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MASSES AND SERVICES

ALL SERVICES ARE OUTDOORS

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. & Sunday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

And Traditional Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday: 6:00 and 9:00 a.m.—the 9:00

a.m. Mass is live streamed on our Facebook

page AND on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnvT2tTus0wnxlypGOeuf0g>

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SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms: Register online

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Anointing: Call the office.



A leper came to Jesus and, kneeling down, begged Him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, He stretched out His hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, He dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to Him from everywhere (Mark 1:40-45).



New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please register online: www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

We have a mail drop in front of the office at 510 North El Molino Street. It is located on the right side of the door.

FROM THE PASTOR



LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK ON ASH WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 17)!

Masses will be at 6:00 and 9:00 a.m., and at 7:00 p.m.



Hello everyone! Blessed beginning of the **Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Through St Joseph** (Day One—of 33—is tomorrow, Monday, Feb 15)... AND Blessed Lent (starting this Wednesday)!

Based on Archdiocesan guidelines and feedback from parishioners, **WE HAVE DECIDED TO GO BACK INSIDE OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH FOR SOME OF THE MASSES. BUT BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO KEEP THANKING US FOR HAVING MASSES OUTDOORS, WE WILL STILL HAVE SOME MASSES OUTDOORS AS WELL.** So, trying it out for this week, here are the indoor and outdoor Masses:

INDOOR MASSES

Daily at 6:00 a.m.

Sunday

7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
and *1:00 p.m. (*Latin)



OUTDOOR MASSES

•Daily 9:00 a.m.

- Monday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday at 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday at 9:00 a.m.



CLOISTERED NUNS CHAPEL

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Beginning Monday, February 15,
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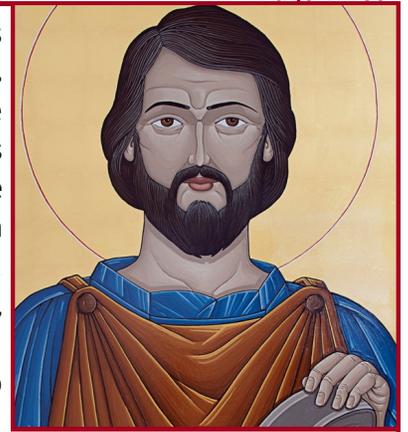
We Carmelite friars—and I in particular—want to thank all of you for your charity and sacrifice all these months in following all the protocols for worshipping safely. As we move indoors, I am asking each of you to please, please continue to follow the protocols with even greater care, until we all make it out of this pandemic together.

I'd like to encourage each of you to consider cultivating a deeper friendship with **ST. JOSEPH**—to help you make it through Lent and all of these tough times—by participating in our 33-days of preparation to be **CONSECRATED** to him. Here is the **First Day of Preparation for Consecration to St. Joseph** (from the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*, by Fr. Donald Calloway, (pp. 233-234)—**available in our office for \$15 each** or on Amazon (including Kindle). **SEE PAGE SIX FOR MORE INFO!**

Day 1: Why Make a Consecration to St. Joseph? "When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, He unites it to St. Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint" (St. Peter Julian Eymard). Do you want to ascend to greater heights in the spiritual life? Consecration to St. Joseph will take you there. Many Christians have consecrated themselves to the Virgin Mary so as to be more closely united to Jesus. Without a doubt, consecration to Mary is one of the best things you can do for your spiritual life. The essence of Marian consecration is to help you become "another Mary" for Jesus—a faithful, loving, and trusting companion of the Savior. Consecration to St. Joseph does something similar. **Consecration to St. Joseph will help you become "another Joseph" for Jesus and Mary.** That is, entrusting yourself entirely to St. Joseph helps you become a faithful, loving, and trusting companion of Jesus and Mary! In the New Testament, we read that Jesus "increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52) under the watchful care of His parents. Such an "increase" can happen to you, too, if you entrust yourself to the paternal care of St. Joseph. St. Bernard of Clairvaux explains how it works. He writes:

"Who and what manner of man this blessed Joseph was who deserved to be so honored as to be believed and to be called the foster father of God. You may conjecture it from his very name, which, being interpreted, means "Increase." **St. Joseph is the "Increaser."** He has paternal love for you and the power to increase the presence of God in your life and take you to greater heights in the spiritual life. For centuries,

this “secret” of St. Joseph lay hidden. Saints, mystics, and a handful of popes knew of it. Now it is your turn to discover it. **Now is the time of St. Joseph!** The Church and the world greatly need him to help us return to the love of Jesus and to living lives of virtue. We desperately need St. Joseph’s protection as well. The family—the foundation of society—is under attack. The family of God—the Catholic Church—is also undergoing vicious assaults from the world, the flesh, the devil, and some of her own children. We need St. Joseph to protect us. He is our loving and merciful spiritual father—holy, strong, and ready to help. He is forever linked to Jesus, Mary, and the Church. He protected the Holy Family; he will protect us, too, if we entrust ourselves to his paternal heart and his spiritual care.



Saint Joseph is your spiritual father. All children resemble their parents. As a child of St. Joseph, you need to resemble him, especially by imitating his virtues and faithfulness to Jesus and Mary. St. Joseph plays a life-giving role in your spiritual growth and well-being. This is the heart of consecration to St. Joseph. Blessed William Joseph Chaminade explains it well. He states: "He [St. Joseph] was not a passive instrument in the great work of our salvation; he played a very active role, and that is why he was included in the merciful counsels of the incarnate Wisdom." The merciful love of God has given St. Joseph to you as a spiritual father. Are you ready to ascend to greater heights in the spiritual life? Are you ready to draw nearer to Jesus and Mary, and experience an increase in virtue? Let’s go to Joseph! "We are going to consecrate ourselves to St. Joseph. We shall place at his feet all that we are and all that we have." -St. Peter Julian Eymard

Pray the Veni, Sancte Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit): Come, Holy Spirit, send down those beams, which sweetly flow in silent streams from thy bright throne above. O come, thou Father of the poor; O come, thou source of all our store, come, fill our hearts with love. O thou, of comforters the best, O thou, the soul’s delightful guest, the pilgrim’s sweet relief. Rest art thou in our toil, most sweet refreshment in the noonday heat; and solace in our grief. O blessed Light of life thou art; fill with thy light the inmost heart of those who hope in thee. Without thy Godhead, nothing can have any price or worth in man, nothing can harmless be. Lord, wash our sinful stains away, refresh from Heaven our barren clay, our wounds and bruises heal. To thy sweet yoke our stiff necks bow, warm with thy fire our hearts of snow, our wandering feet recall. Grant to thy faithful, dearest Lord, whose only hope is thy sure word.

Pray the Litany of St. Joseph (if the 33-day preparation is being done by a group, the Veni, Sancte Spiritus has already been prayed): Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us. God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us. Holy Mary, pray for us. St. Joseph, pray for us. Noble Offspring of David, pray for us. Light of Patriarchs, pray for us. Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us. Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, pray for us. Foster-Father of the Son of God, pray for us. Zealous Defender of Christ, pray for us. Head of the Holy Family, pray for us. Joseph Most Just, pray for us. Joseph Most Chaste, pray for us. Joseph Most Prudent, pray for us. Joseph Most Courageous, pray for us. Joseph Most Obedient, pray for us. Joseph Most Faithful, pray for us. Mirror of Patience, pray for us. Lover of Poverty, pray for us. Model of Workmen, pray for us. Glory of Domestic Life, pray for us. Guardian of Virgins, pray for us. Pillar of Families, pray for us. Comfort of the Afflicted, pray for us. Hope of the Sick, pray for us. Patron of the Dying, pray for us. Terror of Demons, pray for us. Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Spare us, O Lord. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Graciously hear us, O Lord. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us. + He has made him lord of his household, R. And prince over all his possessions. Let us pray: O God, who, in your loving providence, chose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most Holy Mother, grant us the favor of having him for our intercessor in Heaven whom on earth we venerate as our protector. You, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Healing Prayer Formation

Jesus' name means "God saves". The whole history of salvation is God's intervention into the world to bring healing to our entire being. Jesus offers a salvation that embraces the *whole person*. He didn't come just to save souls. He is concerned with the *total person*, which means both the soul and the body."

-Fr. Emiliano Tardif (Jesus Lives Today, page 56)



Beauty Will Save the World

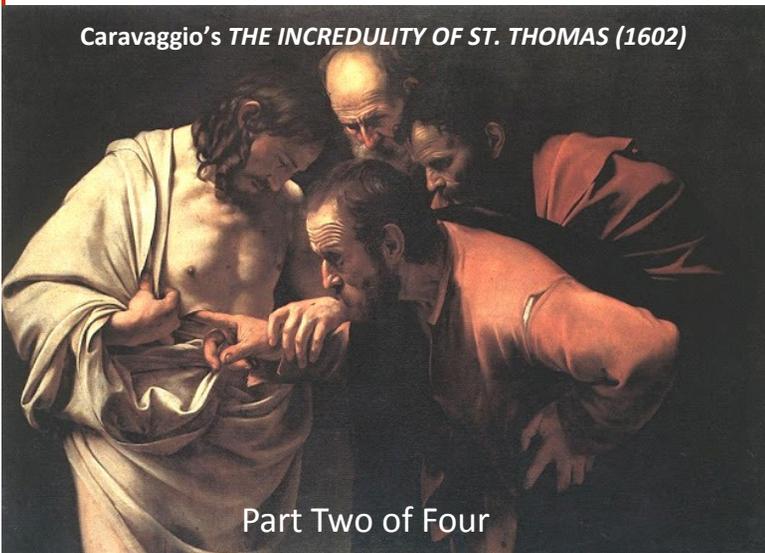
By Elizabeth Lev
(How Catholic Art Saved the Faith)

What could calm these storm-tossed waters? The arts. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI repeated both, as cardinal and as Roman pontiff, that "art and the saints are the greatest apologetic for our Faith." The Catholic Church of the Counter-Reformation relied on this premise as it unleashed a wave of glorious examples of holiness as well as beautiful sacred art in opposition to the ugliness, confusion, betrayal, and loss rampant in that era. Artists, despite their personal obstacles toward sanctification, were recruited to teach, delight, and inspire through their gifts, and complement the hallowed lives of Charles Borromeo, Ignatius of Loyola, Philip Neri, Thomas More, Teresa of Avila, and Jane Frances de Chantal, who shone as examples of spiritual beauty.

Initially perhaps, self-interest may have motivated artists. The menace of iconoclasm, a side effect of the Protestant Reformation, saw paintings, statues, and relics destroyed in several pockets of Northern Europe, and was gaining ground in the south. Painters and sculptors were in part to blame for the hostility toward images. Enamored of their own prowess, some artists had lost sight of the holy stories in favor of provocation, often of a lascivious nature, or else a vain virtuosity, arraying a dizzying number of figures but masking the sacred message. This period, dubbed ineffectually by art historians as Mannerism, gave the world the notion of "art for art's sake," that would take on a life of its own in the eighteenth century. For the post-Reformation era, however, the watchword was something else entirely: "art for Faith's sake." It is not surprising that, faced with promiscuous or confusing images, some Catholic prelates questioned the wisdom of continued art patronage while the Church was preparing to reexamine her teachings in the Council of Trent. Music, literature, and the visual arts were under scrutiny as to whether the pleasure they provided was merely profane delight instead of a stimulus toward piety and eternal salvation.

There was much to discuss in the Council of Trent, from sacraments to saints and Magisterium to mission. The two

Caravaggio's *THE INCREDULITY OF ST. THOMAS* (1602)



Part Two of Four

decades of intermittent meetings from 1545 to 1563 spanned five popes, the birth of ten religious orders, more than one hundred officially recognized martyrs, and the repercussions of the astounding volte-face of King Henry VIII, who decreed himself the head of the English church in 1534. The Tridentine Fathers, truth be told, spent far less time discussing art than art historians would like, but their decrees, of the twenty-fifth and final session of December 4, 1563, reaffirmed the long-standing relationship between art and faith, essentially restating the points made at the Second Council of Nicaea in 787.

Excerpted from Elizabeth Lev's book, *How Catholic Art Saved the Faith: The Triumph of Beauty and Truth in Counter-Reformation Art*

Quiet Listening Prayer

THE DYNAMITE IN PRAYER

By Peter Kreeft
PART THREE OF FIVE

Chris: Nobody deserves God. God works by love, not

justice. It's sheer grace, sheer gift. And He's free. He comes with the package deal. The Spirit comes with the Father and the Son.

Sal: Aren't there a lot of people who are living on only a third or two thirds of the package?

Chris: Yes! They're like the family of immigrants on a ship from Europe to America. They were so poor that they had to spend almost all their money on the ticket, and what they had left over for food was only enough to buy bread and cheese. So for the first couple of days all they ate was cheese sandwiches. Then the little boy said to his father, "Daddy, please, can I have money for an ice cream cone, just this once? I hate cheese sandwiches!" His father said, "We have almost no money left. And cheese sandwiches will keep you alive till we get to New York. Once we're there, there are golden streets and everybody's rich." The boy wouldn't stop asking, so his father finally gave him some change for an ice cream cone and waited. The boy didn't come back for two hours. His father was getting worried when the boy finally came back with a fat tummy and a smile on his face. "Did you get your ice cream cone?" "Oh, sure, Dad. And then another one, and then a steak, and then apple pie." "What? You bought all that with the money I gave you?" "Oh, no, Dad. It's free. It comes with the ticket!"

Sal: Ouch! I see the point. A lot of Christians are living on spiritual cheese sandwiches, and the Holy Spirit is steak, right?

Chris: Right. There's a passage in Acts where Paul goes into a church in Ephesus and asks the question: "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" And they answer, "Who's that? We never heard about the Holy Spirit." Why do you think Paul asked that question? I think he saw spiritual cheese instead of spiritual steak there. He sensed something missing: the power, the certainty, the joy. Maybe he'd ask the same question if he came to most of our churches.

Sal: This still sounds too good to be true. Are you sure it's for me? Not only for saints?

Chris: The Bible calls all Christians "saints".

Sal: Isn't it only for charismatics? Pentecostals? Holy Spirit people?

Chris: Don't let denominational lines and theological labels and walls of words keep you out. The Holy Spirit is for all Christians. That's very clear in the New Testament.



Sal: But this experience of him—the joy, the power, the certainty—is that what they call "the baptism in the Holy Spirit"?

Chris: That's what charismatics call it, yes, but it's not just for one group of Christians, not just for charismatics. In fact, that's just what charismatics say, too.

Sal: You know, I've been impressed throughout these conversations of ours with how much solid substance there is in the Christianity common to all the different churches, Protestant and Catholic, charismatic and non-charismatic.

Chris: That's because I've tried to stick to the center.

Sal: The center?

Chris: God Himself, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He's for everyone, not just one group. For all who will have Him.

Sal: Are you saying denominational differences don't matter?

Chris: Not at all. The differences are very important. But even those very important differences can't compare with the deep agreement all Christians have about the center. We agree much more than we disagree.

Sal: Do all Christians agree about "the baptism in the Holy Spirit"?

Chris: No, but He's for everyone, whatever they think of Him.

Sal: Is "the baptism in the Holy Spirit" necessary for salvation?

Chris: No. Steak isn't necessary for food either; cheese sandwiches will keep you alive. But when the steak is free, why not take it?

Sal: I thought the Holy Spirit was given to everybody who's saved, everyone who's a Christian. Didn't Jesus promise the Holy Spirit to all His disciples?

Sal: What's the "baptism in the Spirit" then?

Chris: A release of the power of the Spirit who's already there.

Sal: O.K., that point is cleared up. But I'm still not clear how you know the "baptism in the Spirit" is for all Christians, just as the giving of the Spirit in the first place is. Only a few seem to have it.

(Continues next week with Part Four!)

Mass & Adoration Nights

MONDAY NIGHTS

THURSDAY NIGHTS

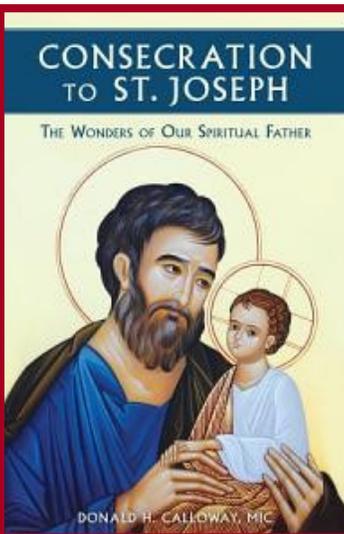
Join your Parish Community every **MONDAY** evening to strengthen your faith! The schedule is as follows:

- 7:00 p.m.: Mass
- 7:30-8:00 p.m.: Adoration
- 8:00-8:30 p.m.: Teaching



Join your Parish Community every **THURSDAY** evening to refresh your soul! The schedule is as follows:

- 6:30 p.m.: Viewing of an Episode of The Chosen
- 7:00 p.m.: Mass
- 7:30-8:30 p.m.: Adoration



CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

PREPARE TO CONSECRATE YOURSELF TO ST. JOSEPH!

Join us on either **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS OR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS, FEBRUARY 10**, on each Wednesday thereafter through March 17 in the Guadalupe Courtyard. Choose either **Noon or 6:00 p.m.** to attend (enter through the door by the Adoration Chapel).

The Consecration will take place on the Feast of St. Joseph, **Friday, March 19**. Books are available for purchase in the office for \$15 each. Call to arrange to pay for/pick up. You can also find it on Kindle on Amazon. For more info, contact Maria Alejandra de Jesus at 993-4236.

Saturday Evenings HEALING PRAYER TRAINING

You are invited join other parishioners VIA ZOOM for Fr. Thomas' HEALING PRAYER TRAINING. Training is held on **Saturday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** (join anytime during that time slot). Here is the link: <https://zoom.us/j/91328296798?pwd=QzllIQ3lSMG5aK3k3ZFJLN0gzaHVOdz09>
The Meeting ID is **913 2829 6798**, and the Passcode is **UC3YxA**.



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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.

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Mass Intentions

For the Week of
February 13 through February 20, 2021

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Patricia Lessard, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Jim Hawkins, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Erek Andrews, INT

11:00 am: Patrick John Raleigh, RIP

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

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

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Concepcion Rivero, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese, OCD, INT

9:00 a.m.: Raphael & Hermila Vidrio, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Concepcion Rivero, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese, OCD, INT

9:00 a.m.: Michelle/Alejandro Fernandez Fam. INT

ASH WEDNESDAY:

6:00 a.m.: Raphael & Hermila Vidrio, RIP

*7:30 am: Fr. Adam Gonzales, OCD, INT

9:00 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, INT

7:00 p.m.: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Macaria Aquino, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: The Ponet Family, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Gilbert Holman, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Concepcion Rivero, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese, OCD, INT

9:00 a.m.: Raphael & Hermila Vidrio, RIP

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

9:00 a.m.: 1) Maria Concepcion Aguilar, RIP
 2) Peter Fadul, RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel,
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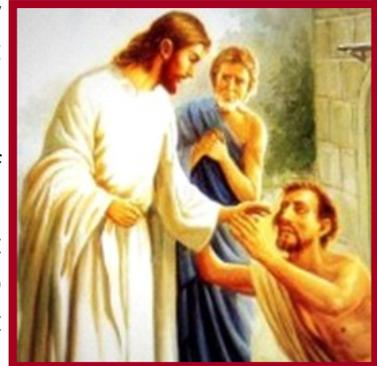
LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday–Saturday) and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass are both live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those not attending).

Feast of Faith

TODAY'S GOSPEL

The Gospel today concludes the first chapter of Mark, which traces the rapid expansion of Jesus' ministry. Excitement about Jesus grows so much that He can't enter a town



without being besieged. His healing of a leper results in a reversal: the leper, who had been isolated from the community, is now free to speak with everyone. Jesus, who before could speak freely, now must isolate Himself from the crowds.

By serving others, Jesus lost some control over His ministry. This is the first hint of what happens later in Mark. Jesus' displays of power—over illness, over evil spirits, over nature—eventually lead Him to the "powerlessness" of the cross.

The experience of Jesus guides us in our own efforts to be of service. Surrendering control is often very difficult. To be a servant is to engage with others, where frequently we lose some control over our freedoms, time, and energies. Often there is a cross or two to bear. As Jesus let go of control in His life, He also placed His trust in His Father. He invites us to do the same.



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