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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 (226) Associate Pastors: Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD (222) In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD \* Deacon Couple: Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333) Vocations: Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocesan: (213) 637-7515

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

Devotions: Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass; Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm; Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm; Fatima

#### Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Wed., 7:00 - 8:30 pm; and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm Baptism: Register at 284-0020 (1) Weddings: Call 6 months before RCIA: Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

#### **Other Ministries / Programs:**

Bereavement Support, 2nd/4th Wed., 2:30-4 pm: Deacon Couple (333) Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370 **Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias** (323) 724-6443 First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer Vigil—7:30 pm-6:00 am Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight— Mike Pulciano 641-0870 Legion of Mary: Tues., 7:00 pm Natural Family Planning— Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906 Respect Life Ministry / Foot Soldiers: Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942 Rosary Makers/Mondays, 6-8 pm: Ed William 975-1838 tieknt@gmail.com St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wednesdays, 6:15 pm - Albert Grana 576-0872 "Tea at Therese" Women's Group: (2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10 am) Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



#### **Parish Mission Statement:**

St. Therese Church is an active and Eucharistic Parish Community dedicated in faith and service to a loving and merciful God under our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux. We are committed in our ministries to providing discipleship through evangelization and fostering a contemplative life, resulting in Christian formation and spiritual growth of our members. **Parish Secretary:** 

Denise McMaster-Holguin (223); denisekay@hotmail.com Finance: Noralyn Cailan (228) **Christian Services:** Bridie McDermott (224) **Choir Directors:** 9:00 a.m.: Marcia Martinez-Bateman (775) 771-4992 I I:00 a.m.: Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284 / pgrimm.dir@gmail.com **Coordinator for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of** Holy Communion at the Altar: Fr. Leonel Varela (222) **Coordinators for Ministry to** the Sick: Fred & Margaret Padilla 282-0943

**St. Therese Religious Education:** 

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (I) rhondalstorey@gmail.com \* Pre K through 8th Grade \* Adult Religious Ed

#### Youth & Adult Confirmation

Programs: Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2) Email: rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com St. Therese Catholic School: 289-3364 - Principal: Carmela Lovano (661) clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org

#### New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please come to the Parish Office to register.

510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra—Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 to 5:00 pm; 6:00 to 8:00 pm—<u>closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm</u> Eucharistic Adoration - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson – 289-0388

First Sunday of Advent - November 30, 2014

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



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A PILGRINAGE OF RENEWAL WITH ST. TERESA OF AVILA (With Veneration of Her Walking Staff) This year marks the 500th Anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa of Jesus. As part of the celebration of this once-in-a-lifetime event, her walking staff is NOW AVAILABLE for veneration during a world-wide tour. St. Therese Church will be the only stop in the L.A. Archdiocese. We will have several events surrounding this visit, as follows:

TONIGHT, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, AT 7:30 P.M.: CONCERT OF THE COMPOSITIONS OF TOMAS Luis de Victoria, a Contemporary of St. Teresa. The Concert will then be followed by a Vigil Service and a Conference entitled, *"The Royal Way: The Interior Journey of St. Teresa of Jesus."* 

**Today, Sunday, November 30:** Veneration of the Walking Staff will take place in between the Masses and before and after the guided meditation, as follows: <u>6:45-7:30 a.m.; 8:30-9:00 a.m.; 10:15-11:00 a.m.; 12:15-1:00 p.m.; 2:30-5:00 p.m.; 6:15-7:00 p.m.; and 7:45-9:00 p.m.</u> (times are approximate, depending on the length of each Mass)

7:00-7:45 p.m.: Guided meditation entitled, "Jesus of Teresa: The Christological Experience of Teresa of Jesus".

Monday, December 1: Masses at 6:00 and 8:00 a.m.;

7:30 p.m.: Conference entitled, "Teresian Carmelites: A Journey Towards Renewal"

Saint Therese School is proud to be a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.

- All School Mass honoring St. Teresa of Avila on December 1 at 8:00 a.m.
- Fundraiser at Dog Haus on December 3 between 11:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m. in Alhambra
- St. Nicholas Celebration in the Hall on December 7 after the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service on December 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass on December 12 at 5:30 p.m.
- Fiesta de Guadalupe on December 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Family Mass on December 14 at 9:00 a.m.
- Christmas Program on December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- Ongoing New Student Registration for TK 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Ongoing Student Guest Program Your child is invited to experience a day with our students
- Ongoing Collection of Non-Perishable Food for our Christian Services Pantry
- Ongoing Collection of Box Tops for Education

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#### FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT VIGIL: The next First Friday Mass and All-Night Vigil will be this Friday, December 5. The celebration will begin with Mass at

**7:30 p.m.**, followed by the all-night vigil, conducted by the Alliance of the Two Hearts. The vigil includes led meditations, the Rosary, and a talk. The celebration conclude with a Benediction service beginning at 5:45 a.m.

**ORIGIN**: The First Friday Devotion began after Jesus appeared in the late 17th century to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun, in a series of apparitions that lasted for a year and a half. He revealed to her His Most Sacred Heart, saying, "Behold this Heart, Which has so loved men that It has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming Itself in order to testify to them My love; and in return I receive from the



greater number nothing but ingratitude by reason of their irreverence and sacrileges, and by the coldness and contempt which they show in the Sacrament of Love. He made twelve promises for those devoted to His Sacred Heart. The promises He made are: 1) *I will* give them all of the graces necessary for their state of life; 2) I will establish peace in their houses; 3) I will comfort them in all their afflictions; 4) I will be their strength during life and above all during death; 5) I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings; 6) Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy; 7) Tepid souls shall grow fervent; 8) Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection; 9) I will bless every place where a picture of my heart shall be set up and honored; 10) I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts; 11) Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out; 12) I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment. (Note: If the person is not in the state of grace, he or she would need to first receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.)



**COMING on December 6 & 7:** ADVENT CDs and Books to inspire your Spiritual Journey: **CDs**: The Mystery of Christmas by Fr. Larry Richard; A Journey Through Advent by Fr. Robert Barron; Prepare the Way of the King by Dr. Scott Hahn; The True Meaning of Christmas by Venerable Fulton J. Sheen; Set all Afire: Why the Church Still Matters by various speakers; Life is Worth Living by Venerable Fulton Sheen; God Made Man by Fr. Shannon; and YDisciple: True Strength & Beauty

<u>Books</u>: Joan of Arc by Mark Twain; St. John Paul The Great: His Five Loves by Jason Everett; 33 Days to Morning Glory: The teachings of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximillian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and St. John Paul II

#### How We Dress for Mass



Out of respect for Our Lord and your neighbor, it is requested that everyone--men and women, boys and girls-dress modestly and appropriately for Mass.

Please avoid short shorts, tank tops, halters, bare midriffs, tight-fitting clothes, torn or dirty clothing, flipflops, etc. If Christ were to decide

to spend the day with you, would you dress any differently than normal? Maybe you would put on what the world calls its "Sunday best"?

The Bible is filled with examples of how God's people dressed up to reverence God's sanctuary—to reverence His very presence. Their attire was important to them because, spiritually, the outward and the inward should agree and reflect our relationship with God. So we ask that you please consider both God and neighbor when dressing for Mass.

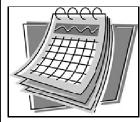
#### LEGION OF MARY DISCUSSION GROUP:

You are invited to join us at our meetings to learn to defend the Catholic Faith through Mary. "Communion in the Hand" will be the topic for the next session, held Saturday, on December 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish



Library. Just listen or add to the conversation. Bring a friend or meet new people. Refreshments served. For more information, call 457-1564 or email <u>placenci@sbcglobal.net</u>.

#### MASTER CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING



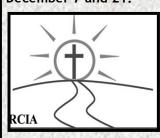
Our next Calendar Planning meeting (for dates from January through June 2015) will be held in the Parish Library THIS MONDAY, December 1, at 7:00 p.m. All groups and ministries in the parish need to send a representative to the meeting in order to schedule

any upcoming meetings and/or events in the Parish Center, the Parish offices (former rectory), or the Hall. If you have any questions, please call the DRE, Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).





STRE: PARENTS! Classes for elementary grades are held twice monthly on Sundays—from 9:00 to Noon (including the 11:00 a.m. Mass (see the article to the right for info on education for high school students). The classes are based on solid catechesis: the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the liturgical year, and Church Solemnities. The next STRE classes are December 7 and 21.

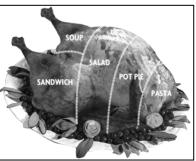


RCIA—New Inquiries to the Faith This class is for all those who are unbaptized or who were baptized in another Christian faith and desire to begin the journey towards becoming a Catholic. Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on selected Thursday evenings. Next

dates are December 4, 11, and 18.

#### TODAY! POST-THANKSGIVING POTLUCK AFTER THE LATIN

**MASS:** Everyone is invited to the Hall for this Potluck following the Latin Mass NEXT Sunday, November 30-from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Let's see what YOU can do with leftover



turkey! For more information, contact Ann Malone at (602) 410-1449 or <u>malonehome7@gmail.com</u>.

# CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

This is a two-year program for high-school aged youth. Classes are held in the Parish Center from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays, including mandatory attendance at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, along with the sponsor of each student. Upcoming classes are December 7 and 21. <u>C2</u> <u>Students</u>: Please bring your bibles to every class!

#### **CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS**

All baptized Catholics who have made their First Communion but who have NOT received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to join the RCIA classes. Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Next dates are December 4, 11, and 18. Contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2) for more info.



#### **ADORATION CHAPEL**

"Were it not for the constant presence of our Divine Master in our humble chapel. I would not have found it possible to persevere in sharing the lot of the lepers in Molokai... The Eucharist is the Bread that gives strength... It is at once the most eloquent proof of His love and the most powerful means of fostering His love in us. He gives Himself every day so that our hearts, like burning coals, may set afire the hearts of the faithful."

> --Blessed Fr. Damien. Apostle of the Lepers

To sign up for an hour every week, please call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.



#### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is on Monday, December 8, and is a holy day of obligation to attend Mass times will be in the Mass. morning at 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00 and in the evening at 7:30.

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." The Catechism of the Church says, "The Father chose Mary 'in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before Him in love."

#### GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES LUNCHEON

You are invited to GPS' Year-End Benefit Luncheon, "Angel of LIFE," on Saturday, December 6, at the Doubletree Hotel in Rosemead. Please RSVP to Eventbrite.com. For more information contact Louisa Day (323) 360-5186.

#### GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES (GPS)

GU2dalune Present Do you need help? Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (GPS) counselors are available to help you with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are offered privately and confidentially. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email gps.pregnancy@ymail.com.

#### FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Below are the totals for the previous four weekends. Due to Thanksgiving, this bulletin was prepared before last weekend's collection. The collection totals for November 22/23 & 29/30 will be in the December 7th bulletin.

October 25/ 26	\$12,588.00
November I / 2	
November 8 / 9	
November 15 / 16	• •

#### **TOGETHER IN MISSION 2014**

Amount of 2014 Goal.....\$65,693.00

Donations received to date......\$57,321.00

Donations still needed.......\$8,372.00

#### THANK YOU!

#### **SEE'S CANDY FOR SALE! RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUNDRAISER**

St. Therese Religious Education is selling See's Candy to help support the program. Order your favorites for yourself or as a Christmas gift! Order forms can be found in the church vestibule and in the Parish Offices.



Orders and money must be turned in to the Parish Offices (510 N. El Molino) by TONIGHT, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 (you may drop them in the mail slot to the right of the door). Candy will be available for pickup by Sunday, December 14.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ACTIVITIES FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF **GUADALUPE ON DECEMBER 12:** Las Maňanitas: 5:30 am in the church Mass at 6:00 a.m. (English) Spanish Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Fiesta de Guadalupe: 6:30 p.m., Hall

Details available next week!

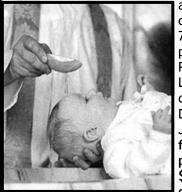
#### ST. THERESE PARISH NEW YEAR'S RAFFLE WINNER'S CHOICE: A TWO-YEAR LEASE ON A NISSAN VERSA AUTOMOBILE OR A CASH



**PRIZE OF \$3,000:** Tickets can be purchased at the Religious Goods counter after the Sunday Masses or during open hours in the Parish Offices at 510 North El Molino Street. Tickets are \$15 each, and the drawing will be after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sun., Jan. 4, 2015. Some restrictions may apply.

By entering this raffle, participants agree to be bound by the Official Rules. St. Therese Parish's interpretation and application of the Official Rules shall be final. Please see the website (News/Events) for the Official Rules and Regulations: www.sttheresechurchalhambra.org

BAPTISM MINISTRY Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, Ext. 225 - In order to take part in our Baptism Program, PARENTS & GODPARENTS are required to



attend а class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Library (next dates are Dec. 2 and Jan. 6). The fee is \$100 per child or \$25 for the class only.

Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday (next open Baptisms are December 20 and January 24-both dates at Noon).

SELECTING THE GODPARENTS: Canon Law requires you to have 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 of each prospective godparent.

#### ONGOING MINISTRIES & GROUPS

**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 normally meet the Parish Offices from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month; however, due to the holidays, there will be only ONE meeting in November and December. The next meeting will be on December 10. For additional



information, please contact Deacon Joe and Lorraine Mizerski at 282-2744 (333).

WOMEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Come join us for a prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats!

Children are welcome (play area available). We NORMALLY hold these meetings at 10:00 a.m., on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (In the Avila Room in the Parish North El Molino Street). Offices, 510 However, due to the holidays, the next meetings will be on December 4 and 18. For more information, contact Dara Barbosa at



(301) 542-9701.



IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES: Join us for these Irish Dance classes-for adults AND kids ages 4 and up. The classes are taught by Mrs. Kelly Mohun and are held in the Parish Hall every Wednesday from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m. To sign up or for more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548.



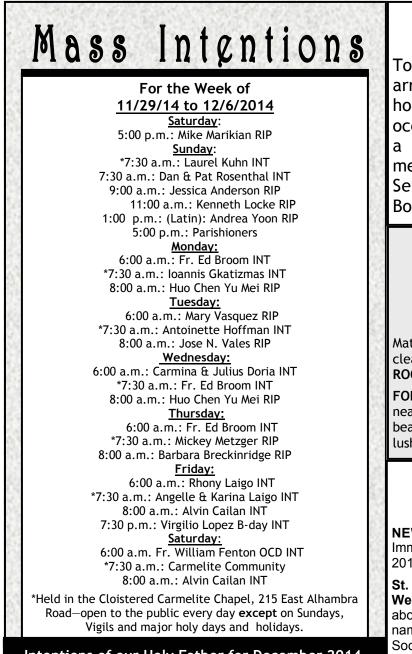
ST. THERESE DETENTION MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: Join us in bringing God's love to incarcerated youth at a Christmas Celebration at Central Juvenile Hall It will be on Saturday, December 20, from 1:00 to

5:00 p.m., at Central Juvenile Hall-Eastlake. Advance preregistration is required. To sign up and/or visit incarcerated youth, please contact Sonia Macias at (323) 724-6443 or sonia\_macias@hotmail.com OR Miriam Lopez at mimilc@hotmail.com.

#### ST. THERESE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER AT THE DOG HAUS IN ALHAMBRA:

Please help support our school by enjoying a meal at the Dog Haus (410 E. Main Street, Alhambra-next to L.A. Fitness) on Wed., December 3. anvtime between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.





#### Intentions of our Holy Father for December 2014:

1) That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will; 2) That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.



Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Elena Muhr / Alice Cheung

#### Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Jackie Johnson / Ron Sandoval 9:00 a.m. Rosa Natividad / Jim Raney 11:00 a.m. Andy Zepeda / Marta Timar 5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas / Vicklie Blair

### Floral Dedication

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



Personal Ads

Mature, responsible parishioner with a very small, clean, and housebroken dog SEEKS AN AVAILABLE ROOM SHE CAN RENT. Please call 323-667-2526.

**FOR RENT:** 3 BR/2 BA/Den HOUSE in Temple City near Arcadia schools (spacious, central air/heat, den, beautiful shared back yard. Has stove, dishwasher, lush garden. \$2,100 per month Call 443-8311.

## Outside the Parish

**NEW CATHOLIC TALK RADIO STATION!** Immaculate Heart Radio KHJ 930AM began in July 2014. Check it out!

St. Monica Academy High School Open House on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m. Come find out more about this unique high school, which was recently named to the National Catholic High School Honor Society.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima & Spain** (attendance at Teresian Int'l Mtg in Avila) with FR. LEONEL & FR. ROBERT BARCELOS from Aug. 3-18, 2015 (16 days, 14 nights). \$4,568 each (dbl occ), includes airfare, lodging, 14 b'fasts/dinners, and 13 lunches. Contact Angela Yang, Avenue of Travel, at <u>aokyang@gmail.com</u> or 394-4367.

**13-DAY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE** with Fr. Darrin Merlin, CMF, **June 23-July 5, 2015,** for \$4379 (all inclusive). For more info, call Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at 285-6687 or email remembertoptl@sbcglobal.net

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