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St. Therese Church

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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:

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias 323-724-6443
Legion of Mary: Wed., 7:00 pm - Michelle Mestas 755-0564
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
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Pastor:

Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (Ext. 226)

Associate Pastors:

Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (Ext. 232)
Fr. David Guzman, OCD (Ext. 337)

In Residence:

Fr. Jerome Lantry, OCD (Ext. 334)

Deacon Couple:

Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)

Vocations: Parish: Fr. David Guzman OCD (X 337);
Regional: 909-629-9495; Archdiocesan: 213-637-7515

Parish Secretary: Denise McMaster (Ext. 223)

Finances/Donations: Please call Extension 228

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: Fred & Margaret
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:

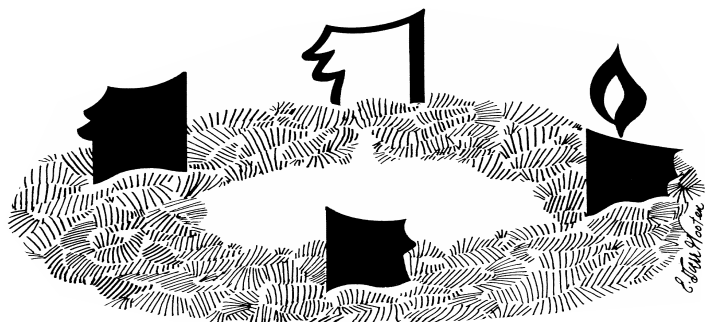
(9th and 10th Graders) Rocio Avila 284-0020 (Ext. 235)

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. **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**



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2011

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” –Mark 13:33

ADVENT BEGINS TODAY!

Advent, which begins the new Church year, is the period preceding the Christmas season which begins on the Sunday nearest November 30, the feast of St. Andrew, and covers four Sundays. The word Advent means “the coming.” For centuries, it has been a time of reflection, as well as cheer and anticipation. Advent, observed from about the fourth century, was originally a time when converts to Christianity readied themselves for baptism.

During the Middle Ages, Advent also became associated with preparation for the Second Coming. In early days Advent lasted from November 11, the feast of St. Martin, until Christmas Day. Advent was considered a pre-Christmas season of Lent when Christians devoted themselves to prayer and fasting.

Advent wreaths have their origins in the folk traditions of northern Europe, where in the deep of winter, people lit candles on wheel-shaped bundles of evergreen. Both the evergreen and the circular shape symbolized ongoing life. An Advent wreath traditionally contains four candles—three purple and one rose. Purple dyes were one so rare and costly that they were associated with royalty and long used by the Church to honor Jesus. The three purple candles, symbolizing hope, peace, and love, are lit on the first, second, and fourth Sundays of Advent. The rose candle, which symbolizes joy, is lit on the third Sunday, also known as Gaudete Sunday—a word which means “rejoice.” Sometimes a fifth candle is placed inside the Advent wreath and is lit on Christmas Day. It is white, the color associated with purity and the birth of Jesus.



An Advent calendar is a card or poster with twenty-four small doors (traditionally concealing an image from the Old Testament)—one to be opened each day from December 1 until Christmas Eve. This tradition arose in Germany in the late 1800s and spread throughout Europe and North America. Considered a fun way of counting down the days until Christmas, unfortunately many Advent calendars today have no religious content. Now, alongside traditional Advent calendars are those whose doors open to display teddy bears, chocolate, or photos of pop stars.

If you haven't already done so, **BRING OUT (or buy one!) YOUR ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES AND/OR ADVENT CALENDAR** so that you may begin your Advent season!

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS:



NEW SCRIP GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE! You asked for it; we've got it! We now have scrip gift cards for Amazon, Taco Bell, and Chipotle Mexican Grill

SAVE THE DATE! Our annual Silent Auction Dinner & Dance, “Denim & Diamonds” will be on March 17, 2012.

EVERY LITTLE THING ADDS UP! Please support us in the following ways: Register your Ralphs, Von's or Target cards with STS, so we can earn rewards. Send in your Fresh & Easy receipts & BoxTops for Education. And shop on the Marketplace link at www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org for costumes, candy, Groupon deals so we can earn a percentage of your purchase too. Do you have a School Appreciation card for Jamba Juice? Stop by our office to pick one up. You will get \$1 off your Jamba Juice and we will get 10%.

S P E C I A L



TRADITIONAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Marriage and Family Ministry will host a "Traditional Family Christmas Party" in the Hall this coming **Saturday, December 3, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** There will be refreshments, Christmas caroling and karaoke, boutique items for sale, Christmas crafts for the kids, and PHOTOS WITH SANTA CLAUS. For more information, call Tony & Veronica Nieves at 351-7779.

CASH FOR GOLD: St. Therese School will host a gold fundraiser on **Saturday, December 3, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the school office.** Trade in your unwanted, mismatched, or broken gold jewelry for cash; licensed appraisers will test and weigh your gold. Call 289-3364 to schedule an appointment.

**See's
CANDIES®**

RELIGIOUS ED "SEE'S CANDY" FUNDRAISER St. Therese Religious Ed is selling See's Candy to help raise money for our children's religious education programs and the altar service program. Flyers with all the details can be found on the tables by the church doors. **Please submit your orders to Rhonda Storey by December 4.**

GOLD AWARD PROJECT: Got too many books? Nicole, an Ambassador Girl Scout from Troop 3581 (under Mrs. Storey), is collecting books. She is collecting children's books new and/or gently used, to build a library for those children who cannot afford to buy books. This scout is working with a local library to develop a reading program to encourage literacy in children. Please help her build her library. You can drop off books to Mrs. Storey or in the rectory. Thank you for your help. For more information you can contact Mrs. Storey at (626) 284-0020 ext. 225



ADULT BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING: **Our study subject this year is "ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom," and is held most Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.,** in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center. Share with the early Christians the joys and struggles of living the life of Christ and learn how these apply to us today. See your place in Christ's Church, and how you should live day-to-day as a disciple of Christ. This DVD-study series features Jeff Cavins, creator of the Great Adventure Bible Study. The study manual is \$30 per person. For more info, contact Victoria at 323-343-9064 or Rocio at 818-317-3395.



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 kind of flowers and the colors 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

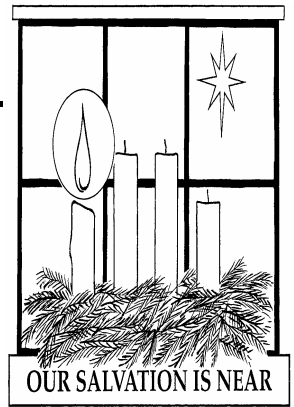
ST. THERESE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rhonda Storey, 284-0020X 225

STRE: Next classes will be **Dec. 4**, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. Attendance at the 11:00 a.m. Mass is required for all families in the STRE program.

SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER We're selling See's Candy to help raise money for our children's programs. Flyers with all the details can be found on the tables by the church doors. **Please submit your orders to Rhonda Storey by December 4.**

ALTAR SERVERS: The next training date will be **January 10** (NO training in December).



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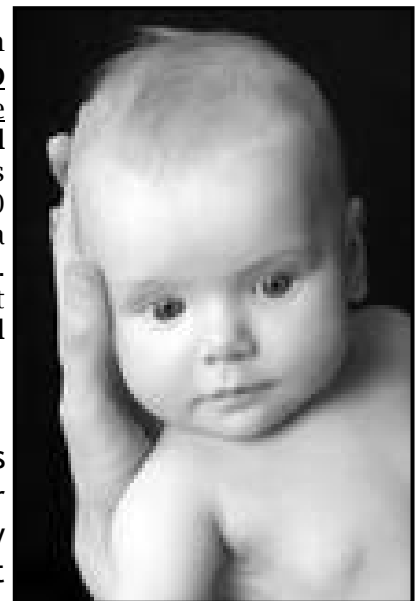


R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) 2011-2012: If you are interested in becoming Catholic and learning about the Church—or know someone who is—then come, or have the person you know come, to the RCIA classes in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Rhonda at 284-0020, ext. 225.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, **NO classes TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 27 (we will resume on December 4).** Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rocio Avila at 282-2744 ext. 235.

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

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 (must be held the month BEFORE the Baptism); 2) Attend one class (next are on **Dec. 5 and Jan. 9**) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Library); And 3) Be presented at Mass at a Presentation Sunday (next are **Dec 11 and Jan. 15**) at the 9:00 a.m. Mass). After completing these, your child will be baptized on a Saturday (next OPEN Baptisms are at Noon on **Dec 17 and Jan. 21**). **SELECTING THE GODPARENTS:** Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) is at least 16; 2) has received Confirmation; and 3) is a practicing Catholic.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: **RESPECT LIFE QUOTE:** “That is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition of her survival, yes, the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weak and most defenseless ones, not the least of which are the yet unborn.” —Pope John Paul II

PARISH MINISTRIES / NEWS:

PERPETUAL ADORATION



"Lord Jesus, Who in the Eucharist make your dwelling among us and become our traveling companion, sustain our Christian communities so that they may be ever more open to listening and accepting your Word. May they draw from the Eucharist a renewed commitment to spreading in society, by the

proclamation of your Gospel, the signs and deeds of an attentive and active charity." --Pope John Paul II

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.**

LEGION OF MARY AUXILIARY:

The Legion of Mary / Queen Beauty of Carmel of St. Therese Church kindly requests that all of its Auxiliary Members contact **Marsha Macias at 432-1845** in order to update our roster. In doing so, we hope to reacquaint ourselves with our praying ranks. Remember... we are available for visitations!



SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN:

DID YOU KNOW? Five Tips for Safeguarding Children. The Archdiocese mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools must undergo child abuse prevention training through the VIRTUS program. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse: 1. Know the warning signs of an inappropriate relationship with a child. 2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth. 3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth. 4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children. 5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority. For more information, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office: (213) 637-7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.



FINANCIAL:

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Below are the totals for the collections for the previous month. Because of this bulletin's early print date on Nov. 9—due to vacations—the totals for the past two weekends (Nov. 13/14 & Nov. 19/20) will not be published until the December 4th bulletin.

October 15 / 16, 2011:	\$ 9,742.00
October 22 / 23, 2011:	\$ 9,921.00
October 29 / 30, 2011:	\$11,277.00
November 5 / 6, 2011:	\$15,544.00

As a friendly suggestion for those of you who are employed, may we propose a realistic donation to St. Therese Church of **at least one hour of pay per week.**

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2011

"My Hope Comes From God" Psalm 62:6

Amount of 2011 Goal: \$53,286.00

Donations received as of 10/9/11: \$54,648.00
 Donations received as of 10/16/11: \$54,788.00
 Donations received as of 10/23/11: \$54,998.00
 Donations received as of 10/30/11: \$55,298.00
Donations Needed: \$ 0.00 (\$2,012.00 OVER*)

THANK YOU! (*Note: The Archdiocese will refund the parish any amounts paid over the goal.)

WARRIOR INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we start the new liturgical year, let us make a New Year resolution of everlasting consequences and of everlasting life. May our commitment this New Year be to remain connected to the vine through His Word, His Sacraments, His Church, and through His Most Holy Spirit. Be on guard! Be vigilant! Be alert and stay wake that you don't lose sight of Him! Be careful not to lose the connection with Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Remain in constant communication and in constant dialogue with Him through prayer. **MAY IT ALL BE THROUGH HIM, WITH HIM, IN HIM, FOR HIM AND FOR THE GLORY OF HIM AND OF HIS NAME.** Join us every Thursday in the church at 8:00 p.m. to pray for priests. For more info, leave a message for Blanca at 282-2744, extension 225.



MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of 11/26/11 to 12/3/11

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Anna Phuong Nguyen RIP

Sunday:

*7:30am: Souls in Purgatory

7:30 am: Irene Lunde RIP

9:00 am: Anna Phuong Nguyen RIP

11:00am: Vicente Ceballos INT

1:00 pm: Michael DePetro RIP

5:00 pm: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 am: Gregorio Montoya RIP

*7:30 am: Gloria Palomino INT

8:00 a.m.: Taylor,Wood,Mariani,DeTardo Fam's INT

Tuesday:

6:00 am: Saturnino Constantino INT

*7:30 am: Isabel Herrera & Shelia McIntyre RIP

8:00 am: Michelle Bradshaw INT

Wednesday:

6:00 am: Herman Baumann RIP

*7:30 am: Josua Joseph Ribaya INT

8:00 a.m.: Ida Moe & Andrew Mohamadzadeh INT

Thursday:

6:00 am: Ioannis Gkatizmas INT

*7:30 am Leilani Vitug INT

8:00 am: Armando Malabanan RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Jose N. Vales RIP

*7:30am Antoinette Hoffman RIP

8:00 am: Aurora Dolores INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Taylor,Wood,Mariani,DeTardo Fam's INT

*7:30 am: Carmelite Community

8:00 am: Xieu My Ha RIP

Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 E. Alhambra Road—open to the public every day **except** on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.

INTENTIONS OF OUR HOLY FATHER FOR NOVEMBER:

1) For the Church in the east, that their venerable traditions may be known and appreciated as spiritual treasures for the entire Church; and 2) For the African continent, that its people may find in Christ the strength to fulfill the path of reconciliation and justice, indicated in the second Synod of Bishops for Africa.

FLORAL DEDICATIONS

The Floral Dedication for this weekend is...

To dedicate a Floral Arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, contact Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.

PERSONAL ADS

NEED LIVE-IN FEMALE COMPANION for my elderly mother. Free living accommodations exchanged for light cooking/housekeeping. Call Christine at 975-7797.

HOME FOR LEASE--beautifully remodeled, new everything, 3 BR, 2 BA, 1824 sq. ft., walking distance to St. Therese. \$2,650/mo. Call Edith at 760-940-1914

Senior lady seeks to **RENT A ROOM** in someone's home. Need a large room and storage. Prefer Temple City, San Gabriel or Rosemead. Call Valerie at 284-7644.

HOUSE FOR LEASE: 2 BR, 2 full BA, exc. condition, located in Alhambra. Call 664-1060.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Avenue of Travel with Fr. Jan Lundberg presents "**Footsteps of Apostle Paul**" **June 23 to July 3, 2012.** Visiting Athens, Thessalonika, Philippi, Corinth, etc. 3 nights cruising to Mykonos, Kusadasi, Patmos & Santorini. Daily breakfast and 5 dinners, including welcome and farewell dinner, in addition to full meals onboard. LAND COST is \$2279 per person based on double occupancy and inside cabin on the ship. Upgrades available. For details or flyers, please check our website AVENUEOFORG.COM or contact us at 877-914-7888 or aokyang@gmail.com. Non refundable deposit of USD250 per person for reservation.

Join **Fr. Robert Elias, OCD, on a 15-Day Spiritual Pilgrimage to FATIMA, HOLY LAND, MT. SINAI, in July 2012,** featuring 5 nights at the Carmelite Convent in Mt. Carmel, Haifa. Join in the celebration of the Feasts of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Elijah. For cost, etc., call 408-903-6305 or e-mail emaddatu@yahoo.com.

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