Brookside Country Club in Pasadena. Tickets are available in the school office (www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org, 289-3364).

SHAPING FUTURES...TEACHING STUDENTS...SERVING FAMILIES

SPECIAL



CONGRATULATIONS, FR. DAVID! May God bless you, Fr. David, on the one-year anniversary of your ordination (January 31). May our Lord shower you with many graces!

ALLEGIANCE TO JESUS: MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL PRAYER MINISTRY

All are invited to the next session of this monthly Carmelite Retreat Night. It will be this **Friday, February 4, beginning at 7:00 p.m., and continuing throughout the night (until daybreak)**. It includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, led meditations, the five-decade Rosary, Holy Mass, prayers of recollection, a conference by Fr. Robert Elias (at about 10:00 p.m.), and the Divine Praises and Benediction.

VIDEO NIGHT PRESENTS... FACING THE DEMONS WITH CHRIST AT YOUR SIDE: This video is part of a lecture given by **Fr. John Hampsch, CMF**. A brilliant and holy priest and exorcist, Fr. Hampsch explains the many forms of demonic presence in our world and what to do to combat these influences. It will be presented this **Friday, February 4, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the Parish Meeting Room..

INTRODUCTION TO "THEOLOGY OF THE BODY": St. Therese Parish welcomes Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P., who will present an encore of his three-day introduction to Pope John Paul II's "*Theology of the Body*," an integrated vision of the human person—body and soul. Please invite your friends and family to attend on **Monday, February 14, through Wednesday, February 16**, at 7:00 p.m. each night, in the Parish Meeting Room.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER AUXILIARY LUNCHEON: All are invited to this annual event, which will be held on **Thursday, February 10**, at the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center, 700 N. Sunnyside Avenue, Sierra Madre. Mass will be at 10:00 a.m.; Hospitality and luncheon to follow. Guest speakers will be high school students who are active in the PRO-LIFE movement. **Please RSVP to Amy Wooler at 798-0585.**

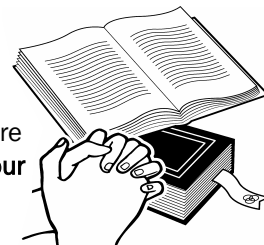


USHER IN-SERVICE FOR CURRENT AND NEW USHERS: We are now seeking additional and alternate ushers for all our Masses! On **Saturday, February 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, please join Fr. Jan and Fr. David, and Usher Bob Meyer in the Parish Hall for an Usher In-Service & Lunch. It is for **both our current ushers, those interested in becoming ushers, and anyone interested in learning more.** We will go over protocol (the "how-to's of ushering," dealing with emergency situations and/or security issues—which is of *considerable* importance), attire, some **newly-implemented changes** for bringing up the collection, etc., and VIRTUS policies (it is an Archdiocesan regulation that all ushers be trained in VIRTUS). **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!** Please call 284-0020, ext 225, to sign up for an enjoyable day of Usher training! We especially hope to see ALL of our current ushers at this event.

FINGERPRINTING SESSION: There will be a Finger Printing session here on **Saturday, February 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, in the Kindergarten classroom. As mandated by the Archdiocese, **all staff, teachers, sacristans, lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, and ANY VOLUNTEERS who help out in any way at the church or school, MUST be fingerprinted.** This includes everyone who works at the Parish Festival and Ministry Fair booths. Please assist us in meeting our goal of 100% compliance. To schedule an appointment, please contact Rhonda at 284-0020, ext 225.

FLORAL DEDICATION PROGRAM: If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one AND help to beautify the church at the same time, then take advantage of our Floral Dedication Program. You may choose the flowers and the colors of the bouquet(s) for not only memorial remembrances, but also for anniversaries, birthdays, engagements, weddings, baptisms, get-well wishes, etc. For each dedication, a notice will be posted in the bulletin (on the Mass intentions page) under "Floral Dedication" and will include your loved one's name and the occasion. A donation of \$40 is requested for each dedication bouquet (this is the actual cost of the flowers). In order to schedule a memorial or a dedication, please contact Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.

PARISH MINISTRIES



Seek the Lord

LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY SCHEDULES ARE HERE If you are a Eucharistic Minister or a Lector and do not have an email address, you may now **pick up your schedules** from the Sacristy for the months of February, March and April.

ST. THERESE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Rhonda Storey, 284-0020X 225

STRE: Classes are in session today, Sunday, January 30, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., followed by the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please keep in mind that **attendance at the Mass is PART OF THE PROGRAM.**

ALTAR SERVERS: **All* altar servers need to attend our monthly **FAMILY ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSIONS** (from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church). Our next session is **THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST.** Upcoming dates are: (none in March), April 5, May 3, and June 7 (first Tuesdays). *This includes older servers and those who don't attend St. Therese School.

YOUTH MINISTRY Rocio Avila, 284-0020, X235 We are working on building a new Youth Ministry team at St. Therese. Please keep the team in your prayers as we look forward to an active youth group program once again. If you are interested in helping with the youth program, please contact Rocio at the above number.

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH Rocio Avila, 284-0020, X235 *** Upcoming dates for Confirmation classes: Today, January 30, and February 13 and 27 (no class on February 6 or 20). The **PARENT CONFIRMATION MEETING** has been moved from Sun., February 13, to Sun., February 27, in the Parish Library (2nd floor).

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY Edward William, 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com (Prayer with Action: Strengthening of Families, Conversion of Sinners, and Peace in the World)

St. Joseph Prayer Devotion: Join us on **Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. in front of the St. Joseph statue** in the church. Let us all join together in solidarity to **pray** for peace and justice in every aspect of life, with the help of St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church.

The Rosary Makers: We meet on **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room** (following the St. Joseph Prayer Devotion). You are invited to help us make the rosaries (we'll show you how!), which are then shipped to missions throughout the world. This is our **action** aspect of the Peace & Justice Ministry.

COFFEE & DONUTS (HOSPITALITY MINISTRY): Coffee and Donuts will be served most Sundays after the morning Masses **in the Parish Hall** (will be served today but not next Sunday, February 6, since it is SUPER BOWL SUNDAY). Different ministries will take turns hosting. Please join them and other parishioners and get to know someone new!

BAPTISM MINISTRY: Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, X 225—In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **BOTH**



PARENTS AND GODPARENTS are required to: 1) Have an interview with a Baptismal Team member (interviews must be held the month BEFORE the Baptism); 2) Attend one pre-baptismal class (next classes are **February 7 and March 1**, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library); And 3) Be presented to the congregation at Mass (the next Presentation Sundays are **February 20 and March 6** at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. After completing these steps, your baby will then be baptized on a Saturday afternoon (next OPEN Baptisms are at Noon on **February 26 and March 12**). **SELECTING THE GODPARENTS:** Please note that Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (most people have two) who: **1) is at least 16 years of age; 2) has received the Sacrament of Confirmation; and 3) is a practicing Catholic.** If you would like to baptize your child at St. Therese, call Rhonda Storey at the above number to set up an interview.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: **ROSE BOWL WALK FOR LIFE:** Registration is now open for a spirited 2.5 mile walk at the Rose Bowl on **Sunday, March 27.** Check-in begins at 11:00 a.m.; the walk and kick-off is at 12:30 p.m. **Coadjutor Archbishop Gomez** will lead the opening prayer, followed inspiring speakers, food trucks, live music, and KIDZONE. **Raise money for the pro-life group YOU choose!** For more info, call 755-7323 or go to www.walk4LIFEsoCal.com.

ST. THERESE 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.

PARISH MINISTRIES / NEWS:

PERPETUAL ADORATION



"At the time of Holy Communion I sometimes picture my soul as a little child of three or four years, who at play has got her hair tossed and her clothes soiled. These misfortunes have befallen me in battling with souls. But very soon the Blessed Virgin hastens to my aid: quickly, she takes off my dirty little pinafore, smooths my hair and adorns it with a pretty ribbon or simply with a little flower...

and this suffices to render me pleasing and enables me to sit before the Blessed Sacrament without blushing."

--St. Therese of Lisieux, Counsels and Reminiscences

SIGN UP! The Adoration Chapel is open day and night to adore Jesus in the exposed Blessed Sacrament. To sign up, call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

HELP! WE'RE MISSING A WEDDING CEREMONY KNEELER COVER!

We are missing one of our "Marriage Cross" kneeler covers, which is used for wedding ceremonies here at St. Therese. It is white with a green marriage cross in the center and gold fringe around the edges. If you have borrowed it or put it in the wrong place, please return it immediately to either the sacristy or the rectory! Thank you for your consideration.



FINANCIAL:

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Below are the collection totals for last weekend, followed by the total collections for the corresponding weekend from the previous year:

January 22 / 23, 2011

Unrestricted.....\$12,145.00
Restricted \$ 809.00

January 23 / 24, 2010:

Unrestricted.....\$ 8,912.00
Restricted.....\$ 2,242.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

2010 / 2011 TOGETHER IN MISSION

2010 Parish Goal:	\$51,226.00
Amount Pledged:	\$61,623.00
Amount Paid:	<u>\$61,180.00</u>
Difference Over Goal:	\$ 9,954.00

2011 Parish Goal:	\$53,286.00
Amount Paid towards goal:	<u>\$ 9,954.00</u>

Amount still needed to reach 2011 goal:	<u>\$43,332.00</u>
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WARRIOR-INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS:

"BLESSED ARE YOU!"

Living the Christian life as followers of Christ is only possible through the presence of the Holy Spirit in each of our hearts. Invite the Holy Spirit to be your guide and your love and ask that He continue



to guide His Church through His very own presence in each and every priest. Join us every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the church to pray for our priests. For more information, you may call Blanca at 282-2744, ext. 237.

