

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 24, 2019 **MINISTERED BY THE DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS** Estab. 1924



Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD X222;
Associate Pastor: Fr. David Guzman, OCD X232;
Carmelite Vocation Director: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD X224

In Residence:
Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD X335;
Fr. Donald Kinney, OCD (Chaplain for the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles);
Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD (7th Grade Teacher)

Deacons: Deacon Joseph Mizerski X333;
Deacon Gilbert Vargas X333

NEW PARISHIONERS,

Register in the office at 510 N. El Molino Street, Alhambra.

Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; from 2:00 to 5:00 pm; and from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm and from 5:00 to 6:00 pm).

The 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).

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL (626) 289-3364

www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

Principal: Alma Cornejo X661

Principal @sainttheresecarmelite.school.com

Chaplain: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD X224

See our VIDEOS on the School's Facebook page or on the Church's Website: > Our School > Videos



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 the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
First Friday: Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

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

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

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office to schedule an appointment.

Parish Secretary:

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Fr. Matthias Lambrecht,
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Grade School, Confirmation

for Youth & Adults,
RCIA, and Liturgical
Ministries): Call
the main office



Our Annual Guadalupe Dinner Festival



We can't wait to see you at this Annual Parish and School event! It will be held in the Hall from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., on Saturday, December 14. For dinner you will have your choice of several "Foods from Around the World," including Fr. Philip's World Famous Turkey Pozole, Grandma Carmelita's Tacos, homemade Pancit, authentic Italian pasta, and much more.



You will also have the opportunity to purchase gift baskets and raffle tickets—and to watch as we pull the winning ticket in the Early Bird raffle. During the evening, you will be entertained with live music and dancing performances. Admission is **FREE**, with the food sold *a la carte*.



Live Music

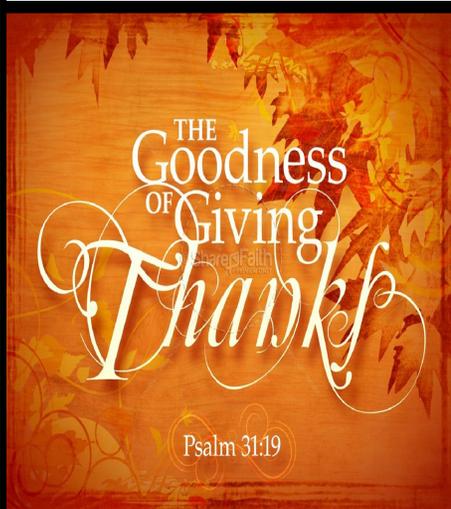
Tickets will be sold at the Dinner for the **WINTER DRAWING** for the following cash prizes:

Grand: \$2,500; 2nd: \$1,000; 3rd: \$500. Tickets are \$3 each OR ten for \$25.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Silent Auction Gala on February 21, 2020; **HOWEVER**, we will have an **EARLY BIRD DRAWING** (from all the entries for the Winter Drawing) at the Guadalupe Dinner to win a very nice wine basket. **Don't miss it!**

Thanksgiving Mass

This coming Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. We will have only one Mass that day, which will be celebrated at **10:00 a.m.** We know you will be very busy preparing your Feast, but we encourage you to start off the day thanking God in the best possible way, which is to thank Him within the Eucharistic celebration. This is very apropos since the word "Eucharist" is derived from the Greek word, "eucharistia," meaning "thanksgiving". (The word "Eucharist" began to be used by the Church in the 1st or 2nd century because the early Christians commemorated Christ's Last Supper with "thanksgiving".)



Once, St. Teresa was overwhelmed with God's Goodness and asked Our Lord, "How can I thank you?" Our Lord replied, "ATTEND ONE MASS."

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

BUS TRIP TO WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE

Vox Vitae is going to the Walk for Life in San Francisco on January 25th!—two months from now! The Walk and its counterpart, the March for Life in Washington, DC, commemorate the anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that stripped legal protection from unborn children on January 22, 1973. Since then, more than 60 million babies have been aborted in the United States. The Walk for Life is not a party. Rather, over 60,000 people gather together to remember the dead and resolve anew to work to end abortion. We remember also the wounded mothers, fathers, and other family members of the babies.



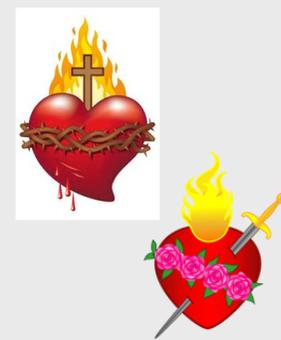
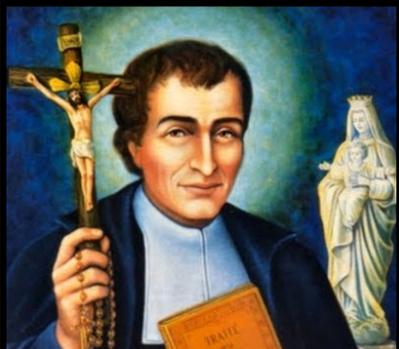
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN to join Vox Vitae in San Francisco for the 2020 Walk for Life (we'll have TWO buses!). Join us! You can register at VoxVitae.org at the Events page. Our tentative schedule on **Saturday, January 25, is:**

Please be a VOICE FOR LIFE! Register today!

Midnight - Check-in at St. Therese Church; **1:00 a.m.**—Depart; **7:00 a.m.**—Arrive in San Francisco; **7:30 a.m.**—Continental breakfast; **9:30 a.m.**—Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption; **11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**—Info Faire (Lunch can be purchased; bring your own lunch money!); **12:30-1:30 p.m.**—Speakers and rally; **1:30 p.m.**—Walk for Life; **4:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at Pier 1; **5:00 p.m.**—Protest at UCSF, the nation's abortion training headquarters and where they harvest organs from late-term babies; **5:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at UCSF; **6:00 p.m.**—FREE BBQ dinner at Our Lady Star of the Sea; **7:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at Our Lady Star of the Sea; **1:30 a.m.**—Arrive back at St. Therese Church on January 26.

The anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade* is an especially important time to demand legal protection for unborn babies.

PREPARATION FOR CONSECRATION



Join us for Saint Louis de Montfort's Classic Preparation for Consecration, "TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY: TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS". Make your first act of consecration OR renew your consecration to Jesus through true devotion to Mary, whom we will be honoring under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Your Consecration Day will be at a special Mass in December.

The next class (three out of five) for this 33-day preparation for Consecration will meet in the Parish Library from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**, tonight, **SUNDAY, November 24 (as well as on December 1 and 8)**.

COME AS YOU ARE! All materials will be provided. We will:

- Pray the Rosary together at the classes.
- Ponder the spiritual teachings and consecration formula of St. Louis de Montfort.
- Reflect on Scripture and *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas a Kempis.

St. Louis De Montfort was a French priest living in the 17th and 18th centuries who proclaimed the path to Jesus through Mary.

He said, "Mary is an echo of God, speaking and repeating only God. If you say 'Mary' she says 'God'".

For more information, contact Angela at (310) 701-8386.

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.

NOTE: The second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month is for our School (next is December 14 / 15).



November 16 / 17, 2019

Unrestricted.....\$18,880.00
Restricted \$ 4,478.00
T O T A L \$23,358.00

October 19 / 20..... \$26,329.00
October 26 / 27..... \$14,858.00
November 2 / 3..... \$17,392.00
November 9 / 10.....\$17,120.00

Check Users:

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

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE



Please bring food & turkeys next Sunday!

We will once again be distributing food for the holidays to those in our community who are suffering financially. Please help us by donating non-perishable food items (boxes, bags, cans) AND turkeys for our Thanksgiving Food Drive! Please bring these items to the Parish Hall **TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

We will have freezers available in the Hall that day to place the turkeys until we distribute them the next evening.

Remember... God will not be outdone in generosity!

SPAGHETTI WITH SANTA

The Knights of Columbus will host a "Spaghetti with Santa" Dinner on Saturday Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

Tickets will be available after all of the Masses this weekend (November 23/24) and next (November 30/December 1). The cost is \$10 per adult (13 and older) and it's FREE for children 12 and under. There will be activities for the children, and Santa will be available for pictures.



ADORATION CHAPEL

"It is happiness to be in heaven because it is to be with Jesus; but have we not almost the same happiness here since we possess Him in the Most Holy Sacrament? Did we but know how to profit by His Divine Presence, we should in some way have no reason to envy the inhabitants of Heaven." - Marie Estelle Harpain

Our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration chapel is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (for security it is locked in the evening until 6:00 a.m. the next day. For a \$20 fee paid in the office during open hours, you can get an electronic key that will open the chapel during the hours it is locked).

DINNER & CONCERT GALA

Your are cordially invited to attend the "Decade of Love & Life" Gala with Guadalupe Pregnancy Services. Don't miss this Dinner & Classical Concert, featuring Elizabeth Krestyn, which will be held on Saturday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m., at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton. RSVP at pregnancy-gps.eventbrite.com or contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You are invited to attend a special Christmas concert here at St. Therese: **EMMET CAHILL'S CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND, WITH THE ST. THERESE CHOIR AND CREDO CATHOLIC CHOIR.** It will be held on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5,** at **7:30 p.m.,** in the church. Tickets—\$35 general admission or \$50 if you'd like to join us for the "Meet and Greet" at 6:00 p.m., followed by the concert—are available for purchase at www.EmmetCahill.com (click on the three white lines in upper left corner and choose TOUR DATES and then scroll down to December 5). You may also purchase tickets in our Office during open hours. To receive a **15% DISCOUNT,** enter **THERESE** in the **DISCOUNT CODE** online or say **THERESE** if you purchase in the office.

We look forward to seeing you there!

EMMET CAHILL'S
CHRISTMAS
IN IRELAND

With St. Therese Choir
and
Credo Catholic Choir

Thursday, December 5,
at 7:30 p.m.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

* **STRE** (Kindergarten through 8th Grade, including Eucharist Preparation): Next classes will be held **Sundays, December 8 and 15, at 9:00 a.m.**

• **CONFIRMATION** (High School): The next classes for First Year (C1) will be **Sunday, December 8, at 9:00 a.m.,** and **Tuesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m.** Classes for Second Year (C2) will be **Sunday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m.,** and **Tuesday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.**

• **RCIA:** If you wish to become Catholic or to complete your Sacraments, join us! Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room on most Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are December 5, 12, and 19.

BIBLE STUDY GUIDEBOOKS



Study Guides for our current Bible study, "*The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy,*" are available for any persons

wishing to watch lecture presentations online and do individual studies at their own pace.

If interested, call Debbie Robles at 679-6370 to register, drop off a \$30 book fee (checks payable to St. Therese Church), then pick up your Guide from—the Rectory. For more information, visit www.ascensionpress.com or contact Debbie at 679-6370 or debrobles@me.com.

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Check out these offerings available on FORMED about the saints whose feast days are in November: November 16: St Giuseppe Moscati (watch the movie "WONDERFUL"); November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary (read "Book of Saints and Heroes"); November 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Watch the movie, "Mary of Nazareth").

ONGOING PARISH MEETINGS / EVENTS

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: Held every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Next is December 6.

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 November 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, Frank Bodeman, 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 Church teaches about openness to life, contact Jack & Katrina Crow at 292-1906 or katrina.fcp@gmail.com for **English OR** Martha Lacayo for **Spanish** at 372-0808 or Martha.fcp@gmail.com. Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System/NaproTechnology are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact one of them to register for the classes.

RISE MEN'S MINISTRY: All men who have made the challenge at www.MenRiseUp.org are 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 questions, contact Greg Keller at greglsk@yahoo.com.

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.

CATHOLIC KARATE CLASSES

The current session of our karate classes resumed on November 14. Join us on Thursdays from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., per the following:

-**New Youth (Boys & Girls from 7 to 17)**—Learn to defend yourself; understand why you're worth protecting; and earn your black belt. Meet from 5:15 to 5:55 p.m.

-**Yellow & Orange Belts** meet from 6:00 to 6:40 p.m.

-**Men's Classes (18-60)**—Learn to protect yourself and your family. Meet 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Classes are held in the Parish Hall; register on site. Please arrive 15 minutes early!

FEES:

One Youth: \$10 per week; 2nd Youth: +\$7 per week; 3rd Youth: +\$7 per week; Additional Youths: +\$5 per week. Pay in full to save \$1 per week, per kid! Men: \$10 per week, plus a \$5 registration fee.

QUESTIONS? Email John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions

**For the Week of
November 23 through 30, 2019**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Mike Marikian, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: John Nguyen, INT

7:30 a.m.: Tristan & Zarah Huo, INT

9:00 a.m.: John Okamoto, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Soledad Ruiz, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Bolivar & Laura Jordan, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Michael & Cecilia Slichin, 29th Anniv, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Piedad Lakindanum, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Ignatiai Ghozali, Birthday Intention

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Otto Lacayo, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: DeAvila Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: John Okamoto, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Emi Ishikawa, RIP

Thursday—Thanksgiving Day:

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Nguyen, INT

10:00 a.m.: Otto Lacayo & Family, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Marites Francisco, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Sebastian Thottathil, Sr., RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Darey, Penny, Tristan, & Zarah Huo, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Little John Wrotniewski, 5th Birthday INT

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

Floral Dedications

This week's dedication is:

**In Thanksgiving:
Eleanore Tan and
Kenneth de la Cruz**

Make a dedication in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones! Bouquets are \$50+ each. Call Giovanna at 281-9049.



Outside the Parish

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, a former pastor of ours, will lead a 6-day SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City (December 8 to 13). \$1,599 per person, double occupancy. For more info, contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 or maddatubeth@gmail.com.

HELP FOR MARRIAGES: 82% of marriages that complete the nine month *Retrouville* (REH-tro-v-eye) program are still together five years later? For questions or registration, call 909-900-5465 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Confidential!

You are invited to join Fr. Joe Joseph's Pilgrimage to SWITZERLAND, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM, including the OBERAMMERGAU-PASSION PLAY from SEPT. 2 -14. Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@gmail.com. or 323-547-6618 / 323-344-1548.

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. Blanca Ruvalcaba / Thu Nguyen

9:00 a.m. Rosa Natividad

11:00 a.m. Jason Perez / Andy Zepeda

5:00 p.m. Charlie Gopez

Personal Ads

SEEKING TO RENT a private room with a non-sharing bath. Clean, quiet, non-smoking/-drinking lady always pays on time. Can afford up to \$700/mo., plus security. Call Valerie at 626-353-7648.

LADY SEEKS TO RENT a room, studio, or loft (with private, non-sharing bath). Clean, quiet, non-smoking/-drinking, and always pay on time—up to \$700/mo, plus a security deposit. Call Irene Ascas at 627-1899.