

Saint Therese Church

December 2, 2018 Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars Established 1924

www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org
510 North El Molino Street - Alhambra, California 91801 - (626) 282-2744

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (222)

Associate Pastors: Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD (224)

In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD (335) AND Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD (324)

Deacons: Deacon Joseph Mizerski (Lorraine Mizerski) AND Deacon Gilbert Vargas (Frances Vargas) (333)

Vocations: Carmelite: (909) 629-9495; Archdiocesan (213) 637-7515

Sacraments:

Confessions: Wednesday: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (web-site or office) six months+ in advance.

- Wedding Liturgy/Rehearsals: Mary Malone
MerryPage@gmail.com or (760) 844-2725

Other Programs:

-Annulments: Lorraine Mizerski (333)

-Avila Young Adult Group:

Fr. Matthias (224)

-Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

-Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias
(323) 724-6443

-Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4 p.m.

-Intercessors Prayer Group:

Blanca Ruvalcaba 281-7070

-Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight:

Ramon Burce (888) 869-3124

-Legion of Mary: Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

-Natural Family Planning:

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

-OCDS: Stan Interrante 714-996-4164

-Retrouaille Marriage Ministry

909-900-5465 (help for marriages)

-Rosary Makers: Mondays, 6-8 p.m.

Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776

-St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wed,

6:15 p.m., Lucy Marikian 281-3706



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Masses & 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.

Devotions:

Daily Rosary: Prayed Monday through

Saturday 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.

Saint Therese Carmelite School:

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Rhonda Storey, 284-0020 (1),
rhondalstorey@gmail.com

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please register online or in the Parish Office

(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 by calling the office at 282-2744.

GUADALUPE DINNER



**Saturday,
December 8!**

This Annual Parish and School event will be held **NEXT Saturday, December 8**, in the Parish Hall. It will include:



Mariachi Music * Folklorico Dancing * Authentic Mexican Dinner * Drawing for a Print-on-Canvas Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe by Fr. Philip



The schedule will be as follows:

1:30 p.m.: Solemnity Mass for the Immaculate Conception

3:30 p.m.: School Christmas **Concert**

4:00 to 10:00 p.m. (ongoing): Mexican Dinner in the Hall

5:00 p.m. Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent

(Note: this Mass does **not** fulfill your Mass obligation for the Immaculate Conception.)

Pre-sale Tickets (through Friday, Dec. 7, at 5 pm) are \$20 each (available at the Parish and School offices). **If** any availability the night of the event, tickets will be \$25 at the door.

Each attendee will be entered into a door prize raffle to win a signed canvas print of an icon created by Fr. Philip.

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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 22nd; **HOWEVER...**there will also be an **EARLY BIRD DRAWING** at the Dinner to win **two tickets to the Gala AND an original 10" X 10" painted icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is on **Saturday, December 8**, and is a **holy day of obligation** to attend Mass. Mass times will be: **Vigil on Friday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m.**; **Saturday in the morning at 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00**, as well as an afternoon Mass at **1:30 p.m.** Please note that, besides Christmas, this feast is the only other holy day for which the obligation to attend is **NOT** abrogated when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday. It is **ALWAYS** a holy day of obligation to attend Mass.

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which commemorates Mary's conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, 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."*



"RISE," A NEW MEN'S MINISTRY



ATTENTION ALL MEN! Do you want tomorrow to be better than today? Are you willing to do what it takes to become a **BETTER MAN** for yourself, your family, and those around you? The **R I S E 30-Day Challenge** gives you a practical plan to take your life and relationships to the next level.

- **SIGN-UP** after Mass or call 703-8939
- **COST:** \$30 *Scholarships available*
- **More INFO.:** Go to: www.MenRiseUp.org
- **Questions:** Contact Andy Acosta
Text: 703-8939 or Email
A.Acosta2046@gmail.com

- 4 WEEK FORMAT**
- Daily 3- to- 5-minute videos sent to you
 - Daily Challenge: simple, but transformational
 - Accountability Partner
- *Encouraged
~ Saturday Morning Men's Meeting:
6:45 a.m. Rosary
7 - 7:30 a.m. Video/Discussion

WHAT IS RISE?
RISE gives men a battle plan for daily living, while walking alongside them each day.

When men understand their profound dignity as sons of God, and are re-oriented towards what really matters, the impact on themselves and those around them will be significant. Men are encouraged to walk with a brother (friend/relative) through the 30-day challenge. In forming these relationships around a common battle, men will hold each other to a higher standard, and true Christian brotherhood will be born. **RISE** is for every man, whether they're just seeking, or have been well-formed, because it takes them deep into their own hearts, and challenges them to make what they've learned practical. The results are nothing but life-changing.
ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!

Consecrate Your Family to Jesus Through Our Lady of Guadalupe

THE LITTLE FLOWER
CONSECRATION MINISTRY: *Guiding Souls to Heaven*

"God gave me a father and a mother more worthy of heaven than of earth..."
-St. Therese of the Child Jesus

All families and those representing their families who have been preparing for the consecration will make their Family Consecration at Mass on Sunday, December 9. The Family dedication will be at both the 9:00 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. Masses.



Whichever of these two Masses you attend, you'll have the blessing of making your consecration at Mass to Jesus through Mary, the Mother of God. You will also have the blessing of enrolling in the Carmelite Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel after Mass; the enrollment will take place outside in front of the church.

We wish you many graces as you continue to build your "domestic Church": Guiding the **SOULS OF YOUR FAMILY** to Heaven, to Jesus through the Mother of God! If you have any questions, please call Angela at (310) 701-8386



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Several students in this year’s RCIA program are in need of sponsors. Sponsors MUST be:

- Confirmed
- Practicing Catholics
- 18 or over
- Available to attend on Thursday nights



Specifically, we would prefer to have:

- Two couples
- Two young adults (to sponsor older teens)
- Two individuals

If you meet the above criteria and would like to be involved in sponsoring someone on their Faith Journey, please contact the DRE, Rhonda Storey, at 284-0020, ext. 1.

THIS MONDAY! Master Calendar Meeting

FOR MEETINGS/EVENTS TO BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY and JUNE, 2019:

All Parish groups and ministries that plan to use any of our meeting rooms, the Hall, etc., during the above months MUST send a representative to this meeting in order to schedule your upcoming events. The meeting will take place on MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Library.



PLEASE EMAIL YOUR DATES to Rhonda at rhondalstorey@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact her at 284-0020 (1).

WIN A BIKE!

As a fundraiser for Saint Therese Carmelite School, we have received a gift of three bicycles to raffle off to three lucky winners. Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased at the Gift Shoppe in the main church vestibule after the weekend Masses. The winning tickets will be drawn after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on December 23rd.

These bikes will make great Christmas presents for your child—or another loved one! (Pictured below is one of the bicycles; students NOT included! ;-). See all bike photos on our website or posted by the Gift Shoppe.

Saint Therese Carmelite School

www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

“Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.”
-St. Therese

- December 7th (Friday): First Friday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- December 8th (Saturday), Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Mass at 1:30 p.m. followed by the School Christmas Concert at 3:30 p.m., and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner Celebration from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- December 10th (Monday): PSO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- December 12th (Wednesday): Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 8:00 a.m., followed by a Special Assembly in the Hall.
- December 14th (Friday): Feast of St. John of the Cross Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- December 21st (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m. & Las Posadas at 11:30 a.m.
- December 22nd - January 6th: Christmas Vacation

Thank you for attending our Family Mass today!

(289-3364 or admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com)



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 previous four weekends. **NOTE:** There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month for our School (next will be December 8 / 9.)

Thank you!



November 24 / 25, 2018
 Unrestricted.....\$18,171.00
 Restricted \$ 1,237.00
T O T A L \$19,408.00

October 27 / 28..... \$11,381.00
November 3 / 4..... \$16,045.00
November 10 / 11..... \$22,290.00
November 17 / 18..... \$11,638.00

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

WOMEN'S ADVENT BIBLE STUDY



WOMEN! Join us for a Scripture Study for Advent and Christmas! "Rooted in Hope" echoes and expands upon the Advent tradition of a Jesse tree. This study will help to incorporate reading Scripture into your daily Advent prayers, while weekly meetings in the Mount Carmel Room (located in the Parish Offices on El Molino Street) will help you stay on track, as well as provide community and prayer support.

The next meeting will be **Monday, December 3**—presented, for your convenience, at **TWO** times: **MORNING** from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., and **EVENING** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. For details, E-mail or text Micaela Darr at micaela.darr@gmail.com or 236-6147.

RETROUVAILLE

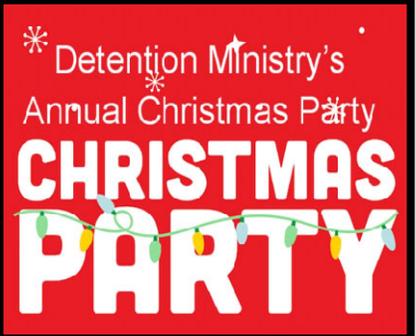
HELP FOR MARRIAGES!

Retrouvaille (REH-tro-v-eye) is a Catholic, non-profit program for stressed or seemingly broken marriages. Married couples of any faith, even couples who are separated or divorced, are welcome. Its name simply means "rediscovery". The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. This program has helped thousands of married couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in marriage.



The next weekend to attend is December 7 through 9. For questions or registration, make a confidential call to (909) 900-5465 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

DETENTION MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Come bring God's love to incarcerated youth at Central Juvenile Hall Christmas Celebration! It will be held on ***Saturday, December 15**, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Central Juvenile Hall-Eastlake, in Los Angeles.

*Advance pre-registration is required! Space is limited! Volunteers must be 21 and over. (The incarcerated youth are between the ages of 8 and 18 years old.)

Writing to Adult Men in Prison: Bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to incarcerated adult men! Serve their spiritual and religious needs by writing to them.

*To register for the Christmas Celebration and for information on the writing ministry, please contact Sonia Macias at (323)724-6443 or sonia_macias@hotmail.com OR Miriam Lopez at mimilc@hotmail.com. *"For I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36*

Advent Begins Today, Sunday, December 2

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind. Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a Just One will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them. Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.



To trace the beginnings of Advent, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend Mass frequently beginning on December 17. Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

Ongoing Parish Meetings/Events

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, e-mail Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or call or text her at 679-6370.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for the 11:00 a.m. Mass is every Wednesday (September-June) from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

CONSECRATION TO MARY: Follow-up group for those who have already been consecrated to Jesus through His mother, the Mother of God. Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. For more info, call Angela at (310) 701-8386.

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: Every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (confessions are available during the Mass).

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 Wednesday, December 12.**

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, Ramon Burce, at 695-2842 or the national line 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).

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.

Mass Intentions

Floral Dedications

**For the Week of
12/1/18 to 12/8/18**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Camille Macedonio, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 am: Sr. Mary Gabriel, OCD, INT
7:30 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP
9:00 a.m.: Parishioners
11:00 a.m.: Ruben Ruvalcaba, INT
1:00 p.m. (Latin): Sebastian Thottathil, RIP
5:00 p.m.: Maria Zepeda, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Carmina Doria, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Regina, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: Alvin de Guzman, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Thomas Kalapuua, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Cecelia, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Albert David, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: Rhony Laigo, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Jonathan Aclaro, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Amal Johnny, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Cecelia, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: Angelle Francisse & Karina Therese, INT
7:30 p.m.: Carmina & Julius Doria, INT

Saturday:

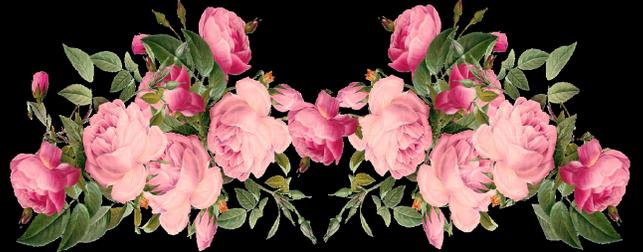
6:00 a.m.: Alvin & Anthony Cailan, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
8:00 a.m.: Daisy Torres, INT
10:00 a.m.: Damaris Shower, RIP
1:30 p.m.: Special Intention

This week's Dedications are:

In Honor of B.J. Ocampo for his birthday

And

In Loving Memory of Josemaria Ocampo



Outside the Parish

TWO UPCOMING RETREATS AT SACRED HEART RETREAT HOUSE, 920 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra, with Fr. Jeremiah Shryock, CFR:

1) Advent Retreat - Encountering Jesus on Friday, November 30, to Sunday, December 2: Come join us for an Advent Retreat on Encountering Jesus. Includes Mass, Adoration, Personal prayer, and Spiritual talks.

2) Into the Deep: Growing in intimacy with God through silent prayer on Monday, December 10 through Saturday, December 15: This retreat is geared towards a deeper encounter with God in silence. The retreat will include 3 hours of silent prayer together each day. It is recommended that those who attend these retreats already have a regular prayer life and are relatively comfortable with silence.

For Information & Reservations on either of these retreats, contact Suzan Elliott at 289-1353 ext. 204/ E-mail retreatcoordinator@carmelitesistersocd.com

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 / Beatriz Pelayo-Garcia

11:00 a.m. Jeff Storey / Jason Perez

5:00 p.m. Charlie Gopez

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

† Robert Perez

† Jean Mary Borelli (former long-time parishioner)

† Tony Vega (family friend of Ricardo & Debbie Robles)

† Hilda Everett (aunt of Peter Beerel)
(Memorial Mass on December 15 at 2:00 p.m.)

