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Saint Therese Church

December 1, 2013 **Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars** *Established 1924*

Visit us on our website! www.sttheresechurchalhambra.org

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(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code.)

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (Ext. 226) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. David Guzman, OCD (X222) and Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (Ext. 232) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD (X336) **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (X333) **Vocations:** Fr. David Guzman OCD (X 222); Regional: 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; St. Joseph Mass: Third Tuesday from November to April; Fatima Devotion: 13th of the month from May to October

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession): Wed., 7:00 - 8:30 pm;
and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Baptism: Register at 284-0020 X225

Weddings: Call six months before date

RCIA: Rhonda Storey 284-0020, X225

Other Ministries / Programs:

Bible Study: Aurora Juarez, 688-9349

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias
323-724-6443

First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer Vigil,
7:30 pm-6:00 am

Holy Family Infertility Support Group:
Katrina Crow, 292-1906

King's Men: 1st/3rd Thurs eves
Rex Owens, 323-273-8825

Knights of Columbus: Mike Pulciano,
641-0870

Legion of Mary: Mon., 7:00 pm

Natural Family Planning: 292-1906

Respect Life Ministry: Catherine
Contreras, 213-435-3942

Rosary Makers: Ed William
768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com

St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wednesdays,
6:15 pm - Albert Grana 576-0872



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 (Ext. 223)

Finance: Noralyn Cailan, X228

Christian Services: Bridie McDermott
(Ext. 224)

Choir Directors/Organist:

11:00 a.m.: George and Barbara Klump
(818) 249-8472

9:00 a.m.: Marcia Martinez-Bateman
(775) 771-4992

Liturgical Coordinators:

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon
Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 333)

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 / Adult Confirmation

Programs: Ruben Beltran, 284-0020,
Ext. 235. Email:

rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

St. Therese Catholic School:

289-3364 - Principal: Carmela Lovano,
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—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm** **Eucharistic Adoration** - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson – 289-0388

“You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
—Matthew 24:44

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2013

90th Anniversary Pictorial Directory



Thank you to all our parishioners who had their photos taken for the commemorative 90th Anniversary 2014 Pictorial Directory (1924–2014).

SUBMISSION OF YOUR OWN PORTRAIT-TYPE PHOTOS: If you didn't make an appointment for a photo, we invite you to **SUBMIT YOUR OWN PORTRAIT-TYPE PHOTOS** for a fee of \$7, which will entitle you to a free copy of the directory. Just email them to denisekay@hotmail.com (you may drop off or mail in the fee to the offices: 510 N. El Molino Street).

WEDDING/ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS: We will have a special section in the directory with wedding or vow renewal photos of parishioners who celebrated those events at St. Therese. Please email them, along with the names of the parties, to denisekay@hotmail.com. There is no fee for submitting a wedding/anniversary photo; however, if you did not have a photo sitting and you want a copy of the directory, you will still need to submit the \$7 fee.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Please submit all the above photos by December 13 at the very latest! Thank you!

St. Therese School News

Please consider participating in the following:

- ◆ Feast of St. Nicholas Prayer Service on 12/6 at 10:30 am in the Hall.
- ◆ Alhambra Tree Lighting Ceremony on 12/6 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Renaissance Plaza (Garfield & Main Streets) - STS will have a booth.
- ◆ Blessing of Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine on 12/9 at 10:30 am in the Rectory Courtyard.
- ◆ Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass on 12/12 at 10:00 am
- ◆ Rite of Enrollment for 2nd Graders & Family Mass on 12/15 at 9:00 am.
- ◆ Ongoing New Student Registration for TK - 7th Grade
- ◆ Ongoing 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



We encourage you to visit the school office or our website, www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org, for important information and updates. Please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Lovano, by phone at 289-3364 or by email at clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Special

COME AND ENJOY A SPAGHETTI DINNER WITH SANTA CLAUS!

The Alhambra Knights of Columbus Council 2431 invite all St. Therese Parishioners to a special family event on Sunday, December 8, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, 320 West Garvey, Monterey Park.

Adults are \$10 each and kids 17 and under are free. Please bring one unwrapped toy per family. Please RSVP to Mike Pulciano at 641-0870.

Santa Claus will be expecting YOU!



UPCOMING FEASTS OF OUR

LADY: 1) **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Because the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday (Dec. 8), the observation of this Feast has been moved to Monday, December 9. It is not a holy day of obligation this year; however, to honor and to seek the intercession of Our Lady, we will celebrate a Mass at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9; and 2) **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:** On her Feast Day on **December 12**, we will begin the celebration with Las Mananitas at 5:30 a.m. (with Mariachis), followed by the Mass at 6:00 a.m., followed by the blessing of the new shrine in the Parish Offices at 510 N. El Molino. After the blessing there will be a reception in the Guadalupe Rose Garden and the Avila Conference Room.

RAFFLE OF AN OIL PAINTING OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:

While visiting here on his break from Uganda this past month, Fr. Jan brought an oil painting here that was painted by an African woman who lives in the Carmelite Mission in Uganda. We are raffling it off, with all proceeds benefiting the Carmelite Student House in Jinja, Uganda. Tickets can be purchased at the Religious Goods counter after all the weekend Masses through Sun., Dec. 22, at \$2 for one or \$10 for six. This would make an excellent Christmas present for a loved one with a special devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The drawing will be held on Sunday evening, December 22nd.

NEW FENCE PROJECT:

Thank you to everyone who has made contributions to date for the new iron fence. In order to complete it, we are still seeking donations. Thank you for your help and dedication to making St. Therese the best it can be!

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

The Alhambra Knights of Columbus invite you to help them decorate the church for Christmas. **Just come to the church on Monday, December 16, from 5:30 p.m., until finish.** There will then be a reception on the church veranda (in front).

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT VIGIL:

The next date will be this **Friday, December 6**, beginning with **Mass at 7:30 p.m.**, followed by an all-night vigil, conducted by the Alliance of the Two Hearts. The vigil includes led meditations, the Rosary, and a talk at approximately 9:00 p.m.. The celebration will conclude with a Benediction service beginning at 5:45 a.m.

JESSE ROMERO TO SPEAK AT ST. THERESE PARISH: Parents! You are the primary catechists of your children. On January 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the Hall, you are invited to hear how to speak to your children about the Faith and how the media influences our culture at a talk given by Jesse Romero called Twelve Steps to Being a Good Catholic. Jesse will share Catholic teaching with an exciting style that is guaranteed to strengthen, edify and fortify everyone with a deeper love for God. **NO CAFETERIA CATHOLICISM; NO COMPROMISING!** Donations appreciated! All parents are invited to attend this important talk; **attendance is MANDATORY** for the parents of our Religious Ed and Confirmation students!



Parish Ministries

Respect Life Ministry:

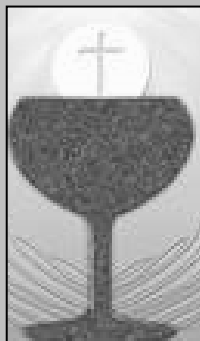
ONLY ONE LIFE" YEAR-END BENEFIT DINNER: Invitations are here! Seating is limited for this GPS (Guadalupe Pregnancy Services) event on **Friday, December 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, at the **Doubletree Hotel**, 888 Montebello Boulevard, Rosemead. The Keynote Speaker will be Heather King, author of "Poor Baby" and "Shirt of Flame." The books will be available during the book signing. The evening will include a delicious dinner, music, Silent Auction, and Raffles. Complimentary, although an opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended. To RSVP, go to www.pregnancy-gps.org/2013event.html or call or email Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or gps.pregnancy@gmail.com.



FAST & PRAY: Please join Foot Soldiers For Life every Wednesday in our weekly Fasting and extra Prayer for the needs of increasing Respect for Life in this world.

T-SHIRTS: Foot Soldiers for Life has new ProLife T-Shirts available for sale! Stop by the Rectory and see the new designs expressing support for Life!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



STRE NEWS: Our next classes are in session TODAY, Sunday, December 1, and on Sunday, December 15, from 9:00 to Noon each day, including the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

JESSE ROMERO to address the parents of our students! Attendance is mandatory for our STRE parents. Please see Page

Four for details.

SEE'S CANDY SALES FUNDRAISER: See Page Five for details.

RCIA PART I: Interested in becoming Catholic or being fully initiated? Attend our classes in the Parish Meeting Room at 7 pm on selected Thursdays (next: December 5, 12 and 19) and Masses (next: Dec. 8/Jan. 19) at the 11 am

RCIA PART II: "Consuming the Word," is an Apologetics Course for those initiated into the Church through RCIA—either here or at another parish—who wish to take their Faith to the next level. Meetings are on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, in the Parish Meeting Room (next date is December 10), and are conducted by Rhonda Storey and Ruben Beltran. For more info, call either of them.

CONFIRMATION

YOUTH CONFIRMATION: Next classes are Sundays, December 1, 15, and 22, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., including 5:00 p.m. Mass.

YOUTH SPONSOR MEETINGS: The next C2 Sponsor meeting is December 15 at 4:00 p.m.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Any baptized Catholics over 18, who made First Communion and wish to be Confirmed, are invited to attend Adult Confirmation Classes in the Parish Offices twice a month on Saturday afternoons from Noon to 1:00 pm. Next dates are December 7 and December 21.

JESSE ROMERO TO SPEAK TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUTH: Parents! Please come to the Hall on Monday, January 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., to hear Jesse Romero speak on "How to be Good Catechists for Your Children". This talk, **MANDATORY FOR THE PARENTS OF OUR STUDENTS**, is sponsored by Ruben and Rhonda.



YOUTH MINISTRY:

FAITH NIGHTS: All high-school youth are welcomed to join us in the Parish Center for Faith Nights on Confirmation Class days immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass—until 8:00 p.m. **Next meetings are Sundays, December 1, 15, and 22.**

CONTACT Ruben at 284-0024, ext. 235, or rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com for more info about upcoming events or for other information.

Parish Ministries / News:

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



It is happiness to be in Heaven, no doubt, because it is to be with Jesus; but have we not almost the same happiness here? Do we not 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 the Heavenly city.” —Marie Harpain (1814-1842)

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

THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Due to the Thanksgiving holidays, the company that prints our bulletin advanced the printing schedule; therefore, this bulletin was prepared before the November 23/24 weekend Masses. The collection totals for that weekend will be published in the December 8th bulletin, along with the totals for this weekend. Below are the collections for the previous four weeks:

October 26 / 27, 2013.....	\$ 9,876.00
November 2 / 3, 2013.....	\$15,030.00
November 9 / 10, 2013.....	\$12,336.00
November 16 / 17, 2013	\$10,256.00

As a friendly suggestion for those who are employed, we propose a realistic donation of at least one hour of pay per week.

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS!

By patronizing the advertisers on the back of our bulletin, you are supporting our parish!

When you call them for their services, be sure to tell them you saw their ad in our bulletin! If YOU would like to advertise YOUR business in the bulletin, please call Paluch at 1-800-231-0805.

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2013

“Love Never Fails”

Our assigned goal.....	\$64,563.00
Donations received as of 11/18/13.....	<u>\$59,460.00</u>
Donations needed to reach	<u>\$5,103.00</u>

Envelopes are in the pews for those who haven't yet made a pledge or donation. God bless you all!

BAPTISM MINISTRY

Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, Ext. 225

In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to: 1) Attend a class (next are December 3 and January 7)—fee is \$100 per child or \$25 for the class only—from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Library; and 2) Attend a Presentation Sunday Mass (next open dates are December 8 and January 19 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass). Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday at Noon (next OPEN Baptisms are December 21 and January 25).

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.

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. Orders and money must be in the office by December 1; orders can be picked up after December 15.

Mass Intentions

For the Week of 11/30/13 to 12/7/2013

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Josua Joseph Ribaya INT

Sunday:

*7:30 am Parishioners

7:30 a.m. Ronnie Ellis RIP

9:00 a.m.: Joannis Gkatzimas INT

11:00 a.m.: Martha & Larry Campos RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Sandy Soden RIP

5:00 p.m. Christopher Salazar INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary Vasquez RIP

*7:30 am Jeffrey Bernardo b-day INT

8:00 a.m.: Ann Regan RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Betty Toscano RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Antoinette Hoffman RIP

8:00 a.m. Camille Macedonio RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mike McDonagh RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Therese Wong RIP

8:00 a.m.: Emma Mendoza INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Ronnie Ellis RIP

*7:30 a.m. Larry Keller RIP

8:00 am Alyssa Mohamadzadeh INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Sandy Soden RIP

*7:30 am Frank Joseph Saccomanno RIP

8:00 am: Judd Estorninos RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Ronnie Ellis RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m. Sugie Okamoto RIP

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

Intentions of our Holy Father for December 2013:

1) That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need; and 2) That Christians, enlightened by the Word Incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Savior's coming.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Alice Cheung / Charitt Torres

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Ron Sandoval / Thu Nguyen

9:00 a.m. Antoniette Sandoval / Rose Natividad

11:00 a.m. Lorraine Mizerski / Andy Zepeda

5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas / Vickie Blair

Floral Dedications

To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. *Each bouquet is \$40 (two for \$80).*



Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

† Barbara Breckinridge

† Patrick Hummel (brother of Dan Hummel)

† Estella Sanchez

† Margaret Cheng

Outside the Parish

CARMLITE MISSIONARY PILGRIMAGE TO UGANDA: February 14-24, 2014, with Chaplain Fr. David Costello, OCD, and tour guide Sr. Antonia. \$2,892 per person including r/t air, housing, most meals, and daily Mass. Call 394-4367; email aokyang@gmail.com for more info.

You are invited to join Fr. Joseph Parathanal of Holy Family, So. Pas, on two Pilgrimages: GRAND MARIAN Pilgrimage-MEDJUGORJE, FATIMA, LOURDES, SPAIN, & ITALY (May 2014); and ROYAL TOUR TO INDIA-ST. THOMAS, MOTHER TERESA (Sept. 2014). Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or call (323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618).

Discover what a life-changing MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND can do for your marital relationship. Your spouse is God's gift to you. What you make of your marriage is your thanks to God. Find out how to make a good marriage better and a better marriage great. For more info, contact Winston and Dinah Perez at 818-527-MEMC (6362) or go to www.memconline.org or email: memcweekend@gmail.com

EL CARMELO RETREAT HOUSE, operated by the Discalced Carmelite Friars, will receive a portion of the commission on any travel you book through their site: www.elcarmelotravel.com. Same low rates as other travel websites—but helps maintain the center. Also book hotels, cars, cruises, concerts, etc.

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